FAMILY MATTERS | PART 2

Family by Interior Design

"Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established: And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches." **Proverbs 24:3-4**

Wisdom builds. Understanding establishes. Knowledge fills the chambers. A house rarely falls down all at once; it falls apart through neglect. Here is what the ruin reveals, and what God uses to restore it, one room at a time.

What We See in the Ruin	What It Looks Like in a Family	The Restoration (KJV)	The Interior Work This Week
The chandelier gone dark	No Word and no prayer in the home. Everyone is living by their own light.	**Psalm 119:105** *"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."*	Read one verse together each day, even if it's on a group text.
Cracks spreading across the floor	Small offenses never dealt with, spreading under everybody's feet.	**Ephesians 4:26** *"Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath."*	Settle it the same day. Don't carry yesterday's crack into tomorrow.
Broken windows	Trust is broken. Secrets, half-truths, and hiding.	**Ephesians 4:25** *"Putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another."*	Tell the truth, even the small truths, gently and with love.
Dead flowers on the table	Nobody is tending anybody. The table is still there, but no one is gathering at it.	**Psalm 128:3** *"Thy children like olive plants round about thy table."*	Share one meal this week, phones down, faces up.
Furniture overturned	Disorder. No rhythm, no rest, everybody running in different directions.	**1 Corinthians 14:33** *"For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace."*	Set one family rhythm: a prayer time, a game night, a Sabbath meal.
Dust on the library shelves	Wisdom is not being passed down. Children are being taught by everyone but home.	**Deuteronomy 6:7** *"Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house."*	Share one thing God taught you with your children or grandchildren.
Debris piling up in the corners	Little neglects adding up, one day at a time.	**Proverbs 24:33-34** *"Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth."*	Do daily maintenance. A five-minute check-in beats a five-hour crisis.
The staircase still standing	The structure is still there. God isn't finished with this house.	**Isaiah 61:4** *"They shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations."*	Don't tear it down. Start restoring one room at a time.

At your table this week: Pick one room. Talk about it together, do the interior work all week, and remember: "I looked upon it, and received instruction" (Proverbs 24:32).