

# Experiencing God: Love Story, Part 2

John 14: 15-21

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Introduction: William Paley & the watchmaker

God is

God is knowable

God cares to be known

God can be experienced

## I. Loving God

a. John 3: 16

b. Deuteronomy 6: 5 – Love the Lord your God with all . . .

c. It is not our nature to seek God

## II. The Spirit of God

a. John 14: 15 – “If you love me, you will obey what I command.”

b. John 14: 16 – “And I will ask the Father and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever. The Spirit of Truth.

i. Counselor – parakaletos – called alongside

1. But why does Jesus mention Him here?

2. Loving God is not our default nature.

3. Romans 7: 15, 18

a. I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do – I do not do.

4. Ezekiel 36: 26

a. What we couldn't do for ourselves, God did for us

5. II Corinthians 5: 17 – A new creature

ii. The Spirit of Truth

1. II Peter 1: 21 – “. . . moved by the Holy Spirit. . .”

2. I Corinthians 2: 12 – That we may know the things freely given us by God

iii. He will live in us and with us

## III. Children of God

a. John 1: 12 – the right to be called children of God

b. John 14: 18 – I will not leave you as orphans

c. Romans 8: 15 – Spirit of Sonship

## IV. Take Away