



THE 4 REASONS WHY GEN Z REFUSES TO HAVE KIDS

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all right Mark and Grace here with the Real Marriage podcast we're doing a short series on kind of hot topics cultural issues trending headlines uh jiny young I don't know how young at this point seems like most people seem young but these are the Young on um how old is Jen Z oh that's one of you guys it's like 12 to 27 yeah they're entering 2004 like 20 something 1990s to early 2000 1990s to early 2000s uh thank you for the guys on the other side of the camera so Jen Z are planning on getting married but not having children that's what we're going to talk about so they're already into adulthood they're in their 20s I mean biologically yes yes that's a good argument yeah but these guys are at the store in their pajamas with the mask driven by their mom so I wouldn't say they fully launched into adulthood yet oh it says right here 18 to 34 I could have read that yeah I went to public school shout out to Highline High okay yeah we good go pirates yep all right so um they uh want to get married but they don't want to have kids so at least 25% have already decided we're not having kids I mean they just don't even know what they're saying honestly well let's say you're a Christian couple should you I mean these probably aren't I mean I don't know what they well they're they're British so there's no way there's the these are [___] so they don't have to worry about it anyways they have to worry about anyways they probably you know haven't during Co they missed the health class that told them that this isn't a high-risk situation anyways but um let's say you're a Christian couple and you want to get married and one of you or both of you doesn't want to have kids but you want to get married and have sex are you asking me if that's okay I'm just saying things and seeing what you say I mean if you're a Christian you really need to pray through that and ask the Lord if he intends for you to have kids it's not a sin not to have kids some people can't have kids biologically and that's okay it's not a sin yeah and so usually they're devastated by that it's a grief but if you're at that age deciding that you don't want kids for the rest of your life there's a wound or something painful in your life that is in general causing you to say that you don't know or you're selfish 18 to be like here's what I want for Christmas in 40 years yeah you don't know I mean selfishness is a thing okay now now you're really now you're getting into the research okay so there are four main reasons why younger Generations who do want to get married don't want to have children number one a desire to focus more on themselves that's what we need more selfish Jen's ears yeah cuz you know they're really struggling in the selfishness area they need to focus on that double down MH so if let's say it's a Christian couple that doesn't want to have kids just cuz they want focus on themselves and they're selfish they're like that's sin they they're in sin mhm so you should not marry that they shouldn't even get married because if you're selfish you're not going to be a good spouse being a spouse is serving one another so if you want to focus on yourself stay single yeah I mean I'm sorry but that's just logical and buy a mirror um so uh would you have married me if I said I'm never having children no despite my personality and attractive appearance and rugged demeanor no I wanted to have kids absolutely and I I wouldn't have married if if you couldn't have had kids I would have married you and we would have figured it out adopted or something but like if you're like no I don't want to have kids and I don't want to be a mother and I don't I would have said honey I'm out M cuz I I want to be a husband and a father and have kids and grandkids and go to little leag games and daddy dates and tea parties and like you know as a man the whole reason you get up I think you get up in the morning you go to work and uh you know you have the head-on collision that is life is so that you can provide for your family and you could care for your wife and your kids and as a man like I'm not going to just getting up to go you know give myself better spa days that just you may as well just wake up and punch yourself in the head you're an i it's our first command in Genesis to Adam and Eve to be fruitful to M and multiply and so if we're Christians we need to consider that command from

the Lord and ask okay Lord this is what you say yeah yeah cuz Godless idiots are putting people on the planet we need to try and you know adjust the ratios okay so number two Financial issues we can't afford it it's too much money kids are too expensive and that can be wisdom that can be maybe we need to wait and save a bit I mean kids are you're never going to be able to afford kids technically um but but these are British kids they don't have like braces and stuff so it's that's that's a big savings yeah it's true it's totally true okay um but I mean it it can be a wise decision to pause but it doesn't mean you shouldn't have kids but what if what if you've just racked up a lot of debt school debt credit card debt car debt you're just a bad Steward and you're like you know what I my encouragement would be actually if you're thinking about having kids it makes you a better Steward of your finances it does because if point one like I'm selfish and point two like I'm out of money well yeah these kind of go together if you're going to get married and have kids you're like I can't be selfish and financially we need to live within our means it makes you responsible all of a sudden well sometimes when you're younger you want to leave your parents house and have it be a lateral move but your parents have been working 30 40 Years or or voting for Democrats and getting things for 30 or 40 years to get to that life stage and that life status and as a kid you don't start there you start at zero or wherever you start so you've got to adjust your thinking yep number uh three fears about the state of the world people are scared about politics and where the world is going it's so dark it's so divided maybe if you're a Christian you're like I Think Jesus is coming mhm I mean we could have had the same fear in the 990s you know and no we did you remember Y2K yeah we were told just so you kids know Y2K 1999 yeah that at the stroke of midnight going into 2000 all the computers would reset there would be a zombie apocalypse all the nuclear reactors would shut shut down and flow into the streets that the Chinese would invade with the Russians and that it would be complete and total Mayhem and nothing nothing yeah and we sat on the we were sitting on the bed watching the news and the kids were in the other room and it was like nothing like the next door neighbor lit off a bottle rocket and then we went to bed it was like not a thing and there's probably still some Preppers that are still underground wondering when they can come up but you know you can live in fear but the truth is there is a sovereign God who's over it all and he's going to help you navigate the future I mean we had five kids in Seattle that's some Faith right there for sure and they love the Lord and we've figured it out and and now we're out and we left so you know you can always move there's that that's right yeah okay number four uh some people uh the youngans the zers um they they want to get married but not have kids and number four the reason is they want to protect the environment apparently by um by vaping and and consuming a lot of products oh so they they they've been brainwashed MH into thinking that uh if they have three kids then they will create uh an existential crisis at the environmental level um what would you say to that once again God has a plan for the world and the Earth and he knows when he's coming back he knows what's did you know the world's going to end I mean that's what's so crazy people are like the world's going to like yeah we know yeah just like we all died yeah and it says Jesus is going to come back and he's going to set the whole thing on fire and then he's going to hit a control alt delete hard reset he's going to turn all the bad guys into kindling and then he's going to make everything for his people like Genesis 1 and 2 and there's no expectation that the planet is going to endure indefinitely it's winding down According to second law thermodynamics even according to Big Bang Theory it has a beginning that means it has an end and so yeah sooner or later the planet is going to come to an end yeah and Paul just says to keep running our race till we get the price so we don't need to slow down for any silly reasons that the government or whoever is trying to make us afraid of we just need to do what we're supposed to do what God

has called us to do whether it's have kids or adopt kids or have spiritual kids whatever that is but we need to invest in the Next Generation Well and in that too honey the thought of like I mean to me it's adorable you know you always get like these recycling Pharisees like they're the they're the weirdest people cuz they're like you put your bottle in the wrong container you know like uh when we were up in the People's Republic of Seattle if you put like a glass bottle in your garbage bin they would shame you with the sticker and refuse to pick up your garbage as if that bottle was like that was the Difference Maker for the EOS put together anyway in the same dump no it all I well I know a guy that actually was a trash man it all gets dumped in the same place they just charge you more for the recycling it's like it's like an idiot tax on being a liberal and so you know at the end of the day um you know we want to be good stewards of the environment to be sure but if your thought is I am a good righteous person because I value animal and plant life over human life you don't have God's priorities where he said to be fruitful multiply increase in number fill the Earth exercise dominion and create culture and so the cultural mandate means at some point the world is filled with people who are doing things and that will continue until Jesus returns why and how do children make a marriage better if they're saying we want to have marriage but not children why is it that children actually can be used of God to bless and strengthen the marriage because the thought is you can have a great marriage without kids but God's intent seems to be get married consummate your Covenant have kids how do kids benefit the marriage well they make you less selfish Point number one mhm um and they point out all the things that you need to change in all your sins because they're doing it it drives you nuts and you realize you taught them that yeah so they convict you they humble you because you don't know what you're doing unless you ask the Holy Spirit how to raise them um and they definitely I mean I always say God gave me five because he had a lot to do work on in me and it's just the joy that kids bring they are a lot of work 100% they are a lot of work but the joy that comes and the fruit that comes from that labor is incredible there's nothing like it there's nothing in the world like it not a pet not a friend it's its own you don't believe in a fur baby no I don't yeah you people with the dogs and front packs and strollers so it's kids are a blessing the Bible says and they are but but they also put pressure on the couple to stay together and work through their issues they do like once you got kids you're like we're in a rough patch but we got to figure this out and so they put a healthy responsibility on the couple I would say in addition I'll close to this I'll get deeply theological now that I've been kind of sassy but um so God's a father were his kids he doesn't need us right he we cause him a lot of work and expense and inconvenience and grief our relationship with God is exclusively a grace-based one-way relationship he gives we take it costs him and it benefits us that's the Gospel of Jesus Christ and if what you're saying is I want to get married but I don't want to have kids what you're saying is I don't want to be like God and I don't want to treat kids the way God treats me as his adoptive kid and I am selfish and a taker I am not selfless and a giver and I refuse to do grace-based gospel centered Godlike relationships but I think that's fine uh because I expect God as a Christian to bless me and it's like that's you can't become like Jesus if you're just a selfish person who only thinks about yourself and doesn't inconvenient yourself for someone who doesn't give back to you MH so uh don't I would say if you're I'll say this if you have trauma or hurt you were abused as a child you had a horrific childhood and you're like I'm scared of bringing children into the world work through that abuse and that trauma and I'm sorry for that but if you're just selfish there's a very difference between a selfish person and a broken person and sometimes a broken person can be selfish but sometimes selfish person they just need to repent of their selfishness not architect their life to accommodate it yeah y are you glad we had five kids yes very wouldn't change it for the world yeah and now

we're getting to see them have grandkids true or false that's good it's awesome okay love it
thanks babe yep