

## Rousing a Captive Culture

A well-known Christian leader, hammered by the sexual immorality of his family members, just announced his shift on embracing the homosexual practice of a particular loved one. He is on the brink of accepting 'gay marriage.'

'How can I not?' he reasoned, as he listed the divorces, affairs, co-habitation and children born out-of-wedlock in his family.

We are inundated daily with the breakdown of holy boundaries in heterosexual relating. A new poll reveals that 61% of US singles have sex on their first date; not surprisingly, for the first time in US history, more than half of births to American women under 30 now occur outside of marriage.

The devolving of heterosexual morality in our culture is the single biggest reason why 'gay marriage' is gaining ground. We have so bashed heterosexual marriage as the sole framework for sexual love that we are too weak and dazed to protest activists who want to alter its DNA further.

That is precisely why a gay *New York Times* columnist defended 'gay marriage' against the critique that it would destabilize the American family. Pointing to Newt Gingrich's rather tragic resume of mistresses and marriages, he claimed that heterosexuals have botched it pretty badly, and 'no-one is trying to heal them...'

Wrong. We are. Most of our dear friends pursuing sexual wholeness in [Living Waters](#) are good old traditional sinners. We realized long ago that the fracturing of gender and boundaries at the core of homosexuality is a direct result of heterosexual fragmentation. First things first. The main and plain of heterosexual immorality must be the starting point of our repentance and healing.

Like Nehemiah, we confess 'that our gates have been burned with fire'--the fire of heterosexual lust--'and we are in disgrace.' (Nehemiah 1:17) My son Sam shares candidly of the pornographic fog and multiple partnerships that drive many of his peers. Even Christian friends are tempted to go with the polluted tide. For a shameless generation, we must pray for a godly shame, for 'we have no shame at all; we do not even know how to blush.' (Jeremiah 6:15)

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Would you please join [DSM](#) this Lent for a 40-day fast focused on praying for loved ones who will perish without Mercy?

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And on every Wednesday throughout Lent, beginning on Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>, I will post a new prayer/teaching on how we can best understand and pray for the Roman Catholic Church as she faces discipline for her sexual abuses. I want us to be a small part of her solution, and forego the temptation merely to rant at her failures. Let us prayerfully, in truth, pray for her recovery in this Lenten season.