

What in the World? Episode 5

Welcome back to our companion for the What in the World? series! We had a triumphant return to the series last week, once our exploration of Halloween was done and dusted, and we looked at more COVID lockdowns, the Pride of Britain awards, and two different elements of our Trump card.

So, we're once again taking a look at the news this week and trying to apply the Christian worldview to it!

We also have our now recurring spot at the end of the episode, 'Playing the Trump Card', where we review at any news relating to Trump.

Let's get into it.

I'm going to start with some [potential good news](#), which feels like a risk these days.



By all accounts, the UK has signed a deal for a further 90 million COVID vaccine shots, which means we'll potentially have 340 million stock-piled and ready to go soon!

Look, I'm not bringing this up to make a massive point about how we as Christians should receive this news, I think we should just accept it as good news for a change.

I'm bringing it up to share some good news that might cheer you, that's all.

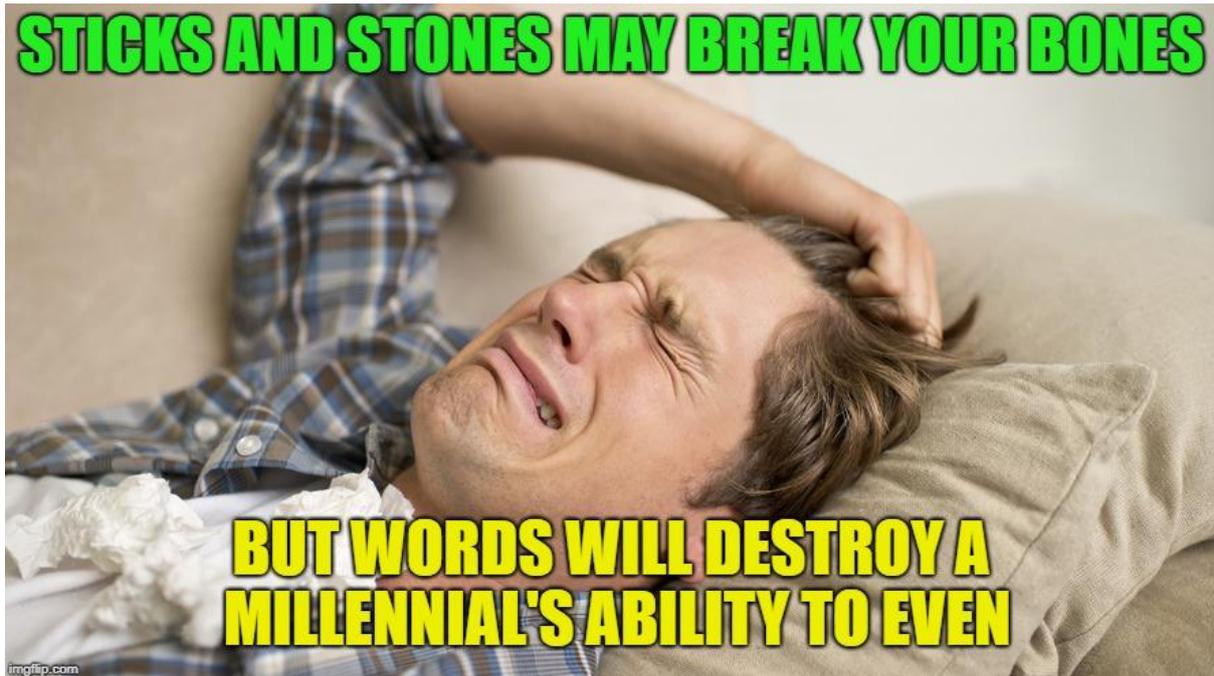
Especially considering the rest of this episode was a bit of a downer.

So, speaking of which, let's get into another news story, shall we?

Once again, this comes from the BBC.

According to a recent survey by the Money and Pensions Services (MaPS), 4 in 10 people admit to hiding money secrets from a loved one. [This article](#) says that *"the most common secrets are hidden credit cards (37%), undisclosed loans (23%) and secret savings accounts (21%)"*.

Apparently millennials, people my age basically, are the worst for it, with 3 in 5 (that's around 60%) hiding details of their finances.



Pictured: millennial coping methods

Now why might I bring this up? Why is this relevant to your young selves? After all, you guys aren't in long-term relationships in which your finances have to be shared with another person (I hope).

What does this even have to do with the Christian worldview?

Well, this seems like a trend that increases as the people being polled get younger, so the likelihood is that this will still be a problem when you get to the right age to be married, if not a worse issue by then. That's problem one.

The second is that this is a direct contradiction to the commonly-held ideas of what it means to be married – one man and one woman become one flesh.

How does this relate? Let me unpack it.

When two people become one flesh, what does that entail? Well, you stop being two individuals with separate lives and become one unit with one life. In the same way, you stop being two individuals with two families, you become one family with two extended families. One example of this is when people tell me something personal and ask me not to tell anyone, I always explain that if they've told me they've basically told my wife too, so they need to know that I won't keep it from her if she asks.

With regards to money, this means that you stop being two individuals with two bank accounts, and you become one family with one bank account.

The Bible tells us that the woman has almost an ownership-type access of the man, and vice versa. 1 Corinthians 7:4 says *“For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise, the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.”*

I, and many others, believe this is one of the texts that would apply not only to physical things but to the non-physical too, such as finance.

When you marry, there shouldn't be things you keep from your spouse, nor should there be anything they keep from you. Keeping secrets and avoiding the truth in a relationship is a death sentence for that particular relationship.

A proper Christian relationship is actually three people: you, your spouse, and God. God

doesn't have anything to do with lies and sinful withholding of things (like money), so if you're hiding your financial situation from your spouse then you're not letting God into that relationship.

We could read this article and think "yeah, well, if people go to work and earn their money then that's *their* money! No one has the right to take it from you!" and, if we're talking about taxes and governments, I would agree with you... but we're not. We're talking about God and your spouse.

Money, all money, is God's money first-and-foremost. Anything we get is a gift from the God that created it.

God gives us money to a) provide for ourselves, b) provide for our families, and c) bless others.

Obviously, b) is what we'll be looking at now.

1 Timothy 5:8 says *"But if anyone does not provide for his own family, especially for his own household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever"*. That's serious talk!

Let's put it this way – if you earn well and you hide some of that money, let's say you do sales and have a bumper quarter and net a big bonus but don't tell your wife, then that's as bad as denying the faith and makes you worse than an unbeliever.

That's a seriously scary message!

We need to make sure we understand the Biblical concept of oneness in marriage, because apparently the culture doesn't.



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Next story today is a super-sad one, so get ready. We didn't linger on it long it just gives an opportunity to share something of God's person and it might help some of you.

[This article](#) is about a lady who has lost 8 pregnancies in 9 years.

First of all, that is heartbreaking. When we thought we had lost our baby that might just be the lowest I have literally ever felt.

I think the thing for the Christian to remember, which gave my wife and I huge amounts of hope when we went through what we did, is that God is a father.

Not just any father, but **the good father**.

The perfect father.

We, unfortunately, live in a world in which babies die. That could be [the millions every year that die at abortion clinics](#) or the ones that die as a result of natural miscarriages. Both are tragedies, and neither should take place. We live in a broken world, a fallen world, with fallen and broken people. But thankfully we have a perfectly good God.

It's my belief that every baby that dies goes to be with Jesus.

So, when this lady dies and gets up there, she'll be able to meet all 8 of her little angels.

Until then, she's going to hurt, but she's also using this as a way to help others who have a similar story.

What a hero.

Anyway, I just wanted to share that with you guys in case you've ever wondered what happens.

Let's move on.

We head over to America now for our regular segment – Playing our Trump Card!

So, I was going to do a whole story on the election, but, frankly, the information out there is so scattered and insane it's actually not worth it! Needless to say, Trump has not conceded to Biden, and nor should he, and is pursuing legal action against various states and counties. This election won't be decided for months, honestly.

Anyway, ever the man of concern and anxiety, Trump did what anyone would do when embattled in a legal case for the presidency – he went golfing.

That's all there is on that, so let's have a look at something else I found, which is Trump-card related.

Kamala Harris, Biden's VP pick, released a video on Twitter explaining her views on equality. I'll link [the article](#) in the companion but, be aware, I can't guarantee the other links on the site won't be a bit inflammatory to some.



Now Ms. Harris doesn't believe in equality – she doesn't just disregard the idea of equality, that would be bad enough, she actually wants something even worse, something called 'equity'.

This gets framed as something along the lines of 'if a young black man and a young black woman both want to get into the world of work they will start in different places – whilst they're both at a disadvantage because they're black, the woman would be further behind than the man. Imagine that ground level is a beginning to a career in work, and they are both in a hole below ground. Equality would offer them both a 10 foot ladder to get out of the hole they find themselves in. The difficulty with this is that whilst the male might be in a 10 foot hole, and this therefore gets them to where they need to be, the female might be in a 15 foot hole! So whilst one person gets ahead, the other is left behind. Equity, on the other hand, appreciates the differences between people, so with equity the male would get a 10 foot ladder, and the female would get a 15 foot ladder. Therefore, it's truly fair'.

That's what people will tell you, but that's not entirely accurate! Is one person getting a bigger handout than the other 'fair'? I wouldn't say so.

A better way of explaining equality and equity is the difference between equality of opportunity, and the equality of outcome.

Equality of opportunity means that anyone is welcome to try and achieve anything, no matter their background, race, religion, gender, etc etc.

Equality of outcome means that you will be given more or less, dependant on your background, race, religion, gender, etc etc

Which of these sounds fairer to you?

Anyway, I didn't bring this up to moan about this silly 'equity' movement. I brought it up to show how unbiblical it is!

Think of it this way – does Jesus save everyone?

No! We're all sinful, therefore none of us deserve to be saved.

Does Jesus offer salvation to everyone?

Yes! Though we're all sinners, the offer of salvation is available to everyone.

On the doctrine of equity, Jesus would be considered immoral because He didn't just save everyone, regardless of the choices and actions they have taken in their lives.

On equality, all are welcome to come to Jesus, repent of their sins and turn away from their sinful life to follow Christ. You can choose to accept or choose to reject, that's up to you!

As Christians, we can't be party to something that removes personal responsibility, or treats people based purely on their race or gender or whatever.

We are humans, all of the same inherent value and worth, and our race or gender or anything else should be an irrelevance. God doesn't only save middle-aged white men, He saves everyone who humbles themselves enough to repent and call Him Lord.

This policy from the potential vice-president of America is a concerning change from what was once a God-fearing, perhaps the last truly God-fearing, nation.

Well, that about sums up this week's podcast!

This week's scripture of the week is Galatians 3:28:

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus".

This is our scripture because it so clearly elucidates what I've just been talking about – in

God's eyes, there are only repentant and unrepentant. He doesn't give one person a bit of grace and another loads of grace, He doesn't work around how sinful someone wants to be, He meets you where you're at and extends an offer – repent and turn from sin and inherit eternal life, or don't.

Simple. Fair. Equal.

As always, don't be afraid to get into the youth whatsapp chat and let us know how you are, what you're up to and what you're thinking. Get your prayer requests ready for Thursday and get involved in our Bible study! And you can grab us on Instagram @chawnyouth.

Speak to you next week!