You may now kiss the virgin bride for the very FIRST TIME: The Evangelical Christians taking chastity before marriage to a new extreme

By Daily Mail Reporter

For one in eight Evangelical Christians, chastity means that their first kiss will be at the altar. Chronicling this extreme concept of purity, a revealing new documentary follows seven Evangelical children as they prepare for their fairytale vision of romance and marriage.

'We had our first kiss on our wedding day, I wouldn't have traded that for anything,' says one daughter in <u>Virgin</u> <u>Tales</u>, premiering on July 23.

The documentary follows the Colorado-based Wilson family, founders of the Purity Ball, to reveals the unshakable religious beliefs of the children as they seek out spouses.

'Just dreaming about the day that I get married and meet my incredible man gave me hope and encouraged me to continue on in this walk of purity,' explained one daughter.

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Virgin Tales: The couples who don't even KISS before marriage

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Randy Wilson, who started the ball in 1998, explains in the film that it is his responsibility 'to love and protect, physically, my daughter and wife.'

'Whatever that looks like, I would certainly step in for her best interests,' he says.

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On the podium, one of his daughters introduces the dance with a short, but poignant speech: 'We are simply to valuable to give ourselves away to young men who would not treat us with great respect, honor and worth,' she says to the crowd.

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'And not only in America, but there is a movement gaining strength even aboard like in Europe. A lot of parents say their kids are a lot more conservative than when they were young,' Ms von Arx told **Fox News**.

'There's a strong belief that father knows best. They really do feel like their father is trustworthy and they trust his opinion.'

And that trusted opinion extends to the sons, as well.

'They really held the men to the same standards,' said Ms von Arx. 'They are sincere about doing the right thing and honor the women and keep themselves pure. I was very surprised.'

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