Home Sweet Home

- **Opening Statement:** We are living in a time when the family – God's first and most foundational institution – is under relentless attack. The very definition of family is being debated, distorted, and redefined by culture. What was once seen as sacred is now seen as optional… or even obsolete. Marriage is mocked. Parenting is outsourced. And generations are drifting further apart instead of drawing closer together.

  This isn't just a coincidence. It's a calculated assault. Why? Because Satan knows that if he can fracture the family, he can fragment society. If he can destabilize the home, he can disrupt identity, legacy, and faith itself. That's why the battle for the soul of our world often begins *in the living room*.

  But here's the good news: God Is Not Finished with The Family. In fact, He's just getting started. From the beginning, family was His idea…His design. He created it not just for reproduction, but for reflection; so the world could see His love, His unity, and His order in action. A healthy home isn't just a good thing; it's a God thing. And He still longs to see families thriving, not just surviving.

  Home is supposed to be our safe space, not our trauma center. A place of healing from the wounds of a heartless world, not the source of the wounds themselves. God never intended your living room to feel like a battlefield. He designed it to be a sanctuary.

  And no matter how broken, blended, or bruised your story might be – God can rebuild it. He can restore joy where there's been sorrow. He can resurrect connection where there's been silence. And He can breathe new life into homes that have felt spiritually lifeless for years.

  So as we begin this journey together, let's open our hearts and let the Master Builder lay a new foundation; not based on culture, tradition, or pain, but on His eternal truth. Because when God builds the house, the family doesn't just endure…IT FLOURISHES.

<u>Week #1 – Blueprints and Foundations</u>

QUOTE: *You can't build a godly home on a worldly foundation. If you want "Home Sweet Home," you must have God's blueprint – not Satan's outline.*

- **Psalm 127:1 (NIV) –** *Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.*
- If God is not the architect behind the blueprint of a home, there is no reason to expect it to thrive.

1. The Family Was God's Idea Before It Became Culture's Battleground

- Before there was a pulpit, a priesthood, or a political system, there was A HOME. Before God ever formed the Church, He formed THE FAMILY.
- **Genesis 2:7, 18, 22, 24 (NIV)** *Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. [18]The Lord God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.' [22]Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. [24]That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.*
- *The first breath ever breathed into humanity happened in the context of family.*
- Adam was incomplete without community. So, God didn't give him a mentor. He didn't give him a ministry team. He gave him A wife. A partner. A family.
- **QUOTE:** *When God wanted to show the world what He was like, He didn't send a seminar. He gave us a family.*

But Here's the Problem…
What *God* designed, *culture* has tried to redefine.
What *God* called sacred, *society* calls outdated.
The modern world has taken a wrecking ball to the foundation of the family.
We now see:

- **Marriage devalued** – optional, disposable, or reimagined altogether
- **Gender and roles confused** – what God created to be clear, the world has now made cloudy
- **Children disconnected** – lacking ambition and more influenced by TikTok trends than biblical truth
- **Fathers removed** – not just from homes, but from their place of honor
- **QUOTE:** *If you want to change the world, don't start with politics. Start at the dinner table.*

2. Your House Can Look Good and Still Be Off-Track

- **Proverbs 24:3, 4 (NLT)** – *A house is built by wisdom and becomes strong through good sense. Through knowledge its rooms are filled with all sorts of precious riches and valuables.*
- A pretty house with a bad foundation is still unstable.
- **Hosea 4:6 (NKJV) –** *My people are destroyed for lack of KNOWLEDGE…*
- **Hebrews 3:10 (KJV) –** *Therefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, they do always err in their heart; and THEY HAVE NOT KNOWN MY WAYS.*

3. Generational Blessing Doesn't Happen by Accident…It's Built on Purpose

- **Joshua 24:15 (NIV) –** *But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. BUT AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSEHOLD, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD.*
- That's leadership, not suggestion. Parents can't ***hope*** kids turn out right. We must ***lead*** with vision.
- **Deuteronomy 6:6, 7 (ESV)** – *And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall TEACH THEM diligently to your children…*
- **QUOTE:** *What you normalize in your home, your kids will magnify.*
- **QUOTE:** *We will never raise world-changers, if we're always afraid to challenge the world's standards.* ***LEGACY STARTS WITH LEADERSHIP!!***