# HUMAN FLOURISHING

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The transcendent has been rendered redundant
We have numbed and ignored our spiritual instinct

MAKING
MEANING

**The Power of Meaning**

Emily Esfahani Smith

Four pillars of meaning:

- BELONGING
- PURPOSE
- STORYTELLING
- TRANSENDENCE

The more connected we feel to our family, friends and community (BELONGING), the more we are motivated by positive long-term goals (PURPOSE), the more skillfully we can weave a narrative from the threads with our life (STORYTELLING), and the more we focus our energies on something larger than ourselves (TRANSCENDENCE), the more meaningful our lives are.

*Through the many changes I have seen over the years, faith, family and friendship have been not only a constant for me but a source of personal comfort and reassurance.* *(2018)*

Faith

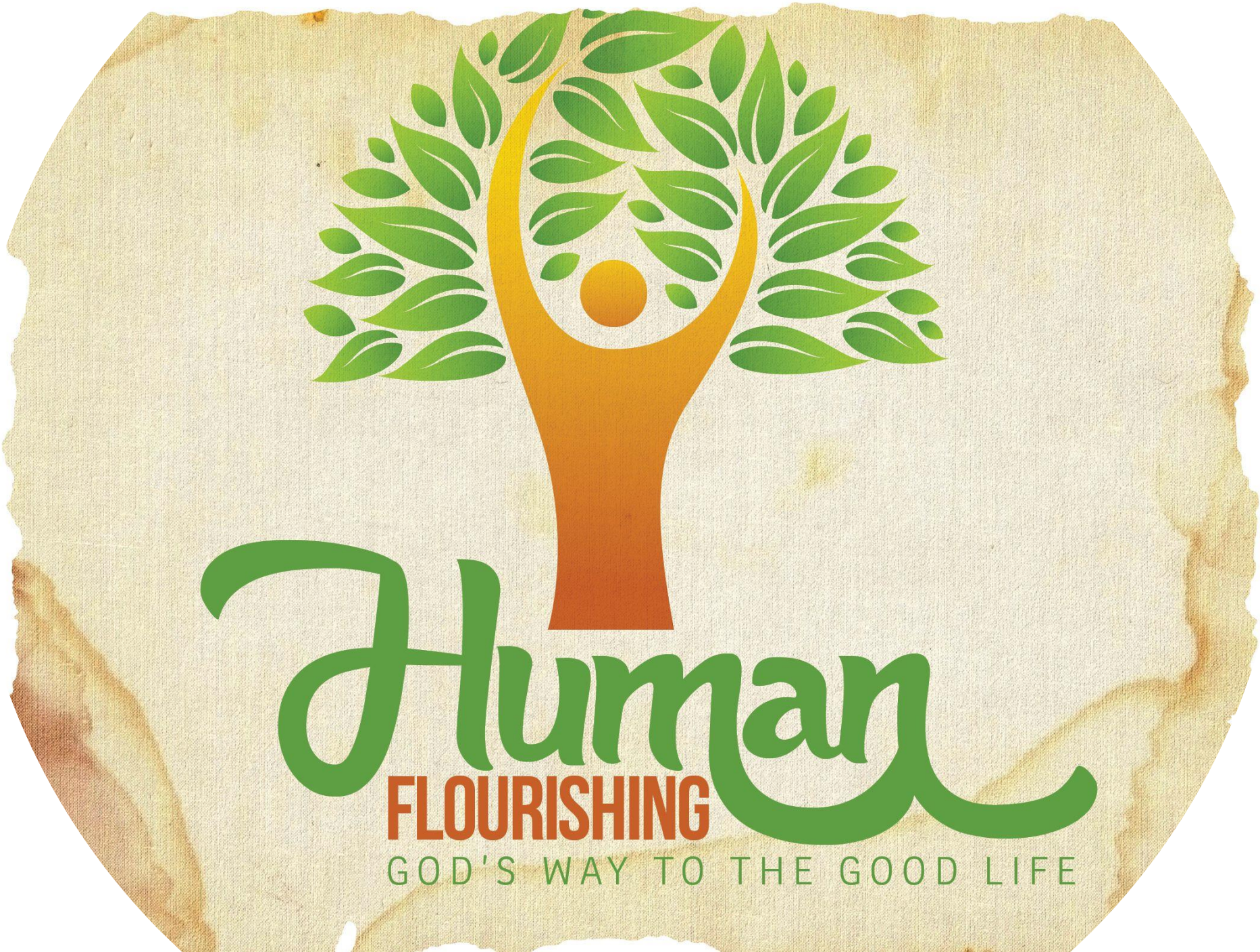
*Family*

Friends

for these we give thanks

Love
Friends
Family

GOD
IS
LOVE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GOD'S WAY TO THE GOOD LIFE

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You educate to responsibility, creativity, coexistence, justice, and peace. You educate to the interior life, to be open to the transcendent dimension, to the sense of wonder and contemplation in the face of the mystery of life and creation. You live all this and interpret it in Christ,and translate it into the fullness of humanity.

[World needs a new education pact - Vatican News]

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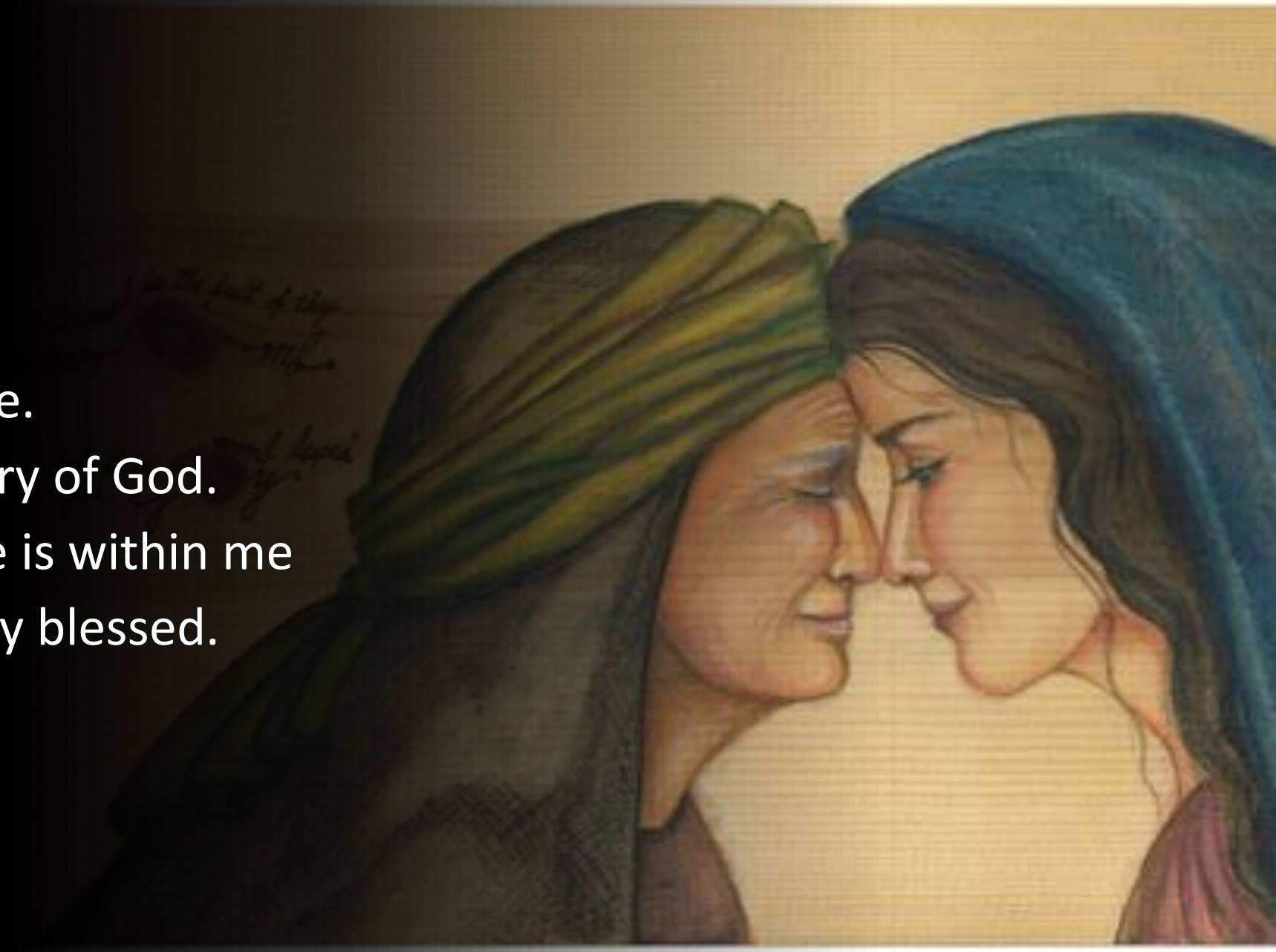
Build a new humanity

# Modern Magnificat

Joy Crowley

My soul sings in gratitude.
I’m dancing in the mystery of God.
The light of the Holy One is within me
And I am blessed, so truly blessed.

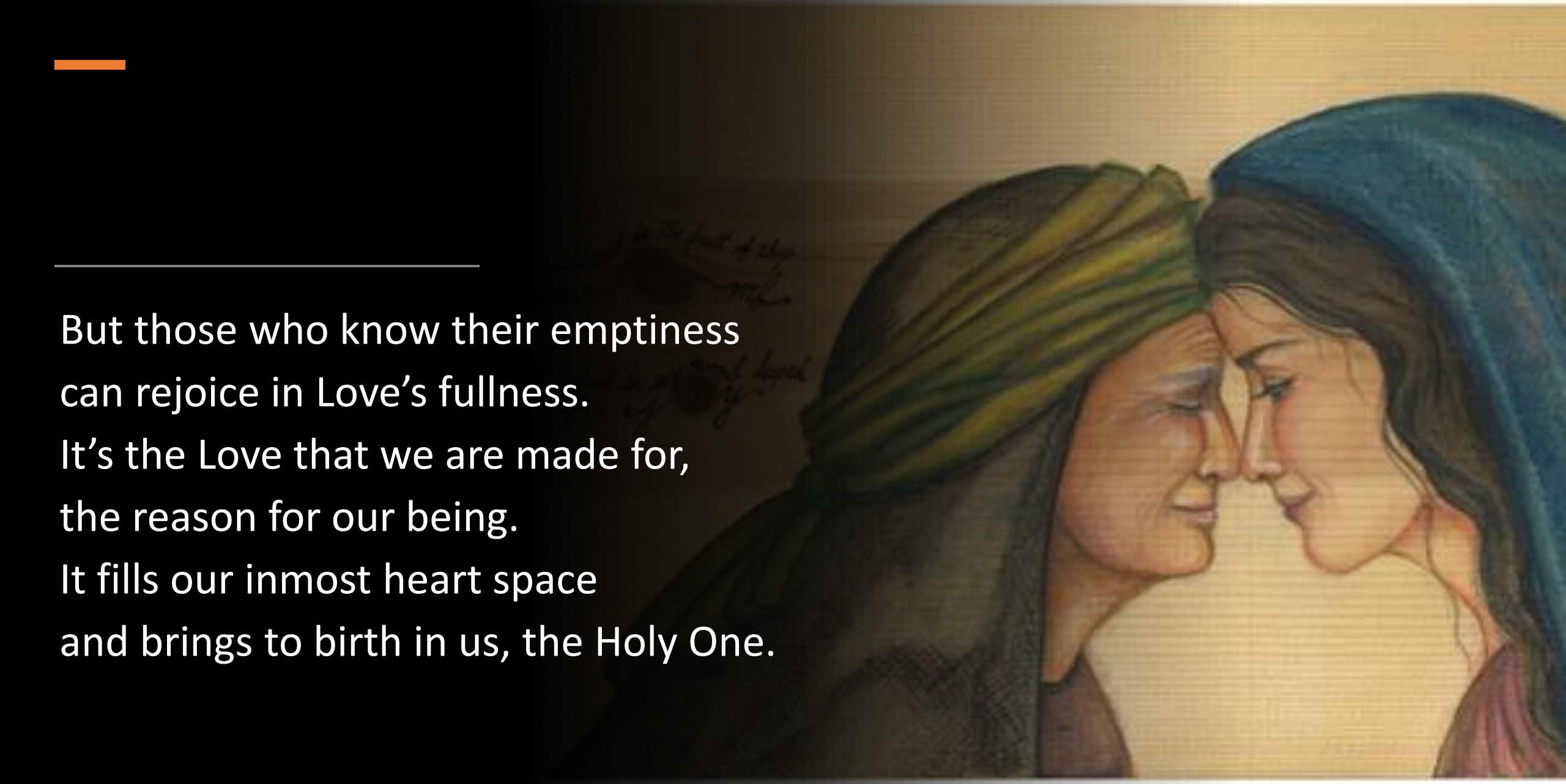


This goes deeper than human thinking.

I am filled with awe

at Love whose only condition

is to be received.

The gift is not for the proud,
for they have no room for it.
The strong and self-sufficient ones
don’t have the awareness.

But those who know their emptiness
can rejoice in Love’s fullness.
It’s the Love that we are made for,
the reason for our being.
It fills our inmost heart space
and brings to birth in us, the Holy One.