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## WEEK ONE: IN RELATIONSHIPS PHILIPPIANS 1:1-11

### FOUR KEYS TO ENJOYING PEOPLE

#### 1. BE GRATEFUL FOR THE \_\_\_\_\_ IN PEOPLE. (1:1-3)

1:3 – “I thank my God every time I remember you.”

BACKGROUND: ACTS 16

LESSON 1: Remember the best; \_\_\_\_\_ the rest.

1:5 – “... because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now ...”

#### 2. PRACTICE \_\_\_\_\_ PRAYING. (1:4)

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LESSON 2: The quickest way to change a relationship from bad to good is to start \_\_\_\_\_ God in prayer for people.

#### PHILIPPIANS 1:9-11

##### WHAT TO PRAY FOR OTHERS: PRAY THEY WILL:

- Grow in love. (1:9)
- Make wise choices. (1:10)
- Do the right thing. (1:10)
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#### 3. BE PATIENT WITH THEIR \_\_\_\_\_ . (1:6)

LESSON 3: God is not \_\_\_\_\_ with people.

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LESSON 4: The secret of enjoying the people in my life is to be \_\_\_\_\_ with God’s love.

1. Who do you need to be thankful for?
2. Who do you need to do positive praying for?
3. Who do you need to be patient with?
4. Who do you need to start loving from the heart?

FILL IN THE BLANKS: good, forget, positive, thanking, progress, finished, heart, filled

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