

April Edition: Defend, Protect, and Respect Marriage



Pray for Boston, Texas, and America

On April 16, **Boston** was attacked by terrorists/jihadists. The next day, a tragic explosion occurred in **West, Texas**.

In times of crisis, people turn to the Lord. Both in Texas and Boston, people are praying and asking the Lord for comfort, help, and answers.

We encourage you to pray as well. Pray for all effected by both tragedies. May Jesus comfort them...

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*We are amazed by the huge response to Unite the USA's post and picture on FaceBook! Almost **4 million** have viewed it and thousands upon thousands have liked and/or shared it. Thank you all for praying for the Richard family and for encouraging others to pray, too. May Jesus comfort them during this time:*





One Man + One Woman = Marriage

Marriage is between one man and one woman. God designed it that way; that is what it will always be. It cannot be redefined. Marriage cannot be anything else but between one man and one woman.

This summer, we will learn the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling about whether same-sex "marriage" will be legalized nationwide. On March 26 and 27, the Supreme Court heard oral arguments concerning the constitutionality of Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) and California's Proposition 8. DOMA was passed during the Clinton administration to protect marriage as being between a man and a woman. In 2008, Prop. 8 was voted on and approved by the people of California; it states that marriage is between a man and a woman as well. We pray that marriage will be defended and that the U.S. Supreme Court will not legislate from the bench by ruling in favor of same-sex "marriage" by throwing out DOMA and Prop. 8.

Today it is "controversial" to say that marriage is between one man and one woman --but it's true. God chooses our sex/gender...not humans. He knows what He's doing when He creates each person. That's why it's so disturbing to see how people try to take His place by turning marriage into something He never made it to be... The Lord loves everyone, but He does not approve of homosexual practices. Such behavior is perverse and unnatural. He has the best in mind for each person He creates which is why the Bible clearly warns against homosexuality.

From Genesis on, the Bible praises the marriage of a man and a woman, but it always speaks very critically of homosexual behavior whenever it is mentioned (i.e. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, Jude 7, Romans 1:18-32, Leviticus 18:22).

Scripture clearly teaches that God designed marriage to be between one man and one woman - it can be nothing else

"Please pray for Martin Richard's family. As most of you know, 8 year old Martin was one of three killed at the attack at the Boston Marathon. Martin's mother and sister were seriously injured. Please lift up this family in prayer. Pray for the many other families and victims affected by the attack.

Jesus said in John 11:25-26, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

For extra prayer support, you're invited to join our online prayer group: www.PrayingPals.org."

In Memory of Margaret Thatcher



Baroness Margaret Thatcher passed away at the age of 87 on April 8. She was a true friend of

but that. For example, Jesus said in Matthew 19:4-6, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

In response to this urgent time in our history, this edition of *Unite the USA* explains why marriage is always between a man and a woman. Sandy Rios (former president of Concerned Women for America) has kindly allowed us to featured her article called *The Assault on the Family*. You will also find helpful tips and resources about how to address this issue along with a special "Q and A" section by the late Chuck Colson. You will gain a clearer understanding about why it's important to defend, protect, and respect marriage as God intended it to be.

God bless,
Carrie Stoelting and Stacie Stoelting
Founders of www.uniteusa.org

The Assault on the Family

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It's a day when judges can legislate immorality without accountability, and legislators can be motivated to do the same by deep-pocketed special interest groups.

It's a time when homosexual conduct is sanctioned on a newly discovered right to private sexual conduct

("Lawrence v. Texas"), found in a Constitution written 200 years ago, mostly by Christians.

But while homosexual "marriage" comes moving like a freight train, homosexual activists are asking hard questions: What about traditional marriage is there to be so proud of?

While once the young virgin, dressed in white, walked down the aisle to be greeted by a man prepared to pledge faithfulness for a lifetime, white dresses are now worn by

America. God bless her family with His comfort.

Margaret Thatcher was the [Prime Minister of the United Kingdom](#) from 1979 to 1990. She was the longest-serving British Prime Minister of the 20th century and is the first (and so far only) woman to have held the office. Baroness Thatcher was also known as the "[Iron Lady](#)" due to her uncompromising leadership style. Baroness Thatcher was a defender of freedom, capitalism, and righteousness. She is quoted as saying, "I am in politics because of the conflict between good and evil, and I believe that in the end good will triumph."

About Sandy Rios



Sandy Rios is the Vice President of Family-Pac Federal, a FOX News Contributor, a conservative columnist and host of *Sandy Rios in the Morning* on AFR Talk.

Whether defending America's Military, advocating for religious freedom, analyzing presidential politics, or the social and moral dilemmas of the day, Sandy brings her unique perspective to a wide variety of issues.

pregnant brides and by only the occasional virgin, while grooms pledge their love not until death but only until the bride gains weight or shows signs of aging. Adultery is epidemic, divorce rampant-even in the church-and cohabitation is as common as the cold.

Once married, many wives saturate their minds with romance novels and soap operas, filling their thoughts with a non-existent, perfect lover, fantasizing their way through married life and cheating their husbands of intimacy and respect with constant comparisons. Soaps and romance novels could be called the pornography of the American woman.

And what of traditional pornography? A listener to Concerned Women Today wrote recently, broken and repenting of an addiction to Internet pornography. He said he was spending three to four hours a day viewing. He confessed the guilt of cheating his family not only of his love but also of his time. Men preferring fantasy to reality, robbing their wives of intimacy and respect. Sound familiar? Husbands and wives alike-lonely, unfulfilled and robbed of God's best: intimate, faithful, marital sex.

So while we rightfully speak about the wrongness of homosexual marriage, our homosexual friends, neighbors and family members have a right to ask the hard questions.

Homosexual "marriage" will cause the very underpinnings, moral and legal, of our society to be dismantled. But rampant divorce and adultery have already been doing that for some time.

Why the push for homosexual "marriage"? So people can legitimize their relationship and feel good about their behavior. What adulterer wouldn't die for the same chance? To be told your immoral behavior is not only your right but that it is discrimination to keep you from it. What man addicted to pornography or woman caught in the web of fantasy wouldn't enjoy the same?

It is human nature to want to justify our ignoble deeds. But the enemy is not content with simple sin. He wants total destruction. Homosexual men die an average of 10 to 20 years earlier than their heterosexual counterparts. Likewise, pornography doesn't visit; it consumes, and many held in its grip eventually act out its perversion. Like most sexual predators, David Westerfield, who molested and murdered little Danielle van Dam in San Diego, was deeply addicted to porn. And some women cling to their own fantasies for years until they erupt in mid-life years, causing them to desert families and destroy their own as well as their children's lives.

As the former President of Concerned Women For America, the nation's largest public policy women's organization, Sandy hosted a nationally syndicated radio show that covered the White House, Supreme Court, Justice and State Departments. She frequently appeared on ABC, NBC, CBS, CNN, MSNBC, and guest hosted CNN's Crossfire. Learn more about her at www.sandyrios.com.

Action Points



The Lord knows what is best in all things. God's design of marriage being between a man and a woman must be respected, defended, and protected. Here are some great tips and resources to address this important topic:

1. Here are some questions answered by Billy Graham:

"Does the Bible approve of some homosexual relationships?" [Click here](#) to read Billy Graham's answer.

"Are homosexuals born that way?" [Click here](#) to read Billy Graham's response.

"I struggle with homosexual feelings and temptations. Does God hate me? What can I

"Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8, NIV).

What was sin and unnatural and an abomination 4,000 years ago remains so today. All of the laws and declarations and sitcoms and music and news stories promoting homosexuality, adultery or sensuality will never make it less so.

Yet God stands firm and immovable, unshakable on the moral boundaries He Himself fashioned. "Woe to those," He declared, "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, NIV).

God will not force anyone to obey and acknowledge Him. But we fool ourselves if we think our sins do not have consequences. "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23, NIV). The only hope for our generation is the truth of God's Word washing over us and leading to deep repentance. And God, in His mercy, is willing to forgive anyone who comes to Him with a sincere desire to turn away from sin and to follow Christ.

God told Ezekiel to go and speak to a rebellious people-his own-and He said that whether they listened or not, Ezekiel must speak the truth. We, too, must speak the truth-both to the sins of others and to our own. And we must work for laws to hold back evil, because those kinds of laws are teachers, leading people to God.

The assault against marriage and the family is raging. And we must understand that in these difficult days, we are not called to win the cultural battles but to be faithful in the midst of them. We may well lose this battle against homosexuality and immorality, but we are called to put on God's armor and fight. And "after you have done everything," by God's grace, "to stand" (Ephesians 3:11, NIV).

Archived Interview with Charles Colson

Protecting the Institution of Marriage

*From www.billygraham.com:

do?" [Click here](#) to read Billy Graham's reply.

2. Billy Graham's web site offers help and resources for those struggling with homosexuality. [Click here](#) to find help now.

3. In an effort to approve homosexual relationships, some people have attempted to reinterpret what the Bible says. For a reply to such efforts, read *What's Wrong with Same-Sex Marriage?* (by D. James Kennedy and Jerry Newcombe), *Marriage On Trial: The Case Against Same-Sex Marriage and Parenting* (by Glenn Stanton and Dr. Bill Maier) and *The Homosexual Agenda: Exposing the Principal Threat to Religious Freedom* (by Alan Sears and Craig Olsen).

4. Watch this message by Dr. David Jeremiah called ***I Never Thought I'd See the Day when Marriage Would be Obsolete.***

5. Revive Our Hearts (with Nancy Leigh DeMoss) addresses the topic of homosexuality on her [radio program](#).

Featured Founding Father

In 2003, Charles Colson, founder of Prison Fellowship, was part of an effort to pass a constitutional amendment to that effect. "Decision" spoke with Colson at that time to talk about why the issue is so important and to understand what the implications are if society broadens its definition of marriage.



Q: Can you lay out a solid argument for why marriage is to be only between a man and a woman?

A: Marriage, as an institution between a man and a woman, is basically for procreation. Homosexual marriage, therefore, is an oxymoron-there is no such thing. It is something else. It is two people coming together for recreation, not for procreation. Procreation can only happen between a man and a woman. Every society has recognized this, going back to the beginning of recorded history. Societies recognize that it is in their self-interest to preserve this institution and to give it a distinct status under the law. Marriage is the institution that civilizes and propagates the human race. It is where children are raised and learn the ways of right and wrong. Their consciences are informed in the family.

Q: What do you say to people who argue that no one has the right to stop them from doing their own thing in a consenting relationship?

A: I wonder if that person would really believe you should do your own thing if it involves incest or polygamy. Is that person really saying that there is no place where you draw the line on sexual behavior? I don't think so. There are reasonable boundaries that the law tends to protect. My argument would be that society's survival depends on the family. And the institution of the family is in deep trouble. So you have a serious question about whether this society can continue.

Q: What evidence is there that society is better off with traditional families than without them?

A: There is a very telling statistic that appeared in "Development and Psychopathology." Researchers found that in the inner city, 6 percent of kids from intact families became delinquent, while 90 percent of those from single-parent families became delinquent. That is a huge gap: In the intact family, kids have a very good chance of making it.



Richard Dobbs Spaight (March 25, 1758 - September 6, 1802) was the eighth Governor of the American State of North Carolina from 1792 to 1795. The General Assembly elected Spaight a delegate to the Continental Congress between 1782 and 1785; he then served in the North Carolina House of Commons from 1785 to 1787, and was named Speaker of the House. In 1787, Spaight was a delegate to the Philadelphia Convention that drafted the U.S. Constitution, and he signed the document when he was only 29 years old.

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In the inner cities, the single-parent family is almost a ticket to prison.

Q: How well are churches dealing with this issue?

A: I don't think most churches understand the precarious legal situation we are in, where, apart from a constitutional amendment, we are going to have families either be heterosexual or homosexual-it will be a matter of choice. And when that happens, everything begins to unravel. It will be hard to convince people that homosexuality is a sin if it is legally recognized for marriage. There will be serious implications for the Church in terms of being able to preach the authority of Scripture.

Pastors need to teach their congregations about the dangers of what happens when the family fractures-and teach about the current crisis. I would tell pastors, "The ship is sinking. We're not going to have any society left if we don't protect the marriage bond. And the homosexual movement is trying to unravel it. You've got to stop it. You've got to talk about this lovingly, openly and honestly." I think this is the No. 1 domestic issue facing America today, and I don't see how any self-respecting pastor can ignore it.

In God We Still Trust

From Carrie: Stacie and I recorded this song "In God We Still Trust" to encourage Americans to trust in God. The Boston Marathon terrorist attack has once again reminded the USA good and evil exist, and this world needs a Savior. His Name is Jesus Christ.

be inspired and uplifted about our God-given freedoms. All proceeds go to Unite the USA. Help promote faith and freedom in America. Your support is important and appreciated. [Buy or download a copy today.](#) God bless you as you celebrate the red, white, and blue!

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