Family: Roots, Restore, Revive - Week 7

| SCRIPTURE

"At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. "If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea."

Matthew 18:1-6

"Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them."

Matthew 19:13

"Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.""

Matthew 19:14

| KEY THOUGHTS

- Children are Jesus's example of lifelong faith and the responsibility of a lifelong follower.
- Things that hinder passing the gospel between the generations: indifference, intimidation, immaturity, immorality, and unbelief.
- Problem: To hinder, and not welcome, the next generation to Jesus puts us at odds with God's plan and slowly robs purpose from our life.
- Grownups must pass down the Gospel to the next generation.
- Grownups must build bridges and remove obstacles for young people to get to and be like Jesus.

| APPLICATION

- Obstacle 1: Remove human religion.
- Obstacle 2: Remove cultural idols.
- Bridge 1: Between parents and their children.
- Bridge 2: Between the older and younger generations.

| REFLECTION

- How have you seen indifference, intimidation, immaturity, immorality, and unbelief block your relationship with the next generation?
- How can you remove the obstacles in your life that block your relationship with the next generation?
- How can you build bridges in your life with the next generation?