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.... I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints. Jude 1:3 NIV

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Leviticus 18:22 (NIV), “*Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable.*” (See also Genesis 19:1-14 and Romans 1:27)

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 (NIV), “*Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor **homosexual offenders** nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.*”

One of the most controversial subjects today or what we might call a political hot topic, is the subject of same sex marriage. This subject has divided the Christian Church into two groups, those that stand on God’s Word and those who compromise. That is to say, we have some Christians that take the position of “live and let live” regarding same sex marriages while others cling to the biblical teaching on the institution of marriage, which is between one man and one woman, no exceptions. Still others, in an attempt to justify same sex marriages have distorted the scripture beyond recognition much the same way your slick talking, Madison Avenue attorney distorts truth to convince jurors their client, that was caught on video committing a murder is innocent.

As Senior Pastor, I would be dishonest if I did not say the church needs to drastically improve on how homosexuals are treated within its walls. To be clear, the church for the most part is homophobic. This homophobia in my mind has, at the very least, fueled the fire for gay activists in their struggle for equal treatment in all areas of life. By homophobic I mean; the church, for the most part does not welcome those men that are somewhat feminine in their mannerisms or females that are on the masculine side. Unfortunately, the church assumes these people are currently practicing homosexual lifestyles. Because of the assumed sin of homosexuality on part of those who look and act the part, many churches would much rather they didn’t attend their church. The part I find most disturbing is the fact that the same churches that are homophobic and would rather homosexuals not attend are no better than the homosexual, they too are sinners. I dare any church to tell the bold faced lie that there is no sin committed by its members. In fact, I guarantee you that in every church under the sun, you will find at least one person out of every ten that has experimented with the sin of homosexuality. Still yet, I guarantee you that every church under the sun has at least one person within it’s walls that falls into one of the sin categories Paul mentions in 1 Corinthians 6:9-10. Paul says, the wicked, sexual immoral, idolaters, adulterers, male prostitutes, homosexual offenders, thieves, the greedy, slanders or swindles will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Why is it then, the church seems to welcome with open arms, those who commit the sin of fornication, adultery and masturbation every week and yet reject the homosexual who acknowledges their lifestyle as sinful and needs the church's help to overcome it? Somehow, I believe the church has forgotten that it is both a hospital and an army. A hospital because it's where the sin sick go to get strength, direction and prayer from the saints of God; Jesus said the whole don't need a physician but the sick. An army because it's where you get your basic training before going out to destroy Satan's kingdom, not the struggling saints.

For certain, at the very least, the church of the living God has some work to do regarding its treatment of homosexuals that acknowledge their lifestyle as sinful, and have come to the church for help to overcome their sinful lifestyles. However, as a means of treating homosexuals better, the church is never to compromise by performing same sex marriages or accepting their lifestyle as normal, just as they would not compromise by accepting an adulterous lifestyle as normal.

The subject of same sex marriage is much too complex to deal with in depth in this work. Therefore, we will look at same sex marriage as it relates to:

1. Our Children
2. Creation
3. Civil Rights
4. Families (the inevitable incestuous)

1. **Our Children** – a) A loving and compassionate society always comes to the aid of motherless and fatherless children. However, same sex marriages does exactly the opposite, these marriages take away a father or a mother. If two men marry, a mother and her unique role in raising our children is taken away from the child. If two women marry, the unique role of the father in raising our children is also taken away from the child.
b) If same sex marriages become legal in any State, that State's school system is forced to teach children that same sex marriages are normal, something that State will regret. Our children's text books that now show a mother and a father holding hands will be replaced with two men or two women holding hands. For the unsuspecting, Bible believing Christian parents, there will be lots of explaining for them to do.
2. **Creation** – As stated earlier, there are those who attempt to justify same sex marriages by distorting scripture. However, God's Word could not be clearer regarding his plan for marriage, consider the following:
 - a) **In Genesis 1:28** (NIV), God gave mankind a clear directive, he said "*Be fruitful and increase in number...*" procreation was clearly part of God's plan for mankind. Same sex marriages and homosexual relationships go against God's plan since they cannot procreate.

b) **In Genesis 2:18** (NIV), God said, “*It is not good for man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.*” What does God make that is suitable for Adam, a man or a woman? According to **Genesis 2:21-23**, God made for Adam a woman, this is who God said is “suitable” for a man, a woman. No word games can cover this clear fact. In addition, when God created this woman for Adam he was asleep; he didn’t even have a “say-so”, God made the choice for him, who knows better what we need than God?

c) **The Law of First Mention** - **Genesis 2:24** (NIV) says, “*For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.*” (Jesus confirms this in Matthew 19:4-6). Here we have God’s clear definition of marriage as between a man and his wife. The context is clear, his wife is the woman taken from his rib, Eve. This is the first mention of marriage in the Bible and nowhere does the Bible within its pages redefine it. The Bible, God’s Word was here before we got here, how dare gay activists try to re-write it!!

3. **Civil Rights** – Many gay activists claim that the right to same sex marriage along with their struggle, is right up there with the rights and struggle of blacks to be treated equal and the rights of women to vote. However, this comparison by gay activists is too many, this author included, down right offensive in view of the civil rights movement led by Martin Luther King. When were gay people subjected to such things as:

- a) Being prevented from drinking out of a public water fountain
- b) Being sprayed down with fire hoses in public parks
- c) Needing the Voting Rights Act to have the right to vote
- d) Being subjected to Jim Crow Laws
- e) Needing constitutional amendment to vote

This list could go on and on, but I think my point is clear; there is no comparison between the struggle during the civil rights movement and the struggle during gay rights movement. The civil rights movement headed by Martin Luther King was based on a fundamental truth: All God’s children were created equal. The gay rights movement denies the plan of our creator regarding marriage when the creator says, “For this reason a man will leave his **father** and **mother** and be united to his **wife**, and they will become one flesh.” (Genesis 2:24 NIV)

To drive the point home, it must be understood that the civil rights movement was fought to overcome discrimination based on race and gender that is given at birth. No black person chooses to be black, nor does anyone choose their gender; they’re born that way and will die that way. The gay rights movement, specifically, the fight for same sex

marriages, is being fought to overcome discrimination received because of a voluntary behavior, one that can be and has been changed.

In fact, to say that gay people are being discriminated against when it comes to marriage is not really true at all. Gay people are free to marry members of the opposite sex just like everybody else, it is because they choose to go against God's design for marriage as between one man and one woman they encounter opposition. The opposition comes not only from Christians. For the atheist, same sex marriages are wrong because they go against nature. Simply put, the parts don't fit.

4. **Families** – As mentioned earlier, same sex marriages are harmful to our children as they take away from children in same sex marriages either a father or a mother. However, when the God-ordained traditional marriage structure falls apart or is redefined by allowing same sex marriages, we open Pandora's Box. That is to say, the same so called "rights" extended to allow same sex marriages, will in the not too distant future, be extended to a host of others that will demand their "rights" to be married.

Consider the following marriages between family members:

(Read first Leviticus 18:6-18)

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| a) Brother and sister | d) Aunt and nephew |
| b) Father and daughter | e) Mother and son |
| c) Grandfather and granddaughter | |

Each of these marriages go against God's Word (Leviticus 18). However, in legalizing same sex marriages, we are in essence saying these marriages are also acceptable as long as both parties are consenting. To some this may sound extreme. However, if you live long enough after same sex marriages become legal, these marriages and others will come. Why? Because there will no longer be a standard to hold anyone to. Besides, if same sex marriages are made legal, what could be said to the father wanting to marry his daughter? He loves her and she's in agreement, wouldn't they be entitled to be married too?

In closing, I would like to leave in the minds of the Saints of God a message posted on a church announcement board: "Those who stand for nothing will fall for anything."

God Bless,
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