

On Marriage

02 – Eden

Marital Union



Welcome!

Thank you, Father Saroky. Thank you Paul Jonah

Welcome Everyone!

A Bible Study in 8 Parts On Marriage



1 March 13 Prologue Bird's Eye View



2 **March 27** **Eden** **Marital Union**

3 April 3 The Flood Moral Imperative

4 April 24 Jacob Marital Disorder

5 May 14 Egypt Material Comfort

6 May 28 The Desert Inner Journey

7 June 5 The Cross Marital Crucible

8 June 26 The Church Marital Strength




Format

- Talk 7:00 – 7:55 p.m.
- 5 min break
- 30 min Q&A

Audience

- Catholic
- Adults
- Children at Parents' Discretion

Style

- Direct (2 x 4)
- Detests Ambiguity
- Addresses Catholic Living
- Man = Humanity
- You means you. Yes, 
- Tend to meander

What to Bring

- Bible (RSV-CE)
- Notepad and Pen
- Water
- Donate Cookies!



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Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord,

Amen.

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What We'll Cover

1. Recap
2. Marital Covenant
3. Eden
 1. Time Alone
 2. Union
 3. Silence Scriptural Typology
4. Q&A

1. Recap



Recapitulation

- Christ recapitulated the history of humanity in his own life to redeem us.
- Christ's life, death, and resurrection provide a complete picture of our lives and our marriages
- Christ's recapitulation is the basis of our prayers of petition.
- Recapitulation is a valuable guide for married life



Biblical Interpretative Principles

- **Four Senses of Scripture (CCC 115 – 119)**
- **CCC-115: According to an ancient tradition, one can distinguish between two senses of Scripture: the literal and the spiritual**
 - The Spiritual Sense is subdivided into the allegorical, moral, and anagogical senses
 - The profound concordance of the four senses guarantees all its richness to the living reading of Scripture in the Church.
- **CCC-116: The meaning conveyed by the words of Scripture and discovered by exegesis, following the rules of sound interpretation: “All other senses of Sacred Scripture are based on the literal.”**



Biblical Interpretative Principles

Meaning of the word *Temple*



Catholic Quadriga
John Cassian (c. 360-435)
Hugh of Saint Victor
(c. 1096-1141).

Moral Meaning

You are the Temple of the Holy Spirit (1. Cor. 6:19)



Analogical Meaning

Destroy this Temple, and I will rebuild it in three days (John 2:19)

Anagogical Meaning

The Church is the New Temple of Jerusalem
(1. Cor 3:16-17)
(2. Eph 2:19-22)
(2. Cor 6:16)

Litteral Meaning

Temple Built By Herod



Biblical Interpretative Principles

1. Four Senses of Scripture
2. Scripture must be interpreted in light of Scripture and the living tradition of the Catholic Church
3. Pay attention to the audience



The Covenant: Key Interpretative Principle

Definition

1. A Covenant is an agreement between a **strong** and **weak** party.
2. It spells the condition the weak party **must** fulfill
3. If the weak party is faithful to the covenant, the strong party **blesses** them.
4. If they are disobedient, the strong party **curses** them.



Old Testament Five Major Covenants

Covenant	Mediator	Sign	Reference	Key Promise
Adam	Adam	Tree of Life	Genesis 1–3	Life in Eden if obedient; death if disobedient.
Noahic	Noah	Rainbow	Genesis 9:1-17	Never again destroy the world by flood. No blood drinking
Abrahamic	Abraham	Circumcision	Genesis 12, 15, 17	Land, nation, and blessing to all nations.
Mosaic (Sinai)	Moses	Law (Tablets)	Exodus 19–24, Deut 5	Israel will be God's people if they obey His Law.
Davidic	David	Throne	2 Samuel 7:8-16	David's kingdom will endure forever.



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New Testament Covenant

Take this, all of you, and drink from it,
for this is the chalice of my Blood,
the Blood of the new and **eternal covenant**,
which will be poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in memory of me.

3. Marital Covenant



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Adamaic Covenant

1. Introduces the Strong Party: God as Creator of the Universe	2. Introduces the Weak Party: Man who is created from dust. The Covenant's duties are listed also.	3. The Covenant's Blessings	4. The Covenant's Curses
Gen 1:1—2:6	Gen 2:7, 2:15-16	Gen 2:8-2:14	2:17
Creation account	God formed man of dust God places man in the garden to till it Man may freely eat of all the trees, save one.	The garden offers food, shelter and protection	Eating from the tree of the knowledge of Good and evil brings death



Marriage as a Covenant

- **Scripture explicitly speaks of marriage as a covenant.** The **covenantal nature of marriage** is evident in both the **Old and New Testaments**, where marriage is portrayed as a **sacred bond instituted by God**.
- **CCC 1601**: The **matrimonial covenant**, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is **by its nature** ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring.
- **CCC 1601 (continued)**. This **covenant** between **baptized persons** has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a **sacrament**.



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Key Scriptural Passages

1. Malachi 2:14 – Marriage is explicitly called a **covenant**.

You ask, "Why does he not?" Because the Lord was witness to the covenant between you and the wife of your youth, to whom you have been faithless, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant."

2. Genesis 2:24 – The foundational passage for marriage.

Therefore, a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh.

This verse establishes the divine institution of marriage.

3. Proverbs 2:16-17 – Breaking marriage is breaking a covenant.

"You will be saved from the loose woman, from the adventuress with her smooth words, who forsakes the companion of her youth and forgets the covenant of her God."



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Key Scriptural Passages

4. Ezekiel 16:8 – Marriage mirrors God’s **covenantal** love.

I entered into a covenant with you, says the Lord God, and you became mine.

5. Hosea 2:19-20 – God speaks of his covenantal love using marriage imagery

And I will betroth you to me forever; I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love, and in mercy. 20 I will betroth you to me in faithfulness, and you shall know the Lord.

6. Ephesians 5:31-32 – Marriage reflects Christ’s covenant with the Church.

“For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” 32 This is a great mystery, and I mean in reference to Christ and the church;



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Marriage

1. Strong Party: God is the Strong Party	2. Weak Party: Groom and Bride	3. The Covenant's Blessings	4. The Covenant's Curses
<p>Gen 1:1—2:6</p>	<p>Gen 2:7, 2:15-16</p>	<p>Luke 6</p>	<p>Luke 6 1 Cor. 11:20-22</p>
<p>The Gospels introduce us to Christ and his Father (Epiphany)</p>	<p>They present us as sinners in need of salvation, or as hardened sinners who refuse salvation</p>	<p>Beatitudes</p>	<p>Woes following the Beatitudes and the warning of Saint Paul against unworthily receiving the Eucharist</p>



Blessings for Faithfulness in Marriage

1. Genesis 1:28 – Fruitfulness and children are a blessing in Marriage. *And God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply [...]”*
2. Psalm 128:1-4 – A godly marriage brings prosperity. *“Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table.”*
3. Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 – Companionship strengthens both spouses. *Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil.*



Curses for Violating the Marriage Covenant

1. Deuteronomy 22:22 – Adultery brings the death penalty under the Old Covenant. *If a man is found lying with the wife of another man, both of them shall die.*
2. Proverbs 6:32-33 – Adultery leads to ruin. *He who commits adultery has no sense; he who does it destroys himself. Wounds and dishonor will he get, and his disgrace will not be wiped away.*
3. Malachi 2:13-16 – Divorce is condemned and leads to separation from God. *For I hate divorce, says the Lord the God of Israel [...]. So take heed to yourselves and do not be faithless.*
4. Luke 16:18 – Jesus warns against divorce and remarriage. *Every one who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, and he who marries a woman divorced from her husband commits adultery.*



Dogmas on Marriage

1. Marriage was not instituted by man, but by God [Sent. Certa]
2. Marriage is a true and proper sacrament instituted by God [De fide]
3. Every valid contract of marriage between Christians is of itself a sacrament [Sent. Certa]
4. The contracting parties in matrimony minister to each other the sacrament [Sent. Certa]
5. From the sacramental contract of marriage emerges the Bond of Marriage which binds both marriage partners to a lifelong indivisible partnership of life [Sent. Certa]
6. The sacrament of matrimony bestows sanctifying grace on the contracting parties [De fide]
7. The essential properties of marriage are unity (monogamy) and indissolubility [Sent. Certa]

FUNDAMENTALS
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4. Eden

1 – Time Alone



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Genesis

⁷The Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

⁸And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

⁹And out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden [...]

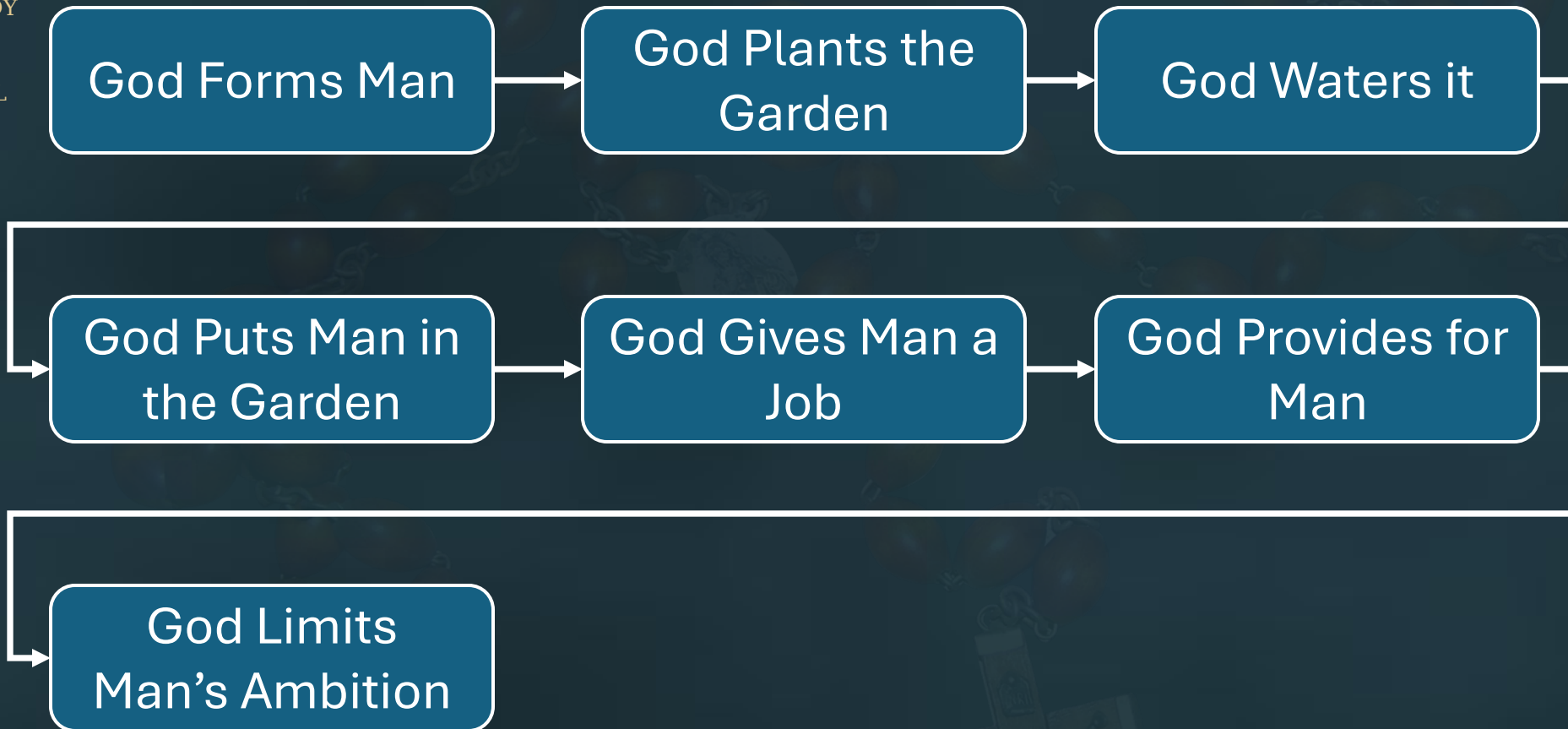
¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden;

¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

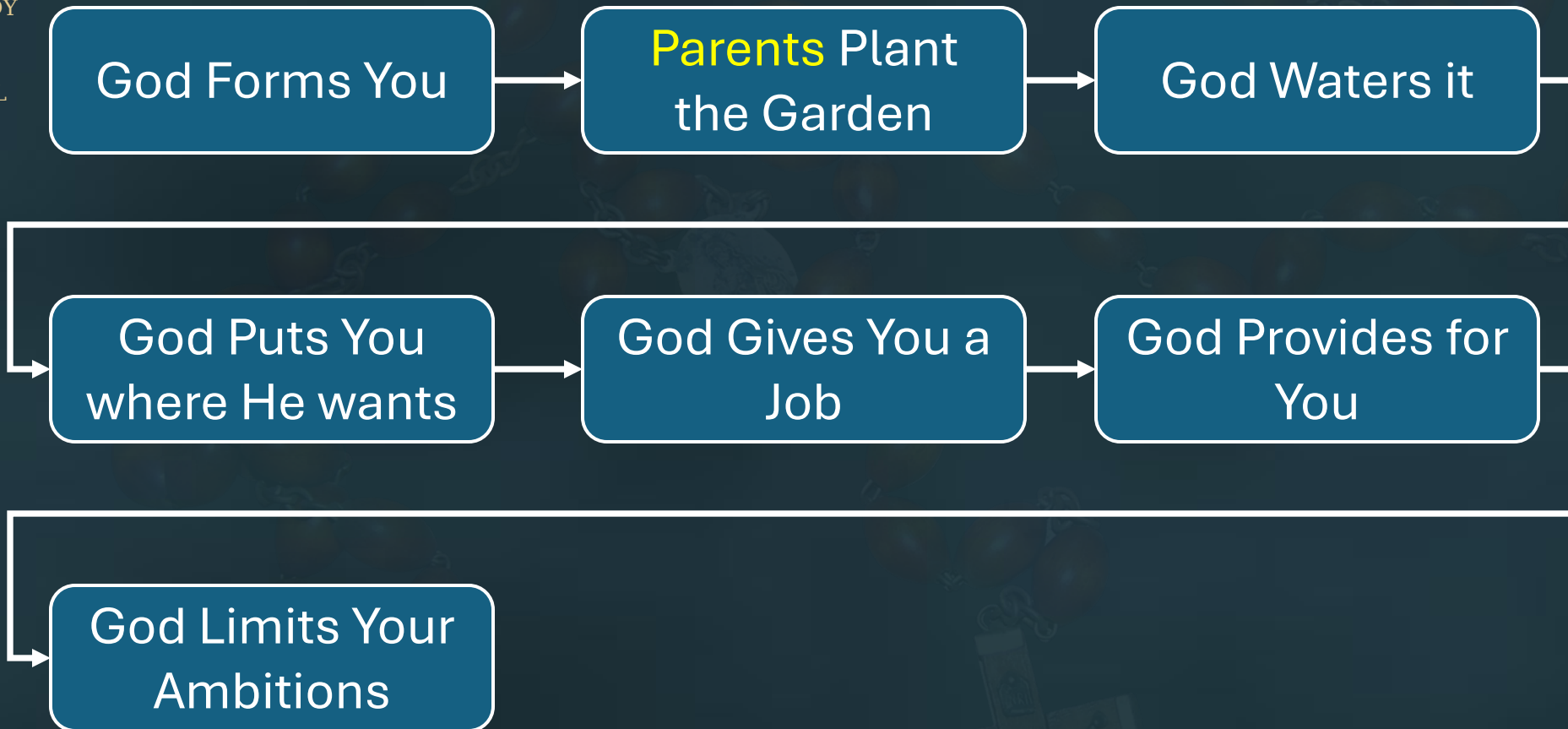


Recapitulative Sequence





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What Should MEN Do while Celibate?



1. Be Principled*
2. Be Competent
3. Be Presentable
4. Be Amiable
5. Be Learned
6. Be Hopeful
7. Be Charitable



1. Don't Be a Wet Noodle
2. Don't Be Unqualified
3. Don't Be Shabby
4. Don't Be Forlorn
5. Don't Be Ignorant
6. Don't Be a Bore
7. Don't Be Indifferent



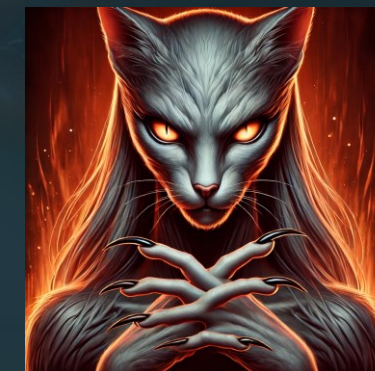
What Should WOMEN Do while Celibate?



1. Be Principled*
2. Be Competent
3. Be Modest
4. Be Tender
5. Be Learned
6. Be Hopeful
7. Be Charitable



1. Don't be Overbearing
2. Don't be Unqualified
3. Don't be Flashy
4. Don't be Self-Absorbed
5. Don't be Ignorant
6. Don't be Difficult to Please
7. Don't be Cruel





Recapitulative Sequence



¹⁸Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone"



On Loneliness

1. How could Adam be alone when he doesn't suffer from original sin?
2. Loneliness is an interior subjective state and/or an external objective reality
3. How could Adam be alone when God speaks to him face-to-face?
 - By ignoring God
 - Beware of Loneliness; it's Atheism's antechamber.
4. More importantly, our way back to God is through each other. That's the unitive part of Marriage

4. Eden

2 – Union



Genesis

- ²¹ So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh; ²² and the rib which the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³ Then the man said,
 - “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.”



Courting

1. Anticipating what will come, God builds into the covenant counter-measures to sin.
2. “At last!” Notice Adam’s anticipation and relief. Yet, we don’t hear him voice his concern to God.
3. Adam was lonely with God but no longer so with the woman. By design, we are each other’s way back to God.



Four Essential Dimensions to Courting

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Moral Imperative

1 Intellectual Compatibility
(Education, Finance,
Interests)



2 Spiritual Alignment

3 Emotional Fulfillment

4 Physical Attraction

x Order of exploration



Union

²⁴ Therefore a man **leaves** his father and his mother and **cleaves** to his wife, and **they become** one flesh. ²⁵ And the man and his wife were both **naked**, and were **not ashamed**.



If you'd like to gain insight into the concept of shame, then, head to [Qorbono.com](https://qorbono.com) and download *Shame in the Modern World - A Catholic Perspective*, a 9-page pdf that succinctly presents a Catholic view on Shame.





Natural Marital Union

- Marriage is a Divine Covenental Institution
- Threefold meaning of “One flesh”
 - Physical Union:
 - Total self-gift of the spouses to one another
 - Unity ordered toward procreation (Gen 1:28)
 - Physical intimacy is a radiant jewel cast within marriage
 - Emotional and Spiritual Unity
 - Marriage is a complete union of body and soul
 - It is exclusive, where one man and one woman commit for life to each other
 - *“In becoming one flesh, man and woman not only give themselves to each other physically but signify the deeper reality of their spiritual communion.”* St. J.P. II – Theology of the Body
 - Marriage is a lifelong commitment
 - Cleave (dapaq) means to be permanently joined, glued or bound together
 - Can’t be broken because of its covenantal nature
 - Affirmed as such by Our Lord (Matt 19:4-6)



Natural Marital Love

- In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins. Threefold meaning of “One flesh” – 1 John 4:10
- The love of spouses points to and reflects the love of Christ and His Church
 - As Christ died for his Church, the husband dies for his wife – *“By his passion, Christ gave a new meaning to marriage as the sign of his love for the Church.”* – CCC 1616
 - As the Church receives and announces Christ, a wife supports her husband as he dies for her.
- The Love of Spouses is Sacrificial – Derives from the Love of Christ on the Cross – As I have loved you, love one another.



Natural Marital Imperative

- **Leaving Father and Mother: Forming a New Family**
- The phrase "a man leaves his father and mother" symbolizes the transition from one's **biological family** to forming a **new, independent family unit**.
- In marriage, spouses **prioritize each other over all earthly ties**.
- **Pope Pius XI (*Casti Connubii*, 1930):**
"The family is more sacred than the state, and children are to be raised in the security of their parents' love."



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Marital Moral Order

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- **A. Marriage Is Ordered Toward Love and Life**
 - The Catholic Church rejects views that distort marriage, such as cohabitation, adultery, divorce, and contraception.
 - *Humanae Vitae* (1968):
"Each and every marriage act must remain open to the transmission of life."
- **B. Marriage Requires Sacrificial Love and Fidelity**
 - Since spouses become "one flesh", they must act in unity and self-sacrifice.
 - Pope Francis (*Amoris Laetitia*, 2016):
"Love endures all things, hopes all things... True marital love is an icon of God's unconditional love."

SUPER-
NATURAL

- **C. Marriage as a Path to Holiness**
 - Marriage is not about self-gratification but about leading each other to Heaven.
 - St. John Chrysostom:
"When husband and wife are united in marriage, they are no longer seen as something earthly but as the image of God Himself."



Head and Heart: Complementary Authority

- *“Wives, be subject to your husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the Church, his body, and is himself its Savior. As the Church is subject to Christ, so let wives also be subject in everything to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the Church and gave himself up for her.” Eph. 5:22-25*
- Paul compares the husband's role in the family to Christ's headship over the Church, which is not domineering but sacrificial and self-giving.
- Pope Pius XI, *Casti Connubii* (1930):
“The unity of marriage, established by God, requires that the husband be the head of the wife and the family, and that the wife be subject to her husband.”



Head and Heart: Complementary Authority

- Pope Pius XI, *Casti Connubii* (1930):

"This subjection, however, does not deny or take away the liberty which fully belongs to the woman both in view of her dignity as a human person, and in view of her most noble office as wife and mother and companion; nor does it bid her obey her husband's every request if not in harmony with right reason or with the dignity due to wife;... For if the man is the head, the woman is the heart, and as he occupies the chief place in ruling, so she may and ought to claim for herself the chief place in love."



Silence Typology in the Bible

1. Silence of Interior Disposition

→ Receptivity, awe, union with God

Ex: Mary at the Cross, Eve before Adam

2. Silence of Sin or Cowardice

→ Failure to protect, speak truth, or witness

Ex: Adam during the Fall, Peter in the courtyard

3. Silence of Judgment or Mystery

→ Divine silence expressing mystery or judgment

Ex: Christ before Pilate, Psalm 22

4. Silence as Preparation for Revelation

→ Makes space for divine truth

Ex: Zechariah, Elijah, Christ writing in the dust

5. Silence as Solidarity or Compassion

→ Accompaniment in sorrow

Ex: Job's friends, Mary's pondering heart

6. Eschatological Silence

→ Cosmic pause before divine intervention

Ex: Revelation 8:1



Silence in Marriage – Reflection

Silence can build or break communion. In marriage...

1. Is my silence reverent or resentful?
2. Does my silence prepare the way for truth, or does it void confrontation?
3. Is my spouse's pain met with presence or withdrawal?
4. Do I use silence to punish, or to pray?
5. Is our home filled with contemplative peace or emotional distance?

“Let all that you do be done in love.” – 1 Cor 16:14

Reflection Prompt: Examine your silence. Does it mirror the silence of Christ—or Adam?



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Additional Material



If you'd like more details on the Typology of Silence in the Scripture, head to [Qorbono.com](https://qorbono.com) and download *Typology of Silence*, a 2-page PDF that presents the different types of silence with quotations from the Scripture and the Catechism.





Q&A

Etiquette

- Questions, not homilies
- Stay on topic
- If I don't know, I'll say so

