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#### **Daniel Lapin 00:01**

Welcome to the Rabbi Daniel Lapin show. Welcome to the show, where I solemnly dedicate myself to revealing how the world really works. Thanks for being tuned in. And thank you for being a happy warrior. Because this show is not designed for anybody but the happy warrior. This show is not intended for anybody but the happy warrior. It is not intended for those clowns and creeps and crooks and cracks that infest so many corners of this beautiful planet. It's not intended for tennis balls, who are content to float down the gutter of life. No, the show is strictly for us happy warriors, people who recognize that God built a world with entropy structured into it. He built a world with gardens that if they are not tended, will develop weeds and deteriorate into little jungles. And he built a world in which if you don't take care of your house, eventually the paint will peel and siding will start falling off, and Windows will break. No, we live in a world where we not only recognize the inevitability of entropy, but we recognize that God put the atom put Adam into the world in order to work it. In other words, we are given the opportunity to try and combat entropy every single day, we have the opportunity to defeat entropy every single day. And so we realize that if we stopped working on our family relationships, they deteriorate. If we stop trying to place our value system in our children, then they deteriorate and absorb all kinds of alien value systems that will imperil the integrity of your entire family. We realize that if we don't work on our businesses, and we don't make sure they keep on growing, they start shrinking. Everything needs our attention. And we recognize that. And we recognize also that the decision of happiness is just that it's a decision that we can make. And the obligation is ours. And that's why we are in fact, happy warriors. You know, last time I spoke about a Frank Sinatra song. And my point, obviously, was certainly not to knock Frank Sinatra. The song of course was I do it my way. And it was not to to knock the, the the writer of the lyrics of the song poor anchor and the music. No. I just wanted to give you an exercise in evaluating things that you hear and things that you come across in terms of the unshakeable realities that constitute our roadmap that make up our compass that always points at true north. And

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I thought I would look at another wonderful song by a wonderful performer. I don't know a whole lot about Sammy Davis Jr. and, you know, over the years, I've seen many of the old shows that he did with Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra and, and certainly matching enjoyment and, and, and match great talent. Well, in 1968, there was a bit of a flop Broadway show called the Golden rainbow. And one of the songs in that was, I've got to be me. And the show didn't do particularly well at all, however, Sammy Davis Jr. I recorded that song. And he changed, I've got to be me, too, I've got to be me, which, of course, it just had to be that way for Sammy Davis Jr. And again, you know, a popular song. It didn't make number one on the Billboard 100 like his Candyman song did. But it was right up there, you know, got to Island number 10, or something it was it was really way up there did very, very well. And I know you've heard the song. And I'm not going to play it because I think I will end up with copyright issues and things like that, even if I just play a little bit of it. So I don't want to do that. But you you know the song, you can certainly find it online. And I'm just going to touch on, you know, half a dozen lines in the song that I think are worth looking at again, and in terms of how seductive these lines can be to somebody who is not trained to be a happy warrior, somebody who hasn't accustomed himself to weighing up everything in terms of the permanent principles and timeless truths that have done done so much to prevent civilizations slide into decadence. Because in reality, if you think about it, it really is only the rules and the rituals and the restraints of Bible based Judeo Christian thinking that has saved civilization, from the almost inevitable plunge from affluence to decadence. And so, it is in terms of, of those losing values that I prefer to evaluate the song, the music is terrific. But the the opening line of the song is whether I'm right or whether I'm wrong. No. That it's, that's a big deal. You can't say whether I'm right or whether I'm wrong, I gotta be me. That's how can you think that even, you have to know if you are right, or if you are wrong.

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That's the opening, whether I'm right or whether I'm wrong. Whether I find a place in this world or never belonged, I got to be me. I've got to be me. What else can I be but what I am? Well, that would be a true statement for a camel or a cat or a cow or a kangaroo. But it's not a true statement for a human being. What else can I be but what I am? No, absolutely not. I always think to myself, I'd hate to be judged by who I was 10 years ago. I'd hate to be judged by who I was five years ago. I think I'm making progress slow, disappointingly slow at times. But I think I think I'm probably a better person than I was years back. And hopefully even months back and I look for daily improvement. Are there backslides? Of course there are everybody has them, that's human. But in general, I'm not trying to be who I am, I am trying to be who I could be falling way short. But at least I have an idea of what my divine destiny could be. And there's a struggle to try and achieve it and to try and get there. And so the opening four lines of the song really lines one, three and four are no good. Whether I'm right or whether I'm wrong, I gotta be me, I got to be me, what else can I be but what I am that has an effect. Now, I'm not saying it has an effect on you. But there are people who are going to listen to that and have listened to it and been reassured that it's okay to just stagnate. So that's that's probably the most damaging part of the song. I want to live not merely survive, you know, that's, that's good. And as I've said, if the song didn't have some really good and true posture as well wouldn't be nearly as popular but it does add some good things. I won't give up this dream. You know, these sort of things are nice and appealing and valid. And

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that faraway prize, a world of success is waiting for me if I eat the call. Is that the faraway prize, a world of success? Well, I suppose it depends on what and how you define success. It's waiting for you if I heed the call Maybe I won't settle down when settle for less. Okay, I'm not gonna criticize that. But I will criticize the very next line. As long as there's a chance that I can have it all. I'll go it alone. That's how it must be. Okay, you hear what's wrong with that, right? As long as there's a chance that I can have it all. I'll go it alone. That's how it must be. Okay, it's all wrong. First of all, there's no chance you can have it all. Nobody can have it. All. Right. People are becoming aware of that. Women are becoming aware of it, men are becoming aware of it. No, nobody can have it all there is no chance of having also retaining the notion that there is a chance I can have it all. No, you've got to decide what your direction is. And that's where you go, it means you block off others. I'll go it alone. That's how it must be really. The one way of making sure you will never achieve any of your dreams is by going it alone. Everything every great moment you've ever had every triumph, every success, every major achievement, every small accomplishment, what ever good you've ever had in your life has come about because of the involvement of at least one other human being. So nothing could be more mistaken than this line. I'll go it alone. That's how it must be. No, that that is one way to guarantee you'll get absolutely nowhere. And then it goes on. Here's a nice line. But I can't be right for somebody else if I'm not right for me. Okay. And then here comes the last problem line. I got to be free, I got to be free.

### **Daniel Lapin** 11:54

And you know, the music is catchy. And it goes right into the next slide. daring to try to do it or die. I've got to be me, I'll go in alone. That's how it must be. Okay, no, I got it. We've covered about going it alone. That's not gonna work. But looking at the line that shows up more than once in the song, I gotta be free. I've got to be free. Look, let me explain something. The only way that we human beings achieve anything in life is by making sure that we are not free. Alright, what do I mean by that? And have you ever wondered why you may be one of those people who really feels a deep and powerful resistance to laying out your weak schedule? Many people are like this many people struggle to get over this hump. Because it is hard. Why is it hard to lay out your schedule. What I mean by that is not just a bland to do list because that is nothing but a daydream. What I'm talking about is the vitally important process of choosing which of the items on your to do list are going to happen this week. And then on Saturday night or Sunday morning or Sunday afternoon, putting down exactly what is going to be accomplished in each hour of every day. And as you know, you can build in rest time you can build in relaxation time, you certainly should build in private thinking time where you're not interrupted. But all the things on your to do list really have to be put there. Why is it so hard to do? Well, for many people, it's very difficult to do you know why? Because you are getting rid of freedom. I gotta be free. I gotta be free. No, you must be free. Nothing happens if you're free. And you know, here's a thought experiment. Kids don't try this at home. But take a a round you know, say a 38 special. And don't do this. This is a total thought experiment please the mind boggles the notion that somebody might say, Hmm, the rabbi said this is a good idea. No, it isn't a good idea. This is purely a thought experiment. But take that 38 round, put it in a in a pair of pliers or in a vise and then hit the back of it with a hammer on a nail. And what's gonna happen well, the brass casing is going to burst open like the peeling and overripe banana and the the lead or whatever the the round is made of will basically pop out and fall on the ground. But what are you talking about when we've essentially fired off this bullet we've we've detonated the charge

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in the in the shell and it just plops out Really? Yes, because it's free. You see, it's free to allow the expanding gases that were ignited by the percussion cap at the back, when I struck it, it ignited the charge in the casing. And that burned freely, and the expanding gases were free to expand it in every which direction. And it did absolutely nothing. But when it is confined within the barrel of a gun, and now the only way for the gases to escape is forward. And that can only happen by moving the bullet out of the way by propelling it rapidly down the barrel. Now you have something happening, there is no way of accomplishing anything, as long as one allows oneself to be free. And so it's it's absolutely the worst of all advice. For anybody who's saying as long as there's a chance that I can have it all I go it alone, that's how it must be that faraway prize, a world of success is waiting for me if I heed the call, by doing what being free, I've got to be free, I've got to be free. Nothing could be further from the truth. And it's precisely by confining oneself, that one achieves things. Let me give you another example for you single guys, the difficulty of saying to a woman,

### **Daniel Lapin 16:41**

would you marry me, I want to devote the rest of my life, to building a future together with you. The difficulty of that is that you're confining yourself to only one woman from there on out. And deep down in the darker recesses of the male soul is the dream that there is a new and fresh woman waiting for you around every corner. And so retaining that sense of freedom, so that whichever corner, the next beautiful woman steps around, you're free and ready for her. That is, again, part of the dreadfully misleading message of I've got to be me, particularly the lion, I got to be free, I got to be free. That is a way of making sure you will remain who and what you are indefinitely, the only way you're able to derive the huge energy that comes to a man who has a wife. And, and the the deepest sense of fulfillment and happiness that comes to a man who is supporting and building a family is by not wanting to stay free by being willing to confine yourself and restrict yourself. And so whether you banish freedom by meticulously working on your schedule and your your calendar and keeping to it, or whether you do it by renouncing The so called free life of the bachelor, which is, you know, really rather pathetic, and, and embrace the the work of marriage. Yeah,

### **Daniel Lapin 18:35**

that's what makes the difference. So thank you, Sammy Davis, Jr. For many delightful moments, both with your songs and your acting. And I got it handed to you, I've got to be me as a good. You didn't actually write the song, but you did a very good jobs singing it, I think better than anyone else who sang it. But there's certainly damage that's been done as well, in the sense that there are people who are influenced by this and don't think none of us are, we are all influenced by things we hear even if we don't think we will be. And even if we try and put ourselves on God, please don't underestimate the impact of anything you hear. That gets into your mind impacting you. If what I've just said were not true. Nobody would spend the huge amount of money they do spend on advertising. The advertising budget for big companies is huge. And that's because they know that I'm right. And that is that if they can just get a message into your ears, on radio on television, just get a message into your eyes or your ears. It's going to have an impact. Maybe not the first time maybe not the second time and maybe not on every single person in exactly the same way but Once you hear something, it does have an impact. And so that's why I'm mentioning that even beautiful songs, like, all you need is love, or doing it my way, or I've

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got to be me have messages in them, that really do diminish your effectiveness as a happy warrior. So have fun deconstructing other songs you encounter. And I think you will be enjoyably surprised by the kind of insidious lines you will find that are capable of doing so much damage to your quest for genuine success, and your journey to becoming a happy warrior.

### **Daniel Lapin 20:54**

Now, I will say this that regardless of whether you see yourself as a religious person or not, regardless of whether you believe in God, or you don't believe in God, but whatever it is, you can hardly ignore the fact that the most influential book in all of Western history is the Bible. You can hardly ignore the fact that no book has been published as many times as the Bible. No book has been printed in as many copies as the Bible, and certainly its influence has been enormous. And so regardless of where you stand, you would as a happy warrior, I think, want to be aware of some of the material where you'd like to know what it says. And above all, you'd like to know what it means. And I have to tell you that I am on a lifelong mission to undo the trivialization of the Bible that's been going on since late 19th century. The German philosopher Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel was one of the guys who had this idea that mankind is obviously progressing and getting better and better as time goes by and more enlightened and more educated and smarter. Now, of course, the nightmarish and unspeakably hideous massacres and genocides of the 20th century hadn't yet happened. And so you can forgive poor old Halo for being quite as foolish as he was. But by now, any sane person knows that this is simply not true. But the old hag alien vision was that since we're getting better and better than obviously, if you go back to the times of the Bible, they were primitive, and benighted, and hopeless, and they didn't know what's going on. Well, today, things are a little easier to see more clearly. And so as a result, you probably would like to have your own access. In other words, you don't need to be dependent upon me or upon anybody else to tell you, you should be able to actually see for yourself with a little bit of help to penetrate some of the dark, deepest secrets of the Hebrew language, and some of the mysteries embedded in it. And so for that reason, we have available an online course called scrolling through Scripture. And the first unit that's about 10 hours of instruction, and with I don't know about 17 1819, different episodes, and it covers the first 34 verses of the Bible, Why 34?

### **Daniel Lapin 23:53**

That would have to do with why the first 34 verses of the Bible, every single one of them begins with a letter with a word and accepting the first one in the beginning God created heaven and earth. And then from there onwards, every verse starts with an end for the next 34 verses Why? or How can it speak about day and night, before sun and moon are created before the the fourth day is when we actually see the sun arriving? So what were the days before that? And when were the dinosaurs anyway? and Why are there two incompatible and conflicting accounts for creation in day one, and in chapter one and chapter two, and, and so on and so forth? These questions really are worthwhile probing, you know, why, why does the Bible say God created male and female as a singular entity and then only afterwards as a as a plural entity? What does that mean? And above all, what are the day to day lessons we can learn and what are the Practical principles that we can apply in our own lives that flow directly from those. So please go to the website RabbiDaniellapin.com and look for Scrolling Through Scripture and online course, and read about it and see if this is something that will work well for you.

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And those closest and dearest to you. I think it will. It's called scrolling through Scripture. And you can read about it at RabbiDanielLapin.com. As I say, whether you're religious or not, no matter what you think about the origins of the Bible, you can hardly ignore its influence its power, its significance. And that makes it worthwhile, at least knowing what it actually says. Because I can tell you one thing, yes, it has been trivialized. The translations are dreadful. And the Bible is being turned into a bunch of largely irrelevant children's mythology, you know, largely on the order of Greek mythology, except less useful. And this, of course, is simply incorrect. And so I prepared, scrolling through scripture as an antidote to those who have fallen, for the misinformation that the Bible is trivial and irrelevant to life today. On the contrary, the fact is that the Bible is perhaps the most certain antidote to the tendency of societies to go from affluence, to decadence, and ultimately to oblivion. It's not hard to see that process at work in several countries around the world, right now, as I record this message.

### Daniel Lapin 26:53

Okay, so having done that, what I'd like to do now is give you a speech that I delivered to about 300 army military chaplains. They brought military chaplains together from all around the world, and gathered everybody in a big conference center in Massachusetts, not far from Boston. And it was there that I spoke to them. And it was a talk that had to do with the, the the sexual reality of human nature, and particularly, its implications for the military in general. And in addition to that, a whole lot of other stuff. The speech went fairly well, it was very popular. And I heard back from many people afterwards. So I haven't shared this one with you. And I very much hope you enjoy it. And at the end of it, I'll be back for some closing words.

### 28:08

Good afternoon, everybody. So in order to introduce my guests, I really have to start off first with his wife who's gonna have the privilege of hosting a group at 1700 for the spouses. Mrs. Susan laftan was an art graduate with a degree in humanities. She is from New York so much, perhaps to the Chiefs consternation, we know what she is not a fan of. She's an accomplished teacher, and educator, and even a sailor more on that. But most proudly, she's married with seven children, and is an avid home schooler for the New York guest speaker and get to know his wife later, you'll realize there is scarcely school out there that could possibly compare to the education that these loving parents could bring to bear. And it has reaped benefits, and she along with her husband are co- hosts of a television show entitled ancient Jewish wisdom. Now for Rabbi Daniel Lapin. Now he's our presenter this afternoon. If I said nothing more than the fact that he was the husband of his wife and the proud father of his seven accomplished children. That really would suffice for surely one was his best choice in life than the other his most significant accomplishment. That said, That said, it made for several other reasons, some minor accomplishments that he's achieved over his time. Number one, there are very few things that we can say in a widely acclaimed manner. That something is uniquely American. I'm sure you're all familiar with Rudy Giuliani, America's mayor, throughout my life that is affectionately known as America's rabbi, and that is quite a title. He's an avid voter, and through his various works and accomplishments he has truly helped. Metaphorically, many Americans, Jew and non Jew alike navigate the turbulent Waters of Life. life's challenges, as well as theology and religion. He's an accomplished author, having written articles and books, and not to play a big stereotype. Rob, I love

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this book, one of them is, thou shalt prosper the 10 commandments for making money. You gotta love it. And there is a single line in that file, you can read the rest of yourselves that I think really captures it all. It says that in addition to being an eloquent speaker, he has a method of quote unquote, extracting practical life's principles from the Bible, as well as ancient Jewish wisdom, and is able to transmit them in a life changing and captivating manner, thereby impacting and improving modern day life to the individual that is truly, truly significant. But with the background, not just in rabbinical study, and being a biblical scholar, he has a background in science and business. He has put out CDs, DVDs, articles, books, radio talk show host as well as television hosts. As previously mentioned, he has lectured in academic settings at universities at the highest level, in the corporate settings for many businesses, as well as churches and synagogues throughout our great land, and perhaps Least of all, before Congress as a keynote speaker. With that, without any further ado, most importantly, I consider him with your personal friend. And to note he was the very first guest speaker, who invited when I was an army chaplain back in roughly the year 2000, at Fort Lewis, Washington. So with that, and any further ado, Rabbi Daniel Lapin.

### **Daniel Lapin** 31:52

With kind permission, of chaplin [untelligible] I thought I indulged the rabbinic prerogative here and change the topic. The way I see it, you've been talking sex all week, how much can you do? Or to put another way, one can do a great deal, but how much you can talk about it. Anticipating your own enthusiasm and interest, when I tell you that the topic of today's talk is going to be the spirituality, the art and the geography of the middle period etruscan pottery. [clapping, laughter]

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Well that didn't go according to plan at all, Because the conventional wisdom is usually just that it's conventional and, and therefore, usually false. And conventional wisdom says, start with a joke. But the way I see it is, as somebody who really admires the technique, the sheer creativity, and above all the courage and grit of stand up comedians. I have yet to see, Jim Gaffigan or Jerry Seinfeld begin their stand up routine with a brief discussion on biblical ethics. And so why on earth would I start with a joke? The joke itself I'm not going to start with.

### **Daniel Lapin** 33:43

But humor and laughter is important. There is a reason why in the last 100 years of American culture, over 85% of comedians have been Jewish. It's a huge percentage, to say that it's wildly disproportionate. It goes without saying. The Jewish percentage of America's population is about 1.4% perhaps, over 80% of comedians Jewish what what's that all about? Now, as, as chaplain Felton Berg alluded to, one of my books, America - uh pardon me is, thou shalt prosper the 10 commandments for making money. That is also part of this discussion. if for no other reason that you'd have to be a blind immigrant from outer Mongolia, not to notice that Jews have always been disproportionately good with money. By the way, I know that makes you uncomfortable.

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I'm actually allowed to say that [laughter, unintelligible remarks]. I'm circumcised.

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### **Daniel Lapin 35:05**

It often strikes me that this area may be the only part of academia, where bigotry gets converted into research by removing a little piece of skin.

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Jews had stood out in economic terms, they also stood out in comedic terms. And then finally, as Mark Twain noted, nobody in his article at the end of the 19th century, and the infamous Saturday Evening Post, he wrote a story, a piece called "Concerning the Jews". And he spoke about Jewish ability with money. And they also spoke about Jewish - um Jewish welfare in the family arena. He spoke about the famous solidity and reliability of Jewish marriage. Well, I wish that that was as true today, as it was 100 years ago. And to the extent that it is not as true matches precisely the extent to which, sadly, a very large proportion of self identifying American Jews have replaced the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, with the God of secular fundamentalism. The resulting damage to both financial success and perhaps more importantly, to families success is conspicuous and haughtiness.

### **Daniel Lapin 36:54**

But humor why so many comedians Jewish? Well, there are probably a variety of socio economic reasons for that, but one of them is that we use take lofta very seriously. As a matter of fact, the very first born Jew was given the name lofta. His name is Isaac, in Hebrew, that's up top. And that means often, but just as important as his name is, is the fact that in the Torah, the five books of Moses, the clustering of topics is very significant, where certain things show up. Now, in this case, not only the five books of all of the Hebrew Bible, over 90% of all references to laughter occur in the chapter concerning Isaac's birth. It says, if the good Lord is saying, hey, today we're going to talk about laughter and everything you need to know about that is right here. Why is laughter so late, to the very first born Jew? And moreover, why is it that the section concerning the birth section of the Torah concerning the Isaac is read in synagogue on the Jewish media, now, with us new years is not a time to tilt the bottle and put a funny hat on your head as New Year's called head of the and Rosh Hashanah as the head of the and the relationship between our new year and the rest of the year is precisely the relationship between the head and the rest of the body, namely, it is the head that should direct what the body does. And so it is on Rosh Hashanah that the shofar, the ram's horn is blown for 100 blasts. Now, what may not be so well known is that the musical structure of the blasts, the rhythm and tempo of the musical pattern that is lost 100 times during the day, is the sound of human laughter. That's what it is. If I were to reproduce the sounds I'm going to make myself but at least we'll give you the idea of what it sounds like. [makes sounds like a shofar]

### **Daniel Lapin 39:45**

That's what the shofar sounds like. It's all about laughter. Why? Well, I hope somebody Have you remember a cartoon is called Gary Lawson i'd hate for his work to go get spirity. But he did the most brilliant cartoon. He's all about animals conversing with each other, usually about people. And so you might have seen two cows making some snide but hysterical remark about the farmer. And it was just funny. And however, I asked you to imagine for just a moment, the world in which animals could indeed

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off. And how funny is Gary Lawson now? Not at all. This gives us a clue as to what laughter is all about, and why laughter belongs on this holy holy days in the Jewish calendar. Why it has to be the first born Jew is named laughter. But you see, the idea is that laughter is what we do when something contradicts an accepted norm. So when a tramp slips on a banana skin and falls on his back, we rush to help him. it's it's it's just tragic. It's poignant. But how about when a pompous politician slips on the same puppet on appeal and lands on his back? Hey, it's time for that shofar, It's hilarious. We're laughing so much, nobody's got the energy I help him out. Because it's incongruous. Laughter has to do with incongruities, things that fit. In reality, laughter is the defining matrix of a world which is not "random" and "devil may care". But a world in which there is a structure of rules, both physical and spiritual. Laughter, affirms and testifies to that existence. And so for instance, the bulk of job of jobs, particularly of the less wholesome kind, revolve around sex, bathrooms and religion. A Rabbi stepped into the room.... for me, you can see it right. So start with the joke. So, yeah, sex, the bathroom, and religion, those constitute the bulk of unwholesome jokes. Why religion? Well, because it is it is so powerful, and so relevant, and so present in people's lives, whether they acknowledge that or not, that the notion of mocking it is almost irresistible if you are a certain type of individual, because it's there. Nobody makes jokes about the Flat Earth Society. Because it's not worth commenting on. It's ridiculous. Anybody in this day and age who thinks the earth is flat? It's tragic. It's not fun. But a God is worth joking about. bathroom. Well, of course, everybody knows that bathroom is a thoroughly private affair. that to the extent that we even go out of our way to redefine, and this struck me with some significance on the first, maybe the first or second day I arrived as an illegal immigrant to the United States of America. While I looked at the price, somebody has to be willing to do the job that Americans aren't willing to do. Namely, be and orthodox Jewish rabbi who loves Christians. [laughter, clapping]

### **Daniel Lapin** 44:32

So I'm meeting with a group of people and I still remember sitting in a hotel lobby in Manhattan, and a guy gets up and says, I've never done this in my life before. He says to the men's room, I think to myself, to me, men's room means sports on a big screen. Yeah, I jump up and say, I'll go with you.

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I didn't even realize the strange looks everybody else was thinking it, because only women do that.

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I'll go with you.

### **Daniel Lapin** 45:22

This was a very rude awakening to a lengthy process of a culturalization to the United States of America. And I'll tell you, I never made a better decision in my life that I married my wife of becoming an American citizen. And she likes to say that I married her for citizenship. This is absolutely not true. I actually achieved citizenship alone, independently, myself a couple of years before I even met her, but she still retains.

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Men's room. I'm going to the bathroom. Really, you need a shower.

**Daniel Lapin** 46:12

I'm going to the powder room. The mind boggles at that thought, Well, what is that about? Why can't you just get up and say, Hey, let me tell you what I'm gonna do now.

**Daniel Lapin** 46:29

Because we all recognize deep inside of us, that God created all the animals and creatures in the world. And then as an entirely separate process, he created the only creature touched by the finger, if you will. And one of the prime lessons that emerges from the first couple of chapters of Genesis is something that my mother taught me really, really well. The lesson is that there is a difference between people and animals. and almost everything in a culture that is being driven in the wrong direction, is based on the idea that we are nothing but the results of a lengthy process of unaided materialistic evolution, that transformed primitive protoplasm into plumbers and proctologists. What's going on here? It's an extraordinary thing. The notion that I am different from an animal today is considered an offensive statement.

**Daniel Lapin** 47:55

It's a reality, I can't help that. And so we do make a difference between the way animals go to the bathroom, and the way we go to the bathroom. We do and we go to great lengths to camouflage the animalistic side of our being. By doing what? expensive wallpaper, monogrammed towels, in the smallest room of the house where you spend these time. bars of soap shaped like seashells Really? Absolutely, very much so. Because that way, I can say I'm going to the powder room, I'm going to the washroom or where's the manager and I can avoid the stock ugliness of animalistic reality and so forth. For this reason, our conduct with sex is again, shaped in such a way and sculpted in order to create as much distinction as possible between us and our animals See, and do and human beings. First of all, they used to get engaged, and they would do what I think is since colonial days is already gone, and as they used to post bans the church to say, on such and such a date, Mr. so and so intends taking Ms. so and so as his bride because there was this recognition that sex is not private in his audience. Because what happens to society is very much a function of society's treatment of relationships between men and women. So natural effects In ancient Jewish wisdom, we go as far as to say that there are only two types of human relationships, sexual and financial or contract. And the Torah loves contracts. When the people of African descent to Abraham, hey, you don't have to buy a burial field when Sarah died? Well as an act of friendship, we'll just give it to you. And Abraham said, I want to buy this. Oh, listen, you know, \$300 million for an AK in Midtown Hebron. I mean, how important is that, really, Abraham said, Thank you for giving me the price. And he wrote out a check for there and then sex and money, fundamental relationships, what is a sexual relationship, it's not necessarily only the person with whom you are enjoying a sexual relationship. That's the most primal obviously. But it is also everyone to who you are related because of a sexual relationship that includes your siblings, and your cousins. Sure, because I am here, because to grandpa's a long time it took a liking to two grandmas. And that's how I'm here. And Susan, my wife is here because another two grandpa's did the same thing. And our children are here because of the love that Susan and I have shared. So yes, sexual relationships is

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another way of saying family relationships. And financial relationships is another way of saying contractual relationships. Now, one of the reasons that ancient Jewish wisdom loves these two kinds of relationships, is because they are not flimsy. If any of you have said to yourself, you know, I really use or to call someone so and we were such good friends, and I haven't spoken to him or her for the last 10 years.

### **Daniel Lapin** 52:18

If you've ever said that to yourself, then you understand the frailty of fracture. Friends Today, maybe tomorrow, we're not. And it may not be anything specific. We may have drifted apart, we may have moved upon geographically, friendships. Now what they are, it's not an accident that nowhere in the five books of Moses, do you find anybody described as a friend. It says, If God dismisses the entire con, friends of Gregor, in place, it's wonderful that in terms of fundamental human affairs, sex and marriage is the first. And what's so important about that? What's important about that is that it has absolutely nothing to do with love and friendship. Every now and then I raise eyebrows by introducing Susan as my lady friend just came across that job recently are both wrong. And we get we get interesting responses. But yeah, marriage has nothing to do with friendship, that may develop and if you do if it does, you're very fortunate, but marriage is it's a commitment. Everybody knows that. And anybody, any young woman who's stupid enough to get married, because the guy says I love you, which is just a misguided nobody deserves exactly what she gets, which is she's accepted a deal whereby his relationship with her is contingent on his emotions, anybody checked into the stability of male emotion. So anybody who gets married to what he loves me, the net result is when he doesn't love you. You must accept the fact that he goes and marries his secretary or whoever he now loves. If that's what this is all about. He was my best friend. How can he news to me but because you've misunderstood the whole deal. The deal is called a commitment. And like any other contract, it doesn't change. And I mean, we all we all have had experiences with honorable and amazing business professional. I've had it I've seen it so many times that I do as well, where somebody contracts to a sale. I'm going to sell you my And such and such a price will open escrow will close on this day. And then in the interim, it turns out that information is released, the government is planning a new freeway, the price is the value that has gone up. And you are waiting for the phone call from the telephone. You know what? I'm sorry, but I can't do the deal as we plan you're expecting it. And I think you hear nothing. So you show up on the the assigned date to open escrow. And there is and you just are absolutely new say, How wonderful are your works, that you created a human being capable of this level of commitment. I would like to make him my friend. That's right. I don't do business with friends. That's sheer folly. Making friends out of people with whom I do business. marriages that start with law and with law, marriages that start with law can well and with love. And that's why the Jewish marriage ceremony is remarkably devoid of roadmaps sounds much more like finance, then. It's a set of obligations and commitments and responsibilities from the man to the woman that have obligations and commitments and responsibilities from the man or woman. And the beauty of it is, then can we change there is this is clear to me. And, you know, one of the parties says, You know, I just think we've drifted apart, I just don't love you anymore. And the response to that is, could you pass the salt? I mean, what you told me is so I'm sorry, but I'm sure you'll get over it in time.

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### **Daniel Lapin 57:09**

Yes, our relationship to sex. And money is incredibly profound. So much so that I think most people would agree that any human being who has no money worries, and has an incredible marriage and family shouldn't have to hold spots in the carpet next to his bed, where his knees go every night. We're in thanks God for His good fortune. What more could you watch? Or people might say, Well, good health is important as well. I don't have to waste your time on the reams of data that link good health, leaving aside the genetic things or just sheer bad luck. But in general terms leave a link between health, no financial stress and strong marriage are so prevalent, and so widely known. Those do not warrant any ways to find whatsoever. So yes, if you've got no money worries, and no marital worries, you should be on your knees. How wonderful is that? And all of that wrapped up in the first couple of chapters of the Bible, where we find the entire structure of marriage, even to us in the relationship between Adam and Eve.

### **Daniel Lapin 58:43**

Very, very interesting. Little earlier today, on your correct Hebrew identification of the differences. Adam is known as the primal man, Adam, but at what point when is the very first time that he's called ish, that is called a man. Only after he has a woman only after the woman is there. Essentially God says to Adam, what should we call her? And he says, Well, why don't we call her the female she in Hebrew nouns are very easy to identify. There's gender in English in Hebrew now. So even you know what a word like a table or a chair in English, it's irrelevant as to whether they're masculine or feminine. In Hebrew, every noun has a gender. And in nine times out of 10, the way a masculine noun is converted to a feminine noun is by putting a suffix at the end of "a". And so each as you heard this morning, is not no longer just a primal male human being, but ish Adam ish that that is a real man. And a woman in Hebrew, Isha. The female of man. And so God said to Adam, what should we call this enchanting creature? And Adam said, Well, since I have now become an ish, she must be Isha. And sure enough, first time we see those terms employed in the book of Genesis, exactly right, because she makes me who I am. Some of you may wonder, at the absence of my wife, if you notice, this is by my request. You see, my wife is incapable of Guile. And her face reveal exactly what she's thinking.

### **Daniel Lapin 1:00:57**

Now, I promise you I work long and hard on my presentation today, I took the opportunity to be before you terribly seriously. I did have I will tell you that I enjoy dressing casually. But I will not stand before an audience I respect dressed in anything less than a suit, jacket and tie. That's not because I find that comfortable, which I done, I do in order to express the feelings I have to the people who have been willing to invest the one irreplaceable commodity in their lives. And they were taught in what I like to import. And so I know that in spite of having prepared to my best ability of everything I wanted to tell you today, I know that there are going to be ways in which I explained something which may not be quite as well, as I explained when I was running through the material with Susan last week. And her face will show displeasure, displeasure, disgust.

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I haven't said anything terribly. Show them. Now, because we understand the ish/isha relationship, that I am only a man because of her I haven't go I am only because I'll be the first to think she holds even my entire ego in the palm of my hand. And so that mean expression because I'm unfortunately exclusively attuned to her varied expressions. And so, whenever I'm speaking, and I speak for many, many, many churches around the United States, and also elsewhere in the world, I suppose the Chinese new task was in Switzerland last month. But whenever I speak for a church, I always say, I hope you don't mind me mentioning this and hope it doesn't stress your logistical stuff. But there's an old Jewish tradition that whenever a rabbi gives a speech, his wife is placed in another room.

### **Daniel Lapin** 1:03:30

So in all honesty, I, I tell you the truth, I actually prefer not being able to see her while I am spending time together with you and doing my best to convey and material that I I considered important enough to take your time. So, so that's what it is. But that's the ish/isha relationship. It's fundamental, it's powerful. What is more, it's laid out in that early second chapter, we find that the Garden of Eden is this place where they married. And to this day, within the Judeo Christian biblical tradition, whether it's Jewish or Christians, the overwhelming majority of marriages come about by the man being first at the altar. Number two, the other person has to be different from you. Because otherwise, you're bringing nothing to the table or the bed. In creative terms. The third thing is that the way to make money or to have good sex is to be obsessively preoccupied with the other person's joy and happiness. And that's exactly why it is that when somebody finishes a commercial transaction, and walks out of the store, with a new pair of sneakers with red lights in the hills, that flashlight, you're the storekeeper, as you're walking out says wasn't good for you. Whatever it is, it doesn't matter, because it's the same thing. Maybe he said, can I send you a survey in the mail? Whatever it is, the basic question is, are you leaving yet happier than you were before? And in both situations? The answer is unequivocally Yes. And finally, in both situations, the potential for creativity is down the road that are incalculable size.

### **Daniel Lapin** 1:06:01

When Marian William gates takes us in the gates in Seattle, half century ago or more, had a little baby called bill. Nobody knew there wasn't a way bill loving his wife, Mary, and a few months down the road comes bill, incalculable protection of yours, any idea what could be ahead for that little baby? That's right. And when you sit down over a table with someone else and engage in a transaction, you have no idea where that could lead. The biggest deal of the century started, because two human beings sat on a table and had lunch and discuss ways that they might be able to collaborate. That's how it works. And it's really exactly the same reason that telling yourself a joke is not a lot of fun. Because as soon as you start it, you send out another one.

### **Daniel Lapin** 1:07:09

And this is one of the reasons that if there was such a thing, which there isn't, and they won't be because although you can reproduce, you can clone the biology of any living thing, you cannot clone the soul of the human. And so even if they have the identical DNA, like identical twins, they will still have different fingerprints, because fingerprints are more of a spiritual description. Nobody knows. Nobody knows how two individuals in utero who the identical DNA can end up with totally different

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fingerprints, which nobody knows how that happens. And so we come up with all kinds of theories or models, all revolving around terms like AP genetics, which means absolutely nothing really means. But basically, nobody has any idea of how different two people with the same DNA have different fingerprint. Yeah, that's fine, because how uniqueness as individuals is exactly what God said, right? Create human beings in my image, what is in my image mean? Well, that's what monotheism means, one God, unique, every human being is absolutely unique, different from every other human being in a way that animals are not distinct from one another, that human beings are distinct from one another. So we know that obviously, I can't tell a joke meaningfully to my full clone, if it was such a thing, which there isn't. And I also cannot brainstorm, or brainstorming is a useful exercise to sit down with a friend or to finance a lesson. I want to just run some ideas or bounce back in me whenever you get your first reaction. So I said, let me tell you that I will tell you this, I'll tell you that. And we'll talk about that brainstorming how old brain storming be like with somebody who's you? pointless laughing turns out. And so one of the requirements of both sets of money is that the person has to be different from you. One of the reasons that God prohibits us from marrying assistant, which on the surface that would make a lot of sense, right, there's no arguments about with thanksgiving.

### **Daniel Lapin** 1:09:26

because it requires zero effort integration. You are already too close. And so the entire creative process of two strangers being brought together through sex. It's irrelevant. It doesn't have to happen because they come from the same home. They're, they're almost firms as it is. So creativity depends on this model. And it's not just the creative memory of a human being. But it is the creativity of almost everything. In other words, the act of a transaction and making money is exactly the same as the act of sex in the idea of two different people trying to serve one another night, each one happier than they were before. And through a process of combining connecting, becoming something bigger than they ever were before. Extraordinary idea, absolutely extraordinary. And so the concept is brought even into areas of negotiation. Everybody has to engage in negotiation. If you're involved in in any form of management or administration, you're engaged in negotiation? Well, here's something a little unusual. What is the Hebrew concept of masculinity? And what's the Hebrew concept of femininity? Well, there is such a thing as these concepts going beyond sex. In electricity, we have such things as male connectors and female connectors. Right, and it doesn't mean that one is more than the other. It's very basic, we understand that sexual realities have implications beyond the bedroom. So similarly, we understand in ancient Jewish wisdom, that masculine is essentially the planting of a seed is essentially the placing policy. feminine is essentially nurturing that scene, and helping to produce the result which the man on his own, could never have accomplished. By the man being first at the altar, or as we would say, under the bar, but it's the man who's first there. And the man is there chatting with the officiant, the priest or Rabbi or the pastor, because nothing is happening until the bride arise. And when she arrived, whenever she wants, everyone's standing around twiddling their thumbs or looking towards the door, but that's exactly what happened. Adam was in the Garden of Eden. And God says, You know what, it's not good for man to be alone. Now, this is a very striking note that has just been struck. And up till now, God has said, Oh, that's good. He said it not once, not twice. Anybody know? He said at any time. The last time he said it was about gold, which brings us back to money. But the Lord has said it's good. He seems to be extraordinarily good at everything is, is good everything.

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And then all of a sudden, out of the blue, this very disturbing note, not good for man to be alone. Respond to God saying, hey, Lord, take it easy. I didn't feel once I get the remote whenever I feel like it's you and me or I don't feel alone. I got you. You got a recognition right there, that something isn't right. And as you pointed out this morning, again, the next thing you would have you would think is right off to God said, not good for man to be alone, I better make him a helpmate. You think that the very next thing the next verse should say, and God placed the deep anesthetic sleep on Adam. And it isn't. The next thing is and God now introduced a zoological symposium in paraded all the animals in front of that. For what purpose? Well, because God knew that there was a latent undercut within the soul of human beings to consider animals to be the equivalent of people. And so to this day, one will hear cases of people who serve longer prison terms for animal cruelty than for murder. You will hear people who speak about all my dog is better than any person No, because my dog would never do this. So do that people really are moving in that direction. The whole idea of not buying my wife a fur coats, waited four years, so I could buy my wife a fur coat. And we got, we got thoroughly castigated by people at dinner parties. How can you and I, we had two things to say to them. One of them was, I'd like to get to the address of the local chapter of the Hells Angels who wear leather jackets, I'd like to talk to them. And number two, I want you to know that your only objection to me draping a mink around my wife's shoulders, is because you think the mink is my cousin. And I agree with you that killing my cousin and putting the skin on my wife's shoulders would be in bad taste, there's no question about it. But that's quite different. With respect to animals, there is a blurring of the relationship between people and animals. Now one of the great things one of the seductive aspects of that is it opens up six different parameters. Because if we are nothing but animals, then all the religiously rooted conventions that over the years have sculpted, our relationships between men and women fall away. They now become nothing but quaint conceits of a disturbed people who imagine religious reality. But the truth is, we're nothing other than sophisticated. That's all. But it's not altogether as simple as that. Because although I understand that they that may well be part of the appeal in pulling people towards that animalistic vision of the world. Yes, it does. It's very appealing. It takes away many of the rules and rituals and restraints around the passions of life, that the Judeo Christian culture has built on a biblical basis, and you strip those away, and who knows where society away, we do know where society goes, yeah. So God says, I want you to see all of these elements, absolutely. Get to know them, I want you to see that these are not for you. Do not fulfill that deep, empty longing in your soul that can only be filled by Oh. And then we move on. And God brings he. And then a little while later, there is the full eating of the fruit and the eviction from the gardener.

### **Daniel Lapin** 1:18:16

An interesting thing happens. Adam is brought, he was distraught. They are now facing a huge unknown, with all kinds of painful realities like death, and having to earn a living and God's response. And by the way, in the Hebrew tradition, this is not part of the punishment. This is actually part of the acceptance. This is part of the embrace. Because one of the worries that Adam expresses to the Lord is how we're going to eat up till now in the Garden of Eden, There Was I being on welfare, right?

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And God says, Don't worry, from here onwards, by the sweat of your brow, you will eat bread. And that's a good thing. And it is from that moment, that in the Hebrew culture, the word bread became synonymous with money, which, by the way, in many languages, including English to this very day and so is right, have you got any bread on you remember from teenagers, or how about can you lend me any dough? Yeah, same phrase, same concept, because back then in chapter two of Genesis, we deal with marriage and money. Those are the two things Adam and Eve are now dependent upon one another outside of the Garden of Eden like never before. And from here onwards, they are going to be part of their humanity is going to be making a living making money. And so marriage and money on unified right up front. But wait, there's more. Because the maleness and femaleness of Adam and Eve, actually serves as a model within ancient Jewish wisdom for all creativity. What do you mean? Well, think about this. How is money made? Money isn't made when the central bank turns the cracks and prints currency. That is merely providing paper evidence of money. But the money has a more deep real deep rooted existence. What is it anyway? Is money, physical or spiritual? Can you touch it? Well as I can touch the strips of colored paper in my wallet, and I know I can put my pocket and make the discs of metal make a sound. And that's money. I get that. But how about if I write you a check? Isn't that also money? How many buttons Roger anything? How about if I shake hands and say I'll give you \$10 on Friday, that's my word. It's a contract that brings money into existence, right? That money comes about when one human being serves another human being, that's when that happens. There is no way for money to come about in any other way whatsoever. The government can move money about, it can take from one person and give to another. But the act of creating money was God's way of incentivizing people to serve his other children. And so if there are no kosher restaurants in southbridge, but the army has provided more than enough, this, this old orthodox Rabbi may well be a good meal to many already, but no kosher restaurants in South Asia anyway. But interestingly enough, if there were, and I took my wife there, one of the ways this might have worked is that let's imagine I'm a roofer, and somebody calls me up, and I'm just about to head out to take my kids to play ball in the park. And he calls and says, Hey, the, the forecast is for rain, I got a hole in my kitchen, it's driving us crazy. You got to come and fix it. And I said, again, I'm really sorry, I'm just about to take my kids off to the park. And I can hear God saying, Oh, I'm getting a two by four ready to get your attention. What do you mean, really don't care to play ball in the park with your kids. But I do care that you serve another one of my children is in need. He's got a hole in his roof, and it's gonna rain. That's where your attention should be. And I say thank you, right, Thank You, Lord. And I say to the children, our kids will get the ball, this is a much more important thing we're going to do much more important.

### **Daniel Lapin** 1:23:25

And I often hear people saying, Oh, you should always be at your kids ballgames. Because on your gravestone, it's another hour in the office. But I think it's a terrible lesson. Frankly, it's a wonderful lesson for kids. Do you know what I wish I had the ability to count other clients or customers to take care of money is the consequence of how I'm taking care of God's other children. It's not the basis of the consequent, it happens automatically if I take care of other people's desires and needs. And so I packed the children in the truck at two bucks, get the ladder, we fix the roof. And at the end of it, the person's roof if it says, so. Anything we need to do to finish off the business. And yes, I would like 100

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certificates of good performance. I want to be able to prove that I did in fact, take care of another one of God's children, I'm sure he reached in pocket peels off 520 and give them that say thank you very much indeed. And often know that I take my wife to the culture restaurant, and we sit down and we call out to the proprietor to the biggest steaks and two big plates of fries, please. And he says, excuse me. Do you really expect me to slaved over a hot stove just because you want food? And I say, Well sort of says restaurant that they're outside. And he says yeah, but it's only for people. Who are part of the club of good performance? So what does that mean? He says, Well, I will be happy to give you a feeling. But then I'm going to want you to give me some certificates of good performance, to show that I took care of my children. I can do that. And we had a wonderful meal. And at the end of it, I said, How many sick is 75 certificates of good performance, that's what means proves that God's children to care for and it's basic to our relationships. Money is God's way of incentivizing caring for one another.

### **Daniel Lapin** 1:25:48

And that's why it is that both Betsy and helping to produce the result which the man on his own, could never have accomplished. But here's the best part. And in in this may sound perilously close to contemporary concepts of gender fluidity, but I'm not, I assure you, what I'm pointing out is that in a negotiation, that male and female roles, switching backwards and forwards. As they do with human By the way, if somebody is telling a joke, who's the male and who's the female? Well, I'm listening to the job I'm receiving, that's I'm the female. And the person giving telling the joke is the male. And so he is giving over the idea I'm receiving, do you know what's really horrible when you're telling a joke, and tell the person you're telling it to is busy thinking of a joke to tell you when you finish talking? He's not being a good listener. He's not being a good receiver. He's trying to become the male before you've switched roles. Right now, you're supposed to be stimulating me by listening to me. Your receptivity is what makes me who I am. But if you get rid of that, then what am I. And so every negotiation looks like that. Somebody says, I want to propose a deal to you. Here's what I'm picking off, and you lay it out. And a good businessman or administrator or bureaucrat, or whoever it is, is listening avidly making sure that he gets it so much so that if he's really smart, he may well tell you at that point, let me just make sure I've got this clear. Are you saying that this would be when you revisit that? And he's here? Exactly. And that's a very good step, because I've assured him that are listening. And now we switch roles, because he's waiting for my response. And my response is now gonna be I don't think that I can do exactly what you suggested. But here's what I could do. How would you feel if we went this way, and now the roles completely reversed. And so it is by switching the masculine and feminine role backwards and forwards as we move along. The result is an act of creativity, the result is some kind of deal, which actually has happened, it's a real thing. It's huge. Obviously, there are activities and processes that are more masculine, others that are more feminine, obviously. But at the same time, it's always necessary to be aware of what the fundamentals are. If I'm going to give you an example, I would say more. There are over 100,000 significant bridges on the planet. Very few of them resemble us. If you are a photographer, you take a picture of every bridge on your on your next trip. And you look afterwards at 300 pictures of 300 bridges, very unlikely that any of them will look the same, they may be similar. Many of them will be suspension bridges, many of them will be good and bridges, many of them will be single kinds of bridges. But as a photographer, every one of those bridges is different. But now let's say we look at those 300 bridges as an engineer, how do you feel about the bridges now? exactly the

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same. from an engineering point of view, they all have to cross a gap. And whether that gap is a valley or a railroad track or a roof is irrelevant. They all have to deal with load. They all have to handle that load in some way or another that load has to be transferred to solid earth or rock beneath and all have to prove provide access and offering ways for people to get on and off the bridge. The bridges are all exactly the same, but only from an engineering point of view. What ancient Jewish wisdom does for me in the area of sex and money as it happens, but in the area of sex with ancient Jewish wisdom does is lay out the engineering principles. What any particular relationship is actually gonna look like, is up to the couple. And engineering principle, for instance, I said before, is that marriage is rooted on contract, not emotion.

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That's a principle. Now, what you make of that in your marriage, it's up to you. It's a free, it's a free world, everybody can make them their lives what they wish, the only thing is, everyone can make a bridge as they wish. But if you ignore any of the engineering principles, you do need to be ready to take the consequences. Very near where Chaplin felsen Berg served at Fort Lewis in the state of Washington, was a bridge cold, the Tacoma Narrows Bridge. And in the 1940s, just very soon after it was built, it fell in the water. Why? Because it was wind. And nobody has had it figured out in 19, the 1940s, that wind can set up resonant frequencies on the road bed of the bridge. And if the resonant frequency matches the resonant frequency of the structure, it's like, it's, you know, it's why in the olden days, they used to tell soldiers to break step crossing the bridge, because everybody coming down on their right foot at the same moment, in the same cadence, there'd be a danger of damaging the bridge very severely, well, the bridge went down into the water, because they know a principle which is since rooted in the engineering textbooks. And so we have certain principles that impact male female relationships. They just like the the the rules that impose a brick, every single bridge will be different, every single marriage will be different. and dare I say, every single sexual relationship is going to be different. And there are going to be some that are very distant from the engineering blueprints. But as long as I have a clear picture of what those fundamental principles of engineering are, those are not restraints on my creativity, they are not shackles on my freedom, they are liberate us, because as long as I know what the unchangeable principles are, I can build any bridge I like. And it will be strong and safe and reliable. And will depend on aesthetics and economics and all kinds of maybe the local politician wants his name on it, whatever it is, it doesn't matter. Because as an engineer, I'm free by the rules that say, as long as you keep these in mind, you can let your creativity run rampant, doesn't matter. And so it is, within the principles that we deal with. We establish what are these unchangeable realities? What are the anchors that provide the reliability and durability of the structure? With that in mind, I'm able to both go ahead and do any kind of bridge or life. But more importantly, I can also help people who built fragile bridges. I can also analyze the bridge, I can diagnose what is wrong with the bridge. And I might be able to do as often happens in engineering, I might be able to retro actively apply band aids to the bridge or maybe even better than Batman, how they be able to solve the engineering problems and make the bridge. Okay. That's why it's so important for you to understand that set of basic principles that govern sexual relationship. got those clear? There's tremendous utility and tremendous freedom that results from that. And so we know for instance, that the nature of the sexual relationship exclusively for children, no, not so. Not so at all. If that were the case, if my sister was

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beyond menopause, I could marry her. Know the prohibition against marrying my sister. That is an each and every in all circumstances, children are a subsequent development of their children come about that way. Why? Well, God wants a way of telling us that the biggest fan in the whole world is making somebody else feel good. Having noticed you need that before you have kids,

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we got to learn that giving is always more fun than texting. back before your kids, through all these things flow out of a sexual relationship. If this was really all about evolution, and all about biology, why then there would be no question that human males would have evolved a baculum. Just like virtually every single male mammal in the whole planet does, including our closest relationships, according to people who might disagree. orangutangs and baboons and chimpanzees, they've all got baculum, what's the baculum? I hear you say? A baculum is something that gives the executives at Pfizer nightmares. Event baculum would render the viagra business utterly obsolete. A baculum is the technical term for what's known as a penile bone. When intercourse is imminent, this bone literally about slides into place, and impotence has vanished forever, there is nothing that would be more useful for the propagation of the species. If having children was all that this was about, that human beings would have evolved and developed just like chimpanzees did. Because it makes perfect sense. Why would you want to leave something as important as the propagation of the species to the mood of the men, oh, my goodness, one tough day at work and humanity vanished. We can we can solve the soul. And yet, God, so fit that all the mammals on the planet, that the one touched by his finger lacks this device to make clear that with no deep, significant and real emotional connection, without the handling of this relationship, according to the engineering principles in the textbook, this isn't gonna work. And sure enough, that's exactly what we're seeing today. And so we provided this remarkable set of principles having to do with human connectivity, which is absolutely fundamental to God's message to mankind. So much so that in the Hebrew and Roman culture, the 10 commandments is not used, there isn't such a thing called the 10 statements. They surely cannot be the foundation of God's contract with mankind. Because how could it leave out like critically important things like thou shalt tithe to the church, right? I mean, that's not bad. Or how you leave out critical things that we find in the book of Deuteronomy, the obligation to set up a legal system, you can't have a durable society without a legal system that is based on justice. None of that's in the 10 commandments. He doesn't even say to pray and the 10 commandments. In Jewish culture, they're not called the 10 commandments at all. They're called the 10 statements. How many times in the five books of Moses when they call the 10 statements? I believe it's three times? How many times are they referred to something else? of the 30 companies? What's the something else they're called the two tablets? You realize what this means is that the trueness is more important than the tennis if you know what I mean. Because they're constantly referred to as these two tablets return to tablets ability to tap, take a moment to travel. Why, because the Tunis implies something which is again, fundamental to our understanding of what God wants from us, which is to connect. And he gives us two beautiful incentives for connectivity, money and sex. But he wants us to connect, but before he can make us connect with one another, right? And by the way, anybody who has children knows how important it is to let your children get on with one another. You want them to care for one another. And so how do you do this? How do you make sure that your

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children Connect? Well, you incentivize them. You can connect sexual That's very worthwhile, you can connect financially, that's very worthwhile for everybody outside, this is terrific and could really work.

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See, the system requires that we all get behind the principle, the underlying principle of connectivity. That's why the 10 commandments is structured very beautifully. It's structured as two sets of five, the 10 commandments is really five principles of connectivity. relating with two examples of each. So commandment number one corresponds to commandment number six, from aminata, to corresponds to seven, three to eight in some circles. So one is, I'm the Lord your God, right? That's an initial statement. What's number six, you'll never forget after attendance, by the way, you will never forget the order in which you will be able to get it right. The number six is Thou shalt not murder. Because the rule is you and I have no relationship if we do not acknowledge one another's existence. If I see you, as somebody to be eliminated, if you annoy me, forget about relationship, it's not possible. Only if I accept that no matter how irritating you, I can never murder you, then Okay, then we've got the basis, that's number one, accept your existence, and our relationship upwards to God, I'm okay. If you don't, if that bothers you have nowhere to go. Number two, no other gods. Number seven, no adultery. You gotta you can't commoditize your relationships, your relationship with your spouse has to be different from your relationship with anybody else in the whole world. You come from a country, everybody the same. So it goes. And we don't have time for now. But you, you get the idea. You can do this by yourselves. If you have any interest, you go through all 10, you'll see it's three rules of connectivity. And that's a principle. That's how it works. And Adams route, the model. For connectivity, that actually means something connectivity that is going somewhere good activity that makes Gods smile, is that model of male and female relationships. And I realized that that's really something that each and every one of us are the people whose spiritual welfare and constant care for everybody is focused on the mission. And if the mission of the army had an agenda, I would have no doubt whatsoever that it's a masculine mission. That's what armies do. That doesn't mean that they are not women, actively engaged. And it doesn't mean that everybody in the army is busy blowing up things or breaking things, obviously. But the mission as a whole is a masculine mission. Well, that's great, that's fine. Because whether you are a man or a woman, you get the mission. And once you understand the principles, the unchangeable realities, underpinning everything, then you free to make the adjustments necessary, and the accommodations that can make your particular circumstances work, and the and the arrangements necessary to make sure that people for whom you are responsible, can function and to end can find peace and hope. Yeah, it's beautiful. And that's the great gift that good Lord, Lord gives us a system and matrix are principles of rules, rituals, and restraints, essentially, the book of engineering on how to build bridges, bridges between human beings, yes, bridges that have a route, the magic of male female relationship, you will be very good tolerant. It's been an honor for me to be here, I just want to thank Chapman holy champion, soldier, champion haters. And as chaplain Shaw, I appreciate very much, first of all, the invitation that needs an enormous amount to each play, even some tiny insignificant role in adding to the vitality of the work you all do. That means a lot to me. And I value the opportunity to thank you all for making that possible. And of course, to my dear friend, Chapman 1000 you're probably don't know how much of a celebrity where I come from.

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Well, I do hope that you enjoyed that. As you could probably tell, I enjoyed delivering it and some speeches, I really do enjoy, others less. So But this one was a wonderful audience. And the program been put together by a terrific rabbi, chaplain felsen Berg, who's been in the US military for many years and has risen to significant rank. And he put together the program, which was just a lot of fun. And one of the most difficult things to deal with an event like that is contradicting a popular culture. In other words, people have been almost indoctrinated into being fearful of making politically incorrect statements. And so the idea, for instance, that male and female are really different men and women are really, really different from one another. And, and are different in very specific ways. That is a today that is a frightening statement to make, just because the career costs can be so high. And in the military, it's, it's become a problem. One of the things that I discovered was that, although the the rank and file are solid salt of the earth citizens, and the officer corps since the time of Bill Clinton, President Clinton, the officer corps has been eroded. And a lot of the political correctness has permeated thoroughly into the officer ranks. And so when I said that interesting conversation, as you know, look, you have to understand if I'm going to be giving the speech for you, it's going to require me to say that men and women are very difficult. They got very nervous about that, not Rabbi Felton Berg, but some other people got really nervous. Well, you know, what do you mean by that night? I said, Well, they're very, very sick. Can you prove that? And I was I was gonna, yes, can I prove it? Yes, I I could. And I, I didn't want to be inappropriate. So instead of doing what first came to mind, what I said to them was, I said, I happen to have here the statistics of workplace, accidental injury and death. In America, going back many, many, many years, there's been almost no change. In other words, I can show you that. Every single year, many, many more men die in workplace accidents than women. For instance, in the year 2019, which was the year of that speech, there were 4896 male deaths. Okay, from workplace accidents, and 437. Female occupational injury deaths, so that's less than one 10th the number? Now, lest you say that they are more men than women in the workplace, that's not true. The statistic the official government figures show that the, for many years already the workforce has been more women than men. That's correct. As a matter of fact, it's now 57% women 43% men. So a little more than half the injuries and deaths should have been women, but they're not. There can only be one explanation here. In either workplace injuries are sexist and search out men, or a more reasonable explanation is very simply, men choose more dangerous occupations, the likelihood of the likelihood of of suffering, injury and death. If you are a kindergarten teacher, or you are a legal assistant, or you are many, many other categories of occupation favored by women.

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And women, for the most part, do not look for jobs, cleaning the windows of skyscrapers, from where obviously, that say there's a slightly higher chance of an accident than if you are a kindergarten teacher. This is a fundamental difference. So if you ask me, can I prove there's a difference between men and women? Absolutely. I can. Men choose more dangerous tasks. women choose different tasks, occupations, jobs that are not as dangerous. That is an in escapable truth and inescapable reality. And so they were a little bit taken aback by that, but it's absolutely so and when you read and hear about misleading statistics that women earn 70% of what men earn. Again, that is not any particular woman in any particular man that's dividing all the women in the workforce by the amount of money they make,

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and all the men. Yeah. Overall, on average, men choose more dangerous and therefore higher paying jobs, more painful jobs, more difficult jobs, it's very, very much a factor. And, two, what is this attributable to, to what is this attributable, only something spiritual. And that's the point I wanted to make that the differences between men and women profound as they are, go way beyond biological plumbing differences. You know, those are real, obviously. But the differences that really matter, are the spiritual differences, and they're huge. And the, the reality is that there is a spiritual nature to a woman, typically, and a spiritual nature to a man, there's variations, obviously. But when a man desires a woman, he's not just desiring a person with the correct biological attributes. He's certainly not looking for a man who's been mutilated, and provided with female appearing bodies, you know, he's looking for a female soul to complement who he is. And, and perhaps the most, I would say, among the most dramatic and significant information that is provided in technical format it during the first 34 verses of Genesis, a male female differences, and it's amazing.

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