***JON’S SERMON OUTLINE….***

GETTING “GRUNTLED”

*“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard.****2****He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.* ***3****“About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing.****4****He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’****5****So they went. “He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing.****6****About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’* ***7****“‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered. “He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’* ***8****“When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’* ***9****“The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius.****10****So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius.****11****When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner.****12****‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’* ***13****“But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius?****14****Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you.****15****Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’* ***16****“So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”*

 Matthew 20:1-16

Introduction: Ever heard of a “disgruntled worker”? How about “disgruntled spouses” or simply “disgruntled people” in general? It’s easy to see that God is not pleased with that kind of attitude, so we need to get “gruntled”. Okay, I know that “gruntled” is not really a word, but let’s see what we can do to stop being disgruntled.

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ WITH GRATITUDE WHAT GOD GIVES YOU:

 a. Others will sometimes get a better deal than you.

 b. Be grateful for your situation (2 Corinthians 10:12).

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ON YOUR WORK, NOT OTHERS:

 a. Let God run things His way (Psalm 115:3).

 b. Do what God has given you to do (Galatians 6:4-5).

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ TO BEGRUDGE OTHERS’ BLESSINGS:

 a. Sometimes others are blessed and you are not.

 b. Being unhappy about their blessings won’t get you a blessing.

4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ YOURSELF FOR LIFE’S POSSIBILITIES:

 a. Stay in the marketplace.

 b. God may call on you in the eleventh hour (Luke 5:5).

CONCLUSION: Take what God gives you and go on your way rejoicing!

Answers: 1. Accept 2. Focus 3. Refuse 4. Position