

Stand Up for Morality

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Don't be bullied into embracing sin.

Part 1

The inspiration for this program came from something that happened a few days before the 2013 Super Bowl. One of the players said he didn't want to share the locker room with gay players. This caused an uproar, and the player was immediately bullied into reading an apology. Homosexuality has become more than just an acceptable sin—it is a now right! There are Gay Rights advocates. More than that, homosexuality has become a virtue to be proud of. That's why there are Gay Pride parades.

But this program isn't really about homosexuality. This program is about having the courage to stand up for morality in a society that celebrates immorality. Homosexuality just happens to be one example. We could make the same point using adultery, pedophilia, incest, binge drinking, or abortion.

Homosexuality, adultery, binge drinking, and abortion, are currently more acceptable sins than pedophilia and incest in our society; but that could quickly change.

The real issue is, "Who defines sin? Is sin defined by God or by society?" Atheists, of course, would say that sin can't be defined by God because God doesn't exist. Therefore, morality must be defined by society. Atheists would prefer to talk about morality rather than sin because sin has theological implications.

Christians, on the other hand, believe God decides what is a sin and what isn't. Man does not have the right to decide what is sinful and what isn't. Ultimately, we are going to be judged by God, not by a group of people who think they are the most enlightened, and can tell everyone else what is right and what is wrong.

In America, everyone should have the right to voice their opinion. The First Amendment of the Constitution guarantees freedom of speech. Other people have just as much right to say, "Gay is OK," as I have to say, "Gay is not OK." But the politically correct secular news media is trying to stifle Christian free speech. No doubt there are some people listening to this program who think I should be sent to "sensitivity training" (which is the polite term for brainwashing) for saying that homosexuality is a sin.

The Thought Police have been very successful advancing their agenda by defining the terms. They use terms like, "gay rights," and "abortion rights." As soon as one starts a discussion about "abortion rights" one has accepted the premise that women have a right to kill their babies. All that remains to be discussed is whether or not taxpayers or the Catholic Church should have to pay for it. Terms like "abortion rights," "gay rights," and "marriage equality," are used to unfairly bias the argument. Who can be against "rights" or "equality?"

Anyone who dares to say anything against these bogus rights is judged to be acting like they are morally superior by judgmental people who think they are the ones who are morally superior. The secular Thought Police won't tolerate any disagreement, which they consider to be intolerance. Intolerance isn't tolerated by those who claim to be tolerant!

Tolerance of sin is not a virtue. It is the first of three steps toward immorality. At first, homosexuality was tolerated. Then homosexuality was accepted. Now homosexuality is celebrated. Fifty years ago, who would have thought that there would be Gay Pride parades? When television was invented, who would have thought it would be used to broadcast a program called, “Queer Eye for the Straight Guy?”

At the 2012 Democrat convention, “marriage equality” was one of the party planks. Democrat politicians use the phrase, “no matter who you love,” at every opportunity. That’s their diplomatic way of saying that people should be applauded for their sexual deviancy because it is evidence of their progressive, enlightened attitudes.

They say it doesn’t matter who you love. But what if a priest loves an altar boy? Why is homosexuality embraced by open-minded, clear thinking, enlightened people; but pedophilia is not? Why aren’t there Pedophile Pride parades? Just wait. There soon will be. Pedophilia will be the next civil right.

If public schools give out condoms so that teenage boys can have sex with teenage girls, why is it so scandalous when teenage boys have sex with their adult teachers? Isn’t it better for a boy to have his first sexual experience with an experienced woman? Isn’t that the most effective way to teach sex education? Won’t he treat his future girlfriends with more respect if he has been taught the proper techniques by an experienced woman?

This may sound shocking and disgusting to you. It certainly does to us. But we can’t ignore what is happening right before our eyes. Every argument that can be made in favor of gay rights can be made for pedophile rights or incest rights, and it probably will be. If a boy loves his mother, why can’t he make love with his mother? Why shouldn’t a girl’s first sexual experience be with her father, uncle, or older brother if it really doesn’t matter who she loves?

A large part of society thinks there is nothing wrong with teenagers having sex outside of marriage, as long as it doesn’t result in pregnancy. Many people believe homosexuality is perfectly acceptable (even admirable), but pedophilia and incest aren’t. Ten years from now, society may decide that pedophilia is the purest form of love. Society may decide that a mother’s right to choose doesn’t end at birth—she can kill her child at any age if the child becomes too much of a burden.

Television mirrors our culture. Just look at all the programs that glorify deviant lifestyles. Homosexuality is a hallmark of the modern family. How many movies have been made about college kids getting drunk and doing stupid things, portraying this behavior as a normal and harmless part of growing up? TV programs and movies glorify perversion and make it appear not just normal, but virtuous.

Roseanne Barr is proud of the fact that she was the first lesbian to kiss another woman on TV. Who is going to have the honor of portraying the first pedophile to have sex with a minor? How long will it be before TV sitcoms include an incest story line?

The simple truth is that God decides what is moral and what isn’t. Morality isn’t defined by television producers. God is going to judge everyone according to His standards, not ours. Therefore, it is important to know what His standards are. We will examine the relevant Bible passages right after Susan Pogge plays “Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah.

[music – Susan Pogge, “Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah”]

Part 2

Before the break we saw how society has turned sexual vices into virtues. The popular culture celebrates homosexuality, and bullies anyone who dares to stand up against abortion, premarital sex, or homosexuality, by sending them to attend “sensitivity training” sessions.

Judgment day is coming. God will judge us by His standards—not society’s. God’s standards for sexual conduct are clearly set forth in Leviticus, chapter 18, and other places in the Bible. Leviticus 18:6 says,

“No one is to approach any close relative to have sexual relations. I am the LORD. (Lev 18:6)

This is followed by 12 more verses defining exactly who a man’s close relatives are. Specifically, they are his mother, sister, stepmother, stepsister, granddaughter, aunt, daughter-in-law, and sister-in-law. Then it goes on to say,

“Do not approach a woman to have sexual relations during the uncleanness of her monthly period.

“Do not have sexual relations with your neighbor’s wife and defile yourself with her.

“Do not give any of your children to be sacrificed to Molech, for you must not profane the name of your God. I am the LORD.

“Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable.

“Do not have sexual relations with an animal and defile yourself with it. A woman must not present herself to an animal to have sexual relations with it; that is a perversion.

“Do not defile yourselves in any of these ways, because this is how the nations that I am going to drive out before you became defiled. Even the land was defiled; so I punished it for its sin, and the land vomited out its inhabitants. But you must keep my decrees and my laws. The native-born and the aliens living among you must not do any of these detestable things, for all these things were done by the people who lived in the land before you, and the land became defiled. And if you defile the land, it will vomit you out as it vomited out the nations that were before you.

“Everyone who does any of these detestable things—such persons must be cut off from their people. Keep my requirements and do not follow any of the detestable customs that were practiced before you came and do not defile yourselves with them. I am the LORD your God.” (Lev 18:19-30)

Not only does God define what sexual practices are immoral, He warns of national punishment for permitting these practices to occur. The land becomes defiled, and the residents are vomited out of it, unless they disassociate themselves from people who practice these sins. Two of the sins specifically mentioned are adultery and homosexuality.

Of course, there are people who claim that these laws were just for the Jews; but the passage we just read said that the pagans were vomited out of the land because they engaged in these immoral practices.

Some people claim that Jesus abolished the Old Testament laws at the cross. Jesus didn’t abolish the commandment against adultery. He said,

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Do not commit adultery.’ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you

to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell. (Matthew 5:27-30)

Paul supposedly freed us from the law; but that's not what he told the Romans: The first 17 verses of Paul's letter to the Romans consist of a friendly greeting, and an expression of his desire to come and see them in person. Immediately after these required formal pleasantries, Paul got right down to business and said,

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.

Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.

Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done. They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them. (Romans 1:18-32)

Paul told the Romans as plainly as he could that all forms of sexual impurity and idolatry are sinful and must no longer be practiced. Furthermore, he said the fact that the pagan Romans didn't have the Hebrew Scriptures to tell them what was sinful was no excuse. Their behavior was so obviously sinful that they should have known it without being told. That's why God was punishing them through natural consequences.

In particular, Paul said, "Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion." What is the penalty that homosexuals receive for committing indecent acts with other men? Do I really have to tell you?

Occasionally nationally known preachers have suggested that AIDS is a punishment from God.

Whenever they do, the liberal news media and daytime talk shows crucify them, accusing them of being unenlightened, bigoted homophobes. AIDS activists are quick to claim that AIDS isn't a gay disease.

But if AIDS isn't a gay disease, why does the gay community clamor for more AIDS research and no other medical? Why doesn't the gay community lobby for more research into cancer, heart disease, muscular dystrophy, leukemia, or diabetes? The truth is that gay activists want to find a cure for AIDS because AIDS really is a gay disease.

Gays say we urgently need to find a way to stop the spread of AIDS—but we already know how to do that. If you don't share a needle with a drug addict, if you don't have sex before you get married, if you marry a virgin, and if you both remain faithful to each other, neither of you will get AIDS. We already know how to stop the spread of AIDS. We don't need any more research.

When gays say, "We need to find a way to stop the spread of AIDS," they really mean, "We need to find a way to continue sinning without suffering the natural consequences of sin." Even if researchers discover a vaccine that allows them to sin without the natural consequence of AIDS, it still won't allow them to sin without eternal consequences.

Paul also told the Romans, "Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them." That's still true today in our society. Some people today not only approve of homosexuality, but consider it worthy of honor. We were shocked and disgusted to receive this email asking us to run a public service announcement.

Dear Public Service Director,

*As people from around the world come together to commemorate World AIDS Day, the National AIDS Memorial and AT&T are launching A Time For Hope; A Time for Healing, "text to donate campaign" to support the National AIDS Memorial year-round mission to **honor and pay tribute** to those who have lost their lives to HIV/AIDS; continue to create and maintain a permanent memorial grove located in San Francisco as a place for healing, and to expand youth awareness and scholarship programs to inspire the next generation of leaders to help find a cure for the pandemic, now in its 30th year. ...*

*The National AIDS Memorial received the honor of being designated the official national AIDS memorial in 1996, in large measure because of the leadership of Congresswoman Pelosi who helped pass legislation that was signed into law by President Clinton, **elevating the Grove to be of the same stature as the nation's other 43 federally designated memorials.** The National AIDS Memorial is located in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park at the corner of Nancy Pelosi Drive and Bowling Green Drives.*

Needless to say, we did not run that Public Service Announcement. Soldiers, fire fighters, and police officers who die protecting our nation and its citizens deserve to be honored. People who die as a natural result of their self-gratifying sins do not deserve to be honored. AIDS victims may be pitied, and we should pray that God will forgive their sin; but we should not honor the sinful lifestyle they have chosen. Honoring people who have sinned simply encourages other people to follow their sinful example.

Sin has consequences. People who rob banks might get killed trying to escape, or might spend many years in prison. We should not honor dead or imprisoned bank robbers because of their misfortune.

Regardless of the sin, whether it is homosexuality or theft, we should pray that the sinner will repent and be forgiven. Homosexuality isn't a worse sin than adultery, theft, murder, or any other sin. The difference is that society celebrates, honors, and encourages homosexuality.

We've seen what our culture thinks about sin. But what does God think about sin? We will address that right after Janet Minnick plays "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus!"

[music – Janet Minnick, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"]

Part 3

In the first two parts of this broadcast, we showed how our culture excuses and even celebrates sin. We focused on homosexuality simply because it is the proverbial "low hanging fruit," the most blatant of socially acceptable sin. Nearly every situation comedy and reality TV show has one or more gay characters. The liberal news media and liberal talk shows viciously attack anyone who dares to call homosexuality a sin. So, it is easy to demonstrate the social acceptance of this particular sin.

But acceptance of homosexuality certainly isn't the only area in which our culture has lowered standards and accepted sinful behavior. Criticism of any sin is branded as "intolerance" by those people who believe they are more enlightened than God.

Even in the Christian church, there is a reluctance to be "judgmental." When this non-judgmental attitude arose in the Corinthian church, Paul was quick to denounce it. In chapter 5 of Paul's first letter to the Corinthians he wrote,

It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that does not occur even among pagans: A man has his father's wife. And you are proud! Shouldn't you rather have been filled with grief and have put out of your fellowship the man who did this? Even though I am not physically present, I am with you in spirit. And I have already passed judgment on the one who did this, just as if I were present. When you are assembled in the name of our Lord Jesus and I am with you in spirit, and the power of our Lord Jesus is present, hand this man over to Satan, so that the sinful nature may be destroyed and his spirit saved on the day of the Lord.

Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast works through the whole batch of dough? Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with bread without yeast, the bread of sincerity and truth.

I have written you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people—not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world. But now I am writing you that you must not associate with anyone who calls himself a brother but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or a slanderer, a drunkard or a swindler. With such a man do not even eat. (1 Corinthians 5: 1-11)

The Corinthians were boasting about how liberated, open-minded, and non-judgmental they were because they accepted a man who was having sex with his mother-in-law. Paul condemned this public acceptance of sin in the strongest terms. The liberal leaders were leading the Corinthian church straight to Hell.

Peter warned of the same thing in chapter 2 of his first letter.

But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves. Many will follow their shameful ways and will bring the way of truth into disrepute. ... But these men blaspheme in matters they do not understand. They are like brute beasts, creatures of instinct, born only to be caught and destroyed, and like beasts they too will perish.

They will be paid back with harm for the harm they have done. Their idea of pleasure is to carouse in broad daylight. They are blots and blemishes, reveling in their pleasures while they feast with you. With eyes full of adultery, they never stop sinning; they seduce the unstable; they are experts in greed—an accursed brood! They have left the straight way and wandered off to follow the way of Balaam son of Beor, who loved the wages of wickedness. But he was rebuked for his wrongdoing by a donkey—a beast without speech—who spoke with a man’s voice and restrained the prophet’s madness.

These men are springs without water and mists driven by a storm. Blackest darkness is reserved for them. For they mouth empty, boastful words and, by appealing to the lustful desires of sinful human nature, they entice people who are just escaping from those who live in error. They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of depravity—for a man is a slave to whatever has mastered him. If they have escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and are again entangled in it and overcome, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning. It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than to have known it and then to turn their backs on the sacred command that was passed on to them. Of them the proverbs are true: “A dog returns to its vomit,” and, “A sow that is washed goes back to her wallowing in the mud.” (2 Peter 2:1-2, 12-21)

John gave the same warning in chapters 3 and 4 of his first letter.

Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. He who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work. No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God’s seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God. (1 John 3:4-9)

You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood. (1 John 4:4-6)

There seems to be a tendency in many churches today to ignore or tolerate sin; but it is simply wrong to embrace any sin because the culture considers it to be acceptable or even virtuous. Isaiah warned,

Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter. (Isaiah 5:20)

Paul warned the Galatians,

The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. (Gal 5:19-21)

If anyone understood grace, it was Paul—but despite that we just heard him tell the Galatians that sinners won't inherit the Kingdom of God if they keep sinning. And he told the Romans,

But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed. God "will give to each person according to what he has done." To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life. But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger. There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile; but glory, honor and peace for everyone who does good: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. For God does not show favoritism.

All who sin apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and all who sin under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God's sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous. (Rom 2:5-13)

The New Testament consists largely of letters written to churches that had embraced sin. These stern letters warned those churches not to let the culture dictate morality to them. Sadly, the New Testament epistles are still relevant today.

The good news is that it is not too late. There is still time for the churches to stand up for morality. The Holy Spirit will be poured out on the churches that remain faithful in the mist of an immoral world.

And, on a personal level, God can give you the power to overcome your temptation, and will forgive your past transgressions. You can have a new life.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

If the Holy Spirit has used this broadcast to convince you to turn from your sin, you can be assured that God will forgive you, and will give you the power to turn your life around. God is gracious. He will not turn His back on anyone who is truly repentant. You may still suffer the consequences of your sins in this life; but those consequences will not carry over to the life to come. You will be saved, if you are truly repentant. God will give you peace, and the strength to deal with whatever consequences have resulted from your past life of sin. Ask the Christian friend you most admire to help you come close to God and receive the grace He is eager to give you, even though you don't deserve it. If you don't have any Christian friends, contact us through our website, KRSF.NET, or write to The Word With Us at Box 716, Ridgecrest, California 93556.

Now let's close our broadcast as Anita Mayberry and JoAn Witzel play Amazing Grace.

[music – Anita Mayberry and JoAn Witzel, "Amazing Grace"]