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## *What if God designed marriage to make us holy instead of happy?*

Scores of books have been written that offer guidance for building the marriage of your dreams. Yet, what if God's primary intent for your marriage isn't to make you happy . . . but holy? And, what if your relationship isn't as much about you and your spouse as it is about you and God?

In this popular bestselling book, Gary Thomas uncovers how your marriage can become a doorway to a closer walk with God and each other. You will learn how to:

- Turn marital struggles into spiritual and personal appreciation.
- Love your spouse with a stronger sense of purpose.
- Partner in the spiritual growth and character formation of your spouse.
- Transform a "tired" marriage into a relationship filled with awe and respect.

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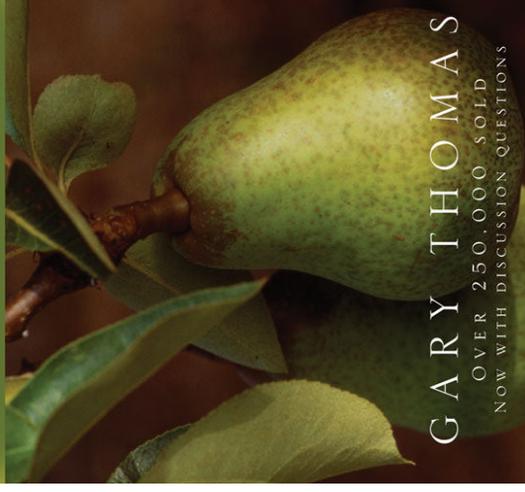


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## SACRED MARRIAGE

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MORE THAN TO MAKE US HAPPY?



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## Sacred Marriage

This is a book that looks at how we can use the challenges, joys, struggles, and celebrations of marriage to draw closer to God and to grow in Christian character.

This is a book that looks and points beyond marriage. Spiritual growth is the main theme; marriage is simply the context. Just as celibates use abstinence and religious hermits use isolation, so we can use marriage for the same purpose—to grow in our service, obedience, character, pursuit, and love of God.

The ultimate purpose of this book is not to make you love your spouse more, although that may happen along the way; it is to equip you to love your God more.

It is highly recommended that you purchase and read the book. Even though the book has 13 chapters (see details on the right column), the video series is six sessions (see below).

### Video Sessions:

- God's Purpose for Marriage: More Than We Imagine
- The Refining Power of Marriage
- The God-Centered Spouse
- Sacred History
- Sexual Saints
- Marriage: The Love Laboratory

The book is available in bookstores as well as through online sources (Amazon, Focus on the Family, etc).

### Book Chapters:

- The Greatest Challenge in the World: A Call to Holiness More Than Happiness
- Finding God in Marriage: Marital Analogies Teach Us Truths About God
- Learning to Love: How Marriage Teaches Us to Love
- Holy Honor: Marriage Teaches Us to Respect Others
- The Soul's Embrace: Good Marriage Can Foster Good Prayer
- The Cleansing of Marriage: How Marriage Exposes Our Sin
- Sacred History: Building the Spiritual Discipline of Perseverance
- Sacred Struggle: Embracing Difficulty in Order to Build Character
- Falling Forward: Marriage Teaches Us to Forgive
- Make Me a Servant: Marriage Can Build in Us a Servant's Heart
- Sexual Saints: Marital Sexuality Can Provide Spiritual Insights and Character Development
- Sacred Presence: How Marriage Can Make Us More Aware of God's Presence
- Sacred Mission: Marriage Can Develop Our Spiritual Calling, Mission, and Purpose

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*If the purpose of marriage was simply to enjoy an infatuation and make me “happy,” then I’d have to get a “new” marriage every two or three years.*

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Yes! I am interested in participating in the six week Sacred Marriage video series starting in January 2012.

I am available (choose all that apply):

- Sunday Evening (6:00 pm)
- Sunday Morning (9:45 am)
- Saturday (afternoon or evening)
- Friday Evening Thursday Evening
- Wednesday Evening

I would like a book ordered for me (optional).

- Yes
- No

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