



Eagle Council 54

Saturday, 9/26/26

12:15 pm

Speaker: Katy Faust didn't set out to become an activist. She was a pastor's wife and stay at home mother when cultural conversations around marriage and family began to shift dramatically. As debates intensified, one question kept surfacing.

Who is speaking for the children?

That question led Katy to launch a blog defending the rights of children in marriage and family policy. What began as a small online voice quickly gained traction. Within a few years she was writing for national publications, speaking around the world, and eventually founding the global children's rights movement Them Before Us.

Today, Katy is a leading voice in the conversation about marriage, family, and child centered policy.

Title: *Bought and Sold: Why Surrogacy and IVF are not Pro-life, Pro-Child, or Pro-Family*

Outline:

Big Fertility violates three primary child rights

Right to Life

- Only 2-3% of IVF children will be born alive
- Grading embryo quality
- Genetic testing
- Sex selection
- Frozen storage
- Selective reduction

Right to Mother and Father - A child's own mother and father

- Children most likely to be safe and loved
- Access to biological identity
- Provide optimal development

Third-party reproduction

- Sperm/egg selling → identity struggles
- Womb rental/commercial surrogacy → trust and attachment challenges

Surrogacy: splices one woman into three

- Genetic mother
- Birth mother
- Social mother

None of these mothers are optional to children

Right to be born free- not bought and sold

- Paying genetic/birth parents to relinquish parental rights

Adoption ≠ third-party reproduction

- Mend a wound vs inflict a wound
- Open vs anonymous
- Safe placements vs baby buying
- Child centric institution vs adult centric marketplace

Action Items:

- Become an expert. Know more about the harms of third-party reproduction than your friends.
- Empathize with adults but center the child- they are the real victims when we get questions about infertility, marriage, and parenthood wrong.
- Do hard things in your own life- model putting them before us when you struggle with infertility, unwanted singleness, same-sex attraction, or by bringing an orphan into your home.

Resources: <https://thembeforeus.com/resources/>

Book: [Them Before Us- Why we need a global children's rights movement](#)

Podcast Series: [IVF-FYI: A Them Before Us series](#) to equip you with everything you need to know about IVF

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