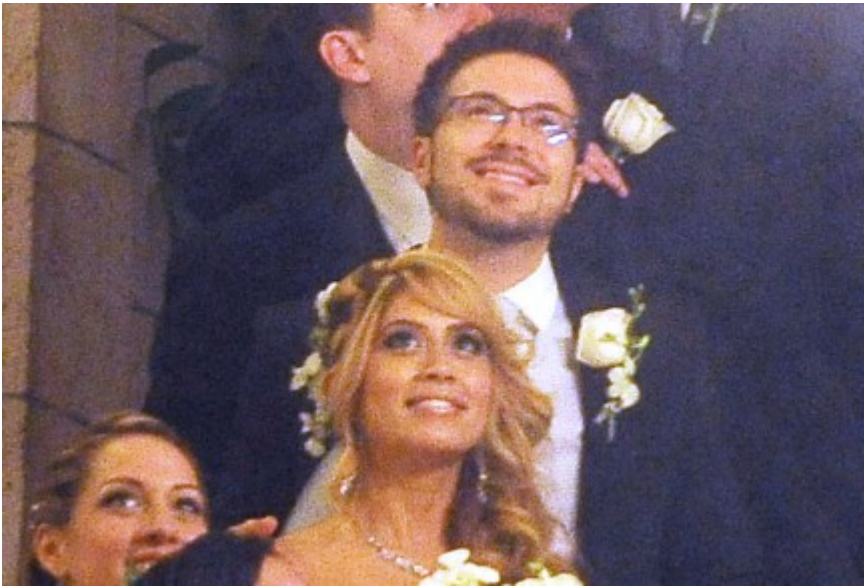


'American Idol' Star Danny Gokey Welcomes a Baby Boy



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American Idol season eight finalist and [wife](#) Leyicet had their first child on Sunday, [People](#) reports. The [newborn](#) boy, Daniel Emmanuel Gokey, weighed 8 lbs. 11 oz. and arrived at 9:52 p.m. EST. "Leyicet and I are overjoyed to welcome the new member of our family. I'm ecstatic to be a first time dad and to have a new little buddy to hang out with," Gokey said.

How do you decide how to long to wait to have a child after marriage?

Cupid's Advice:

[Marriage](#) is a new dynamic and a new identity for your relationship. As you figure it out, realize that having a child means more change as well. Take time to appreciate what you have, but be optimistic about the future. If you've always

wanted a family, don't be afraid to pursue that goal!

1. Relationship stability: When it comes to making the commitment of a child, you have to make sure you're both ready take this next step. Make sure neither of you have any serious problems that must be addressed before starting a family. A developing child will greatly benefit from the strength of you've already built as a couple. is now physically represented by your offspring. Procreating and raising a child is the most tangible purpose human beings can find. Make sure the [love](#) is there.

2. Ready to change: It'll be hard to adjust. You'll no longer simply be a couple, but a family. This will influence your career, friendships, and any future relationships. Your partner is now cemented with a fixed level of importance as the co-parent of your child. This shift is a major escalation of your relationship. Realize this new dynamic must change your [relationship](#), but find stability in the aspects that stay the same.

3. Prepare yourself: Having a child will really test how you've developed time management, responsibility, and determination. Keep in mind that you and your partner are caring for this child as a team. Make sure you consider how to manage a child in your life and what compromises you'll have to make.

When do you think it's time to have a child? Share your comments below!