

Presentation

The International Responsible Team proposes to all Teams around the world for the third year of the 2024-2030 period a study theme based on a reflection on the family in Sacred Scripture that continues to deepen the orientations we presented at the International Meeting in Turin, “Called to Live in Communion.” This third year, as we explained then, we wanted to delve into the orientation: “Called to Live in Communion as a Family.” We thank the editorial team of the Spain SR for presenting us with a text that will help us rediscover our married and family life as a privileged place of God’s action, as a space where God continues to write His love story to Humanity today.

Throughout these months we will journey through the great history of salvation as presented to us in Sacred Scripture, discovering that it is not a distant or foreign narrative, but a mirror in which our own experience as spouses, parents, children, and team members is reflected. The history of salvation is, from the beginning, the history of a people and a family. And therefore, our own history—with its lights and shadows—can also become a place of encounter with God.

Every history, when looked at with faith, can become a history of salvation. We are not speaking of an ideal or perfect history, but of a real history, woven from encounters and ruptures, from fidelities and frailties, from sincere searches and from errors that wound us. It is precisely there, in the concrete and everyday, where God chooses to enter to reveal Himself and save. The Bible shows us that God does not act outside of human history, but within it, choosing real families, marked by limits and sins, to carry forward His project of communion.

It is an itinerary in 8 chapters that begins in the first pages of Genesis, where we contemplate how we have been created in the image and likeness of God, called to communion, to complementarity, and to fruitfulness. From there, we enter without fear into the reality of sin, not as a simple moral fault, but as a profound rupture that wounds our identity, our relationships, and our capacity to love. The Word will help us recognize the dynamics of sin that run through family history—comparisons, rivalries, silences, inherited wounds—and to discover how God never tires of intervening to open paths of reconciliation. Along the journey, we will also see how God’s faithful love manifests itself with special force in the image of marriage and covenant. The prophets reveal to us a God who loves as a spouse, who remains faithful even when rejected, and who always offers the possibility of starting anew. This perspective illuminates in a new way our own matrimonial

vocation: we are made for unity, for a unique, faithful, and total love that reflects God's own love.

The itinerary will also lead us to contemplate the family as the heart of the Kingdom, as the place where Jesus wanted to grow and from where He dignified all human relationships. The family thus appears not only as a recipient of salvation, but as an active subject of the mission, called to be a domestic Church and a space of evangelization. In this context, the transmission of faith occupies a central place as a testimony that is communicated through life, through shared prayer, forgiveness, and daily coherence. We also propose at the end of the study topic a time of reflection, to review the path traveled, to be grateful for what has been lived, to recognize the fruits, and to open ourselves with confidence to what the Lord has done and will continue to do in our personal, conjugal, and team life.

This study topic does not intend to offer us prefabricated answers or ideal family models. Rather, it wants to help us look at our own life with God's eyes, to reconcile ourselves with our history, and to discover that even where we perceive limits or wounds, God continues to act with faithfulness and hope. As married couples of Teams of Our Lady, we walk together convinced that we are not alone, that the grace of the sacrament sustains us, and that the Lord continues to make all things new.

May this journey help us renew our faith, strengthen our communion, and allow ourselves to be transformed by the One who continues to write, today, His salvation history in the heart of our families.

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