I. Eph 2:19-22
A. 3 keys to Family Membership
1. OPPORTUNITY - Made available
2. OPTIONAL - Love and relationship involves and requires a choice
3. OPEN - We have to “open” our heart and accept what has been offered

B. 3 primary roles of the Household of God and how they impact our lives.
1. Son/Daughter (You) - Dependency
2. Spouse - Deference
3. Parent - Development
   a) Develop - To create or produce especially by deliberate effort over time; to make active or promote the growth of
   b) 3 Stages of Development
      (1) Pregnancy
      (2) Birth
      (3) Training

II. PREGNANCY - Preparation
A. Mark 4:13-20 - Word of God is our seed
   1. Womb (soil) is our Spirit (heart)
B. Types of Soil: Wayside, Stony Ground, Thorns, Good Ground
   1. Seed (Word) is good, where the seed is sown determines the outcome
C. Heb 10:23 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.
   1. Hope - elpis - To anticipate or look forward with expectation and confidence

III. BIRTH - Activation
A. 2 Cor 4:7-9
   1. Hard-Pressed - thlibo - To be crowded upon, a narrow place, hemmed in, squeezed, pressure or to press, squash
   2. Crushed - stenochoreo - Crowded or hemmed into a narrow space or distressing situation without hope of escape or survival
   3. Perplexed - aporeo - To be at a loss, uncertain, anxious, in doubt or confusion
   4. Despair - exaporeo - To be utterly without a way, to fall apart

IV. TRAINING - Direction
A. Prov 22:6 6 Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.
   1. Train - hanok - To develop a person’s behavior by instruction and practice. To narrow, focus
a) Decrease the scope or sphere - narrow down the choices

2. **Depart** - *suwr* - To change direction, leave a set course or path

B. **Develop** - To create or produce especially by *deliberate effort over time*; to make active or promote the growth of

1. **Deut 6:6-7** 6 And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. 7 You shall **teach them diligently to your children**, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

**APPLICATION:**

- What dream, vision, idea are you pregnant with?
- What are you preparing for? What are you expecting?
- Are you facing some pressures and struggles in life that you need to push through?
- What areas of your life are you currently training or developing?
- In what areas do you need some direction and/or discipline?