

The Paradigm Shift That Must Happen

Ephesians 5:11 Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.

There has been a paradigm shift that has occurred and is occurring in the battle to end abortion. I would summarize the focus of this shift to be about three primary aspects. First, we have begun speaking the blunt and hard truths of what abortion is. Instead of speaking of it as a healthcare issue or with euphemisms, we have begun to expose this murder for what it is in all its graphic and barbaric forms. We have used graphic images and videos of abortion. We have called it murder. We have refused to talk about it as healthcare.

Two, we have refused to compromise with the slaughter of children. There can be no compromise in any way with the intentional murder of children. There are no exceptions. This means that groups that pass bills compromising on the issue are being exposed as compromisers and are called to do what is right. We do not support exceptions for rape, incest, or health issues. Abortion is murder, period. We don't support measures that regulate abortion or say it's ok to murder your baby if the abortion doctor can't find a heartbeat that they really won't be looking to find.

Thirdly, we are acknowledge that there is no such thing as neutrality. You will either submit to and obey God or you will rebel against him. The Supreme Court is not neutral nor are they God. The paradigm shift is pushing the "prolife" movement to acknowledge that either Christ is our God or the Supreme Court is our God. These three things, no neutrality, no compromise, and no flinching from the truth, are enabling those who battle this evil to do so with the power of God through faithfulness to him. This is having no small effect. There are and have been many haters and many difficult battles to make this shift but God is working and will be glorified. We are seeing because of this shift a change in the conversation nationwide even among those who are still operating under the old paradigm shift. Even those who are pro-abortion are having to acknowledge that this shift is

happening.

This same paradigm shift must occur in the church's battle with sexual immorality and the protection of the family. We must realize that there is no such thing as neutrality. The LGTB alphabet soup mafia does not believe in neutrality on this issue. They want to eradicate any and all opposition to their views. They readily acknowledge that they want to indoctrinate children and are doing so in the public library, public schools, and entertainment media. We in the church must recognize that there is no neutral ground on this issue. You will either celebrate this evil or you will hate it. You will either bow to the Supreme Court on this issue or you will obey God. We cannot give pretense to neutrality. We must call men to repentance and faith in Christ on this issue.

Secondly, we must recognize that compromise is unfaithfulness to our Lord. Where we compromise on sexual immorality in our personal lives, families, or churches, we are being unfaithful to God and will find ourselves losing this battle. Compromise on this issue starts with compromising on the distinction between male and female. It starts with women usurping authority and men shirking authority. It starts with failing to raise our boys to be boys and our girls to be girls. We teach our daughters to find their identities in their careers instead of preparing them to be the kind of young women Titus 2 says they should be. We are compromising by ordaining women in the church or having them be the primary leaders of worship.

Compromise happens when we fail to see how seriously the bible takes sexuality. In the very first chapter of the Bible we learn that God made male and female. All throughout scripture, we find that God takes sexual immorality very seriously. Things like adultery, incest, sodomy, and bestiality are considered crimes in the bible and God destroys nations for tolerating them. But we compromise by failing to take things like modesty, chaste speech, and what we entertain ourselves with seriously. We compromise by our pretense to neutrality. We do this by adopting a live and let live mentality. We say "what you do in your own bedroom is none of my business. Who am I to judge?" But this filth is not staying in the bedroom and those who practice it are all too ready to judge. We will either judge rightly or be judged.

Thirdly, and perhaps the hardest for us to do today, is that we are going to have to speak about this with the

same blunt and forcefulness as we speak about abortion as murder. Those supporting sexual immorality have spent years working to change the paradigm on the issue. They have couched it all in terms of relationships and love. In turn, many in the church have been put on the back foot. We have started speaking about sodomy as something that just isn't best for human flourishing. I guess you could say that when God reigned down fire from the sky on Sodom that humans were not flourishing too well that day. But we have begun to soften the biblical and historical Christian witness against the sins. We have seen this in terms of relationship instead of abomination.

We have also embraced the terminology of sexual orientation. Many talk about same-sex attraction as if it is some neutral thing. This terminology of sexual orientation is a useful tool for those pushing this sexual immorality. To give one example, it has been used to try and distinguish between men who sleep with men and men who sleep with boys. That is they have tried to argue that no gay man abuses boys. The truth is that every time a man sexually abuses a boy, he is committing a same-sex sex act. That is homosexuality at work. But we have been taught that we can never make this connection.

The use of orientation language is often used to position those who commit sexual immorality as victims. They are victims of something they never chose. It is all God's fault they are "gay". The hard truth is that these men and women who give into to sexual temptation are morally culpable. They are not perpetual victims. Even if some of these people have been victims of sexual abuse, they are responsible for how they respond to that abuse. The "LGBT" movement has been good at painting themselves as victims in order to garner sympathy and support for their position.

The sexually immoral have managed to pull the wool over the eyes of the culture and of the church. Our work is going to be the hard and difficult task of pulling that wool off and exposing this evil for what it truly is. The bible commands us to expose the unfruitful deeds of darkness. We are going to have to get over our addiction to being liked and being nice and speak the blunt truths of sexual immorality. We are going to have to work to restore the shame to this evil. We need to speak the hard truths of scripture and call these sins what they are, abomination, perversions,

attacks on nature and nature's God, filthy and disgusting sin worthy of death. We are going to have to expose the truth about the connection between sodomy and child abuse. We are going to have expose how sodomy destroys men's bodies, minds, and souls.

Why must we do this?

1. We love God. And we want to be faithful to his word and his created order.
2. We love the church. We don't want to see the church compromise and be stained with impurity. We don't want it to lose its saltiness. Nor do we want to see future generations of the church facing the consequences of our inaction.
3. We love our children. We do not want to see them assaulted with lies and sexual perversion. We don't want to see them fall into the destructive patterns of these sins. Nor do we want them to be a part of a nation that experiences the full wrath of God.
4. We love our country. God has placed us here and we are to be salt and light to it. We want to see it fall on its knees before Christ and honor him in the culture and the laws it enacts. We also don't want to see it continued to be destroyed. We don't want to see God wipe it from the earth as he has done with other nations that have followed this path.
5. We love those who are caught in these sins. We love those who practice these sins that destroy their minds, bodies, and souls and therefore we warn them truthfully, without compromise, and without neutrality. For their sake we cannot pretend there is some neutral ground where God is not to be obeyed, where Christ is not king. We cannot pretend as if the gospel cannot save them if they will humble themselves. For their sake we don't compromise letting them continue in their pride. For their sake we speak the hard blunt truths that put the shame on what they are doing so that they may be humbled by the demands of God's law and look to the only hope of forgiveness, Jesus Christ.

It is love that demands we refuse neutrality, refuse compromise, and refuse to speak soft words of peace when there is no peace. Love demands that we have nothing to do with the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. Church its time for a paradigm shift.