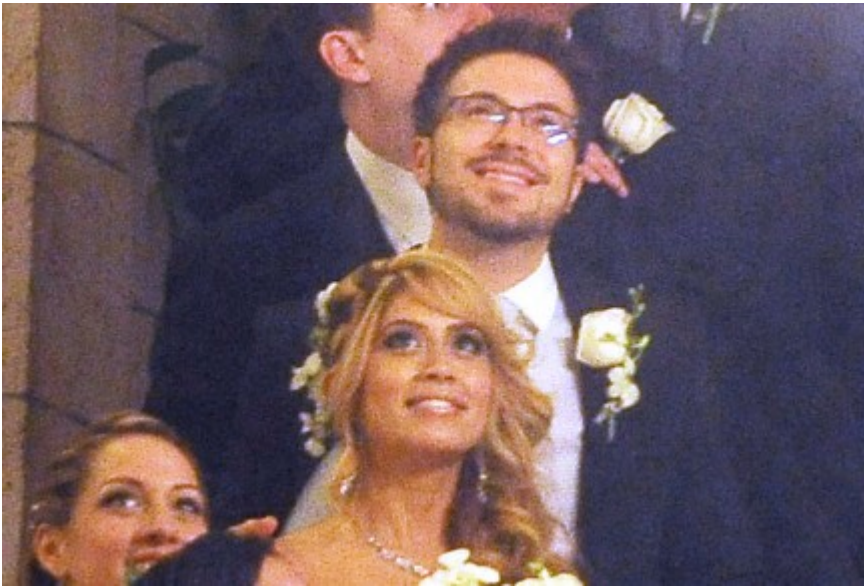


# 'American Idol' Star Danny Gokey Welcomes a Baby Boy



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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.

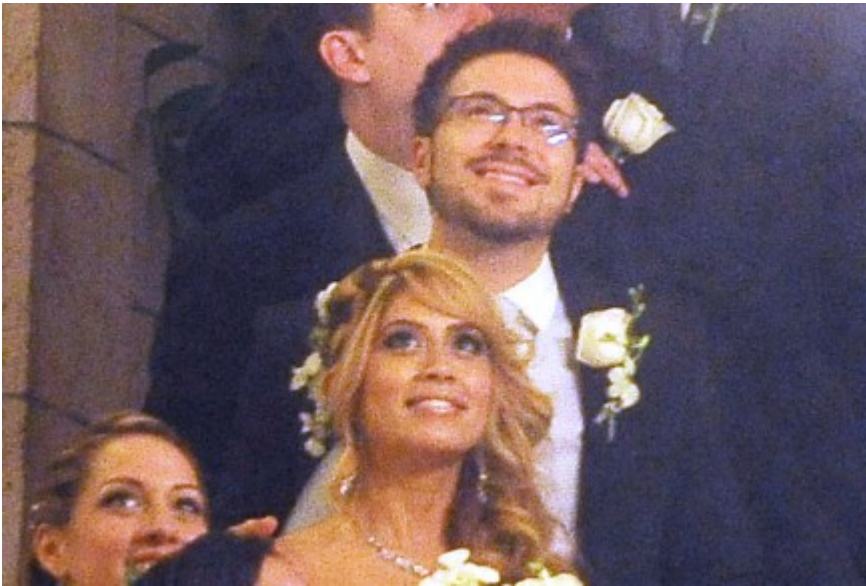
**2. Ready to change:** It'll be hard to adjust. You'll no longer simply be a couple, but a family. This will influence your career, friendships, and any future relationships. Your partner is now cemented with a fixed level of importance as the co-parent of your child. This shift is a major escalation 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!**

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# 'American Idol' Star Danny Gokey Ties the Knot



Former *American Idol*

star Danny Gokey is once again a married man. The singer exchanged vows with his fiancée, Leyicet Peralta, in a small ceremony among 100 of their family and closest friends, Gokey's manager confirmed to [People](#). The intimate ceremony celebrated the theme of "romance and love" and took place in Florida on Sunday. "We are so thankful to have found each other and now be able to spend the rest of our lives together," the newlyweds said in a statement. "We pray our gratitude grows more every day because there is so much for us to do now." This is the second marriage for Gokey, who lost his first wife Sophia in 2008 after undergoing a routine surgery for congenital heart disease. The newlyweds paid tribute to Sophia by asking their guests that all gifts be in the form of donation to Sophia's Heart, the children's charity founded by Gokey to honor his late wife.

**If your partner passes away, how do you know when to move on?**

## **Cupid's Advice:**

Dealing with the death of a loved one is never easy, especially when you're dealing with the passing of your spouse. However, there a comes a time when you have to move on and find happiness again. Here are few signs you're ready:

**1. You shut yourself out from the world:** The inside of your house hasn't had any sun beaming through its windows, you rarely answer your phone and the grass on your lawn is now passed knee length, leaving people to wonder if anyone lives at your house anymore. The situation is tough, but shutting yourself out from the world only makes it worse. You still have to live your life, and while moving on may take some time, you have to get yourself back into the swing of things.

**2. Acceptance:** You begin to accept the loss of your spouse when you start replacing their physical presence with memories of them. And while the grieving process is unique to individuals, you can slowly begin to enter back into the dating scene when you feel comfortable.

**3. You find comfort in a potential partner:** When you find someone who shows you unconditional love by being patient and understanding of what you've experienced, that may be just what you need in your life.

**How do you know when it's time to move on? Share your comments below.**