

“Stand for Marriage”
Genesis 1:27; Genesis 2:24

Most of you have seen ABC TV's Extreme Makeover: Home Edition where they tear down a house and rebuild it for a deserving family. It is so cool to follow the process and watch the family's reaction when Ty shouts: “Move that Bus!” The old house has been demolished, and a beautiful new home has replaced it. What a heart-warming moment!

Unfortunately, there has been another Extreme Makeover happening to the American home but this one should break our hearts. Homosexual activists and their allies have been very effective in promoting their extreme makeover of the American family and are pushing for recognition of same-sex relationships in our laws, schools, culture, and even in the church. They have been working overtime to tear down traditional marriage, redefine it, and replace it.

In several states, black-robed judges and liberal legislators have shouted: “Move that bus!” And the results have been shocking. We have witnessed the images of the so-called "Massachusetts marriages" and "San Francisco ceremonies" where two men or two women were "married" and kissed one another for the cameras. While marriage has been redefined to include same-sex "marriage" in a handful of states, 29 states have voted for constitutional amendments preserving traditional marriage and there are other amendments making their way through state legislatures. At the same time, there are court cases that are challenging traditional marriage and therefore the laws protecting it.

Sadly, our President is not helping. In fact, President Obama declared last June as “Lesbian Gay Bi-sexual and Transgender Pride month,”¹ applauded “two-father” families in his Father’s Day proclamation,² and affirmed a California Judge’s ruling that overturned the votes of seven million Californians on marriage between a man and a woman, effectively legalizing gay marriage, calling the marriage amendment “divisive and discriminatory.”³ Now President Obama’s Department of Justice has issued a statement that it will no longer defend the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA).⁴

DOMA is a statute enacted in 1996 by overwhelming majorities in the Senate (85-14) and House (342-67) and signed into law by President Clinton. This law states clearly:

“[T]he word 'marriage' means only a legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife, and the word 'spouse' refers only to a person of the opposite sex who is a husband or a wife.”⁵

DOMA basically does two things: First, it protects each state from being forced to accept the marriage policies of any other state, particularly those states that endorse same-sex “marriage.” Second, it defines marriage as only between one man and one woman for purposes of federal law. However, President Obama “opposes DOMA and believes it should be repealed.” Consequently, the President has instructed his Justice Department to no longer defend the constitutionality of DOMA in court cases involving “legally married same-sex couples.”⁶

Abandoning DOMA poses a major threat to traditional marriage, especially given the fact that this stance could influence the pending court cases and eventually lead to: 1) the redefinition of marriage in America to include same-sex “marriage,” 2) the indoctrination of our children in public schools, and 3) the erosion of our freedom to object to immoral lifestyles. This is a real and present danger.

How should Christians respond? That is the subject of our time together, and the title of the message is “Stand for Marriage.” Why should Christians in America stand for marriage as defined by this Book? Well let’s consult the Scriptures because they are the guide for faith, family, and freedom – everything in life. The Bible establishes a fixed standard of righteousness, a fixed standard of moral absolutes, of right and wrong. So as we think about taking a stand for marriage, the first thing we need to do is to re-establish the divine pattern for marriage from the word of God.

I. THE DIVINE PATTERN

What is the divine pattern, God's original intention for marriage and the home? Go back to Genesis, the book of beginnings. For example, Genesis 1:27: “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.” We know that God is neither male nor female. Yet we are made “in his image.” In spite of the fact that we are, as individuals, made in the image of God, the full image is expressed when the two halves of humanity complement each other and become one. So a man, by himself, is not fully representative of all the descriptors of the image of God. At the same time, woman, by herself, cannot do justice to the full spectrum of the image of God. However, when the two complimentary halves of humanity unite - physically, spiritually, mentally, emotionally and psychologically – the image of God is revealed. Male and female are made anatomically, emotionally and spiritually for oneness. Husband and wife, joined together, represent the full spectrum of the image of God.

In Genesis 2:24, God further declares: “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.” When you come to the teaching of Jesus in the NT, you find that Jesus endorsed this divine pattern. Quoting Genesis, Jesus asked Pharisees in Matt. 19:4: “Have you not read that at the beginning, the Creator made them male and female, and said: ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife and the two will become one flesh?’ So they are no longer two but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let no man separate.” In both OT and NT, one man and one woman in a marriage covenant relationship for life is the divine pattern.

A part of God’s image is his creativity. In sexual union, husband and wife become co-creators, in a sense, with God. Children come into being as husband and wife unite, a sperm and an egg unite to form (miraculously) a human! A person! Loved by God! Male and female becoming one is what Genesis establishes as the essential components for this image. The breathtaking image of God!

From a social science perspective, marriage is an exclusive union that takes its distinctive character from being founded, unlike other friendships, on this bodily unity that sometimes

generates new life. This unity is why marriage, in our legal tradition, is consummated only by acts that are generative in kind, whether babies are produced or not. Of course, marital intimacy often does produce babies, and marriage is the form of relationship that is uniquely apt for childrearing, which is why it is a matter of vital public concern and not just a “private matter.” In fact, marriage is a public, social contract for which the law requires witnesses. Why? It has profound implications for the common good, for the health of society.

For example, here are some of the tangible benefits of the married heterosexual couple who frequently attends church:⁷

Benefits for the Individual:

- Happiness: 50% more likely to be happy in a general sense.
- Performance: More than a third more likely to take pride in their work (34%).
- Health: Nearly a third more likely to rate their health excellent or very good (30%).

Benefits for the Couple:

- Marital Satisfaction: 25% happier in their relationship.
- Divorce or Separation: 50% less likely.
- Adultery: More than 4 times less likely (7.7% vs. 33.8%).
- Earned Income: As much as 5 times more annually (\$54K vs. \$9.4K).

As a comprehensive sharing of life—an emotional and biological union—marriage has value in itself and not merely as a means to procreation. This explains why our law has historically permitted annulment of marriage for non-consummation, but not for infertility; and why acts of sodomy, even between legally wed spouses, have never been recognized as consummating marriages. Only this understanding makes sense of all the norms—the pledge of permanence, monogamy, sexual exclusivity, annul-ability for non-consummation—that shape marriage as we know it and that our law reflects. And only this view can explain why the state should regulate marriage (as opposed to ordinary friendships) at all—to make it more likely that, wherever possible, children are reared in the context of the bond between the parents whose sexual union gave them life. Parents of both genders are needed for a healthy home life for children.

Here are some of the benefits to the children of married heterosexual parents who frequently attend church:⁸

- Average High School GPA (English and Math): Almost half a grade point higher (2.94 vs. 2.48).
- Expulsion or Suspension from School: Nearly 3 times less likely.
- Repeating a Grade: Nearly 6 times less likely (6% vs. 34%).
- Hard Drug Use: Nearly 2.5 less likely (8.5% vs. 20.1%).
- Drunkenness: Nearly 2 times less likely (22.4% vs. 41.2%).
- Homosexual Activity: 3 times less likely (2.5% vs. 7.5%).
- Running Away from Home: Over 2.5 times less likely.
- Average Number of Sex Partners (Females): Over 3 times less (0.47 vs. 1.55).

As Dr. James Dobson notes, "More than ten thousand studies have concluded that kids do best when they are raised by mothers and fathers."⁹

So when a marriage follows God's design, it is good for everyone — men, women, children, the community, the country, and the world. Think about it. Every civilization in history is built upon the institution of marriage. It is the foundation. The welfare of children, the propagation of the faith, the wellbeing of society, and the orderliness of civilization are all dependent upon the stability of marriage according to the divine pattern. When this God-given pattern is undermined, the whole superstructure of society becomes unstable. Any deviation from the divine pattern invites disaster.

II. THE DECEPTIVE PERVERSION

Second, there is a deceptive perversion of the divine pattern. Hear me clearly: Any and all sexual sin outside of the marriage covenant relationship is a deceptive perversion of the divine pattern, but for the purposes of this message I want to focus on one sin in particular: homosexuality. The Word of God, which does not err, is abundantly clear. Leviticus 18:22 says: "You are not to sleep with a man as with a woman; it is detestable." Leviticus 20:13 says: "If a man sleeps with a man as with a woman, they have both committed an abomination..." Homosexuality is an abomination to God. This is the strongest biblical word for the denunciation of sin, the proof of which is in God's own version of the Extreme Makeover at Sodom and Gomorrah, which were destroyed in a hail of fire and brimstone (Gen. 19).

Again, why is homosexuality a sin? Because it is open rebellion against the divine pattern, the created order of God. Some say: "Well, that's Old Testament, but Jesus never said anything about homosexuality." I would disagree. Jesus said in Matthew 5:17-18: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished."

Some say: "Well Christians don't restrict their diets like they did in the OT Law, why should we pay attention to restrictions against homosexual behavior." Well it is true that we don't keep kosher. Why? Because Christ's death on the cross rendered obsolete the dietary, ceremonial, and sacrificial laws (see Hebrews 8:13), but the principles of the *moral* law remain in force. The moral law calls homosexuality an abomination. Jesus said: "I didn't come to change that."

In fact, Jesus basically condemned homosexuality by affirming the divine pattern for marriage. In Matthew 19:4-6 and Mark 10:6-9, quoting from Genesis 1 and 2, Jesus said that marriage is between one man and one woman. So if Jesus said marriage is between one man and one woman, it follows logically that marriage cannot be between two men or two women. In affirming God's pattern for marriage, Jesus rejected the deceptive perversion of homosexuality. When you get into the letters of Paul (Romans 1:18, 26-32; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; 1 Timothy 1:10), Peter (2 Peter 2:6ff), and Jude (v. 7), there is even more confirmation. Homosexuality is a deceptive perversion.

III. THE DEFINITIVE PROBLEM

Third, there is a definitive problem. Homosexuals claim: "We were born this way; it is in our genes; God made us gay." They cite "gay gene" studies predominantly conducted by researchers who are homosexuals - studies that have been repudiated by credible research.¹⁰ Yet these same biased and discredited studies have been widely publicized by the liberal media as true and factual. They essentially practice Joseph Goebel's Nazi philosophy of propaganda, which is basically this: tell a lie long enough and loud enough and eventually most mindless people will believe it.¹¹

Listen: God did not make anyone homosexual. The Bible declares that the definitive problem is ours: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). "We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way..." (Isaiah 53:6). Every one of us has a sin nature that twists and perverts God-given desires not only toward homosexuality, but toward all sorts of sin, including sexual sins such as promiscuity, adultery, pedophilia, etc. Our sinful nature is the root of all manner of evil, but with God's help, we can choose not to give into those evil desires.

Dr. James Dobson says: "I am certain that homosexuality does not result from irresistible genetic influences, as some would have us believe."¹² Scientifically speaking, there is no gay gene. Listen, I do not believe that God would not place in your genetic code something that would destroy your immortal soul. Again, it is our sin nature and its perverted and twisted desires that people give into, just as the Bible says in Rom. 1:24-27. That's the definitive problem.

IV. THE DESTRUCTIVE PROGRAM

Fourth, there is a destructive program. While homosexuals only represent 2.9% of the total population, many have become very vocal, well organized, well funded, and highly motivated.¹³ They have used the political system, the media, movies, and even the schools to "mainstream" their lifestyle choices, and they have been extremely successful in advancing their agenda. Just consider how the attitudes have changed toward homosexuality from the previous generation.¹⁴

What are the goals of the radical homosexual agenda? They include universal acceptance of the gay and lesbian lifestyle, gaining special privileges and rights in the laws, "sensitivity training" of our children through public education, silencing critics in the clergy and Christian media, and, of course, securing the legal benefits of marriage and parenting for any two people of the same gender. By all accounts, homosexual activists have been marching from victory to victory in the entertainment arena, the educational arena, and the legal/legislative arena in advancing this agenda. Don't think so?

A. Entertainment Arena: Take a look at the entertainment arena. Does "Broke Back Mountain" ring a bell? What about "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy?" What about "Modern Family?" Nearly every movie, nearly every television program advances rebellion against the divine pattern found in the word of God.

B. Education Arena: Take a look at the educational arena. Several years ago, the conservative news magazine *National Review* laid out a litany of examples of homosexual indoctrination in New England public schools: In one elementary school, a transsexual was invited into a First Grade Class to give details of his sex-change operation.¹⁵ In another elementary school, children were assigned to play gays in a school skit. Two girls were to hold hands and pretend to be lesbians. One boy's line was: "It's natural to be attracted to the same sex."¹⁶

Since then, same-sex "marriage" has been legalized in Massachusetts. Educators wasted no time in making sure children were taught the virtues of same-sex relationships. In fact, a Lexington, Massachusetts school "treated" their second graders to a book entitled *King and King*, which is a colorful 29-page children's book in which a prince searches for a wife, only in the end to choose another prince. The story ends with the two princes "marrying" and living "happily ever after." On the last page, the princes -- now kings -- even share a kiss.¹⁷ This was read to 7 year olds! When same-sex "marriage" was legal in California, educators in a San Francisco charter school took first-graders on a field trip to City Hall to celebrate the "marriage" of their lesbian teacher, complete with tossing rose petals on the couple, and the Director said: "It really is what we call a teachable moment."¹⁸

The strategy behind the Destructive Program of the homosexual activists and their allies is obvious. Writing in the leading homosexual magazine, *The Advocate*, lesbian author Patricia Nell Warren, said this: "It is the first fact of civilization; whoever captures the kids owns the future."¹⁹

C. Legal/Legislative Arena: While as many as nearly 6 out of 10 Americans are opposed to "gay marriage,"²⁰ homosexual activists and their allies have looked to the Courts to further their destructive program. Take a look at their successes in the legal arena. In 2003, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the nation's remaining Sodomy laws. In 2004, the Massachusetts high court legalized same-sex "marriage."²¹ In 2008, the California²² and Connecticut²³ high courts followed suit. In 2009, the Iowa court did the same.²⁴ Now state legislatures are getting in the act, with Vermont,²⁵ New Hampshire,²⁶ and Maine²⁷ voting to legalize same-sex "marriage." Thankfully Maine rejected same-sex "marriage" on a ballot referendum and other states like New Hampshire are considering a repeal, but a number of other state legislatures are considering either same-sex "marriage" (Maryland, New York, Rhode Island), or civil unions that grant everything but the name "marriage" (Hawaii, Delaware). Plus, there are several important court cases working their way toward the Supreme Court that could eventually decide the fate of marriage for every state in America.

Again, President Obama is not helping the situation by abandoning the Defense of Marriage Act. In fact, the President, according to the statement: "opposes DOMA and believes it should be repealed." Consequently, the President has instructed his Justice Department to no longer defend the constitutionality of DOMA in court cases involving "legally married same-sex couples." A White House spokesman stated that President Obama believes DOMA is "unnecessary and unfair" but is still "grappling with his personal views on gay marriage."²⁸

OK, let's just ask the question: Why not same-sex "marriage?" What damage could be done by the courts allowing two consenting adults of the same gender to join in a relationship and

sanction it as "marriage?" We already know the answer to that question. First, take a look at the Scandinavian countries that embraced de-facto gay marriage back in the '90s. The vast majority of couples there are choosing to simply live together instead of getting married, figuring that if marriage means *anything* then marriage means *nothing*. In Norway, there are reports of upwards of 60-80 percent of firstborn children conceived out of wedlock.²⁹ The results of the Scandinavian experiment have been devastating. Do we really want that for America?

Second, we have already talked about the indoctrination of children in public schools. David and Tonya Parker's five year old son was subjected to this at his elementary school in Lexington, MA. When David visited the Principal, he was told that same-sex "marriage" is the law, so there was no need for advance notice or for parental consent. When David objected, wanting to have his son opt out of the immoral indoctrination and refusing to leave until he got an agreement, the police were called, arrested David, and threw him into jail.³⁰ Is that what you want for America?

Third, there is the erosion of our liberty. Where homosexual activists win legal approval, whether by court action or legislation, they often deny our full rights as Christians because a homosexual's so-called "civil rights" and a Christian's freedom of conscience and speech opposing homosexuality are mutually exclusive. Something has to give. In fact, Chai Feldblum, an open lesbian and President Obama's appointed head of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, has famously stated that when religious liberty and sexual liberty came into conflict, she was "having a hard time coming up *with any case* in which religious liberty should win."³¹

The deck is stacked against people of faith who believe what the Bible says about God's plan for human sexuality, who believe that marriage is only between one man and one woman. Unless "We the People" get involved, the destructive program may eventually become successful, and when they shout: "Move that Bus!", the results will be devastating.

V. THE DETERMINED PLAN

Well we've talked about the divine pattern, its deceptive perversion, the definitive problem, and the destructive program, the propaganda and the agenda that is being pushed on our society, but what can we do about it? That leads me to the fifth and final thing: We need a determined plan of action. In light of the "Extreme Home Makeover" that is taking place, what can we do, what should we do, what must we do? Here are several action steps we can take:

Action Step 1: Pray: We need to *pray* for God's mercy on a nation that is speeding toward Sodom, and hurtling toward Gomorrah. Pray that God's Spirit will awaken a church that is sleeping. Pray that God will revive a church that is worldly. Pray that God would be pleased to send a mighty sweeping revival across the land. Before we make a call, write a letter, send an email, or cast our vote, we need to pray. Or nothing of spiritual significance will happen in America. I remind you that the promises of 2 Chronicles 7:14 depend on God's people. God's people must humble ourselves, God's people must pray, God's people must turn from our wickedness to biblical righteousness. But it all begins with prayer.

Remember what Abraham did when God told him that He was about to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah? He prayed, he pleaded, and he interceded with God for his nephew Lot and his family. And because of his intercession, judgment was delayed and Lot was delivered. Just as Abraham interceded, we need to plead with God that He might stay His hand of judgment.

See the future of America does not lie in the hands of the politicians in the Houses of Congress or the State House, the president in the White House, or the judges in the Court House, it lies with the people in God's House - Christians who get on their knees, pray and seek God's face. Old Abraham did something the Sodomite Government wasn't able to do. He got a hold of God! The need of the hour is not just information, not just organization, not just activism, but we must begin with heaven-penetrating intercession. Step number one: Pray.

Action Step 2: Practice: We need to *practice* the biblical principles for a healthy marriage as a positive witness. We need to follow the principles laid out by Paul in Ephesians 5, and of Peter in 1 Peter 3, and other passages, and build our marriages and homes on the foundation of God's word. Don't skip this one. Getting a hearing in the culture depends on our credibility. When the divorce rate among professing Christians is essentially the same as that of the world, we have little credibility with which to call the world to repentance, even if they are trying to redefine the family. Christian marriages ought to be the model for a watching world. Step number 2: Practice the biblical principles for a healthy marriage.

Action Step 3: Participate: We need to *participate* in our "government of the people, by the people, and for the people" as Abraham Lincoln described it. Now some might say: "I don't think Christians should get involved in politics." Let me ask you a question: Who created government in the first place? Romans 13:1-7 tells us plainly and unmistakably that God ordained the institution of government. Since God created the institution of government, would He want His people to stay out of it? No. If Christians don't "render to Caesar" (Matt. 22:21) and if we don't function as "salt and light" (Matt. 5:13-16) in the arena of government, then we disobey the commands of Christ and allow Satan to prevail by default. So we need to participate in the political process and impact our government as stinging salt and shining light. Here is what we need to do:

- Contact Your U.S. Representative: Your elected officials need to hear from you. No organization speaking for you will have the same impact. Call the Capitol Switchboard: 202-224-3121. Or you can visit: www.FRC.org/contact-elected-officials for contact info.
- Make a simple but urgent request like the following:

"Please support traditional marriage as a union of a man and a woman by passing a resolution reaffirming the Defense of Marriage Act and defending it in the courts."

Or *"Please send President Obama a message that he should uphold the law by passing a resolution reaffirming the Defense of Marriage Act and defending it in court."*

- Stay informed: Visit the Family Research Council website: www.FRC.org

- Spread the word: Try to persuade your family, friends, and acquaintances to take an active role in standing for marriage. Write an editorial in your local paper about the need for our elected officials to stand up for DOMA, which protects marriage between one man and one woman. Do a Facebook post on the importance of God's plan for marriage and the need for it to be protected in our laws and public policies by our elected officials. You can even tweet on Twitter for marriage!

So Step 1 – Pray for God to intervene. Step 2 – Practice biblical principles for a healthy marriage. Step 3 – Participate as salt and light in our government and in our culture.

Action Step 4: Proclaim: We need to proclaim the promise found in 1 Corinthians 6:9-11: “Do you not know that the unjust will not inherit God's kingdom? Do not be deceived: no sexually immoral people, idolaters, adulterers, male prostitutes, homosexuals, thieves, greedy people, drunkards, revilers, or swindlers will inherit God's kingdom. Some of you were like this...” Notice that it is past tense, and what comes next speaks of God's amazing grace: “But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.” That is Good News!

One of the most important things we can do as believers is to proclaim the Good News. It is ironic that those who are in the homosexual lifestyle struggle with all their might to achieve freedom from the so-called shackles of biblical morality and traditional institutions, and yet Jesus tells us that those who commit sin are “slaves to sin” (John 8:34). In trying to find freedom, they find themselves as slaves. See the Scripture teaches that genuine fulfillment and true freedom can only be experienced when we live in harmony with God's pattern. And Jesus also says: “If you hold to my teaching (that's God's pattern), you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” (John 8:31-32). And He adds: “If the Son sets you free, you are free indeed” (John 8:36).

Listen, only Jesus can break the strongholds of sin and offer freedom and forgiveness and hope. For when we turn from our sins and turn to Christ, He will change our desires, He will change our passions, and He will change everything about us. Second Corinthians 5:17 says: “Therefore if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; old things have passed away, and look, new things have come.” And that is the promise of God we need to share with everybody, everywhere, regardless of their sin. You can be a new person in Christ Jesus!

So let us live and preach that message of the transforming power of the love of God in Christ Jesus! Let's stand alongside these misguided and lost people trapped in Satan's snare! Let's love them out of that sinful and destructive lifestyle! Let's lead them to Jesus who can set them free! For whom the Son sets free is free indeed!

But let's also exercise our rights as Christian citizens! Speak loud and clear on the biblical and time-honored definition of marriage! Let's send a clear message to our U.S. Representative and our President that we want traditional marriage protected! Let's stand for God's plan for marriage! Because the future of the family depends on it. And all of God's people said: Amen!

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⁸ MARRI statistics. Again, comparisons are made to the non-intact family that worships less than monthly or never.

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¹² James Dobson, *Complete Marriage and Family Home Reference Guide*, (Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., 2000), 402. See also

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¹⁵ Michael Chiusano and Isabel Lyman, "Parents' Rights: Educators have been waging a covert war on parents - who are starting to fight back." *National Review*, September 30, 1996.

¹⁶ Ibid.

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²⁴ <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2009/04/03/iowa-supreme-court-sex-marriage-ban-unconstitutional>

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