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***Liturgical Date: Year A, Pentecost 7, 16th July 2023***

***Presenter***                      ***Rev Phil Swain***

***Focus Reading***      Romans 8:1-11

***Message***                      7 minutes 0 seconds                      ***“Life in the Spirit”***

### **Discussion Starters**

- 1** What point from Phil’s message on Romans 8:1-11 jumped out at you the most?
- 2** Has there been a time in your life when you felt condemned? Was it justified? How do you feel to hear Paul say that there is “no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus”?
- 3** Phil talked about our “Phronema” – our life orientation or the things that directs all that we do and say. What are some practical things that we can encourage each other in the church to live in the spirit and have God be our Phronmena”?
- 4** Sometimes people in our communities have the impression that the church is a place that they are not good enough to come. How can we show the wider community that the church is a place where they can find grace and life.

### **Lectionary readings for the day**

**Genesis 25:19-34** The Abrahamic saga continues with the opening act of Jacob’s story. His story offers justification for Jacob’s usurpation of his brother’s birthright. The choices made by both brothers impact the heritage of the Christian Faith.

**Psalms 119:105-112** This section of the psalm holds in tandem the benefit of right living and the challenge of keeping the law as an act of faith in God.

**Matthew 13:1-9,18-23** The parable of the Sower uses common agricultural activity to instruct the church on the expectation of missionary activity. The message is- the word of God\_ and how it impact lives.

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**All Age Message: Rev Phil Swain**                      ***“How the Spirit Helps Us”***

***Length***      3 minutes 20 seconds

### **Precis of AAM**

Using some tools to help us understand, Phil shows that when we are living with the Spirit in us, we find our minds are on things that please God. We move away from living in ways that make God sad.

**Resources: Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 119:105-112 – not listed in book.**

### **Rev Phil Swain**

Phil has been the minister at Turramurra Uniting Church for the 6 past years. Phil has spent his formative teenage years in rural NSW, growing up in a small country town (Coolamon). He is married with 3 adult kids (two of which still live home) and spends his time being with people (which he loves) and being on his computer (which he also loves).