

Overcoming Mayhem with Christmas

Isaiah 33:5-6 (AMP) *The LORD is exalted, for He dwells on high; He has filled Zion with justice and righteousness. And He will be the security and stability of your times, A treasure of salvation, wisdom and knowledge; The fear of the LORD is your treasure.*

5 Generations (Tim Elmore)

The Builder Generation (1929-1945)

This generation started with the stock market crash in 1929 and people feared they wouldn't have access to their own money, so they withdrew their money and banks shut down. The following years were called the Great Depression and lasted about a decade. One factor that ended this depression was our entrance into World War II, which ended in 1945.

The Baby Boomer Generation (1946-1964)

When the soldiers returned from the war, babies and more babies were born as civilians and military men began to focus on building a family. The 1950s were called the age of "normalcy." We wanted to get back to normal, with a spouse, some kids, maybe a dog. The "boom" of babies turned out to be 76 million, the largest number born in a period of time up to that point.

Generation X (Baby Buster Generation) (1965-1982)

At first they were called "busters" since their generation began with the public introduction of the birth control pill. Add to that Row v. Wade and you have a shrinking population--a bust rather than a boom. We grew up in darker times in the shadow of the much larger baby boom population ahead of us.

The Millennial Generation (1983-2000)

This generation is marked by a shift in culture and parenting. In the 1980s to the 1990s, America recalibrated herself, recovering from events such as Vietnam and Watergate. Campaigns focusing on child safety, self-esteem, and status became looming factors in how parents raised these kids called Millennials -- a term coined for them since they'd spend their entire adult life in the new millennium.

Generation Z (2001-2018)

Generation Z will never know anything but the 21st century. In this generation, they only know the dot.com era. The 2008 crash affected them significantly, as did corporate scandals, a 9-11 attack that ignited an era of terrorism, racial unrest, mass shootings, and smart technology which both connected and disconnect us, fostering mental health issues. This is all of our new normal.

Isaiah 7:14 (NIV) *Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel*

Matthew 1:21 (NIV) *She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from...*

Matthew 1:21 (NIV) *She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sin.*

Romans 6:14 (NIV) *For sin shall no longer be your master...*