***JON’S SERMON OUTLINE….***

HOW TO ENJOY PEOPLE

***3****I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,****4****always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy,****5****for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now,****6****being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;****7****just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace.****8****For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ.*

Philippians 1:3-8

Introduction: Do you have any people in your life who are downright annoying? How do you deal with these people? If you’re like people in the world, you wouldn’t be too concerned about improving these relationships. But calls the Christian to a different standard. We are called to love our neighbors (Matthew 22:39), even our enemies (Matthew 5:44). In fact, there are some things we can do that will allow us to actually enjoy the difficult people God has placed in our lives.

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ GOD FOR THE GOOD IN PEOPLE (1:3):

 a. What do you remember about people?

 b. Pleasant memories are a choice.

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ TIME TO PRAY FOR PEOPLE (1:4):

 a. Are you praying for problem people?

 b. Positive praying is more powerful than positive thinking.

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ THE PROCESS OF GROWTH (1:6):

 a. Do you realize that all of us are a work in progress?

 b. Enjoy people now and believe in what they can become.

4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ THEM AWAY IN YOUR HEART (1:7-8):

 a. How well do you connect with others emotionally?

 b. When you care about people, God will enlarge your heart.

CONCLUSION: How’s your relationship with God?

Answers: 1. Thank 2. Take 3. Tolerate 4. Tuck