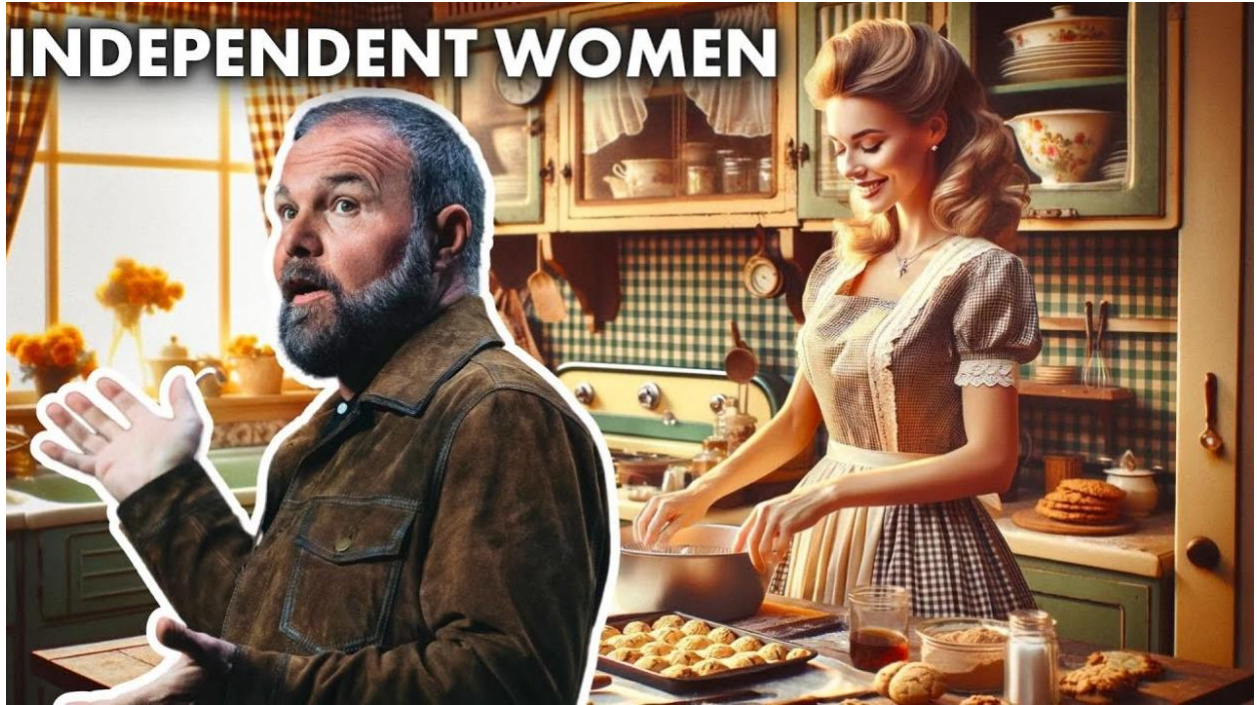


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WOMAN SHOULDN'T BE INDEPENDENT

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all right our turn to interview you this will be fun Okay cool so first is it is it we're doing marriage and sex interviews with your parents so there was like a really there was a really weird question and I was like yeah we're going to eliminate that one so we've toned it down a little bit IED the question no asking for a friend um I've got an icebreaker obviously hopefully everybody knows you guys but I was curious I was thinking you were saying you've been together 36 years next month right that's a long time congratulations first of all impressive we'll get there eventually um but thinking back on those 36 years I'd love to hear like a highlight from each of you what is one of your favorite memories together in those years I didn't prepare you for this sorry well it was amazing when our daughter was born I'll never forget good answer that's great Lexi right how about you Bab really I've got another one pop out so for me um I like to hold your mom's hand I like to hold her hand when we're driving I like to hold her hand and go for walks I like to hold her hand when we're worshipping so you need to hold my hand thank you so I'm better now that's I just like that I uh you know when you girls were little I would hold your hand as well but um as a man um I just don't hold we don't hold hands that I'm thankful for yeah um but I really like holding your mom's hand and for me if we're holding hands it literally just kind of calms me down and sort of grounds me in a way that I'm less uh anxious everybody say a h I think our Montana trip was probably a favorite memory um wow it was a birthday gift to me and you asked me if I could go anywhere where I wanted she doesn't look like a Montana girl no she doesn't and she we hiked in wedges I mean not we she did she did I did yeah I was like honey I'll take you anywhere and I was like in Paris she's like Montana like okay yeah we'll go kill something it's really fun that's awesome cool okay now we'll get into the questions that you guys submitted our first one is my wife makes more than me is this an issue praise the Lord I know Grace has oh boy I was going to say I know Grace has opinions about this so really we oh boy go for it okay well um there is statistics to say that men are innately um like actually nine out of 10 I think it was um they need that inner desire is to provide for their family um I believe it's how God created them um we could go back to Genesis and talk about it but you can do that for yourself so um I think it really is important for the husband to be the provider and um for the wife it's not that she can't make money or can't work it's not a sin to have a job but she needs to make sure that th prior her priorities are God husband and then if you have kids and then whatever margin you have great um it can be a little threatening I'm sure for a man for a wife to make more money um because then he feels like he's not doing what what he's supposed to be doing and built and created to do and so it definitely needs to be a discussion um between you and you need to be able to agree that it's not going to threaten your husband or make him feel like lesser than or disrespected because if a man needs to be respected and is built to be respected and a woman needs to be loved you got to figure that out if it feels disrespectful well part of it too is like if it's the guys working hard and you know doing a good job that's great if it's because he's a little lazy or he's not you know um Dependable she's yeah she's thinking like I can't depend on him so I need to take care of us then that's a problem because it's work ethic and it's responsibility but I would say too when it comes to money it doesn't matter who makes it it belongs to both of you and um and so for us like when when you kids were growing up mommy stayed home with the kids with you kids and I uh you know I went to work and and tried to provide for the family but my goal was never to have her feel like it was my money if we're one then everything we have is mutually owned and stewarded so I would never tell her like this is my money it's like no no like she couldn't look at me and say these are my kids you know I make money she makes babies we share both and so um and so yeah the the problem can become in the marriage if it becomes a point of control or content ition and it's like I make the money so I'm

the boss if that's the issue it doesn't matter whether it's the husband or the wife who's the primary income earner you've got a really broken situation in the marriage yeah that's a really good answer I like it all righty what's next okay my mother-in-law says I'm joining her family is that true and just so submit this question I didn't submit asking for a friend again so you're a mother-in-law you can answer this one sweetie pie uh no it's not true um you are your own family when you get married and you're creating your own memories your own family your own boundaries your own decisions um and so you aren't joining the family you're extended family um and there's there shouldn't be a pressure or strings attached to any of that for the Mother-in-law um you're going to have to have that the the daughter if that's her mother she's going to have to have that conversation with the mother and say you know that's not actually accurate that's not what the Bible says and um you are to leave your father and mother cleave to your wife become one flesh that doesn't include the Mother-in-law um sadly but if you want a good relationship with your kids that have gotten married then you'll release them in that way and then they will want to get time with you if you're not demanding and pressuring and giving them money with strings attached and that sort of thing you're making yourself available you guys are welcome to come over anytime but we're not going to make you come we're not going to say you have to be at everything um and so it allows the relationship to breathe and for them to create their relationship the way they want and it goes well if you do it that way yeah um there is a whole sermon series uh called leaveing cleave and there's a workbook with it and we get into this and you know it can be difficult for parents cuz when the children are little you're their priority and then when they get married their priority shift and you go down the list of priorities and so you know even as a as a dad and we love you guys and you guys are doing great it's like I used to be the most important man in your life and then I went to number two and then you had a beautiful little boy and now I'm number three and you know if you have a few more which I'm fine with um you know I could be at 5 six or S and so it's it's kind of like well you know my position is shifted uh but I want you guys to have a good marriage and I want you to enjoy your son and if I'm the one or we're the ones that are harming that then actually what we're doing is we're damaging generations of extended family and that's not that's not healthy and good yeah I would say the to Grace's point just the more open-handed we've learned the more open-handed like you guys are with us the more we do want to spend time and we do want to hang out with you guys um or my family like um it feels probably counterintuitive to a high control family but the more you give up control not that you guys are higher control or my family's higher control but uh for a family that is high control it's like oh I got to give up control and then my kids want to spend time with me and want to hang out and go on day trips or whatever and as in-laws there is a grieving process to this and it's okay um because like you said we we spent everything investing in our kids so every time our kids get married like I cry because I'm grieving not because I'm upset they're getting married but because I'm releasing and I'm needing to let them go into another phase of life and it's a healthy process for me to say Thank You Lord that they have a spouse that loves them but I'm I'm needing to grieve you know their leaving a bit so be honest and tell them the sock story this is a good one yeah so Ashley came back home for a couple weeks I think before she got married and um was in our guest room and she left really early the morning of to go stay in a hotel with her friends the night before and um I got up and she was already gone and so I didn't get to say goodbye and so I I sat in the room and I was just sitting there and I was picking things up and I found one sock of you left one sock that's all we had left as EV she had an emotional breakdown we had nervous breakdown we just sat in the house and cried with a sock for a very long time this is the only evidence that we have our first that a

daughter grew up in our home and so I don't know if we frame the sock and but it's a very fine shadow box it's a very important sock to us nice very good well I will say just you know to testify you guys do practice what you preach with this stuff and we're very grateful for that so thank you for letting us have our own family it's been very nice all right next one my spouse and I disagree on who we should leave our kids with overnight how do we decide what to do so um sometimes when you're married you have different levels of discernment or guardedness and so when we first got married I didn't trust anyone and you kind of trusted everyone and so I was right and so um and so you half right yeah so um so when your kids are little and you're sometimes the biggest disagreements that can come in a marriage are related to the children how do you raise them how do you educate them you know how do you socialize them and that really becomes a tension point in the marriage is how do we come to agreement with the children um and so you have to have a unified vision for the children otherwise you've got division Vision which is two visions so uh when your kids were growing up I grew up in a more violent dangerous uh neighborhood um Grace grew up uh with a Ministry family where the home was very open maybe this would be helpful there's three kinds of homes there's open closed in random and you everyone who grew up if you grew up in a closed home um there was a strict bedtime strict dinner time people couldn't come over without you know asking and scheduling and having somebody over for dinner was a big deal or having somebody to stay the night was a big deal that's a closed home very structured random home totally the opposite chaos people coming and going not a set schedule kids grabbing dinner whenever they want people just walking in the door totally random in the middle is an open home and an open home is kind of a little bit of both certain people can come over unannounced but only a few not everybody there is a bit of a routine but it is flexible and open-handed and so growing up um I would have wanted more of a closed home because I'd seen a lot of danger and I wanted to make sure that you kids and Mommy were safe and that is a high priority to me is safety for her she grew up in more of a random home uh small church ministry people coming and going all the time so when we got married our home was more random because we're doing College Ministry and college kids don't have boundaries and they don't go to bed and so they would all come to our house break up with their boyfriends a lot yeah they do was a lot of drama but then when your kids started being born I was like I can't do random home with kids especially with daughters and so I was thinking more closed and mom was thinking more um open to random so we had to discuss all of that but the safety and well-being of the children is far more important than anyone's feelings amen I don't care what people feel like if the child is safe that's the priority cuz the child can't protect and defend themselves and what we find is sometimes in a home in art there's guns there's drugs there's pornography sometimes there's weird relatives dropping by there's older siblings with friends that are unsafe and sometimes children that have been abused abuse other children so for me they're like well they're just hanging out with children that doesn't mean that they're safe and you you've got to consider all of that without being paranoid but with being Discerning and so you know for us I would say be very very careful and judicious I don't I don't think sleepovers are a good idea maybe if it's at Grandma and Grandpa's house just write that down but um but are they in a safe protected environment and can you guarantee that the people and things coming and going out of that home are going to be safe for that child so what I would recommend is if there's a disagreement between the husband and the wife go with the most conservative Viewpoint because if you're going to air air on the side of protecting the child yeah I don't really feel like hopefully you agree I don't really feel like we had fights until I got pregnant and then it was like we're not just making decisions for ourselves anymore it's like for a third person who

can't talk and like has no autonomy and that's a big deal and there's big implications and so yeah I would agree like it's important that we remembering our roles has been really important for me like I'm naturally more like nurturing caring obviously motherly he's like protector provider Defender and so yeah we've had to air on the side of like okay if you have an intuition about something I'm not going to be laxidascal about it and be like well I hope nothing goes wrong like it's better to just trust that that's his role God's given him Vision to protect our family and I need to trust that even if it seems Overkill sometimes and it's not out of fear like as long as neither of us is operating out of fear um but yeah especially like overnights and who you let your kids around like it affects so much and I think the enemy can take those moments in a marriage and try to divide us when it's really about the safety of the child and it's like there's a check about the kid going over for a sleepover and what the husband might be sensing is is a creepy older brother that nobody knows about maybe the kids's great maybe the parents are great but there's a creepy older brother and it's not a fight between us it's a fight about the child and the safety of the child so yeah airing on the conservative side makes perfect sense yeah I had a lot of fear man issues when we started having kids and so I was afraid to be that Mom that was like no you know they can't come over for a play date your kids will have to come to our house and you know it felt mean to me I didn't want to make let people think I was mean and so I had to stop Fear of man because to protect my kids I needed to be more worried about their safety than what people thought of me and so I did become that Mom where people would feel judged even though I wasn't judging them it was just it became our rule we don't do sleepovers or you know if people want to sleep over at our house the parents need to know us and get to know us and we need to really know the families well um and even then you can still have pause about people and you need to pay attention to that because think of your own upbringing where there are times where your parents didn't protect you for certain that was my scenario and things happened that weren't good and it affects your whole life and so stepping in as a parent that's our responsibility to protect our kids yeah and I would say lastly if somebody makes it about them not about the child you automatically know that they're not a person you want to leave with your child so I'll never forget somebody came out they're like hey you could you know your kid stay the night I like no like would do you not trust me I like no just leave the awkward silence it's like I don't even really know you I've never been to your house I don't I don't know your environment so I don't just assume that if I hand you my child that's going to be good for them and so mommy and I had a lot of disagreements about this early on she's like you know that seems rude it's like but when the child grows up and is not abused that's not rude that's parenting yeah and probably another big point of conflict is like just because their family doesn't mean they're safe sometimes the least healthy people are extended family just because they have your last name doesn't mean that they're safe and sometimes you would so sometimes the tension in the marriage becomes like uh you let your kids be with family members that if they weren't family members you would never let them have access to your children because of their character and so you don't allow people to have access to your marriage or your kids because they're related but because they have character and if they're not a safe or well person just cuz they're family that actually makes it more dangerous cuz the children are more prone to trust them and then that starts to diminish the discernment of the growing child and you want the child to have their own discernment and so even when you kids were little if you would be like I don't feel right I don't feel good about that I would submit to that like close of the story I don't know if you remember this Sweetie Pie when we were trying to find a school for you we went and interviewed um we went in for some interviews at some private schools and uh in the interview you were sitting with me and Mommy

and you were snuggled up with me and there was a kind of a Headmaster of a school and he was asking questions and he was drilling you as a very little girl with questions and uh he was interviewing you and I was like we're not here for you to interview my daughter we're here to interview you if you get her like you know you're not evaluating her we're evaluating you I know she's awesome and I just need to check I need to check you out and so when he would ask questions cuz you were not used to kind of being interviewed like that as a very little girl you looked at me and like Daddy and he rebuked you he said uh no when I ask you questions you look at me you don't look at your father and I lost it N I lost it I said my daughter doesn't know you and my daughter trusts me and she's wondering if she can trust you and you don't rebuke her for trusting me and she's not going to your school and you failed the interview I'm surprised were that nice yeah that's pretty gracious yeah but it's like just because we're in the school doesn't mean that she's yours this is my daughter you know and so it's and in your gut in that moment you didn't feel right you didn't feel safe it's like well I'm going to honor that cuz often times the Holy Spirit lives in your gut and instincts and just cuz you're little doesn't mean you don't have the Holy Spirit and doesn't mean you don't have discernment that's great all right NE next question last one probably my boyfriend wants to move in together before we get married easy we can do too no all right next one next question break up with him how do you prioritize your marriage when you had Young when you have young babies and toddlers um how do you well we didn't actually do this super well in the beginning you were traveling a lot with Ministry and um I was you know home with the kids trying to keep everything managed in the home front um and so there was a lot of you talked about the jealousy stuff in the sermon um there was a lot of that and those discussions going on um babies and young kids we had five of them are very demanding they were all two years apart um I think had we had more conversations going into it we would have done better but we had them in the Heat of the Moment a lot um so really honestly ensuring that you have a date night with your spouse is a good way to have a priority so we did um once a week we did like planning for the week what's this week going to look like who's going to be going where what kids are going to be going where um we did quarterly meetings to kind of say what does this quarter look like is there sports involved or travel involved um but we always had a separate date night so we had like a business meeting planning meeting and then we always had a date night and we were blessed to have both sides of the family local and so the grandparents would switch off every other week taking the kids for us and so that we could have a date and that honestly keeping the Friendship going through that it saved us a lot um and and just continuing to invest and have those conversations about each other not about the kids or Ministry when we were um in those date times we had to kind of learn because you can just enter right into what your day was and oh my gosh this week the kids but to really try and focus those date times together on you and your relationship and even doing you know like those date cards or doing a devotional together or some sort of you know prompting of getting those conversations going because when you're tired and you got the little kids and you get to a date you're like okay let's just watch a movie no it's not investing in the relationship it's not bad to watch movies together but if that's all you're doing on your dates it's really not growing that relationship deeper um and so for us we didn't always do a great job in the beginning but we started to learn okay this isn't this isn't working well so we got to figure this out and really investing in each other through those times that we had take those opportunities doing even in overnight you know a quarter every six months or something to again just say you're priority to me I love the kids but we're going to take this time just for us well and we did not do well at this early on and I think for me if I'm totally honest like a lot of husbands uh I got jealous

and I was like man the kids cuz your wife especially when she has her own children she immediately becomes a natural caregiver and me being selfish I was like I kind of liked you know getting all of your attention and energy and then these small people showed up and they're very rude uh they they don't ask they they just they they don't schedule they're throwing up they don't you know that for some reason they don't like to sleep at night like these these people are A disruption um and so it triggered for me a lot of my selfishness and like I'm frustrated because I'm selfish and then for you conversely it also triggered some jealousy because I remember I would come home and I would I was the fun dad or at least I tried to be and uh and so I'd be the fun dad and you'd be exhausted five kids and you know I mean three boys is like raising 70 girls you know and uh and so I'd come home and you'd be exhausted and then I would be present and have fun with the kids and make memories with the kids but I had a lot more patience and Grace for the kids than I did for you and so I remember one conversation we had you were like can I just get in the same category as the kids where you're in a good mood and nice to me and I was like hey can I get in the same category as the kids where you just sort of spoil me so um and so we did have a little bit of mutual frustration and jealousy but you know thankfully we resolved that two days ago so yeah Gideon moved out yeah I would say I would just add we're we're entering into this season and I feel like the most important thing for me that's changed is like I've had to change is asking for help like not feeling like a failure like if I am like exhausted and just need somebody to like come over so I can take a nap and hold the baby for me for like you know or get groceries or whatever like if I'm just running all day and doing my best to take care of the baby and then he comes home and I'm just like dead or asleep I'm often I'm asleep like napping at 5:30 and he's like what are you doing um but there's so many things I could do to manage my energy and my time better to prioritize like what mood am I going to be in or am I going to have you know space to catch up with him the end of the day or am I just going to go to sleep like you know I have to work backwards sometimes sometimes that means asking for help and it's okay he it's not that I'm failing um but that's been hard for me to swallow sometimes I can't do it all the time and that's a big lesson yeah you're doing great thank you you're doing great yeah we also figured it out like two days ago so literally wait till you have five you got to figure it out again our parenting book's coming out next month it's a joke guys it's a joke all right do we have any more is that the end I think that's the end thank you guys for joining us