

## THE BACKSTREETS OF FAMILY STRUGGLES

### I. The overall message of 1 Peter is to help the Christian community grow through struggle.

- 1 Peter 1:6
- 1 Peter 2:19-21
- 1 Peter 3:13-14
- 1 Peter 4:1, 12-13, 19
  
- 1 Peter 1:15-16

### II. Learning holiness in the midst of family struggles.

#### A. What are solvable struggles?

1. Is this a current or recurring problem?
2. Is there a communication problem or a disagreement on how to communicate?
3. Is there a disagreement in philosophy or is the disagreement symbolic of something else?

#### B. What are perpetual problems?

### C. What are some basic steps to navigating the backstreets of struggle?

1. Soften your start-up.
2. Learn to make and receive repair attempts.
3. Create a calm environment.
4. Learn how to reach compromises.
5. Be tolerant of each other's faults.
6. Create true friendship.
7. Take these perpetual moments to avail yourself to the Spirit to mold your character.