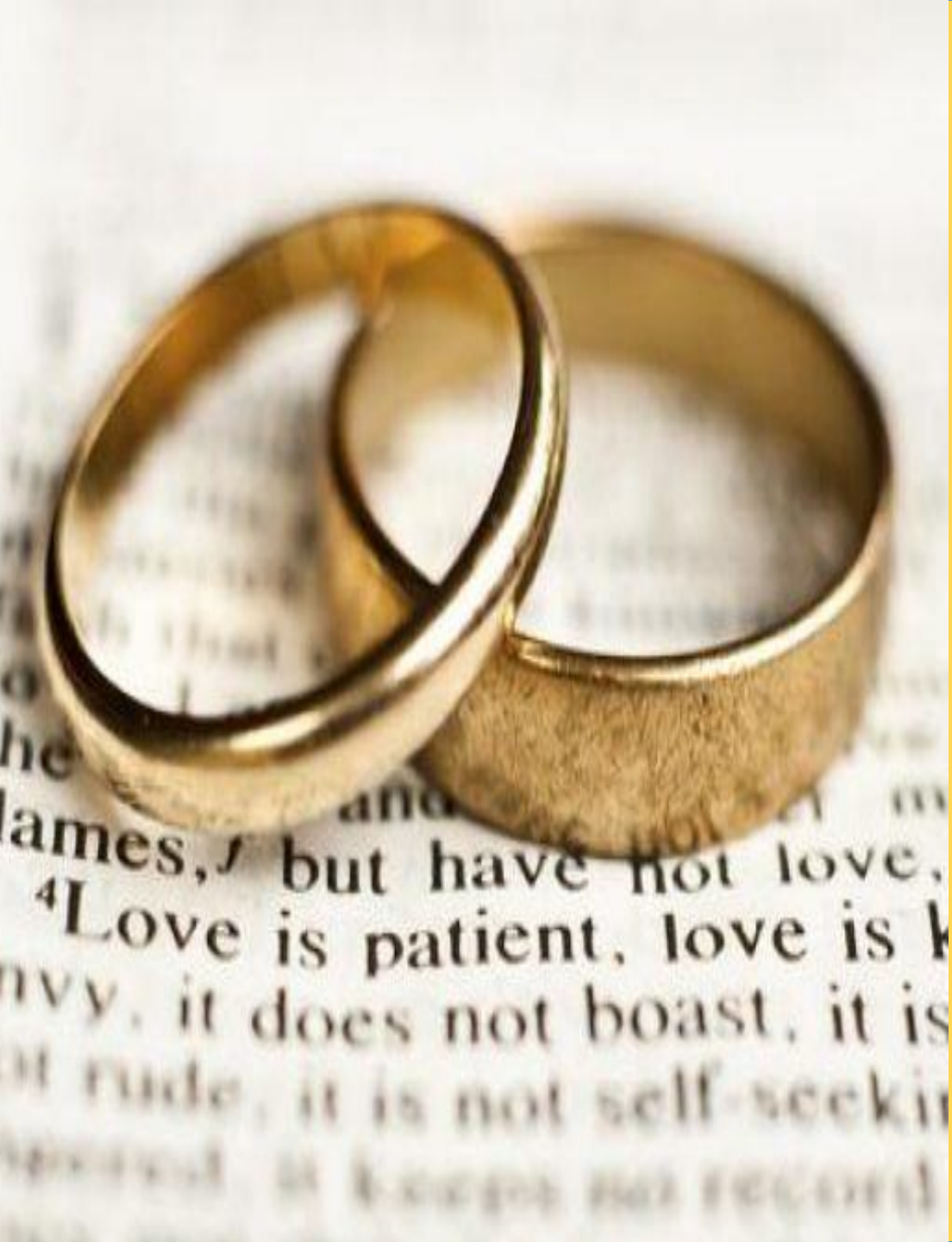


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TOPIC:

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What threatens
marriages?

John 2:1-11

The Wedding at Cana

2 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. **2** Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. **3** When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” **4** And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to me and to you?^[a] My hour has not yet come.” **5** His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” **6** Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. **7** Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. **8** He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet.” So they took it. **9** When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom **10** and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” **11** Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.



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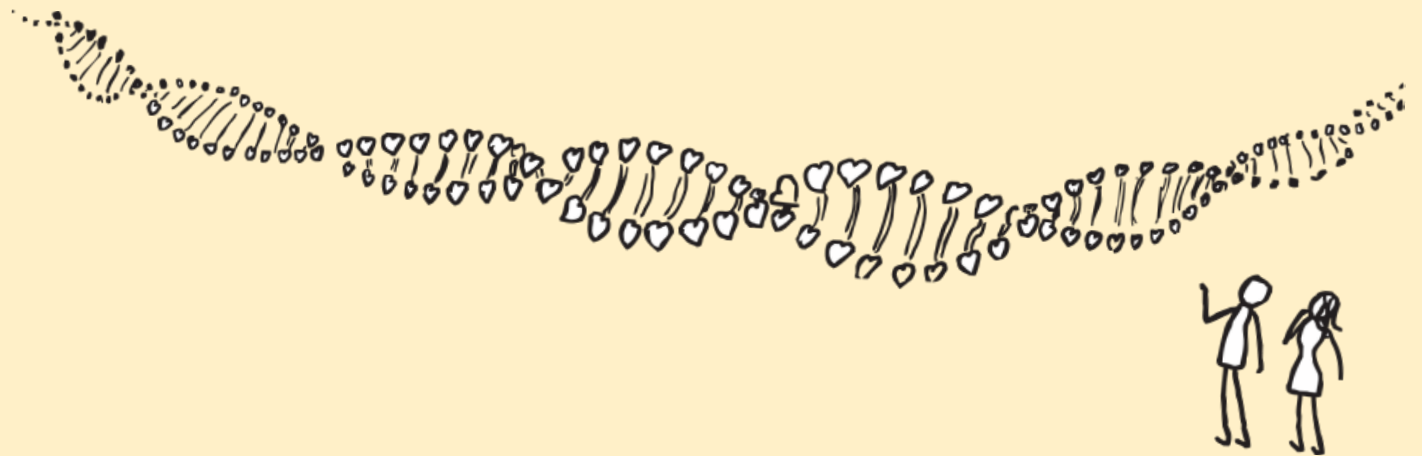
What really threatens marriages is sin; what renews them is forgiveness; what makes them strong is prayer and trust in God's presence. [1606-1608]

Conflict between men and women, which sometimes reaches the point of mutual hatred in marriages, of all places, is not a sign that the sexes are incompatible; nor is there such a thing as a genetic disposition to infidelity or some special psychological disability for lifelong commitments. Many marriages, however, are endangered by a lack of communication and consideration. Then there are economic and societal problems. The decisive role is played by the reality of sin: envy, love of power, a tendency to quarrel, lust, infidelity, and other destructive forces. That is why forgiveness and reconciliation, in confession as well, is an essential part of every marriage.



SHARING TIME

1. Do you pray for your future spouse? If yes, then how?
2. What can you do to prevent conflicts in your married life/community life?
3. Tell us one reason why you think marriage is a beautiful vocation.
4. According to you in what ways will you discern, if the person you've encountered is God's chosen spouse for you?



ACTIVITY

Activity for the week:

Read and meditate on Psalm 128, Psalm 68 and Psalm 91 everyday during this week.

