I. **3 keys to Family Membership: 3 O's**
   A. **OPPORTUNITY** - Made Available
   B. **OPTIONAL** - Love and Relationship involves a choice
   C. **OPEN** - Open your heart and Accept what has been offered

II. **Eph 2:11-22** - Household of God
   A. **Members of the household** - *oikeios* - Member of a family or to a particular household
   B. **3 primary roles of members of the Household of God**
      1. **Son/Daughter (You)** - Dependency
      2. **Spouse** - Deference
      3. **Parent** - Development
         a) **2 Dimensional application**
            (1) **Natural** - In our homes and families
            (2) **Spiritual** - In our relationship with God

III. **Son/Daughter (You) - DEPENDENCY**
    A. **Dependent** - Relying on or subject to another
       1. This role is where our **identity** comes from and is the basis for how we interact in every other role.
       2. Misconceptions in this role can lead to misrepresentations in other roles.
    B. **3 Stages of the Son/Daughter Role: (Life Cycle)**
       1. **Baby Stage** - Expose
       2. **Child Stage** - Exercise
       3. **Adult Stage** - Excel

IV. **BABY - Expose**
    A. **Expose** - To make known; bring to light, to cause to be visible or open to view
       1. **Natural** - We are born first then begin to learn & experience it
       2. **Spiritual** - We are born first then learn and experience it
          a) **John 3:3-8** - Unless one is born again, **he cannot see the kingdom of God**
          3. **1 Peter 2:2** as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may **grow thereby**
             a) **Grow** - auxano - To increase, achieve the highest position

V. **CHILD - Exercise**
    A. **Exercise** - The act of bringing into play or realizing in action
       1. **Heb 5:12-14** - No longer a baby but exercising your senses to be skilled
          a) **Unskilled** - *apeiros* - Inexperienced, unacquainted; lack of knowledge, capacity to do.
          b) **Use** - *hexis* - Systematic training; Practice doing again and again repeatedly
          c) **Senses** - *aistheteria* - To be able to understand, perceive
          d) **Exercised** - *gymnazo* - To train, exercise or discipline oneself
2. **Eph 6:1-3** 1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: 3 "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."

VI. **ADULT - Excel**

A. **Excel** - to be superior to; surpass in accomplishment or achievement
   1. **Eph 4:11-15** - No longer children but grow up in all things

B. **Rom 8:13-17** - Adopted as sons/daughters of God
   1. **Led** - *ago* - To be influenced to follow a course of action; to be led or influenced
   2. **Sons** - *huios* - A son, disciple, follower
   3. **Children** - *teknon* - Small child, young infant
      a) If we are not first able to be led we will never be entrusted to lead.
      b) **Luke 6:39-40** 39 And He spoke a parable to them: "Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into the ditch? 40 A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher."

VII. **APPLICATION:**

A. How do you see yourself as a son or daughter of God?
B. Are you dependent on Jesus or on yourself?
C. Are you exercising and putting into practice the things you have learned?
D. Are you allowing the Spirit of God to lead you so that you can grow up in all things?