1 Peter - Week 15
Hindrances to the Home, Hope, & Healing

1 Peter 3:10 "Whoever would love life and see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech. 11 He must turn from evil and do good; he must seek peace and pursue it. 12 For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil." NIV

Josh 24:14-15 "Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. 15 But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

I. Hindrances to the Heart of the Home

Ps 139:23 Search me [thoroughly], O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts. 24 And   see if there is any wicked or hurtful way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting

1. BLOCKAGE
   - This blockage is caused by SIN.

   - How does this blockage, this hardening, stop the flow of life?

       o We have DEPARTING hearts

       o We have DECEITFUL hearts

       o We have DIVIDED hearts

2. BAD Blood
   - Cause: UNFORGIVENESS-- It's an unwillingness to repent and turn back to God.
   - Unwillingness to COMMUNICATE and resolve conflict because of our own pride.

3. BROKEN Hearts

4. BAD Hearts

5. BESIEGED Hearts

II. Hope for the Home

1. We must have renewed <u>INTEGRITY</u>
Integrity: "Firm adherence to a code of moral artistic value—incorruptibility—a state of being complete and undivided—See honesty.
We must have integrity in:
   - Our social life,
   - Our secular life
   - Our <u>SPIRITUAL</u> life—our service to God

2. <u>INVOLVEMENT</u>

3. <u>INCONVENIENT</u>

4. <u>INTERCESSION</u>

5. <u>INTIMACY</u>

6. We are <u>INVINCIBLE</u>

III. Healing for the Home

1. <u>SPIRITUAL</u> foundation

2. <u>SACRIFICIAL</u> love

3. <u>SIGNIFICANCE</u> of each person

4. <u>SAMENESS</u> is not an option

5. Need to be <u>SENSITIVE</u>

6. Seek <u>HELP</u>