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Welcome to every single one of you, welcome every happy warrior. As I welcome each and every one of you to the Rabbi Daniel Lapin show where I, your Rabbi reveal how the world works. Thank you for being part of the show. And thank you, wherever you are for all you're doing and helping promote the show. You know my map with a pin for listeners in every country well, I want to welcome each and every one of you, whether you're from Angola, Argentina, or Australia, or Bahamas or Botswana, and Brazil, welcome to all of you listening in Canada, in China, Croatia. I've got people listening in Denmark, right now Dominican Republic, Estonia, France, Germany and Ghana, Hungary, Iceland and India. Great to know you're all listening great to know you're listening in Ireland and in Israel, and in Italy, and Jamaica, and in Japan, and Kenya and Lithuania. and on it goes, but I don't want to bore you, that would be about the worst thing I could possibly do. So we're not going to do that at all. But we are going to focus on the five F's, the five fundamental F's of life, I speak about them regularly. And the reason I speak about them is because the more that things change, the more you need to depend on those things that never change. And whichever country you're listening in, whether you're listening in the countries, in one of the countries I mentioned, or in the many, many countries I didn't mention, each and every one of you is faced with changing circumstances and changing conditions. Sometimes they are economic changes. Sometimes they are military changes, sometimes they are political changes. Sometimes they are meteorological changes, or whatever it is, there is change in your life. And the more that change takes place, the more we need to remain anchored to those things that never change. And the five things that never change are the five, you know, people Oh, well, death and taxes never change. I'm not talking about that I'm talking about things you can do something about, I'm talking about areas in which you can secure the ship of your life. I'm speaking about the anchor that links you firmly to solid ground, and makes it possible for your ship to withstand hurricanes, typhoons and monsoons to withstand any kind of turbulence that swirls around the vessel of your life. And what are those things that never change? First of all, family, weather, we go back to the very dawn of time past the mists of history. Every single person was born to a mother and a father. Every single person comes from parents, different kinds of parents, parents with different levels of commitment to their children, but parents to be sure. And people recognize that they have the capacity to reproduce and to

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bring into the world children of their own. These things have not changed ever, and neither will they. And that includes the magic of male female relationships. That's not going to change either. Are there aberrations? Sure, but

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I'm not going to speak about them. Finance, you might say, Well, you know, we live today in a world of Bitcoin and cryptocurrency in a world of investment banks in a world of digital transfers of cash. All of that is true, but this is merely the trimmings. This is merely the flavorings to the meal. The bottom line is that the world has always been reluctant to yield a living to human beings. And it has always been true that human beings who are connected to other human beings and are able to communicate with other human beings and are able to collaborate and cooperate with other human beings will be at a huge advantage in being able to eat and the message have that connection revolves around money. So we've got two different types of human connections. We've got family connections, and then we've got financial connections. And then thirdly, we have friendships. They're not family. And they may not be financial in nature. In other words, there may be people that you don't necessarily do business with. But these categories of relationships have always been a part of the human experience, whether you were speaking about 2000 years ago, or 1000 years ago, 4000 years ago, family friendship, and finance has always been a part whether you are part if you are an American, Indian, if you are living in, in a tribe in North America, you were living among the Incas, or you were part of a Germanic tribe in Europe, or you're part of a Mongolian tribe in Eastern Europe or western China. Yeah, these things are always true, you always were concerned about family, you were always concerned about friendships, and you were always concerned about finance. And then finally, there is the question of faith. And, and that is important, because we are who we are much more as a function of our beliefs, then the facts we know, people are accustomed to saying, you know, only facts matter and so on. And facts are obviously very important. But facts are what they are. Faith, however, is something that you and I can do something about. And in exactly the same way as having healthy muscles, and a strong body. And that's the fifth f fitness, physical fitness. Yeah, I know, physically spelled with a Ph. But you know, you'll understand if I write it fitness, or I write physical, F phi/f, y, si, c al physical, it doesn't make any difference, you know exactly what I'm talking about. And if you have a strong body, and you take care of it, and you nurture it correctly, and you, you grow it, then it is available for when you need that strength, and, you know, sometimes, hopefully, never in your life, you need your strength for a life and death struggle.

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There are there are situations, I don't have to tell you stories of people who depended for their lives on their physical abilities, their physical strength. So if you work on your physical strength, it's there for when you need it. And similarly, if you work on your faith, why it two will be there for when you need it. And you might say, Well, you know, I'm not much of a person of faith, to which I responded and say, if you accept a cheque from somebody and payment for your services, instead of a bushel of wheat. Well, why you are a person of faith, there is no question about it. Because a bushel of wheat is something you can transform into flour, and then a loaf of bread that can sustain your life. But if you accept a check, why you are actually a person of faith, because you have faith, that anytime you want, a bank will convert that piece of paper with your friend's signature on it into some cash. But wait, you

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can't eat discs of metal or strips of colored paper No. But you have faith that when you are hungry, there will always be a baker, who will supply you with that bread in exchange for the money you have in your pocket. And that is entirely an act of faith is not these five F's, your finances, your family, your friendships, your faith, and your fitness. These are the things that never change, never have never will. And these are the things that it is within your power to develop. If you are a single, well then you can start a family you find somebody to become a partner in life. And then you build a family. Maybe you're an older segment single, and you've already raised some children, but now you find yourself in the position of being able to marry well. There's a different set of rules and a different set of principles because we When, when you're a little bit older, and and perhaps somebody who has already raised one family, well then getting remarried, very valuable changing your life, it's very positive, very positive, rather than living alone. And I know that there are people who have written to me and whom I've responded to on some of these very questions. But, yeah, family is something we can do something about. It's one of the five F's, that doesn't change. And the more that things change, the more we must depend on those things that never change. That's right, the things that never change are that your life will be more successful. If you connect with people through family, and through friendships, and through finance. And if you build your body, your fitness, and you develop your faith, those five F's are crucially important. And I'm going to chat with you a little bit about the family aspect of it first, because look, let's face it, starting a family let's let's not even get as far as children yet, let's just talk about starting a family means you have to find a stranger to whom you are not related. And somebody you may not even have known for very long. And then you get to know that person. And then you do something called marrying, which is in itself a statement of faith. And the great thing about faith is that faith produces facts much more than facts, produce faith. What I mean by faith producing facts are that when you get married, you don't know every single thing about that person. As a matter of fact, if you dated for six years, you wouldn't know everything about that person. If you waited, dated for 10 years, you would know everything about that person. As a matter of fact, for marriage purposes, after you've dated for six months, that's more than enough time already, more than enough. That's right. I'm not in favor of lengthy periods of dating, it doesn't change anything. Because marriages are based on faith, the faith that together hand in hand, you and I will be able to face the future together.

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Whatever it is, it's a statement of faith. Getting married is a huge statement of faith. And it isn't easy, because you are supposed to marry somebody different from you. Now, it might make more sense you'd say to marry your sister, because that way, nobody has to worry about changing last names. And one of the signals that women send to the world that they have pledged their trust, to one bright eyed man with his eye on the horizon. If she changes her name to his, and that starts a new family. Right there is meaning to that tradition. And she obviously can't know everything about him. But she knows that he is a person of integrity. She knows that he is not a romantic. Ladies, don't marry romantics. Please don't marry a romantic because romantics are not reliable. Now, if it's a romantic, who is also a person of integrity, well, that's okay. But those things don't necessarily always go together. A person of integrity is a person who lives by values, not by feelings. So personal lives, governed by his head, not by his heart. Because my heart changes very often, right? I mean, just just talk to a person about what car he'd like to buy if money, no object, and then talk to him again in five years and ask him the same

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question might well be something else. Our feelings are not reliable, our feelings and our emotions change. You marry a man because he is a man of the head, not of the heart. Does that mean is incapable of emotion and romance and feeling? No, of course not. You know that. We're not talking about extremist positions. We're saying that a person who makes the serious decisions in life by means of his head, not his heart, and that is a wonderful thing. for a woman to know about the man she plans on walking through life together with it's an important thing. And from a man's point of view, well, he's marrying somebody who is quite different from him. He's a man and she's a woman. And that means she's gonna look at things differently, she may be very much more grounded than he is, he might think that it's a wonderful idea to attach half a dozen large helium balloons to a deck chair, and go sailing up into the air, she might say, My dear Hubby, that's really a bad idea. And then he will remember also very clearly, the verse in Genesis chapter two, verse 18, which says, [Hebrew spoken]. It's not good for man to be alone. [Hebrew spoken], I will make for him, said the Lord, a helper, who will be opposite him, he's not going to be just like him. And they're going to be times where she is going to argue for an opposite course of action. And the wise husband listens very, very carefully, and discusses it with her. Now, this isn't easy, because we men are not naturally like that. If we are passionate about a concept and idea, a business plan a move anything, and our wife comes to us and says, Wait a minute, not so quickly, this isn't a good course of action, here are the problems. Our first instinct is to shut our eyes, put our hands over our ears, and shoutout La, La La, to block it out, because we don't want to hear it. Or we might even bring tears to her eyes by saying, Don't talk to me, I don't want to hear about that. These are all instinctive male behaviors. But instinct doesn't make right. The whole reason that God put us in this world, was to train our souls to rise above our instincts. And,

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and to, for somebody to say, I can't help it, it's natural. That would be true if you were a bad boon. But as a human being the fact that something is natural, doesn't make it right. And so while I have many masculine instincts, I don't indulge in them all. I try not to, because right, isn't a result of instinct, or of naturae of natural urges or nature, right? Is what my head tells me. And to be able to incline my ear to my wife, listen to her, and let her know that I am listening, and listening seriously, and absorbing and understanding what she's saying. And I might even say, so let me get this clear. You your position is you feel that this is what we should do rather than that. And then she says, Yeah, that's right, then I'm very pleased, because now not only did I hear what she said, I understood it. And even more importantly, I helped her know that I understand what she's saying, and I heard it, and then we can talk about it. And these are growth factors, that when God said, I am going to create a helpmate for him, opposite him. That is precisely what helping does. To have a helper who just agrees with everything you say, is like living with a clone. And you cannot imagine how utterly boring it would be to live with your clone. Eventually, you will either take your life or your clones you wouldn't be able to function in in that kind of world. And the delight of marriage as well as the challenge of marriage is that the two of you are as different as could be as different as could be. And that is what stimulates the growth. The idea that you cannot walk away, you cannot talk to me. I don't want to hear that. You can't say that. That's wrong. You actually have to listen you have to converse and you have to discuss It goes against masculine instinct, of course, because we just like doing, you know, just let me get out there and deal with it. I don't want to discuss it. The most painful sound to a man's ears is when a wife says, honey, we

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have to have a conversation, we have to talk about something, I have to speak to you. These things terrify most males.

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But they shouldn't. They are all opportunities for growth, you overcome your instincts, you conquer the tendency within you to block out any information that goes counter to the position you've already taken. And you converse, and you discuss. And there's large large value in that I can tell you. Now, you may want to discuss this with somebody, you may not want to discuss it with your spouse, there are many areas in which spouses should not communicate with one another. Let me give you one example right away. And that is that let us imagine that a woman is married to a man who wants to start his own business. And she might feel very strongly that he should not quit his job. And he, on the other hand, says no, no, it'll work much better. If I quit my job. It's like burning my boats, just like Cortez did on the shores of South America, when he arrived to conquer the Incas. And it's an it's forward or death or death. You don't want to do that in a family situation. You don't want to do that. You always want to make sure that there is some escape hatch, there is some stability, unless you and your spouse both agree. And the man manages to talk to his wife, and he says, Here's why I think it's not gonna work. If I try and do it part time, I have to go all in. And she may be very nervous, he may be able to find solutions to overcome her fears. It is perfectly natural and perfectly normal, particularly for a mother to be concerned. And it behooves a father and a husband to not walk over his wife, but to help allay her fears. What can I do that will give you a level of comfort? How about if I make sure that there is at least 12 months worth of living expenses safely in the bank? And it's a it's an account, you've got signature rights on it's right there. And that way, you don't have to worry? Because even if the business does not work, as many don't, well, we've got 12 months to get going again, another business, a job, whatever, it is some kind of income producing activity. So yes, you you understand that? She can't just say to him, No, it's a conversation. Let's imagine a man's business isn't going so well. And she says to herself, well, it's because he's been an employee all his life. This is the first time he's been a business. He's been very good in the employee position he's held. He's been very good at repairing fuel injection systems. But now that he started his own auto repair shop, he's good at repairing, but he's not that good at the business side of things. And then she says to herself, he needs a business coach, he absolutely needs a business coach. probably best if she doesn't say to him, certain marriages that can work if there is a huge built up reservoir, have accumulated love and respect and commitment, then that could work. But if not, she's the worst person to make that suggestion. Because the suggestion implies a lack of confidence. And when a man loses the confidence and respect of his woman, it's a huge problem. So she's in a tough situation. And that is when she has to work her way somehow to encourage him to speak to other guys so that somebody else will say to him, Hey, you got an easy solution. You get a business coach, that's all and a business coach gives you ideas and you know, an idea can save you years of power. information really worthwhile. But it's much better coming from another man than from her. So what do you do? Well, you want to discuss these ideas in this podcast with somebody, maybe not your spouse?

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Well, what you do is you go to our happy warriors website, you know what it is, right? It's wehappywarriors.com because we are all a Happy band of happy warriors. So you got to wehappywarriors.com. And, and by the way, you, not only could you get a Basic membership in Happy Warriors, but you can even get a free 14 day experiment if you like. So just try it out, see how you like it. Here's why I suggested because the way we've set this up, is we used to monitor and moderate comments, and it made conversation between people a little bit slow, because it had to depend on one of our administrators to go and check the comments and approve them. And in this day and age, you got to do it, because there are a lot of trolls on the websites, and they are rude or obnoxious. But then we said, okay, fine, we're going to make a basic membership. And that's going to rule out most of the trolls. And sure enough, that's the way it's worked out. So you can try it out for two weeks if you like. But here's the best thing, you can participate in a discussion forum about the podcast, without having to wait for moderator approval, your comment posts right away. Now, obviously, if as time goes by, we discover that it's being abused, which I don't think it will be, we'd obviously have to make changes, but for the moment, it works great. And so and wehappywarriors.com, you become a Basic membership try it for free, and then you're in on the conversation. And very often, you will hear things from somebody else that you wouldn't necessarily hear from your spouse.

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Right. And by the way, they're in the other direction as well. There are things that a woman is far better off hearing from a friend, or a teacher, or a mentor, or a coach than from her husband. Right? You just think about it, and you'll see that being married doesn't mean that all the boundaries are down. And you know, everything is is when we share and connect on every single level. We do we connect very, very deeply. But of course, there are things that I don't share with my spouse, and they're things that she doesn't share with me, obviously, to just give you a vulgar and obvious example, and only only mentioned this because it cropped up in conversation. And yes, I do coach a few people. And one of the things that cropped up in conversation was that they know that they've got a very close marriage, this person told me because they don't even shut the door to the bathroom. Really? Okay, well, as you can imagine, we devoted a fair bit of time to that, that is not a good idea. Not a good idea. Because there are certain aspects of privacy that are important. Why? Because our concern arises our concern in ancient Jewish wisdom, the concern is for a passionate relationship between husband and wife. And sometimes that can be negatively impacted by certain habits or certain behaviors or certain natural processes, which are best kept private, right? Because we are impacted by things, you know, little kids, so gross, you girl. Yeah, well, because adults also do that even if they sometimes conceal or camouflage the actual reaction. So it really is very important and very, very worthwhile to make sure that you do have people to talk to outside of your marriage. Okay? That's the key thing. Very, very important. So go ahead and check out wehappywarriors.com.

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and while I'm on that topic, I mentioned that a number of people wrote and commented, they were uneasy about the fact that I said that vaccinations are not a hill worth dying on. Look, people wrote and said, Look, you know, if you yield on one thing yield on another, I feel my body is sacrosanct. I don't Anybody mandating that I have to take a certain vaccination or not take a certain vaccination? And, and

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I I look, I understand if you are somebody with very few responsibilities or with somebody who has no concerns, and you don't mind losing your job, all I was saying was that if you are like most of us, where you have real life financial concerns, and refusing a vaccination means losing your job. I'm not saying that I don't admire the bravery and courage of those people who are and have lost their jobs over this. But what I am saying is that I would not criticize or condemn anybody who says, Well, you know what, I'm gonna yield on this one. Because it is important to know where to have your battles. And I fully understand that for some people, the battle may well be vaccination, and they absolutely refuse and they are willing to fight and die on that hill, I totally get it. Your mind would be different. I am not crazy about that.

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But if, if the only way I could continue to travel and lecture and speak talking of which I will be speaking at faith and freedom conference in Jacksonville, Florida on Friday morning, October the eighth 2021. That's right, very, very soon. If you're listening to the soon after the release of this particular show, then if you are in the northern Florida area, Jacksonville area. Well, at the Jacksonville Convention Center, the faith and freedom conference that is taking place at the prime Jacksonville Convention Center, Friday morning, October the eighth and I will be speaking there. If you are there, I'd love to meet you. Please. If you are ever at any event I'm speaking at I would love it if you came up before or afterwards and said hello. had a chance for us to to meet and see one another. I love meeting happy warriors anywhere and everywhere. But yes, if my ability to travel to speak at different events and meet happy warriors around the country and around the world, if that could only happen with a vaccination certificate. I would probably do it. I wouldn't be happy about it. I have concerns. I will be honest, I do have concerns about it. But I would probably do it because being able to continue to function is important to me.

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On the other hand, let's imagine that I'm somebody who homeschools My children, I do not wish to send my children to a gig, a government indoctrination camp. No, I won't. And the law says you are going to be criminalized. If you do not send your child to a gig. For me personally, that's a hill I will die on. Right? That's where I'm fighting to the end. No, I will never send my children to a gig. And I will do everything possible to make sure that my children never send their grandchildren to their children or my grandchildren to a gig. No, that that's that is my Hill to die on. That's where I say absolutely no, people, it's understandable. People have different places that they are desperate, and different play things that they will fight for. We are all unique, each and every one of us. And this is one of the ways. So I'm certainly not criticizing those people who are making a stand for freedom on the question of vaccinations, and I get it, I totally get it. I'm not criticizing but I'm also stressing that there is no shame for the person who loves freedom. Who says okay, I'm going to yield on this one. I have to, because this is not a good time for me to lose my job, whatever it is, somebody says, Okay, fine. That doesn't mean you don't stand for freedom doesn't mean that at all. And why is it that I do not criticize people who do not want to get vaccinated for COVID they don't want that. And the reason I don't criticize people is because you see, here's the thing. If somebody lies to you once and then they lie to you a second time, you are not only entitled to be skeptical about it. read everything else they tell you. But the

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prudent position is to be skeptical about what they tell you. This is why integrity is so important, because somebody who throughout their lives have remained constantly locked to the truth. You and you know that you know that this person has never lied to you, which by the way, is exactly the way to raise children, your children have to know that you tell the truth, right? This isn't necessarily easy, but your children do have to know that you tell the truth, what I mean by saying it's not easy. Well, you're not supposed to act in anger towards your children, that's not a good idea. I'm not sharing saying you should ever not, you should never show anger, you may well have to decide that a display of anger is necessary for a certain circumstance. But it shouldn't be driven by the emotion of anger, it should be driven by your head and not by your heart. But let's imagine that like all of us, you failed this test on one occasion, and you said to your child, well, because of that, you're not going to get another candy for a whole week. Well, you really should be very careful in what you say to your child. But having said that, you'd be being a terrible parent to give that child a candy during the week, because you may think the child doesn't remember, but the child remembers, and it's going to hurt you, it's going to pay you because you forgot that there's a party the child's going to, and now that child's not going to be allowed to have a candy of that party, and you have to supervise it and you got to go through all the trouble of doing that. And your child's going to be miserable. Your child's gonna say I hate you, I hate you. And you still got to do it. Because it's far more important that your child knows that you keep your word than anything else having to do with the candy. So these are not easy things. And that's why I say don't for one moment think that nurturing and developing and improving and growing your five fundamental F's is easy it isn't. Getting married, is a huge act of faith. And then living with a person of the opposite sex is incredibly hard. Yes, of course it has its pleasures. Of course it has its joys in its ecstasies. But it's also hard some of the time. Bring the child into the world, an incredible act of faith. I hope you're starting to see why I say that developing your muscle of faith is every bit as important as developing the muscles in your body physically.

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You bring a child into the world, it's an act of faith isn't easy. Of course, it isn't easy, because apart from anything else, making sure that you keep your word with your children, hugely important. And so when the governor I'm speaking here about the United States of America, where the the government started off by listing all deaths as COVID deaths and I spoke about this early in 2020, in the first half of 2020, on this show, I spoke about these things that the death tallies don't add up, because they're claiming that people in one specific case I'm aware of a guy died on a motorcycle accident, and he was listed as a COVID death. I with my own eyes, saw the Center for Disease Control website had a page that encouraged doctors to list the death as a COVID death, even if there's only the slightest possibility that the deceased had been exposed to COVID. And so to me, that's a lie. The COVID did not come from the Wu Han lab. You know, mosques are essential you you better were to talk about these things. The the there were lies there were lies about the number of deaths they were lies about the effectiveness of things hydroxychloroquine not effective. ivermectin not effect, these are lies, right? And there's just been a test in India, by the way. Absolutely. An arguable reliable reviewed test. A drop in COVID incidence by more than 50%, in an ivermectin treated number of people. So that's a lie. Right. There is no question whatsoever, that there were other ways that could have also been brought to bear on COVID. And yet, it's clear to me that the government law It's clear that Dr. Fauci lied, it's clear that

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media piled onto the political bandwagon and turned COVID into this very, very much of a political football. And so, since I know for a fact that I was lied to about certain things, I don't trust the vaccine, it's as simple as that. It still doesn't mean that I won't take it. But my trust is missing. That's all it is. That's all I'm talking about. I think it's prudent to say that if somebody lies to on many occasions, from there onwards, you should look at anything they say, with a certain degree of skepticism. This is how prudent people behave, it's wise. Now, my dear happy warriors, please allow me to expand on the F of family. Right? I've said already, it's not easy to get married. It is an act of faith, it's an act of determination, it's a decision, it's a commitment, it's not easy. I will also acknowledge that it is not easy to be married, or be you all living with another human being. And it doesn't mean you're automatically going to agree on everything. And that's not a bad thing. Particularly for men. You want one could say in that respect that men need wives more than women need husbands. But that's always a very dangerous formulation. And so I'm only going to say specifically in the area of decision making where men are far more easily driven by ideas and by thoughts that may not have all been completely and fully worked out yet. You know, when when really dumb things are done by somebody usually that result in the death of the individual as a result of an incredibly stupid act. In various invariably, it is a male, not a female, invariably, it's a man, not a woman. Now, in the same way that men can do incredibly dumb things, right? man says it seems like a really good idea doesn't it to

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whatever it is, you know, I'm not I'm not even going to give you any ideas of some of the extreme sports activities. But if a man's I think this is a really good idea, there are things that we men can do that are not quite as wild and as crazy as as jumping off a mountain cliff, wearing a piece of fabric in sewed into a flying suit. You're right, as far as I've been able to confirm, and I'm pretty sure I'm right about this. Only men have died in flying suit accidents, right? Because they I'm sorry, but this is totally a male kind of thing. It seems like a really good idea to jump off a cliff, you know, four or 5000 feet into the empty air wearing a flying suit. That's a really good plan. Okay. But it's men who do that in the same way. Men are far more capable of, of saying, I'm going to quit my job and start a business you know, my whole life I've I've wanted to bake cupcakes. I mean, I know that's a silly example. But but you get the point. There's a lot more to building a bakery in business than knowing how to make cupcakes. It is very often the woman who is more practical than the man. I'm telling you, in my experience, all right, are there exceptions I don't doubt it for a minute. But in general, and in in many years of couples, counseling, marital counseling, premarital counseling, I can tell you that there's not a doubt in my mind that the women tend to be more practical than the men now there are times where you need to be not practical they tell you in the years leading up to World War Two, there were many many people Jewish people who said we got to get out of Poland, we got to get out of Russia. We got to get out of Germany. The storm clouds on the horizon we've got to get out. And very often and I mean I know this from from people have told me their stories. Very often it was the woman who said it'll blow over. We've got children, we can't just pick up and leave to another country, we'll be away from family we're away from out. And really, if you think about it, you know, back in 1937, for instance, moving from a small town in Poland, to Houston, in the - or Galveston, even in Galveston, a lot of Jewish people came into Galveston. That was something you could readily understand a wife saying to her husband, you're crazy. This is gonna blow over. You know, this guy, Hitler's just talking, it's gonna go away. We can't

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pick ourselves up and move. We'll never see our family again. You know, we'll never talk to them in those days, right? telephones were international calls very rare, very hard, very expensive. And how are we going to make a living in Galveston? Well, some, some couples came, and they thrived. And they prospered and they did well. And others. They didn't they didn't go. And very often, yes, it was the woman who said, Look, this is a crazy dream the New World America, what do you want to go into become a cowboy? Here, we've got a life, it's not good. It's not perfect. Yes, there is a lot of anti semitism, we get attacked, people get killed, but at least here we are. This happened a million times over this conversation happened. And invariably, it was not 100%. But most times, it was the man who wanted to go. And it was the woman who wanted to stay in in those cases, it was the right thing, obviously, in hindsight to go. But what I'm talking about is speak, converse, talk.

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And here I'm addressing myself mostly to men listeners, because as I said earlier, we men tend to do rather than speak. And so for us, it is very difficult, it's even painful. And yet, there it is, you know, God put us together, he took a woman who loves talking, who's good at communicating, who needs to connect, to feel fulfilled, and link, sir, to a man who would rather do almost anything else than have a deep, serious conversation about us or about the future. It is hard. And he puts us together precisely because we have to grow, a woman has to know when to bring something up with her husband and how to do it. Maybe the best thing is to write him a letter to start the conversation going, she's got to be wise. And the man has to learn that verbal communication is very, very important. And this is one of the reasons that in Jewish marriages, there's a period of time a period of time, on a regular basis, where the couple Do not touch physically, at all. And part of the reason for that is to help the man understand that intimacy and physicality doesn't solve everything, that the best thing is to first make up by means of words. First of all, solve the problem by means of verbal communication, and then return to normality. These things are all important parts of the F of family. And I said earlier, raising children bringing children to the world very hard. It's an act of faith. I conceiving them as easy, conceiving them as a pleasure, but giving birth to them as a totally different story. And then, if you thought giving birth was hard, wait for the following years after that, because raising a child to become your heir, not just biologically but spiritually as well. Now that saw a lot of work. I gave the example a little bit earlier of keeping your word with your child, that's very hard. But then comes education. And that is no joke. Because particularly in the United States of America, but this to some extent is true in other places as well. And something I'm about to say is true wherever you are. And, and that is that we all grew up thinking that all we have to do is put our children on the bus to school, and we fulfilled our responsibility as parents, it's all done. It's all simple. And your child will come home with an education. Well, even if that ever was true, it certainly isn't true today. And your obligation as a mother and a father is to give your child an education. It's your obligation. It's not the government is not the state. It's not the county is not Your local school board is not even the local teachers, it's your responsibility. And you have to know that when the educational system is not stepping up to the plate, why it's your responsibility then to do so. And not for a moment, do I think that simple, it really isn't. Look, in our case, we made the decision to educate our children at home to home school, please don't think this was easy. Don't think that this did not come with, with no costs, both financial and otherwise, in terms of time, energy and other things. It's not easy. But let me tell you, please, a few important things that I really do think are crucial, if you

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are interested in building your family. And by the way, what I'm telling you may be relevant for your grandchildren, right? legacy is important. And if you're a grandparent, then maybe you have to step into the bridge, if your children cannot, or will not, maybe you have to step into the breach. Because creating the next generation is the most profound, meaningful and important thing that we can do. So let me state something very clearly. All your child has to learn to do is read, write and do numbers, that's all you have to teach your child.

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Now, if on top of that, you're also able, you're also able to teach your child about money. And about male female relationships, and about faith, you're doing great. You're doing absolutely great. But that's all you have to do. You really don't have to teach your child geography and social studies and Gender Studies and, and the history of racial is that you don't have to do any of that. You got to teach your child to read, to write. That's all to read, write, do numbers to do arithmetic. That's all you got to do. And your children will pick it up from there. Right? Just get them books, and let them free at the library. And you have done your job. It's great. It's not that hard. Well, it is hard. I don't want to mislead you. But it's not as hard as you might think it is. People say well, I'm just a mom, I'm just a dad. I've never been trained as a teacher. Actually, that's an advantage, not a disadvantage, because not being trained as a teacher means you'll allow yourself to be led by the child's curiosity. Right? Please, train your children to be curious. Just let it's a net, you don't even have to do it's a natural condition. They are curious, just let them at it. It's wonderful. Just let them at it. And they'll be curious. And you let them learn that you as somebody who's not a trained teacher, great. You won't make too many statements, and proclamations. You'll ask questions, because one of the most effective ways to communicate is by asking questions. Right? The wife wants to have a conversation with her husband. A really good way to start almost any conversation is with a question. You've just got to think up the right question. And you want to communicate with your children at the dinner table, prepared questions to come to the table with not questions that are testing them about things you think they learned at school, or should have learned in school now. Ask them questions that sound as if you really are curious about what they're going to say. These are important things. So please remember, it's not as hard as you think it is. reading, writing and arithmetic. You got to teach your child to read, do you really think you need a college degree in order to teach your child to read you really don't I promise you apart from anything else, they're terrific books. You know, teach your child to read easy. And what's more, it does a lot for the parent child connection. And then you teach your child to write because when a person can express their thoughts in writing, oh, really, really valuable, really, really important. And then you teach them to handle numbers and their curiosity will pick it up from there. Really well, I was blessed to be able to teach a grandchild. Not only arithmetic, but we went on to geometry. And we went on to advanced algebra. And we went on to Calculus. And we went on to linear algebra. We all of these things, why did I forced No, the child was being homeschooled. He sat in our living room. And he asked me questions. And all I thought about was, how do I answer the question in a way that stimulates more curiosity and more wonder. And I'll tell you something, if you know, whether it was homeschooling our children, or whether it was helping this particular grandson make his progress through the world of science, physics, and mathematics. It was it was wonderful. And it was truly very exciting to me, I, I can't tell you how meaningful it was for me, he wrote a very beautiful essay expressing his gratitude to me. And it

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brought tears to my eyes, because I'm thinking to myself, I'm grateful to him, what he did in giving me the privilege of exposing him to how the world really works. It was wonderful. And once we were talking already about algebra, and we're discussing calculus, and we're discussing a Newtonian motion, and we're discussing the meaning of gravity. From there other questions cropped up completely, organically. A lot of male female questions, family related questions,

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a lot of finance questions. And and yes, we ended up learning a lot of economics as well. Because all I did was try to stimulate the curiosity and answer the questions in a way that stimulated Anyway, enough about me here. The point I'm trying to tell you is that it's very meaningful to educate your children. And those of you who have experienced what I'm talking, I've just been talking about on a personal level, you know, that you end up saying to yourself, was I mad? Was I willing to give over this privilege to an institution of education? What was I thinking? I'm a parent, it's my privilege. And today, I'm afraid you have to realize that you can teach your children Believe me from the age of three, onwards through their teenagers, you can teach them you really can because there are so many wonderful resources available. And and here's the problem. The problem is that a lot of people don't realize that's what's going on in school today. What's going on in guix, government indoctrination camps, is not learning to read, developing a love for reading, learning to write developing our love for writing, learning about numbers and developing an enthusiasm and excitement for numbers. Now, what's happening today, mostly in schools is in doctrine nation. I'm afraid that schools today are particularly high schools are likely to be the first place in your child's experience where they're going to encounter physical violence. That's true. The first time your child is likely to see another child beaten or hit, or nose bloodied, is going to be at high school. It's not only that bad, they're going to pick up bad ideas and bad habits, not only from educators, but from the other children. They're surrounded by. Do you think a geek is going to teach your child to think and to be able to evaluate ideas and to subject their ideas to examination in the light of things they've learned in the light of books they've read in the light of their own research? Please, no, that doesn't exist anymore in guix in the United States of America, the government and the educational establishment do not want schools to turn out thinking individuals capable of independent analysis. No. On the contrary, they actually want a obedient, indoctrinated serfs, who will do as they're told, I'm sorry, but I you may think I'm exaggerating, but I'm not. I'm really not. This is unfortunately a reality. It's just one of those things that is so you got to know that family is What I focused on a little bit today is is not simple. It's not simply an easy balance, incredibly fulfilling, incredibly fulfilling and worthwhile. The incredible growth, you feel excited by, you know what I mean? That's exciting, right? One of the ways you feel happiest when you feel you've grown when you feel you've achieved something. And it is not possible for a man or a woman, to build and grow a family and a family, that's not just a biological entity, you're not just bringing children into the world to serve as socio economic cogs in the machinery of a society gone mad, no, you're producing your replicas your heirs, doesn't mean your children are exactly like you, right? There's nothing on earth you can do to guarantee that outcome, I promise you, but children who have the spiritual insights that you have gained children that replicate your values and your beliefs. Now that part is very important, obviously.

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So when you teach people to read and to write, this is hugely important. You teach your children to be able to communicate by reading and by writing? Well, this gets to be fascinating. I'll tell you why. Because there are cultures, let us say, rather unsuccessful cultures around the world that didn't know how to read or write. And in general, those peoples that managed to make it into the 20th, and the 21st centuries, with their cultures intact, and with their systems operational, are people who had writing. And it's amazing how many different people around the world developed without any writing system at all. the Incas, for instance, I mentioned them earlier, the Incas in South America, you know, built up quite a kingdom, but they had no system of writing at all. In Africa, there was not a whole lot of reading or writing going on. How about the the northwest coast, that part of the world that I really love being adults, it's really just being there makes me happy. And, and that is the, the coastal waters of the state of Washington and British Columbia in Canada. Those areas were populated for many, many, many hundreds of years. by Indian tribes, the Hieda or the Haider [sp.], the Kwak'Wala and the Chehalises and the Chemakums and the Cowichans, and the Cowlitzes, and the Duwamish tribes and the Esquimalt tribes, I mean I'm familiar with, I don't know the difference between them. I know they had different customs, and some of them were peaceful, and some were war like, many of them enslaved one another, by the way, slavery was widely practiced off the British Columbia coast for hundreds of years. And but at any rate, these peoples had no formal writing. Well, you think about it, you're at a huge disadvantage. If you have no form of writing. Well, think about what that means. It means that every generation has to start off sort of figuring things out for themselves all over again, because they don't know. Or how about even in terms, and this is, by the way, true for your children, because once you teach your children to read, and they naturally develop a love of reading, because you guide them into the right books. And by the way, don't for a moment think that the books your children get from their geek library, are safe for your children's souls. They're not, I can't tell you how shocked I am at some of the books that people have shown me that came from their children's school libraries. But no, don't forget, you got to be responsible for your child's spirit and body, you've got to educate them comprehensively. And, and so what happens is that when you teach a child to read and the child then starts reading, one of the characteristics that defines good writing and good literature is that it is telling them true things about human nature.

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And so, you know, and there are children's books like that as well. You don't have to go to an adult level. You know, to read the the novels of Dostoevsky, the great Russian novelist Yes, the Brothers Karamazov is is very, very important reading, you become more knowledgeable about why human beings function, it's really valuable. And to have to discover these things all over by yourself, I think it's painful. There are high school children in the United States of America that cannot read and obviously do not read. So what do they know about human nature? Basically, they are projecting their own feelings and their own instincts on to the rest of humanity. They know absolutely nothing. Right, the reason that the plays of William Shakespeare are considered good and valuable, and why I would recommend that at the right age, and another 11, or 12, or 13 years old, but at the right age you introduce your child to good writing, is because they will learn about being human. And this is very helpful when it comes to interacting with other human beings. Because you start recognizing certain

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human behaviors, things you would, you wouldn't be able to learn by yourself. And so let alone when it comes to scientific discovery. Just imagine how, obviously, nations that had no form of transmitting information by writing from one generation to the next. Obviously, they stay primitive. The acquisition of reading and writing is a huge gift to your children. I wish I could say that every high schooler in the United States of America can read and write, it's simply not true. But you'd be giving your child a great gift by teaching your children to read and to write, because that way, they become legitimate heirs to the legacy of accumulated human knowledge, whether it's in the area of human behavior in literature, or whether it's in the sciences, where they're able to learn things. And they get to a point very quickly that they overtake you, and they're learning things you don't know about. And now they tell you about things. And how exciting is that for a child to be able to tell his parents about the things he's learning? It's wonderful. You know, I saw an article recently in the Wall Street Journal, right? It's, it's as good a newspaper as you can get today in the United States of America. And this was an article speaking about the trivialization of evil. And so the author writes, I asked a variety of people whether they had ever known someone who they considered to be evil. The overwhelming majority stared into space for a moment and said, No, no, no one I would really call evil except, of course, Hitler, but I didn't know him. And, and that's what what people told this guy said he started asking this question about 20 years ago, and that's what people would would say. But he says Now, at this point in time, in the United States, the word Evil has suffered from severe grade inflation. And he says, just in the same way that every college student gets an A, regardless of what little he knows, or doesn't know, goes in colleges, merits and grades are considered to be evil, talking about evil, and so grades don't mean anything anymore. He says, Now they call almost anybody evil. He says, I started by asking progressives, whether they ever knew someone who was evil, the number one answer was Donald Trump. Right? And he says to himself, if they're gonna call Mr. Trump evil, what would the word they use for the Cambodian tyrant pol pot. Right. Then they said, well, they think that Derek shoven, the policeman in Minneapolis, he is truly evil. But you know, what, what is what in the end do they use for a mass murderer? You know, if the word evil This is the point of his article, the word evil means a,

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if somebody is evil, if you're going to call a politician, evil, you know, that's pretty bad. And, and the auditor continued, and he said, Well, if you're serious about evil, you have to talk about consequences. You can't call a person evil and lessons with Hitler or Stalin or Mao or Pol Pot at the bar. The evidence is there in the body count Well, I want to tell you something that will be useful for you and that is the That it's it's very difficult, especially in this day and age, where we tend to focus on identities is everything. To think of people as evil is a mistake because you get snuggled up in that trap. Well, if this one is able, then what do we call Adolf Hitler? And so it's much better to think in terms of behavior than identities. You asked me to name someone who's truly evil. Well, what do you mean by that someone who's 100% evil? I don't think anybody is 100% evil. Right? I mean, did Hitler never do anything nice at all to somebody? Well, it's overwhelmed by all the evils. Well, now you're making your own decision about how to judge these things. But if we speak about actions, now you can even discuss the question with your children. Right? To ask a child, can you name a really evil person? It's a go nowhere conversation. But you speak to a child and you say, let's talk about behavior, what sort of behavior is truly evil. Now you have a different sort of conversation, you follow what I'm saying? I think this is really

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helpful, by the way, and it's, it's really it's worth the price of admission to the show today. Because you can all easily be trapped by the infatuation that the culture has today on identities, don't think identity, think behavior. And this is also true, by the way for various sexual identities, right? Think about behavior, rather than identities. And it cuts through a lot of the the obfuscation, it cuts through a lot of the nonsense and it lets you make progress towards understanding how the world really works. And that afterall is what we try and do here. Every time we get together here on the Rabbi Daniel Lapin show. So get together with other folks you might want to talk to and discuss the show with best done at the website, wehappywarriors.com. And try out the free membership of becoming a Basic member of the free were the We Happy Warriors community. That way you can connect in an unmoderated forum with other happy warriors. And you can discuss these things. And you're obviously free to make whatever connections that you want to do that way. So we, we get through this way, a little bit of what we have to discuss in understanding how the world really works. And we remember that the important thing is that the more that the world changes, and it certainly is changing a great deal, the more we need to depend on those things that never change your fundamental five F's, the focus on your faith, your finances, your friendships, your fitness, and as we've been talking today, your family and so as we come to the end of today's show, I am Rabbi Daniel Lapin, and I wish you a fantastic phenomenal week. There's two F's right there. Yes, I know, with your family and with your finances, with your friendships, and with your fitness and your faith. Have a fantastic week. I'm Rabbi Daniel Lapin. God bless