

# Embracing God's Heart...

## “Embrace God's Love and Mercy”

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## Opening Prayer

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless, and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us, and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments, we might not despair, nor become despondent, but with great confidence, submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy Itself. Amen

# Where Are You

I Wonder:

How Do You See Yourself?

How do you think God Sees You?

WHO IS GOD

God is an eternal exchange of love, Father, Son, & Holy Spirit,  
and He has destined us to share in that exchange of Love.

*“He who does not love does not know God; for God is love.” 1 John 4:9*

# Where Are You

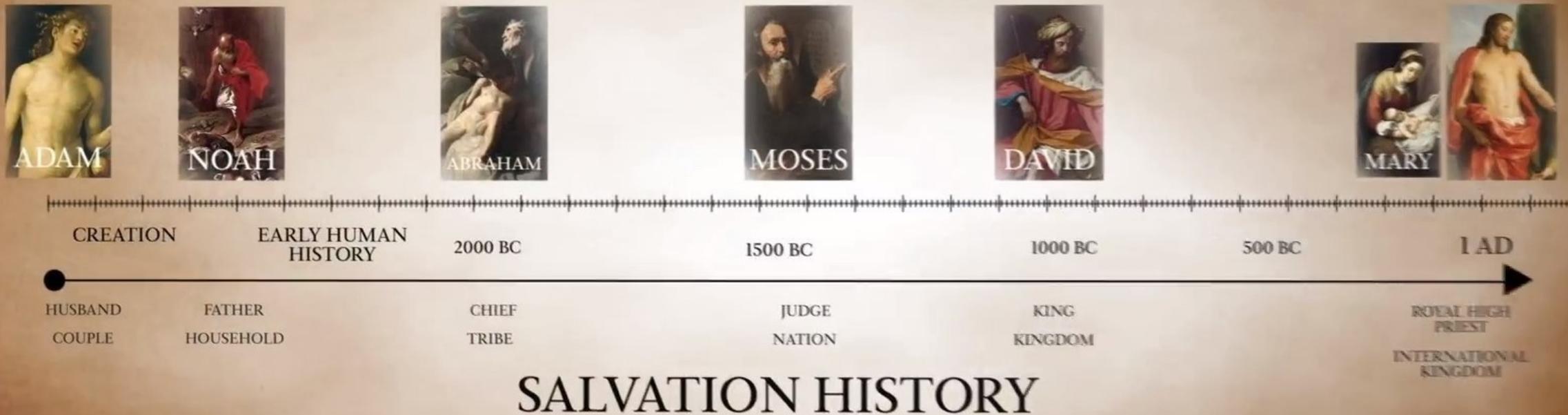
Why did God make you?

God made You to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world,  
and to be happy with Him forever in the next.

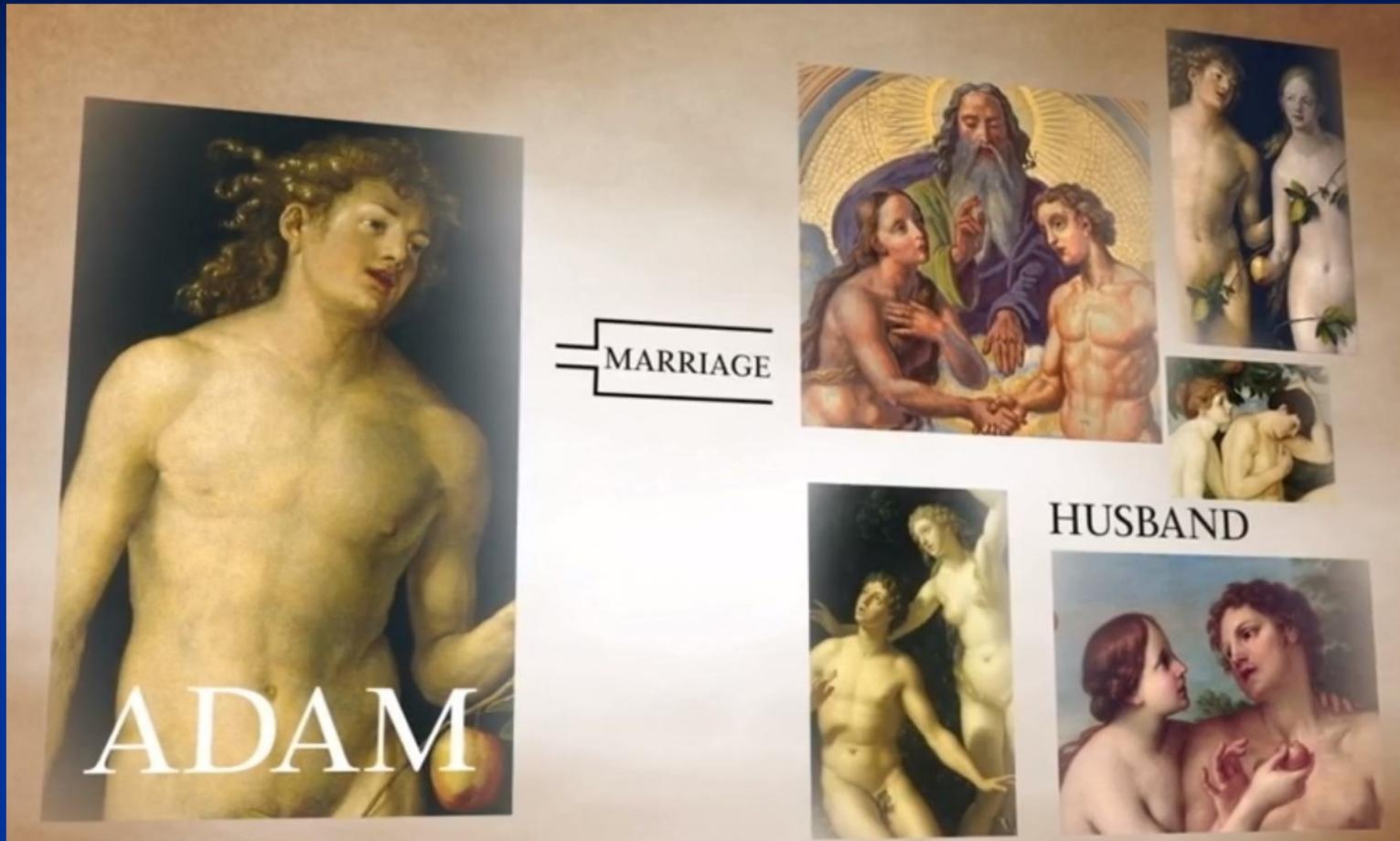
Our Faith is all about – Learning how to fall head over heels in  
love with God – who is head over heels in love with you.

# God has a Plan and You are Part of His Plan

Creation is revealed as the first step towards the covenant, the first and universal witness to God's all-powerful love.



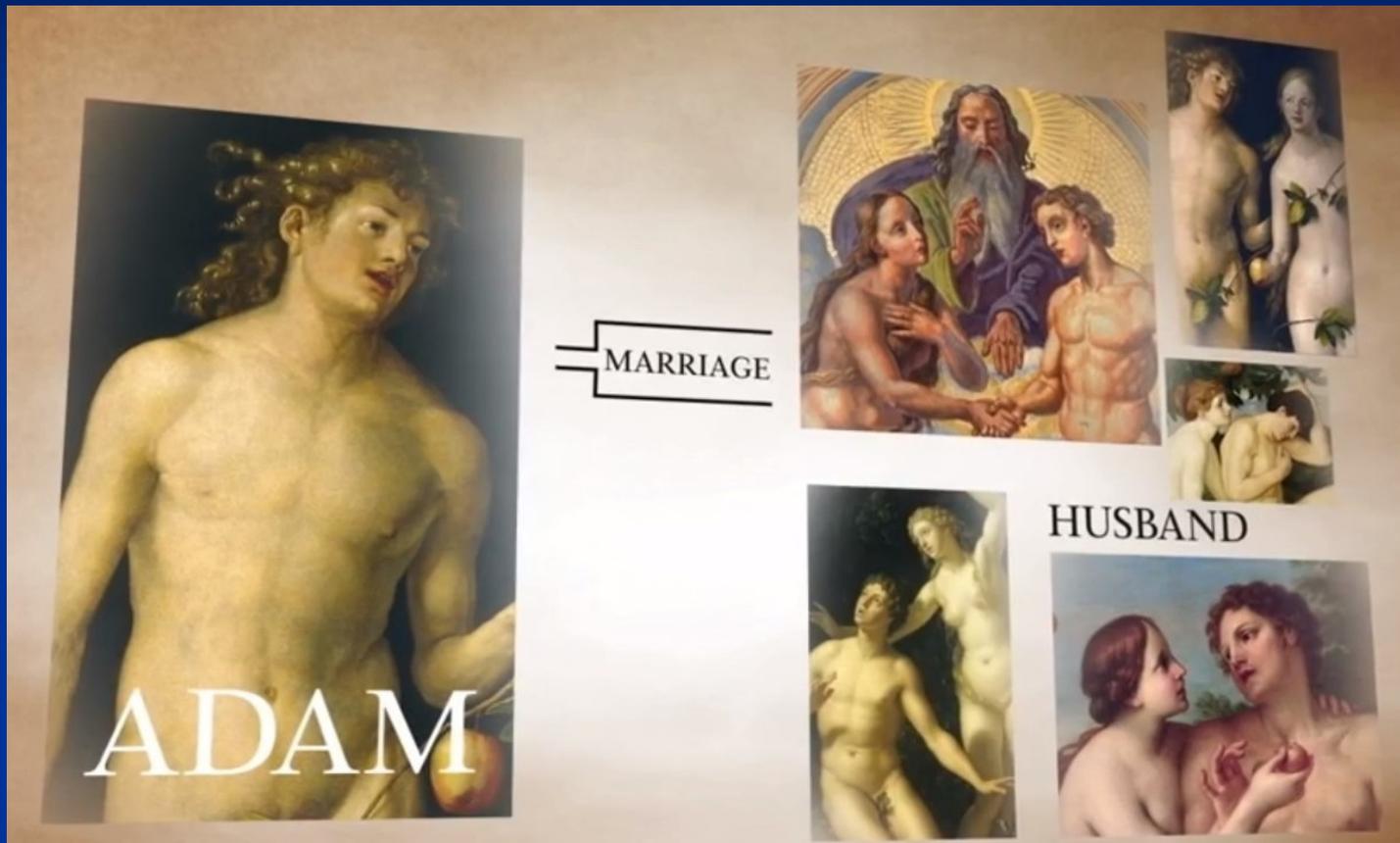
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- God's First Covenant takes the form of a Marriage with Adam serving as a servant mediator in his role as a husband.
- From the beginning God gives marriage a special place in salvation history.

- He created man and woman to live in a covenant relationship with Him and each other.
  - Marriage is a sign for God's covenant Love for us.

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- Marriage In Scripture, begins in the Garden and ends in the “Marriage Supper of the Lamb” in the book of Revelation 19:9.
- Sign of Marriage reflects the nature of God Himself.
- Marriage makes families
- St. Pope John Paul II said: God is Family.

# God is a Family

In the Trinity, the love of the Father and the Son is so real, so much a complete gift to the other that from it proceeds a third person the Holy Spirit.



God is Love

There has to be someone else to love!

# The Nature of God

“God in His deepest mystery is not a solitude, but a family, since He has in Himself fatherhood, sonship, and the essence of the family, which is love.” *Pope John Paul II*

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Marriage is the sign that reveals the mystery of God's inner life to the world.

Just as the Trinity — Father, Son, and Spirit — is a community of three Persons bound together by love, so marriage is the union of two persons, husband and wife, whose love is made fruitful in the conception of a child and the birth of a third person.

**So More than just a sign – Marriage is an image of Who God IS. From the very beginning it has been a sign of the Divine Family for which you and I were made.**

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- God reveals His Plan in Scripture (Bible) and Tradition of our Church.
- The Letters in Bible can mean:
  - Basic - Instructions – Before - Leaving - Earth
- Contains God's Word
- A Library of Love Letters to us from God the Father.
- [Click to View Father's Love Letter – then close slides 5 min.](#)

