



Faith Christian School Podcast on the Effects of Divorce on Children

Pastor Lavaughn Young, the counseling pastor at Faith Assembly, talks to us about the effects of divorce on children. In today's society, statistics tell us that about 50% of all marriages will end in divorce. Often, these divorces are between couples that have children. Everyone processes these traumatic events differently, but everyone involved in a divorce is affected in often dramatic ways.

Discussion

- What is the cause of many of the divorces in our culture?
 - Today's culture is very accepting of divorce. Many years ago, divorce had such a negative stigma that it was a deterrent from couples divorcing. The stigma is pretty much gone today.
 - The divorce rate has pretty much leveled off or slightly decreased, but when looking at the numbers and the research, the reason for this is many couples are living together instead of getting married.
- Does the way television reflects marriage drive culture or is it just reflecting the culture?
 - The way tv reflects marriage seems to be driving culture. Television often portrays the husband as an emasculated man. It shows the family not showing respect to the man; respect is what the man needs the most.
- What is the major, or most often discussed, problem children have when parents divorce?
 - Often times, the child will feel that he/she is responsible for the divorce. Also, children will typically follow the patterns and behaviors they see in the first 9 years of life. Children whose parents divorced during their first 9 years of life are 66% more likely that they will experience divorce in life.
- What message do you have for parents?

- Your divorce is not your children's fault, but they often pay the biggest penalty. Adults can adjust; children feel the effects the rest of their lives.
- Don't let the children see that you don't get along with your ex-spouse. Make sure to talk positively about your ex-spouse to the children.

Resources

- Our website is faithchristiansc.com. You can also find our other podcasts, when we get more, on our website.
- If you are interesting in finding out more about our school, you can also check out our website or call 843-873-8464 and ask for Cindy Feagin.
- You can follow us on **Facebook** at Faith Christian School and **Instagram** at [faithknights](https://www.instagram.com/faithknights).
- Magazine Articles
 - "Why Divorce Devastates Children" by Marlena Graves, *Christianity Today*, May 2011
 - "Children of Divorce" by Karen L. Maudlin, *Today's Christian Woman*, September 2008
- Books
 - *When God Doesn't Fix It* by Laura Story
 - *Counseling Teenagers* by Dr. Tim Clinton and Dr. Chap Clark
 - *My Parents Are Divorcing NOW WHAT* by Paula Morrow
 - CARE NOTE: Helping A Child Deal With Divorce (available in the Faith Assembly counseling office)
 - *How Could Divorce Affect My Kids* by Focus On The Family
 - *The Effects of Divorce on Children* by Family Research Council