

# The Riedy Reader

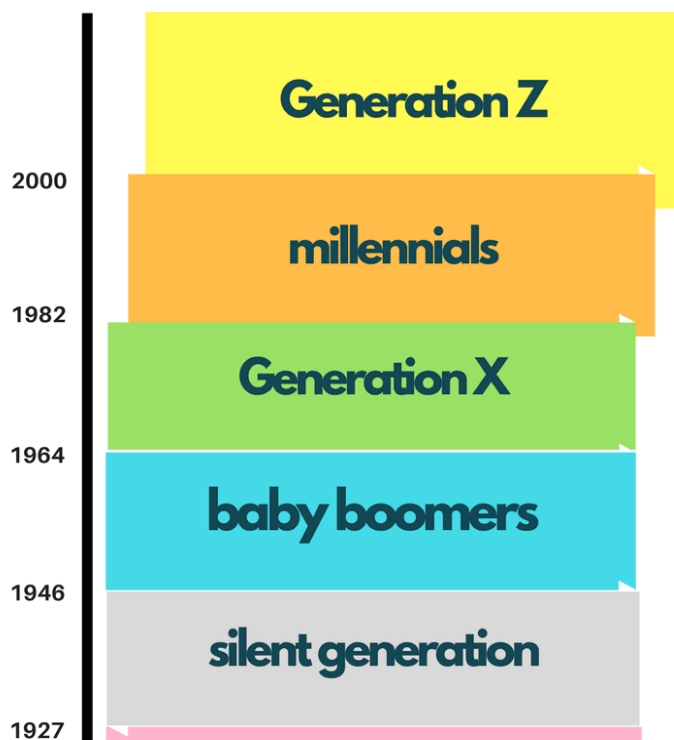
## June 2022



Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

One **generation** shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. (Ps. 145:3-4)

Have you ever considered different **generations** as different 'cultures'? Read this definition and maybe you will if you have not before. "*Culture: the customs, arts, and achievements of a particular social group.*" Think of those generations before and behind you. I think you would agree they had different customs, different art, and many different achievements!



Does this idea give you another view of 'Cross-Cultural Missions'? It is certainly something that we are considering here at FamilyLife, both internally and externally. We are committed to the Gospel, and Biblical truth does not change. But how do we communicate that truth to all **generations**? If you compared a Weekend to Remember® from thirty years ago to one this year you will see changes made to keep things current.

In order to be able to keep our external message current, though, it means that we have to have different generational voices inside the ministry. The current staff of FamilyLife represents **five generations**! Just since moving to Florida, we have seen our Millennial staff numbers double! I also think it is significant that our FamilyLife president has shifted from Boomer to Gen X. Why has this been helpful?

Marriages and souls are saved through our **Weekend to Remember®** events. Read some recent comments from attendees:

*Profound, we are walking through the beginning steps of resolving infidelity in our marriage and need all these tools. I never imagined where we are right now that my husband would agree to come, but I was bold to ask and he said yes! It was an answer to earnest prayer. **Wife, 17 years married***

*Gave us strength and more patience. Drew us closer- we brought our church couples and this brought more love to one another. We have decided to open a marital ministry group studies to our Church. This is how God works. **Husband, 20 years married***

*This has changed the dynamic of our marriage! We can't thank you enough for all the time and preparation it took. We have such a renewed hope and plan for the future. You created a safe place to have real conversations and be vulnerable to grow and move forward! Everyone needs to attend this event, no matter what stage of marriage you're in!! God bless y'all!!! **Wife, 21 years married***

Maybe you have heard Gen X called 'the bridge generation'? Consider this quote from the Concordia Journal of Communication Research.

"The gap between Baby Boomers and Millennials is staggering, but Generation X-ers find themselves in the middle of the two, sometimes overlapping in both directions, serving as a **"mediating generation."** Members of Generation X find ease in relating to members of the Baby Boomer generation because many of them also had to learn to use technology and social media sites as they arose, but can also relate to the Millennial generation, as those are their children and their children's lives are saturated in the ever-changing world of technology. " <https://digitalcommons.csp.edu/comjournal/vol6/iss1/6/>

I'm excited to be part of that 'bridge generation', valuing the experience and wisdom of the Boomer and the relational and digital aspects of the Millennial! In order to bring God's message to my kids and beyond, we are going to need all five of these FamilyLife staff 'cultures' that each generation brings.

In Him,



IBS class in progress-My view from the back row

This month I have the privilege of being a Teaching Assistant to two in-person theology classes as part of the Cru IBS program, Apologetics and Humanity/Christ/Salvation. I'm SO enjoying listening to the lectures with no homework (though I suppose correcting student homework is its own kind of homework). My favorite quote so far has been:

"To be a Biblical Christian is not just to have a high view of the Bible, but to try to live the life depicted in the Bible."

Dallas Willard

### Tear & Prayer



**Praise** for Brenna being accepted into the Information online masters program at Florida State U  
**Praise** for Amanda having a great time at Freshman Orientation for JBU-esp. for the chance to meet her roommate in person before August.  
**Pray** for Cru22-U.S. Staff Conference being held in Milwaukee, WI July 16-22 this year. This will be the first since 2019 due to COVID, and in a brand new location after many years in CO. **Pray** for all the logistics and for health, for both the adults and all of the kids in childcare. **Pray** also for Eric & I specifically to grow in our vision and training.  
**Pray** for travel mercies for our whole family as there are many trips coming up this summer

Pray for the Riedy Family  
serving with

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