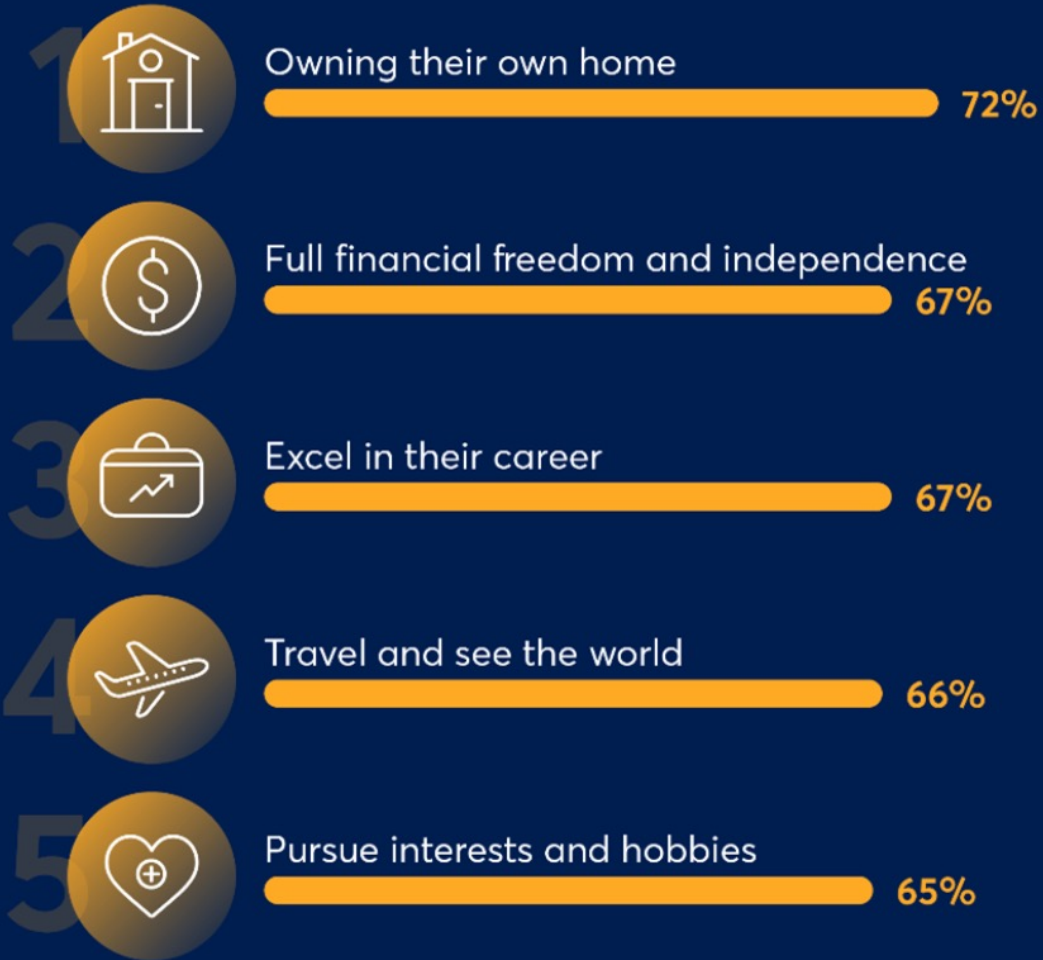


# Top Fears

*Not Finding Love*

## TOP FIVE HOPES



## TOP FIVE FEARS



Gen-Z are driven by a desire for **personal purpose**, and to live a **life with meaning**

*"You are all I long for, All I worship and adore, In  
other words, please be true, In other words, I love  
you"*

*"You are all I long for, All I worship and adore, In  
other words, please be true, In other words, I love  
you"*

- Fly Me to the Moon, Count Basie & Frank Sinatra

*"And all at once, you are the one I have been waiting  
for, King of my heart, body and soul"*

*"And all at once, you are the one I have been waiting  
for, King of my heart, body and soul"*

*- King of My Heart, Taylor Swift*

*"I believe in you. You know the door to my very soul.  
You're the light in my deepest, darkest hour. You're  
my savior when I fall"*



*"I believe in you. You know the door to my very soul.  
You're the light in my deepest, darkest hour. You're  
my savior when I fall"*

*- How Deep Is Your Love, The Bee Gees*

*"I don't wanna preach, but I'm all that you need.  
They say love is religion, so say a prayer with me"*

*"I don't wanna preach, but I'm all that you need.  
They say love is religion, so say a prayer with me"*

*- Love Is Religion, Dua Lipa*

*"I feel a kind of fear, When I don't have you near,  
Unsatisfied, I skip my pride, I beg you, dear"*

*"I feel a kind of fear, When I don't have you near,  
Unsatisfied, I skip my pride, I beg you, dear"*

*- Lay All Your Love On Me, ABBA*

# **Jacob, Rachel & Leah** (Genesis 29)

# **Jacob & Rachel's Meet Cute**

(Genesis 29:1-14)

## Genesis 29:9-12 (NIV)

9 While he was still talking with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep, for she was a shepherd. 10 When Jacob saw Rachel daughter of his uncle Laban, and Laban's sheep, he went over and rolled the stone away from the mouth of the well and watered his uncle's sheep. 11 Then Jacob kissed Rachel and began to weep aloud. 12 He had told Rachel that he was a relative of her father and a son of Rebekah. So she ran and told her father.



The **problem** with chasing  
love to fill a void...

**Things get complicated**  
(Genesis 29:15-30)

## **Genesis 29:16-18 (NIV)**

16 Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. 17 Leah had weak eyes, but Rachel had a lovely figure and was beautiful. 18 Jacob was in love with Rachel and said, "I'll work for you seven years in return for your younger daughter Rachel."

## **Genesis 29:20-21 (NIV)**

20 So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her. 21 Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife. My time is completed, and I want to make love to her."

View your longings through  
an **eternal lens**

"If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that **I was made for another world**. If none of my earthly pleasures satisfy it, that does not prove that the universe is a fraud. Probably earthly pleasures were never meant to satisfy it, but only to arouse it, **to suggest the real thing**. If that is so, I must take care, on the one hand, never to despise, or be unthankful for, these earthly blessings, and on the other, **never to mistake them for the something else of which they are only a kind of copy, or echo, or mirage**. I must keep alive in myself the desire for my true country, which I shall not find till after death; I must never let it get snowed under or turned aside; I must make it the main object of life to press on to that other country and to help others to do the same." - C.S. Lewis

# Christ as our bridegroom

1. We belong to Christ (Rev 22:17)
2. We are to be presented as holy to Christ (2 Cor 11:2)
3. We are loved as his bride with a sacrificial love, and called to submit to his leadership over our lives (Eph 5:24-25)

**Leah's search for fulfilment**  
(Genesis 29:31-35)



## **Genesis 29:31 (NIV)**

31 When the Lord saw that Leah was not loved, he enabled her to conceive, but Rachel remained childless.

# Leah's sons

1. **Reuben** - "The Lord has seen my suffering for now my husband will love me"
2. **Simeon** - "The Lord has heard I was despised and He has given me this one too"
3. **Levi** - "This time at last my husband will join me, for I have born him three sons"
4. **Judah** - "This time I sing praise to the Lord"

Give your **fears and longings**  
to the Lord

A life of **purpose** and  
**meaning** starts with **Christ**

