



DO MEN WANT KIDS MORE THAN WOMEN?

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all right Mark and Grace here with the Real Marriage podcast this week uh we're going to talk about an article that came out and it was the American Trends panel survey and they found that young men are more likely than women to say they want to be parents someday and so 57% of young men without children say they want to be a dad and have kids one day while a smaller share of women 45% said the same and so what you've got babe you've got a whole generation of women that have been brainwashed by feminism and they don't want to get married and have kids and if they do get married they still don't want to have kids and what we're seeing statistically is younger women are more liberal and Progressive younger men are for the first time in 40 Years of data trending more conservative meaning guys don't want to you know be transgender they do want to get married to a woman they do want to have children and be a dad but a lot of young women don't so what do you think's going on with the young women I mean we've got you got kids that are married College um graduating high school we're right in this age bracket as parents yeah I mean I think there's a lot of things going on that are factors contributing um I think there's a lot of abuse with young women um three and or four and six women report abuse um that's quite a bit and most of that is with men and so I think that completely Alters their view of men yeah um I think that there's a lot of divorce that happens and so uh there's a lot of fear I believe there's there's um wrong education via feminism but there's also a lot of fear that is put on women toward having kids and getting married and depending on a husband or being led by a husband um especially in culture if it's not done in a Godly way um I think they've seen a lot of wrong use of just bad husbands or bad guys they've dated bad guys they've been used by guys um they've been told to you know just stand for themselves be independent and I think they're starting to believe those lies that that's the solution um unfortunately that's not what God tells us the solution is and to be dependent on the Lord is first and foremost as women the safest place that we can be and then finding a godly man that can um help lead us and guide us as a husband and to Father any children I think that removes a lot of those fears but that's hard to find there's a lot of single women that are looking for good men there's not a lot of good men um and I know you're working hard to change that but um I think that I think fear plays a major role um they don't if they're not in a healthy Church community they don't actually see healthy marriages or healthy parenting and so why would you want to have kids if you don't see a model of that you just see a lot of Brokenness you see a lot of bad kids you see a lot of rebellious kids and the thought of raising one of those sounds horrible so what should they look for let's say you're a young man young woman maybe you did come from a divorced home or a difficult or even traumatic background um church family should be a place to get teaching and modeling and so what should you know what should people be looking for if they're like I I would like to get married and maybe have kids and a family what do you look for if you're looking for a church today cuz honestly it used to be hey find a good local church that is getting increasingly more difficult as churches are going woke and apostate and they're caving and collapsing on sex and gender issues even as we're recording this uh the United Methodist Church is literally becoming completely and totally and utterly apostate and postchristian and caving on all sex and gender issues um you know there 's even an article uh recently quote Unitarian Church and unitarians are not Christians um but they um have opened the opposite of a Crisis Pregnancy Center and they are uh helping women get abortions through the church in the state of Texas so it used to be just you know if there's a cross on the building go there that doesn't you know probably you're probably going to be entering into what the Bible calls a synagogue of Satan um unless you do your home work so what should they look for in a in a genuine Christian Church yeah I mean I think multigenerational is a great um thing to look for if it's just all old people and no young

families or young marrieds that can be a red flag for sure that can be the sign of a Dying church because they're not inviting and celebrating marriage and family um or they're not instructing and coaching up on that it's great to have older people to get wise counsel from but maybe those people aren't wise counsel yeah cuz if it's not swe pie but if it's all older people maybe if their kids and grandkids aren't going with them they may have not done a good job being parents and grandparents I mean you know not to be arant but like your mom is in our church and then our kids and our grandkids are in our church and so we're four generations you know serving in the same church together and we all love Jesus and you know we're all working together and if you've got a whole church where none of the kids or virtually none of the kids and Grand kids are showing up you're like well how did they do it family maybe not that great and if they don't have a heart for young families and there's certain churches like as they begin to decline and die the first thing they cut is kids ministry student Ministry family ministry and they just kind of lock into their old worship style and they're programming for you know the retirees and when that happens I mean to me that's an old folks home um that's a country club that's a sad situation yeah and the old people are missing out on investing in young people which keeps them more alive you know um I think that's a huge part we really celebrate I mean for Mother's Day we have baby dedications and we have baptisms for new Christians and we really celebrate life whether it's children or life in a new marriage or life in a new life with Christ um we celebrate that and that that should be done in churches um if you want to see life going on where the spirit is leading meeting and and doing things it's active um I think that's part of what you need to look for in a church as well one that's of course teaching the Bible so that you have um biblical background to marriage and family because otherwise it's hard to know when you get stuck what to do um seeing good healthy marriages in a church is a big deal as well so that you can get wise counsel from those people when you need marriage help or when you need help with parenting we have parenting classes and new marrieds um you know prear and newly marrieds classes looking for for signs of wanting to invest in those life stages is important when you're looking for a church yeah and I think if you didn't grow up with you know a large family or an intact family uh you haven't seen it work and so there can be some anxiety and fear there I think in addition it can be a little overwhelming like well if I don't have a family to support me as I'm you know married and raising kids well if you go to the right Church you could find that it becomes like extended family like right now at uh triny Church where we we Pastor right now what's literally going on is the construction of a splash pad and so I'm super excited about this we went for our walk last night and we're holding hands and I was telling you I'm super excited I've been I mean My love language is splash pads so we live in Arizona where it's super hot and so in the summer we do swimsuit summer for the kids ministry and I think it was actually started by our son-in-law Landon and so the kids come to church it's super hot out they come in their swimsuits you could tell who the new kids are cuz they show up like you know dressed formally for church and all the other kids are in their swimsuits and we give them popsicles and we do water slide park and they're Sprinklers and we take the Cannons that shoot foam that used to be used for the Raves and we we have foam cannons blowing foam all over the kids and they've got squirt guns and they're running around and having fun and now we're putting in we got our permits a full Splash Pad it's party and so yeah and so we do tell them about Jesus and study the Bible and pray and worship but our thought is that kids are a blessing and we want them to make their Joy bonds and their fun memories at church and when they grow up we want them to think you know the fun joyful people that really were excited to see us were God's people and uh you know when we worship Jesus and prayed and learned the Bible and then we went down the you know the water

slide and jumped in the splash pad and ate the popsicle so for us we want to create an environment where kids aren't just present but they're celebrated and they can be kids and they can make noise and they can be joyful and they can have fun and you know if you're a single person in an environment like that you can actually go serve in kids ministry and be like okay let me go get around some kids if I'm not used to that and let me see families that are actually loving and joyful and let me see a community of support helping you know raise the kids and if you get into that environment what you often find is that suddenly your heart shifts and changes and you're like oh yeah this actually is working and joyful so we're seeing a lot of especially young men or really exploding in young single men coming in and now they want to get married and now they want to be dads and because they're seeing men that are a few steps ahead of them um joyfully married and having a blast with their kids and yeah if you don't see children as a blessing or you don't understand how that's possible you've never seen it and you've never understood it go to a church where you see children are a blessing and you see them represented as that yeah and uh how about this though let's say it's a young man and he's like I want to get married and have kids and he meets a g and he really loves her and he's like I want to marry her but she doesn't want to have kids is that a deal breaker for the marriage I think it's a discussion it could be a deal breaker for sure if they can't come to you know a unifying decision um that we have had those scenarios where girls are literally just afraid because of whether they whether it's their upbringing or they just don't have any knowledge of what they would even do with a child again they don't understand the biblical language of children being a blessing and so if they're willing to have that discussion and and say okay I I didn't know this but I trust the Lord in this I trust you as my you know future your husband in this I want to I want to do this then that's great you can work with someone like that all day but if it's someone who you know despise his kids or is like I will have kids or won't heal from their Brokenness sterilized or whatever I mean no that yeah if the husband wants to have kids absolutely that's that's a deal breaker um and I think that is a discussion I mean sadly we've heard some couples that don't have that discussion until after they get married which is very interesting to me to on that one that's a pretty big it's massive uhuh so that needs to be a conversation before you get married and talked through and if you need to bring someone into that conversation to help that's great and I think you need to look at whatever Church you're going to you need to look at the pastor his marriage pastors on staff their marriages their parenting and none of us are going to have a perfect marriage or perfect be perfect parents and we talk a lot honestly about our marriage and parenting um and what we've learned through the years and how we've failed repented and the different things but we've been married over 30 years and all of our kids walk and love walk with and love Jesus by God's grace and and so we can say that you know God has directed us in that and we have again not done anything perfectly but to see that modeled at for the pastor and the Pastors in the church is another thing that is important to watch because if a pastor doesn't have a good marriage and didn't parent well then he's going to be really permissive of things in the church and tolerate things that aren't from the Bible and so that's another thing that's really important you want to see that modeled in the pastors at the church that you're going to and that way you can go to them for a wise counsel and go to them with hesitations about fears of you know marriage or parenting but the Bible says children are a blessing and so that's where you need Bible says be fruitful and multiply Bible says be fruit so that's where you need to start and there's women that can't have kids and it doesn't mean you have to you know go go find a way if you know that's between you and the Lord and um it doesn't mean you're cursed um but it just means that these are you know important conversations that need to be had and when the Bible says that that is something we

are to do we need to take that seriously and we need to do all we can to obey that and trust that there is blessing in it if that's what God says well and in the Bible when people couldn't have a kid they were grieved right because they aspired to it so like Abraham and Sarah there was anguish because they were incapable for quite some time of having a child and then with Zechariah and Elizabeth uh before uh the conception of John the baptizer they they were grieved and and if memory serves me correct Elizabeth says you know he's taken away my reproach and some translations I think say shame and she's like I always wanted to be a mom and so the people that are in the Bible that have the spirit of God they they want to have kids and if they can it's a grief Y and you know like um I mean I love you with my whole heart but if you said there's a difference between a inability to have children then you're looking at foster adoption or whatever and unwillingness and if it is out of selfishness that is not a good person to be married to if it's out of an unhealed hurt or Brokenness they need to get healed up absolutely and if they're not willing to deal with that that's not going to be a healthy marriage um but at the end of the day like if you would have told me uh Mark I just do not want to have children I don't want to have biological children or foster children or adoptive children I would have said I love you but I will not marry you uh that would have been a complete deal breaker for me cuz I've always look forward to being a dad I love being a dad I mean I'm I just like last night um we're recording this but last night we all got together for dinner and so there's the kids and their spouses and the grandsons are there and like I just kept smiling and sitting around you know moving from seat to seat to check in with everybody and play with the grandsons and it's like man if it was just you and me I love you but it'd be like just us for 50 years um nobody else to you know invest in plan the fun with make memories with you know be silly with you know spend money and time on like I just honestly would see that as a very sad lonely life and instead like we got you know five kids and got grandkids we got grandkids on the way and they're telling us we're gonna have a parade of grandkids like dozens of grandkids probably which is amazing and wonderful and awesome and to me life isn't about you know how many trips you make or how many possessions you acrew or how many dollars you earn but how many memories you make with the people that you love and love you and it's Legacy and and so for me um yeah I mean if you're a young man I I would say go to a church that is Godly shares these values and the gals that are there are probably thinking the same thing as you and that's probably the best spot to find a church and if you're a young married couple and you're thinking about having kids find that church that embodies and Embraces those values and if you're a couple that has kids uh raise them in Christ raise them in church but make sure it's a place that they don't you know sort of religiously tell the kids to just sit there and take notes uh but to quote that great Theologian Nacho Libre they let them get their wiggles out yeah exactly cool thanks baby