

Usher Opens Up About His Heated Custody Battle



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Usher is finally sharing the story of the heated custody battle he went through with his ex, Tameka Foster. UsMagazine.com reports that the claims have now been settled after three years, and Usher was rewarded primary custody of the couple's two sons, Usher V, 4, and Naviyd, 3, on August 24th. Usher has agreed to open up about his custody battle for the first time to Oprah on *Oprah's Next Chapter*, which aired September 16th. "This will be the only time that I've ever chosen to speak about it. I've been a man of integrity throughout the entire process, which I hope my boys will understand," Usher told host Oprah Winfrey.

How do you make sure your custody battle doesn't affect your kids?

Cupid's Advice:

Custody battles can be extremely difficult, and things can get heated between you and your ex. Making sure your kids stay out of it, however, is extremely important. Cupid has some advice:

1. Don't talk about it in front of them: While the custody battle is probably the most important thing on your mind, you should never be talking about it in front of your kids. You don't want to drag them into the drama, so don't say something bad about your ex or what is happening in court in front of your children.

2. Remain civil: things may get out of hand and you may really dislike your partner at this time, but it is important not to show that side to your kids. Try to remain civil with your partner when your kids are involved.

3. Act like nothing is wrong: Treating your kids like nothing has changed is the only way to keep them comfortable during this confusing time. If they have questions, answer them as best you can, but otherwise continue about your daily life, as you would have before the drama started.

**How did you keep a custody battle from affecting your kids?
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