



# THE FINE LINE

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**Miles McPherson:** How you all doing tonight? Are you all excited? AS you know, this is a live broadcast and we have about 50 seconds before we go live so we'll just stand here. Give us 40 seconds of something, 40 seconds. (Katinas singing) Everybody say Jesus. You may be seated, you may be seated. We want to welcome you to The Fine Line. Let's give the Lord a hand tonight.

My name is Miles McPherson and I want to welcome all the 160 churches throughout the state, everybody that's watching on the internet to The Fine Line we love you and we also, we also want to welcome all the people who probably don't agree with what we believe and maybe hate us and whatever you feel. We want to tell you we love you as well. Let's give them a hand. No matter what anyone ever labels you or calls you Jesus is about love and it's about speaking the love in truth and that's what we want to do tonight. So we want to welcome everybody.

Ah what we want to accomplish tonight is very simple. You know in this world the world is trying to redefine what the bible says about marriage and we want to be clear about how we walk the fine line of standing up for the Word of God but being in the world and not letting the world intimidate us out of what we believe. We have a right just like everybody else to believe what we believe and stand up for it and we're gonna do that tonight. We're very excited about it. Amen? And I, and I pray all the sites, I don't know there's 160 sites throughout San Diego, throughout California and some may have a lot of people and some may have a few but we pray that the love of Jesus Christ is in that room wherever you're at and that He empowers you to do the right thing and to believe the Word of God and to live the Word of God.

Ah we have a few, few speeches, we're gonna have some testimonies from some athletes. Ah we're gonna have a panel discussion a little later. We're gonna take text message/questions and emailed questions and so we're gonna put up on the screen. How you can do that if you want to text us, text iprotect and text your question to 95495 or you can email us at [info@iprotectmarriage.com](mailto:info@iprotectmarriage.com) and we're gonna be answering some questions later but we have a great night for you. We hope that, we hope that God touches your heart cuz I know you're getting a lot of pressure from the world to believe one thing and do another but you know what? What the bible says is what the bible says and no matter what the devil tries to do to manipulate you out of that, we want to encourage you to stand up boldly for it. If the world can stand up for what they stand for (clapping), if the world can be bold for what they stand for, which they have every right to do, we can be bold for what we stand for. Amen?

Ok so we got a young brother named Chase, he's gonna come up and pray for us and get this party started. So give Chase a hand.

**Chase:** How you guys doing today? Good. Alright, will you guys pray with me?

Dear God, Lord I just pray that you would speak to our hearts and Lord I just thank you. Thank you for letting us all be here and blessing us with this ability, this building and Lord I just pray that you would speak to our hearts, um and speak to those hearts that are questioning and Lord I pray that you would teach us about what we believe and what your word, what your word says and I on behalf of everybody here we invite your, your spirit here, this place. We ask that you would speak through Miles through these, through these people that are gonna be here, these people that are gonna be giving amazing testimonies. I pray that you would speak to our hearts. And Lord I pray that you would speak to others that are, that are listening that aren't saved Lord that are living in this world and Lord I just pray that we would be able to learn to be able to speak your truth and what you, what you've said and your word. I pray these things in your name, and everybody said? Amen.

**Video: Music.**

**Video:** Marriage between a man and a woman God's plan was.

**Music.**

**Video:** How you guys doing? My name's Christian Hosoi. I'm a professional skateboarder and pastor of the Sanctuary Church in Huntington Beach. I just want to talk to you about proposition 8 and about how God instituted marriage to between man and woman. When He said in Genesis He said man shall leave his mother and father and be cleaved to a woman. He didn't say be cleaved to a same sex and I just want you guys to be encouraged that we need to stand up for righteousness. We need to stand up for what the bible says and we need to be a voice for America and if we do that I believe we can change America if we do that. So I'm just standing here telling you, encouraging you guys to vote yes on proposition 8. My name's Christian Hosoi. I love you guys. I encourage you to stand up for what's right. In Jesus' name, Amen!

**Video:** March 7, 2000 61.4% of California voters approved prop 22 defining marriage between a man and woman. February 12, 2004 San Francisco mayor Gavin Newsome defied state law by issuing marriage licenses to approximately 4,000 gay and lesbian couples. Later that month multiple lawsuits were filed by opponents of same sex marriage. August 12, 2004 the California Supreme Court void San Francisco's 4,000 same sex marriage licenses. February through April 2008 opponents to same sex marriage collect 1.3 million signatures in anticipation of the Supreme Court overturning prop 22. Only 695,000 were required. May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 4 Supreme Court judges overturn prop 22 voiding 61.4% of California voters. June 2008 1.3 million signatures put prop 8 on the ballot taking the power back from the Supreme Court and into the hands of California voters. June 20, 2008 gay rights groups filed suit before the California Supreme Court seeking to remove prop 8 from the November ballot. The lawsuit was dismissed on July 16, 2008. August 8, 2008 the \_\_\_\_ some say was an attempt to sway voters. The title of prop 8 was changed from limit on marriage to eliminates the right of same sex couples to marry. Recent polling has shown that a new title has increased opposition to prop 8 but this is our chance to change that. As people of God we need to stand up for marriage.

**Miles:** And ah let's let the truth be told that this is not against anybody. It's about what we are for and what we all believe and that's what this is about. Let's say everybody wherever you're sitting in TV land out there if you got a bible let's see your bible up in the air. Say Word. Very good one more time say Word. Let's see your pen. Get a pen out, get a pen out and your lesson plan. You should have a lesson plan. Let's turn it up.

Let's turn to **Matthew 22**, Matthew 22, Matthew 22. It's first book in the New Testament. If you don't have one turn to the person next to you and look over their shoulder. We want to read the Word of God. Let me pray real quick.

Lord we pray you bless the Word and bless our time tonight and Lord we pray that your love would flow through this place and through all the people watching outside of this building and thank you for this opportunity to defend the first institution, you instituted marriage. And we pray this in Jesus' name and everyone said?

I was having a conversation with a 17 year old girl recently and we were talking about the same sex marriage issue because she and as all young people are getting inundated in school that any relationship is ok and, and we don't need to tell anybody what they need to do. We're not telling anybody what they need to do. We're just telling people what we're not gonna do and, and we were having this conversation and she said to me, asked me this very simple question – What if you had someone in your family that was gay and wanted to get married or someone that you love that wanted to get married. And I said – I do. I have friends and family members and I'm gonna tell you 5 truths and I want to say 5 truths about this because all you all are inundated with this every day and you have to know how do you walk the fine line of believing the Word of God and being a Christian and being in the world because the world is gonna try to marginalize your Christianity. The world's gonna try to tell you what to believe and how to act and you have to know as a Christian, and again we're talking to Christians. We're not telling non Christians what they got to do. We're telling what we're gonna do. And so we're gonna talk about how you can walk that fine line of being in the world living in San Diego, living in California, living in America and having the culture go against the bible yet stand strong for the bible and do it in love. Say love. Very good.

#1 in your notes, #1 in your notes: The #1 commandment is to love God. And in your notes the first point it says true love, to love God is to obey God. To love God is to obey God. Everyone say obey. The #1 commandment that we are called to do and this is a non negotiable and any time you talk to anybody about this issue, anytime you encounter anybody about this issue there's a #1 commandment is our non negotiable. It is love, everyone say love. The question is and everybody will throw that on you. You're a Christian. You're supposed to love. The question is – What does love mean? Because some people think love is sex. Some people think love is doing whatever you want, someone wants you to do for them but love is not that. Love is God obedience. Everyone say obedience.

Let's read [Matthew 22:37](#). It says – Jesus said – You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. Say first commandment and the second is like it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

So there's no question this is the most important thing we have to do all the time. This is a non negotiable but then it says in [1 John 5:3](#), you don't have to turn there. He's gonna put it up on the screen. 1 John 5:3 tells us what loving God is. It says – For this is the love of God to keep His commandments and His commandments are not burdensome. And so the #1 commandment is to love God but what does that mean? It doesn't mean doing what people want, even if it's your own girlfriend, your own family. It's about obeying God. Everyone say obey God. That is our #1 commandment is to obey God.

Now if I want to be blessed I obey God. If I want you to be blessed I help you obey God and if I love you, I really sincerely love you I will help you obey God. If I cause you or influence you to disobey God that is not love. That is hate. And so the foundation of what we need to do as far as treating everybody: our friends and those who hate us is to continue to encourage them to obey God. That is the basic, most basic definition of loving God. Now there's a stipulation though. The stipulation is that there are rules to love. Everyone say rules.

There's a radio station here in San Diego they have a program that they run on their radio station called War of the Roses. And what happens is a girl will call up, it's usually a girl. She'll call up and she'll say – I think my boyfriend's cheating on me and ah, or husband, and I want you to do the war of the roses thing. And what they do is they'll have some anonymous dude call the guy up and say – We want to offer you a free dozen roses to anybody you want, and see who he sends them to. So the girl she gives the whole story and then they put her on mute and then they call the dude up you know this is a, to protect the guilty let's just say Mary and Jim. And so Mary calls up and says – Call my boyfriend up Jim. So the radio station calls Jim up. Jim answers the phone – What's up? They say – Hey Jim we want to offer you a free dozen roses. And he goes – Do I have to buy anything? No it's free. You

know he says – Oh good-good-good. And before they call him up they say – We want Jim to say Mary. That's who he wants to send the roses to cuz that's Mary his girlfriend. And so they say – Jim do you want to send these dozen roses to anybody you want. He says – Oh that's good, that's good. So he says – I got a card. Who should I send these roses to? And, anytime I hear this my heart's like going like this right? Cuz I'm like – Say Mary brother, please say Mary cuz you're getting ready to get a whooping if you don't. And then he goes – Ah yeah, put on there Cheryl. Then the guy says – Do you want to put a note, write a note on the card? Oh ok. Write on – Yo Cheryl, last night was the bomb! The hotel was sweet. It was better than your apartment. The guy's writing on all sides of the card all this stuff. And then Mary gets on the phone and starts cursing him out. I mean it's really sad. And then the guy says – But Mary you know I love you. You know he doesn't cuz he broke the rules.

There are certain rules to love. Love is not just you feel something and you have an emotion. Love is not based on your emotion. It's not based on your hormones. Love is based on truth. Love is based on truth.

#2 in your notes: Truth #2 is that love is based on truth not emotion. When you say you're gonna help somebody obey God it's not about what you feel. It's about what truth is there because sometimes you might not feel it. And for all of you who have ever had a relationship you know that your, your love in that relationship. Sometimes you don't feel it. You get in an argument. You have a difference.

And so #1 is that our first commandment is to love people which means helping them obey God. #2 is that love has to be based on truth. **John 14:23** What is the truth. John 14:23 says – Jesus answered and said – If anybody loves me he will keep my Word. Say God's Word. Say Word. If anyone loves me he will keep my word and my Father will love him and we will come to him and make our home with him.

Let me tell you this is what divides the church goes from the Christians. Some of you all in here aren't Christians. You're church goes. Why? Because you don't obey God's word. You hear it but you pick and choose. You have these emotional ties to other stuff outside and you say – Well I don't like that verse. I don't like that concept. Or the world is believing something else. As Christians if you stand on the Word of God #1 you have to love everybody including yourself and you do that by obeying God and you do that by obeying God according to His Word. Not your emotions. Sometimes you will feel like it and sometimes you won't. That is irrelevant.

I have a wife. I've been married 24 years and guess what? If I feel like or don't feel like it, I never don't feel like it but if I ever don't feel like it I got to love, I got to love my wife.

Every single one of you, you have a friend who believes something different than you and your commitment is to help them obey God in a very kind and consistent way according to God's truth, not your emotion. The world wants you to get all emotionally tied and another argument and it wants to drag you away from the Word of God by emotion. That is the trick and when you walk the fine line, the fine line is that I am gonna walk this line and I'm gonna hold to God's truth no matter what everybody else around me is doing. Now the good thing about God's Word is that it is verifiable, verifiable. In other words God, when you obey God's truth life results. The bible says that don't be deceived. Whatever a man sows that he will reap and if you sow to righteousness, if you believe God and you trust God life will result. In other words your relationships will flourish. Your whole life will be blessed because you are walking in obedience with God.

If you go against God death results. The bible says that the penalty of sin is death and one of the ways that you can understand if you're doing something wrong is, is their death result. That guy Jim who gave the flowers to Cheryl, you know what died right after that phone call? His relationship with Mary. At least it should have. But if he would have done the right thing and told Cheryl – Listen I am not interested, and obeyed God and been faithful to his girlfriend he still would have his relationship. And every single one of your relationships that you'll have people are gonna try to draw you away from

God's Word but you have to say – No I am going to obey God's Word and I am going to love you by encouraging you to obey God's Word and that is my standard of truth.

Now everybody has a standard of truth. Your standard of truth could be your emotions. Just understand your emotions change. Your standard of truth could be political correctness. Just understand that changed. A year ago we wouldn't be having this conversation but now our culture's changed and by the way the hypocrite is the person who says one thing and does another. Our position of marriage between a man and a woman has never changed since the beginning of time. We're not the hypocrite. And so you stay consistent with what you believe and you're not a hypocrite. But the world will change so if your basis of truth is the world it's always gonna change. If your basis of truth is your emotion it's always gonna change but if your basis of truth is the Word of God it's the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. Can I get an amen? Amen.

So if, if loving God is obeying God and obeying God is based on His truth what does His truth say about marriage because as believers and I'm talking to believers now, as believers we don't have a choice. We, we surrendered our will to the Father and to obey His Word and so what does His Word say? End of story.

Turn to **Genesis 2**, Genesis 2. I love Genesis. While you're turning, it's the first book of the bible so it's really easy to find and it's the second chapter so it's really easy to find. I'll start in chapter one but just turn to chapter 2. In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth and He created all the animals, all the fish and all the birds and everything and then He created man. Everyone say man. And the bible says He created man in His image. Very important for you to understand. When He created man in His image He says – Man I'm gonna create you to be like me unlike any other creature. You can be creative. You can love. You can rule and have dominion and govern. You can have relationship and more importantly you can have a relationship with me. So God created man in His image.

Now look what He said about man by himself. **2:18** – He put him in the Garden of Eden. And **verse 18** it said – The Lord God said – It is not good that man should be alone. All the fellas in the house say amen. This is very important, very important. It's from the Lord. It's not good that man should be alone. I will make a helper or partner, not an assistant, a partner comparable to him.

What God says is that man by himself was not good enough because God needed something else so man could fulfill God's purpose. God created the heavens and the earth. He created man in His image and he gave man a mission and He said – Man by yourself you can't fulfill my whole purpose. You're made in my image but there's something missing to fulfill my whole plan. So what am I gonna do? Is He gonna create another animal? Is He gonna create a man? Is He gonna create 3 people? What's He gonna do? But He says – I got to do something.

So look what He says in **verse 21** - The Lord caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam and he slept. He took out one of the ribs and closed up the flesh in its place. Do you really believe that happened? Oh yeah! Absolutely. Woman, the woman didn't evolve separately from man. Neither one evolved but this is what, this is what the Word of God says and by the way like I said in the beginning, this is what divides what distinguishes between the Christian and the church goer. Do you believe God's Word. He only wrote one book. It's the all time seller in the history of the universe and He only had to write one.

**Verse 21** – The Lord caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam and he slept. He took out one of the ribs and closed up the flesh in its place and the rib which the Lord God had taken from the man He made into a woman and He brought her to the man. Adam said – This is now bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh. She shall be called woman because she was taken from the man. Therefore a man shall leave his father and be joined to his wife and they shall become one flesh. They were both naked the man and his wife and they were not ashamed.

Truth #3, truth #3: Is that God created the woman bride as the groom's compatible marriage companion. Here's man by himself created in God's image to fulfill God's purpose. Everyone say God's image, say God's purpose. And God said – It is, it is not good that man be alone. Not because

man was lonely or man needed a woman to do something for him. That may also be true but that wasn't, God had a bigger picture. He says – Man there is an eternal plan that I have and you being by yourself is not gonna cut it. What did God do? He created a woman. Everyone say woman. All the fellas in the house say praise the Lord. I don't know if the ladies say praise the Lord cuz He made man but we're saying praise the Lord. We're very glad that He made woman. But why? Here's what He said. He took the woman out of the man and He made the woman in His image as well. The man was made in His image and the woman was made in His image. And we're gonna see, it was just read that the two will become one.

When a baby, do you ever see a baby a little kid in a park with his mom and the baby gets scared, the baby runs back to the mom. Ok? When moms are in the park taking care of their kids they always know where those kids are. They have like a, like a radar around them. They know where those kids are and there's just a, there's a bond between a mom and a kid different from a dad. I'm not saying dads don't have that bond but they don't. It's just different. You know middle of the night mom will wake up. Dad will just sleep you know if there's a little noise in the room. And, and when kids get scared they run to mommy. Why? They spent 9 months in mommy. They go back to where they came. You know what God did? He took the woman out of the man and He says – I'm gonna make you two where you have an attraction back, to come back to where you came from. Why? Because you two are gonna be able to be one flesh. And the bible says there was no shame in that flesh in the context of marriage.

So if you're a heterosexual tonight and you are experiencing oneness shame on you. That's against the bible as well. That's why one out of four girls right now have sexually transmitted disease cuz they did what the bible says don't do. Remember if you disobey the Word you have consequences. It's just natural.

And so what happened was God said – I'm gonna create the man, I'm gonna create the woman and their together both made in my image will become one and my image will be fulfilled in their oneness, my eternal purpose will be fulfilled.

Truth #4, truth #4: A groom bride marriage is compatible with the image of our salvation. This is what we have to understand. When God does something He has an eternal perspective. Everyone say eternal. When God does something He has an eternal perspective and when God made the heavens and the earth and He made man He made man in His image and He says – I need someone else to be with that man to fulfill my purpose. Every single one of you were created in God's image to fulfill His purpose.

And so when He created Adam He says – Adam alone can't fulfill my purpose. Matter of fact if I don't bring a woman there'll be no kids and there would be no people right now. If He didn't bring Eve there'd be no people. Well He's bigger than that. He says- I'm gonna bring Adam and Eve together and they are going to become one flesh. Everyone say one flesh. And that one flesh union of the bride, everyone say bride, and groom, say groom, is a symbol of our salvation.

What all you people need to understand is when people start talking to you about marriage and people start talking to you about man and woman, man to man, woman to woman you have to understand as a Christian that your God created a man and a woman that when they get married that that union and that relationship is symbolic of our holy relationship with Him, our salvation.

3 reasons. 1-It's a one flesh union. Everyone say one flesh. When a man and a woman come together and they get married and they come together as one two people become one. When you ask Christ to be your Savior you and Christ experience a one flesh union. Don't let anyone pervert that.

#2-It's a blood covenant. In the Old Testament when a woman got married she would prove she was a virgin by the blood that was shed when they became together as one. When God made woman He closed them up and when they come together in marriage she bleeds. The bride and the groom together it's a blood covenant. Jesus is the groom and the church is the bride and you establish your relationship with Jesus through a blood covenant, through a blood covenant.

3<sup>rd</sup> reason and there's many more- Is that the union between a man and a woman is a life giving union. God told Adam and Eve be fruitful and multiply. If He did not make that woman to be His bride there'd be no people here today. There would never of been any people. Adam would have died. And so what He, what God says is – When the woman comes together with a man I designed them that life would result. It doesn't mean that every couple has to have babies but He made it that way. And life would result.

When you ask Christ to be your Savior life results. What the bible tells us all through the bible even in the Old Testament that the church or in the Old Testament Israel is the bride of God. In the New Testament the church is the bride. Everyone say bride. We are bride and Jesus is the groom. Say groom. What God said in Genesis in the very beginning is that I'm gonna make a man to represent Christ. I'm gonna make a woman to represent the church and they're gonna come together and be one. All their life they would walk together. Every time you see a man and woman walk together you are seeing Jesus and His church walk together.

Look at in your notes, in **Revelation 19**, Revelation 19 at the very end. I'm gonna read this. This is very interesting because when we go to heaven the bride, everyone say bride, and the groom, say groom, the church and Jesus are gonna be united in heaven. Let me read it to you. And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, the sound of many waters, and the sound of mighty thundering saying hallelujah. Yeah that's ok, say hallelujah. Everybody at all the simulcasts sites as well as here say hallelujah. For the Lord God is omnipotent reigns. Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory. Look what it says. The marriage, say marriage, of the Lamb has come. The marriage of the Lamb, Christ and His bride and His wife, say wife, made herself, say herself, ready and to her, say her. This is a man and a woman, to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, and fine, the fine linen was the righteous acts of the saints. When we go to heaven as the bride of Christ to meet our groom we are gonna be given fine clothes and they represent our righteous acts.

**Verse 9** – Then He said – Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb. Say marriage, say marriage. And He said – These are the true sayings of God.

You and I make up the bride. Jesus is the groom. When God made Adam and Eve He set us up a metaphor that we would look at every day as the bride and groom of Christ walking around every day to remind us of our relationship with Him. He never wanted us to forget that He, we are married to Him. When you asked Him to be your Savior it's a one flesh life giving union. We should never let anybody destroy that. The devil, our enemy is not people. It's not flesh and blood. Our enemy is the devil and the devil understands the image of God. He understands the image of salvation on earth and he wants to destroy the image of God's salvation on earth. You have to understand that and that's why we'll defend it till the end because the devil is attacking the very image of God and that's what we have to understand. Amen!

One more, truth #5 and then we'll be done and then we can get on with some more good stuff. Truth #5: A groom bride marriage was created by God and for God. A groom bride marriage was created by God for God. Guess who created marriage? Everyone say God. Guess who created man? Say God. Guess who created woman? Say God and guess who's the one who said here's how man and woman should be united? Say God. Not the government, not the government, not the judges. God and if you stand on God's truth, and if you stand on the Word of God and you are saying my #1 commandment is to love God and if I do that I'm obeying God and by do that I obey God according to His truth, His Word. Start reading His Word, start reading His Word and doing it and you'll be blessed. And if God says your #1 commandment is to love God you do that by obeying God. You do that by obeying Him according to His Word not your emotion, not political correctness, not your feelings. If you encourage someone to do something that's contrary to the Word you hate them. You may not know that now but you hate them because in the end they're gonna have to confront God with their sin and you're gonna have to confront God with yours. God made man. He mad woman. He said – That image right there is gonna be a forever eternal representation even when we get to heaven of the bride and

groom, Jesus and His church and when you get to heaven you're gonna see it. By faith we believe the Word of God. By faith we see the evidence that a man and woman bride is the healthiest structure for a family and family is the healthiest unit to build a strong society. May we stand for it because it's true. Let us pray.

Lord thank you so much for your faithfulness. Thank you so much for your goodness and Lord I pray that we would know the truth and live the truth and I pray for all the people listening, all the sites around California that you would challenge them to trust the Word of God and honor the Word of God and if we honor God He will honor us. There may be somebody out there listening right now, you know that Jesus loves you very much and we want to challenge you to trust Him and trust His Word and watch Him bless your life. In Jesus' name, Amen!

**Video:** Hi I'm Jacques Cisera a professional football player and I support biblical marriage between a man and a woman. This election vote yes on prop 8. Oop. Now you got me messing. Still rolling. Hold on. Go. Hi I'm Mark \_\_\_\_\_ Miller and I support a biblical marriage between a man and a woman and I'm Jacques Cisera a professional football player. This election let's stand up for what we believe in. Yes on 8. Hi I'm Jacques Cisera (laughing). Ok you might want to put that on pause. I need to get the laughter and the giggle out. I'm Mark \_\_\_\_\_ Miller and I support this message.

By the way as California goes so goes the rest of the nation.

**Lou:** God as California goes so goes the nation. A confrontation between light and darkness will happen this November, a battle to save the very sanctity of marriage. To the victor goes the souls of the nation. Cry out to God for the deliverance of the homosexual for the salvation of their lives, for the love of God to be poured out over their hearts where there is no hope, where there is no human remedy. God still has the holy prescription. We are calling the whole nation to 40 days of prayer and fasting of California culminating in a day of humility, cleansing, a day of battle like no other. Let the whole nation raise up massive praying hands. Put a wave of freedom and deliverance this state has never seen. We dare to believe in Jesus' name. This state has seen wave after wave after wave of revival this \_\_\_\_\_ shores of 100 years. God send us another Jesus movement. On November 1<sup>st</sup> we will take our stand with tens of thousands of our brothers and sisters in united massive fasting and prayer at Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego crying God have mercy. God restrain, hold back the flood. God will leash a wave of revival to shape the future of this state and the future of America. Lord we believe.

#### **Music.**

**Miles:** Say Jesus. Before, before I introduce Lou I want to say on November 1<sup>st</sup> we're gonna be at the Qualcomm Stadium praying, praying, calling on God and also on October 19<sup>th</sup>, October 19<sup>th</sup> we're gonna have another simulcast. It won't be here. It will be from New Venture Church in Oceanside. It will be the same, the same thing we're doing. It's all throughout the state and I want to encourage all of you to come. On October 19<sup>th</sup> you're gonna get instructed on how to deal with and how to engage the world. We're gonna learn the ABC's of protecting marriage and so it's gonna be very similar. Jim Garlow, Matt Staver an attorney from Liberty University is gonna be here. We're gonna have a lot of great, we'll be at the place, a lot of great people, a lot of great information but we're gonna get trained on the ABC's on how to deal with people and talk to people. So that's October 19<sup>th</sup>. I want to encourage all these churches out there to get that on your calendar and start recruiting more and more people cuz that, that will be like 2 weeks right before the election and we got to mobilize people. Can I get an amen? Every time you all say amen, every time you all say Jesus I'm sure hopefully you're firing up those people watching on TV. So one more time let's give a real Rock Jesus! I like that.

The Call, the Call you just say stadiums full of people praying. All it is is prayer and this is Lou Engle. He is the mastermind, the God anointed brother behind the Call. Give him a hand. Lou tell us, tell us first what is the Call? I mean bottom line these people have never been there. Tell them what it is. **Lou:** It's a united massive gathering of fasting and prayer that is God's remedy when we have no other hope, when we don't have any kind of human ability to pull it off. God says – Unite together.

Call all the races, all the denominations together and cry out to God in fasting and prayer and there God says- That's when I'll answer.

**Miles:** Now I want you to, I want you to imagine, I want you to this, imagine this guy trying to whisper.

**Lou:** Sorry.

**Miles:** No I'm loving it. I'm jacked up man. I'm sweating up here. Tell us, you know the Call has been amazing all these tens of thousands of people coming and it's opposite of the big crusades you know all the other events we have, all these big names of people want to come. Tell us the uniqueness about it in that vein where there's no publicity of no superstar.

**Lou:** Well we said this from the beginning 2000, 400,000 young and old gathered together in D.C. we said this is not about people. We don't tell names. We don't tell speakers and worship teams because we've had enough personality driven religion. We need God and His answered prayer is fasting. We've, we've, we've told people it was, it's not a festival. It's a fast. God sends fire on sacrifice and that's why they came. We don't even know why. It wasn't organization. It was God moving hearts.

**Miles:** So what he's saying is that just if you didn't get that. I'm not saying you didn't but you know just in case I want to clarify is that the flyer won't have any names of this person gonna be there, or this person's gonna be there, this band's gonna be there. It's really just gonna say, I mean I don't know everything but it will say we're gonna pray.

**Lou:** Yeah.

**Miles:** And tens of thousands of people come and what's the range, size range of it? The sizes of them?

**Lou:** Well we just, we just had 60,000 in D.C. and we've had as small as 8,000 in other places, smaller venues but it's not about the size. It's about the consecration of the people who are committed to believe and pray that God would move.

**Miles:** He shut me up. Um we have 30 seconds. If you would tell these people to fire them up to get there, what would happen to them if they come?

**Lou:** I believe that God would mark your life with a passion for Jesus and your children that I think that will literally change your life and the rest of your days. That's what we dare to believe.

**Miles:** Amen, amen, amen!

**Lou:** Thanks man, bless you.

**Miles:** Thank you, thank you, thank you. Let's give him a hand. Let's give him a big hand. Amen. If you all, if you all can, I have, if you all can honor Lou by saying Loooouuuu. Very good, very good.

Ok now we have a very interesting part of our program here. We're gonna have a panel come out and we're gonna take phone calls, emails, questions from around the state and we're gonna give this panel um 3 people actually. I'll let you meet them when they come out. So let's give them a hand as they come on out.

Everyone say, have a seat. Everyone say what's up Yvette. Say what's up Sean. Say what's up Gregg. Yvette. Tell, tell us in about 30 seconds about yourself and then we'll get right into the questions.

**Yvette:** Ok I used to be a radical lesbian activist before I became a Christian in 1992. Yeah! Then I was a campus minister for a few years at UCLA. Then I worked at Family Research Counsel in Washington, D.C. and now I'm the director of women's ministry for Exodus International which helps people struggling with same sex attractions to come out.

**Miles:** Very good, very good, very good. Sean.

**Sean:** Sean McDowell, first off I'm a husband. I'm a father. I teach high school. I live in San Juan Capistrano and I get to some speaking and writing as well.

**Miles:** Very good, and you all know, how many of you know, Josh McDowell is his dad and his, his dad is a hero. His dad is one of my heroes. Period. I know he's many peoples heroes but I know you hear that all the time.

**Sean:** I love it.

**Greg:** Greg Koukl and I know Miles that God has a sense of humor because when I was a undergraduate at UCLA I thought I was too smart to become a Christian and now I'm giving my life to a defense for the Christian faith. In fact I think that Jesus is the smart money is on Jesus and Christianity is worth thinking about. 15 years ago I founded an organization called Stand to Reason and we train other followers of Christ to engage people in a gracious but intelligent way defending their convictions and defending their values and we've been doing that for 15 years at Stand to Reason.

**Miles:** Amen! And just know all their websites are on the bottom of your program so wherever you're at if you want to get in contact with them, you hear something you like, you want to bring them to your church, buy their product, you got their website information.

So let's go to the, to electronic media and take a question. We're gonna look at the questions coming in.

**Live Screen:** Same sex marriage doesn't affect me so why should I be against it?

**Miles:** Ok I hear that all the time. It doesn't affect me. What's the big deal? Why you Christians make a big deal? It's not gonna change anything for you.

**Sean:** Can I take that one? Miles if proposition 8 doesn't pass, if same sex marriage stands in California we will see a domino effect throughout the country and the social re-engineered to marriage will have profound implications for every single one of our lives. I think a helpful way to think about this is to compare it to 9/11 cuz a lot of us are asking- How does this directly affect us? Well I wasn't directly affected by 9/11 and my guess is most of you weren't either in the sense I didn't know somebody who crashed the plane in the building. I didn't know somebody who was in the building. But after 9/11 the world was a fundamentally different place and that has affected me. The change in the redefinition of marriage is the same type of thing. It will trickle down affect our lives and I'll give you, I'll give you 3 examples specifically.

1-Is the area of our pocketbooks. It will cost us something. As you mentioned in your speech studies show that the health of a society is traced directly back to the health of its marriages and when our, when there's problems in marriages the societal ills whether it's, whether that's crime, whether that is abortion, whether it's kids dropping out of school. Those go up and there's a price for society that costs us. So it will face our pocketbook.

We're also gonna see indoctrination. We see it in a, we'll see it in the work place. We'll see indoctrination in schools. For example in 2007 the only other state that allowed same sex marriage besides California is Massachusetts. In 2007 a judge passed a ruling that said every young person in Massachusetts will be taught the homosexual lifestyle. Even Christian kids in a public school.

And I think the other area we'll see a change is in free speech. See one thing we can learn from our situation is looking at other countries that have adopted this. Canada is one of the few countries that endorses same sex marriage and it is illegal, it is criminal to say anything deemed negative against homosexual behavior, even if it's true in Canada. So James Dobson who has his radio show there, if he's gonna play it in Canada they have to censor material out against homosexuality if it's deemed negative even if it's true.

So the change in redefinition of marriage will trickle down and profoundly affect every single one of our lives.

**Miles:** Very good. There was a, there was a couple that just recently got married in Plaster County by California and when they filled out there wedding certificate they put bride and groom and it got sent back as invalid. It's not party A and party B and so when they define, when it's redefined for everyone, for some it's redefined for everyone.

Now we start with the bible as Christians, we start with the bible and remember I said if you don't trust the bible stuff is gonna happen. These are the kind of results. On October 19<sup>th</sup> at the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> simulcast on October 19<sup>th</sup> a pastor Augie Green is gonna be there. He's from Sweden. He actually spent a month in prison for preaching Romans 1 against homosexuality. So the trickle affect is more than you think. Let's go to another question.

**Live screen/Miles:** Ok I think I need to read this. It says you're trying to impose your religion. What about separation of church and state? How many of you all have heard that? You're imposing your beliefs on us and it's a great question and I hear it all the time. You got to be able to answer these questions.

**Greg:** Yeah this is a common objection and it's very understandable principally because people misunderstand something about the phrase separation of church and state. They think of the church being way over here and the state being way over here and the religious folk over here and other citizens here. So that if there is an issue that comes up that bears on some moral question that the religious folk have to stay in their church because that's separation of church and state. You know Miles people would be surprised to find out that the phrase separation and state never appears in the constitution at all. In fact in the first amendment it says something different. It says congress shall make no law establishing a religion or um interfering with the free exercise thereof. What congress can't do or any state government can't do is they can't establish a religion. What's establishing religion? Well that's like telling you which denomination you have to join or what way you got to get baptized or what your views of the second coming of Christ have to be. There is nothing in prop 8 or anything like it that has to do with an inappropriate establishment of somebody's religion. It's just simply not there.

Basically what we're going in this session is we're doing exactly what the first amendment guarantees for us. We're exercising our liberties as, as citizens. Whether we're Christians or not is irrelevant. We're doing it as citizens to have our voice heard and to make our vote on what is primarily a secular issue. All of my arguments and the ones that we use at Stand to Reason regarding this issue are all secular arguments. They're the kind of arguments that a Christian can use and atheist can use. This proves that this issue is not a religious issue. It's a secular point.

**Miles:** I want you to imagine that if we um a non Christian who supports prop 8, he's non Christian is he different than a Christian supporting prop 8? They're just two people but what happens is they're gonna target on the Christian. I was just asked this tonight and a, by a reporter – What about separation of church and state and being political? Marriage to me is in the bible. That's where it came from so I'm, I'm talking about the bible issue but all you Christians have a right just as much as anybody else to voice your opinion on anything. All the devil's trying to do is take your opinion out. So you have a right to talk about anything. You can talk about what President you want, who you want to be president. Matter of fact I can do that as well, who I believe I want to be president. I never will but I can because I'm a citizen just like you. So um we have to be understanding of what the law says.

**Greg:** Miles you gave a great message here on what the bible teaches on the institution of marriage and God's foundation of that but a whole lot of people in the world don't understand those details but they understand marriage. It's between a man and a woman because God built that into every human being and into every culture. Therefore whether or not you know that information you can still argue for marriage as we've described here because it's a foundation of civilization. Whether your motivations for doing that are informed by the bible or they're just informed by reflection and what makes a solid society. It shouldn't matter to our vote.

**Miles:** Very good.

**Greg:** It's still a secular issue.

**Miles:** Ok very good. Let's get another, another question.

**Live screen:** Ok so heterosexuals have the right to get married according to their orientation. Well homosexuals, why shouldn't they have the same right?

**Miles:** Ok what he said is that heterosexuals have a right to get married according to their orientation. Why can't homosexuals have a right marry, a right to marry according to their orientation?

**Yvette:** I think that's a common misconception because heterosexuals can't get married according to their orientation or sexual desires. People can get married based upon their inborn design. I mean I don't mean to be crass but men and women's body parts fit together to become a single organism for the purpose of creating children. It amounts very similar to the function of the heart to pump blood throughout the body. I mean it's a biological function and then once the child's born it's the unique gender differences of men and women that are necessary to raise a child in such a way that allows them to become full functioning members of society. And every study on parenting has proven this. It says, they all say that children to best psychologically, emotionally, socially, even physically when they're raised by the parents who conceived them in the context of marriage and historically that's been the purpose of marriage. And marriage has existed throughout history. It exists in every society and it's always been for the purpose of bearing and raising children in the best atmosphere possible.

**Miles:** Let's talk about the orientation issue cuz he brought up an interesting word about orientation that um and you're saying really we have a right to marry based on gender difference not orientation but let's say we did that. Let's say it was about orientation. What would happen?

**Yvette:** Yeah so if, just let's say sexual orientation or sexual attractions were the basis upon which we were allowed to marry. Then pedophiles would have to be allowed to marry 6-7-8 year olds. The man from Massachusetts who petitioned to marry his horse after marriage was instituted in Massachusetts. He'd have to be allowed to do so. Mothers and sons, sisters and brothers, any, any combination would have to be allowed.

**Miles:** So I take it we have to understand the big picture and what does the Word of God say and if you're talking about just love then anything goes and then you throw out all the rules and then dominos start happening? So we, you have to understand the big picture and understand there's a big strategy. Remember our enemy is not people. We don't wrestle against flesh and blood. We wrestle against rulers, authorities and principalities in the heavenly places. Satan understands how to break down the family and break down the culture and destroy the image of God. So it's a way bigger than just these two people loving each other because love is only the criteria than anything will go. What is the next question?

**Live screen:** Half of marriages end up in divorce so why not allow same sex marriages? Maybe they'll do better statistically.

**Miles:** Can you give that guy a hand? And here's why, here's why. Because the point, one thing I agree with him, well I shouldn't say I agree with him that's sad about what he said that's true is that half marriages do end in divorce. That doesn't, we're gonna get to the answer but that's shame on us because it's true in the church as well. We need to do a better job of loving our wives and loving our husbands and be faithful. So let's take the note on what he said.

**Sean:** I agree with you. There, we have cheapened marriage in America whether it's in society or whether it's the church. We have degraded marriage and I think we bear some of the blame for that but the question is just because there may be problems do we socially re-engineer and change the nature of marriage? To have reason that would be better for society and be better for kids and I think if we look at the examples of countries that have tried this there should be big red warning signs. Like take the example of Norway and Sweden. Men who are in same sex marriages compared to heterosexual marriages 50% more likely to get divorced. Lesbians in same sex marriages in, compared to heterosexual marriages 150% more likely to get divorced. So that tells us that there's no positive evidence to think that this would be good for marriage in America but there is big reason for concern. But let's spell this out for a second. So the, say there are problems and we recognize it through our traditional marriage. Is the solution to add another problem? I mean if we have a patient who's sick do we add another disease? We solve the disease that's at hand. If traditional marriage is having problems and it does the solution is to fix traditional marriage especially because we see the health of society is so

intrinsically tied to the health of our traditional marriage. So I think the problem with marriage what follows is all hands on deck. Let's take our responsibility for it and let's fix marriage for the sake of our kids and for the sake of our society.

**Miles:** Amen, amen. (clapping)

**Greg:** If I could just tag on to what you said Sean that the perception is that marriage is somehow broken and we've got to repair it by finding some alternative. Marriage isn't broken ladies and gentlemen. People are broken. Marriage is fine. We need to help the people.

**Miles:** And let us assume our responsibility and when I say our, not only the Christian community but the non Christian community about fixing our marriages. We have to assume that. We cannot point the finger over here without assuming our responsibility and, and not only with marriage but all you all who are single who are sleeping around. That's a sin too. It's just a greater sin. And so we need to assume that as well because again we're walking on the truth of God's Word and God's Word says, is that applies to all of us as well. So let's make sure we're clear about that but one of the things I want you to always be thinking about as we're talking is that what is the truth? Not the rumor. Oh this is the same and that's separation of church and state. All that stuff is not true. You want to always get to the facts about anything you're talking about where you have these discussions and when you're considering your decision on how to support this. Ok we got another question.

**Miles reading:** Ok isn't it true that kids need a loving family regardless whether it's a mother or a father and I would assume if they had a mother, two mothers what's the difference? They got loving parents. Isn't that ok?

**Greg:** Well the answer to that question is yes. Children need a loving family and yes they need a mother and father. Now going on what Sean was saying here about the consequences of this, if prop 8 doesn't pass then it will be illegal to distinguish between heterosexual and same sex couples when it comes to adoption. Um Yvette just mentioned some statistics about growing up in families without a mother and father at home. How important it is to have that kind of thing. I'm not a sociologist. I'm not a psychologist. I'm just a human being but you don't need to be wearing a white coat to know that kids need a mom and dad. (clapping) I'm a dad and I know that I provide something different than my wife does in our family and my wife provides something entirely different than I do in our family and both are vital.

Now when I, when my wife and I got married she had been a single mom for 16, with a son that was 16 years old. I know what it's like when single parents have to raise kids and many of the people in this audience and those listening have been raised in circumstances where they haven't had a mother or a father, maybe through death, maybe through a divorce and they know the loss that they feel. Now people in that circumstance often do a sensational job like my wife did to make the best of a difficult circumstance and my hat is off to all single parents. Buy why would we want to engineer that on purpose and make it the law of the land that we can deprive a child of a mother or a father. This doesn't make any sense. They deserve better. (clapping)

**Miles:** And let me reaffirm this single parent because the single parents have done a great job and all the kids, I've talked to a lot of kids who say – My single mom or my single dad did a great job and I'm fine. Yes you're fine cuz you're resilient. God made you that way but you would have been better off if your mom and dad loved each other. Now your dad might have been a knucklehead and he needed to go but, but if they loved each other your family structure would have been more healthy and your mom would have been, had a different experience as well. So it's not just about the kid. It's about the whole family. Um so the model is a mom and a dad.

**Greg:** By the way Miles, I feel the same way about single people adopting too for the same reason. If single people adopt they guarantee that that child they're adopting is not gonna have a mother or a father. So unless we're consistent on this, by the way it looks suspiciously like we're just against gays. If we have a value here that guides us then it should govern both circumstances it seems to me. (clapping)

**Miles:** Don't think this is against you single people who adopt. Just understand God designed parents mom and dad biological. That's His, that's His ultimate design. That's what we're gonna, what we're promoting. Another question.

**Live Screen:** If you care about your gay friends and want them to be happy and that might mean being able to marry the person they love. So telling them they can't get married isn't very loving is it?

**Miles:** This is the, this is probably the toughest question you'll have to answer. I have a friend, I have a family member and I want to love them. What do I do? And how you're gonna tell me I look at them and tell them no? I mean how do I do that?

**Sean:** I appreciate the spirit of that question. We want to love our gay friends. We want to love all of our friends but to know how to love somebody we got to first understand and have an accurate view of what love is. I have a good friend named Frank who, as he says he's from New Jersey and he a, he grew up and one of his neighbors when he was 14 years old announced, he said I'm gay. He said I'm a homosexual and I'm gonna enter the homosexual lifestyle. His parents were pretty conflicted about this. They didn't know how to respond, exactly what to do. So what they decided to do, what they thought was loving was to completely support his decision, completely back up his decision. 22 years later they buried him. He died from AIDS. His parents loved him and they were well meaning but they made a costly mistake. See we live in a culture that says praise and endorse any behavior. Our culture thinks, what our world says to us is love is just supporting what anybody wants to do but I think that's a mistake and a costly notion of love. In fact I think real love is stepping in in appropriate ways and appropriate time in patient opposition to destructive behavior.

Look when I was in college I played college basketball and I had a teammate and my senior year when basketball was done he decided to just blow off school. He played video games all day. He didn't go to class and he flunked out. Well my position was he's my friend but he can do whatever he wants. I'm not supposed to judge him. I'm not supposed to say anything. That's his lifestyle. Well he's been married about 10 years now, has 2 kids and still doesn't have his degree. Recently he came back to me and he said – I wish you had said something, kind of kicked me in the rear to realize my choices were hurting me. And that taught me something powerful, that my people, that people who really are my friends that I love when they're making choices that are destructive to their life my job and responsibility is to stand in patient but loving opposition.

So yes we want our gay friends to be happy. Yes we want to love them but sometimes love means as it says in **1 Corinthians 13** speaking the truth. (Clapping)

**Miles:** Amen. The bible says that the wounds of a friend are faithful but the kisses of the enemy are deceitful and if you have a friend that's gonna do something that either disagrees with the Word of God, they're gonna have to deal with God on that cuz remember the penalty of sin is death. Or they're just gonna do something that you know is gonna be destructive which is kind of one and the same and you don't say anything or vice-a-versa you encourage that, what kind of friend is that? And so it doesn't mean that you don't hang out with them. It doesn't mean you're mean to them. It just means as a friend you say - listen can I give you a heads up? Here's what you might want to consider. And by the way if you have a gay friend you want to be that person's friend but if someone's only gonna be your friend because you agree with everything they say what kind of friend is that? And so you want to be able to have a loving disagreement but you want to stand on the truth trusting that God's Word is the truth. Amen? Amen. We got another question.

**Live screen:** I feel like you'd be taking equal and civil rights because isn't banning gay marriage just like banning inter racial marriage back in the day?

**Miles:** Well first let me say, I'll answer, touch on that one before I give it to you. Um please do not equate or let anybody equate someone's behavior to what someone is from birth and their race. Amen! (clapping) I was born this way. You were born that way and I would never want to change it and if I wanted I couldn't. You never saw anybody that said – I used to be black. You know, so inter racial thing....

**Greg:** Well that, that was a tough one to follow here on this but I do have a word about inter racial marriage. Listen same sex marriage and inter racial marriage have nothing in common except for the word marriage. Skin color is morally trivial as you pointed out but sex is fundamental to everything. There is no difference between a white or a black human being but there's a big difference between a man and a woman. There is no comparison here with regards to that issue. (clapping) By the way we wouldn't, we wouldn't justify polygamy on that argument would we? We wouldn't say - Well we want to marry, I want to marry a bunch of women. We'd say - Well you can't do that. Why not? He's wrong, unnatural. You shouldn't do that. Cuz that's the same thing they said about inter racial marriage. Now that's not a good argument for polygamy. It's not gonna be a good argument for inter racial marriage. It doesn't work in either case.

Back to the rights issue because this comes up very, very frequently. Let me be very clear the objection is that there's somehow unequal protection under the law that same, that gays don't have the same rights that I do. Gays have exactly the same rights that I have. I have the right to form a marriage with the woman of my choice who will have me.

**Miles:** Yeah she's got to want you.

**Greg:** So do, so do gays. Now they may not want to form a union with women and that's up to them but they have the same liberty. There is no unequal protection under the law and in fact there is a sense and I know many people are deeply concerned about this liberty thing. Why can't I love the one I want? Why can't I have these kind of relationships? They can. Same sex couples walk down the aisle all the time. Many of you have gone to those ceremonies. They can walk down the aisle. They can pledge their trough until death do them part. They can go on a honeymoon and set up housekeeping. They can do everything that heterosexual couples do in marriage. The only thing that they're not getting is social through a license for doing that but they have the liberty. No one's stopping them and Americans are very, very tolerant on this issue. That's why there are people doing it all over the country. There is no restriction of liberty. What is being restricted here and what is in question is whether the state is gonna formally declare through a marriage license that there is no difference between heterosexual relationships and same sex relationships.

**Miles:** And that they would redefine it for all of us at the same time. Real quick, we got a, just 30 seconds Civil union gives them the same rights as married people in this California.

**Greg:** In the state of California every single right that accrues to a married couple must by law accrue to same sex couples in civil union.

**Miles:** And they have that today.

**Greg:** They have that today. That's not even in question. So that doesn't even apply in our state, that objection that he accrues.

**Miles:** Ok. Got another question.

**Miles reading:** If you can't read Chinese it says what if you are born that way? What if they are born that way?

**Yvette:** Well the obvious person to answer this question. There is no scientific proof that people are born gay. Even the gay researchers, even the gay researchers themselves admit that no one's born gay. Scientists agree that it's a combination of factors that contribute to someone developing homosexual attraction and then of course there are people like me who used to be gay and aren't anymore. I was involved (clapping), I was involved, I had same sex attractions for 19 years but I was involved in lesbian relationships for 6 years and Christians would show up at the gay and lesbian pride parade carrying 1 Corinthians 6 signs saying how homosexuals would not inherit the kingdom of God and I would say to them - You know what? If you're gonna be in heaven I have no desire to go there.

So I was not excited when I got a job working with an outspoken Christian named Jeff. Jeff had index cards with scriptures written on them posted all over his office space and I thought I don't want this guy talking to me about God but that's exactly what he did constantly for 2 years.

**Miles:** Everybody, everybody say Jeff you the man!

**Yvette:** And I was so mean to him. I was obnoxious. I made rude comments but you know whenever Jeff thought he had offended me he would come to me and apologize and I didn't know why Jeff was so nice to me when I was so mean to him. I even tried to get him fired from his job and when that didn't work I ignored him, for days not a word until one day Jeff came into work, put a cup down on my desk and he said, he said – I stopped on my way to work and I bought you a cappuccino. I was stunned. People don't get off the freeway in downtown LA in the middle of rush hour traffic for a friend let alone an enemy and I still could not understand. It blew my mind why Jeff was so nice to me but **Romans 2:4** says that it's the kindness of God that leads us to repentance. (clapping) And you know it was that love and kindness that led me to Jesus and I knew immediately that I couldn't continue to live as a lesbian anymore but it was not easy. It was 3 years before I felt any change at all, even the slightest change in my same sex attractions but today I've been married to a wonderful man for almost 9 years. (clapping) We, we have 2 beautiful daughters who begged to come here tonight and I wouldn't trade that for anything.

**Miles:** let's give her a hand. Amen, wow. Before we close out we want to love, we want to tell everybody out there that's watching cuz there's somebody out there watching who's just like Yvette, that God loves you and has an amazing plan for your life beyond what you can imagine. The heart knows its own bitterness and you know the pain that you have and Jesus wants you to give your life to Him. So right now real quick would you all just bow your heads real quick and close your eyes wherever you're at, all around the state just close your eyes real quick and if you would like Jesus to forgive you of your sin, right now just pray by faith this prayer in your heart.

Dear God I know you love me. I know you died and rose from the dead for my sin. Please forgive me. Jesus come live in my heart. Be my groom. I want to be part of the church, your bride. We pray these things in Jesus' name, Amen.

God bless you. If you prayed that prayer, if you prayed that prayer tell somebody wherever you're at that you did, especially if you came to one of the churches. God has a plan for you. Listen you guys have been fantastic. Thank you very much.

**Miles:** All over the world with teenagers and he's gonna commission us when the 8-4-8 program you have right on the back of your program right on the back, he's gonna commission us now to take action. So give a warm welcome to Ron Luce from Teenmania.

**Ron:** Well how many, do we have actually have teenagers here tonight? Raise your hand if you're a teenager. If you guys at the satellite locations raise your hand real loud. Make noise real loud if you're a teenager. One more time lift your hand up. Don't be embarrassed. How about old people. Do we have any old people out? Don't be embarrassed. Thank God for the old people. If it wasn't for you the young people wouldn't be here. I love teenagers. I spend every weekend with teenagers somewhere here in America in an arena somewhere and I love watching them get on fire and tonight you guys that are young and those that are with the young and those that are young in heart but not in body um this is your chance. This whole night is about your chance to change history, to shape the direction of this state and of this nation. That's what this night is about. A lot of work is coming together cuz you guys are young but the bible's filled full of examples of young people. It has shifted the direction of a whole nation.

And so for the next couple minutes I want you to think with me. We've laid out some very practical things that you can do. Everybody say do, things you can do to shape the direction. We got about a month and then the election happens and bham if the constitution is changed it's changed forever here in California. If it's not then that can ripple all across the country if we've seen, as we've seen already. You know scripture says in **James** – You show me your faith and I'll show you my faith by what I do. A lot of people want to be silent about their faith. Just sort of let it glow out of their eyes. We got to do something and show people that we believe and that is just not something that we just, it's in our heart but it's something that we want to apply and make real and see played out in society.

So here we are. We got 8 things. Everybody say 8. 8 things, it's called the 8-4-8 plan. 8 things you can do. #1-Is to commit to prayer. Praying 8 minutes a day at 8:00 in the morning and then 8:00 at night. 8 minutes a day. How hard can that be? Praying for this big election, praying for proposition 8 to pass. Yes on 8. That's #1.

#2-Is give. Let me hear you say give. If you got some moola, you got some dinero, you got some money, you got some pesos you can give \$8, \$80, \$800. Give something to the iprotect marriage cause. Be part of the change. You know they got a lot of money on the other side flooding in from all kinds of movie stars and stuff that want to see the other side pass. Come on, we as believers got to rise up. If you get on iprotectmarriage.com and get on the contribution form there you can figure out how you can give.

#3-Is recruit your family and friends. Get your family and friends: your moms, your dads, your uncles, your aunts, other cousins that you know, what are people, your family and friends, your enemies even. Recruit them and say – You know what? We've got something to do here. We've got just a few days, one month to make history. You might be 13-14-15 right now. Even though you don't have the ability to vote you can shape people's vote. You know people who can vote. You know adults who are 18. You know your older brother or sister who just turned 18 or 19. First time they can vote, make sure they're registered and vote. And parents by the way if you're a mom or dad whether you're here or somewhere hearing I want you to know that you know some of the stuff you've heard here tonight, what can you do to protect your kids? If you get on some of these websites you see on the, um on the flyer that you received including the one there that says Teenmania. There's free things you can download. There's books and materials, what you can do as a parent to protect your kids from this kind of mentality being jammed down their throat while their young. So take advantage of some of that. Recruit your family and your friends.

#4-Is connect. Let me hear you say connect. Now how many of you guys are like constantly you're texting, you're calling, you're like talking to 3 or 4 people at a time? Let me see your hand, come on. How many have done that thing like you're on facebook and you're like having like 5 or 10 conversations at one time with people? You know what I'm talking about. So connect. I'm asking you tonight to send 8 emails or 8 calls, phone calls or blog entries, or twitter or join 8 groups. Do something 8 times to connect with people and say – You know what? There's a buzz going on. You need to do something. We can make history, be a part of it.

#4-Is volunteer. 8 hours. That's using your sweat. Let me hear you say 8 hours. Listen we had a whole campus that's full of young people in Garden Valley, Texas. 750 of them 18-19-20 years old giving a whole year to change their generation. Could you give 8 hours? Just 8 hours over the next month, 8 hours. I'm talking about going door to door, putting stickers on, putting yard signs up, doing something. 8 hours volunteering saying – You know what? We care about marriage. We care about our culture. We care about our state and about our nation. Could you give 8 hours? Let me hear you shout real loud if you could give 8 hours. Listen we give 8 hours to stupid things. We spend 8 hours on the web and we just lost track of time 2 or 3 different times in a row. Come on give 8 hours that's a, that's the 5<sup>th</sup> thing.

#6-Is send a love email. Let me tell you what I'm talking about. There's a lot of pastors and leaders who are standing up for proposition 8 who are taking a lot of heat in their community. I'm talking about your own pastor at your own church. I'm talking about other pastors in your community who are standing up saying – Vote yes on proposition 8. And they're getting slammed with hate emails. How about some love from a teenage generation going – Pastor good job. We love you man. We're praying for you. How many of you got some love you could pass around? Ok so send some love. Send some love.

#7-What you can do is promote it. This is why we got things like this. On the way out in many of the places you've got these yes on 8 stickers and bumper stickers, and flyers, and brochures. Pick them up on the way out wherever you're at. If you don't happen to have them there yard signs, some

places have yard signs. You can go to [iprotectmarriage](http://iprotectmarriage.com) and order them online and bam they'll be at your door and start passing them out. Just like confetti. Stick them on you're you know backpacks and on other people's stuff and, and a I'm just kidding. I'm just kidding. Don't be getting into trouble there.

And a #8-Is this, on the 4<sup>th</sup> get people out to vote on November the 4<sup>th</sup>. Get them out to vote. I mean take them I your car. If you're not old enough to drive, ride in their car. Hey I saw the voting place. Let's go there. I mean strangers, people you don't know I mean come on we got to go vote and um seriously you guys, young people let me say a word to you because if this is your moment. This is your chance. History is gonna be made with this moment, this vote and if you take the next 30 days and go – You know what? Let's just do something. Instead of being so committed to our club or to our sports team, whatever you all do take every available moment and say – let's do something that shapes history. Wouldn't it be cool to know now here I am 13-14 years old but I helped shape the vote of the entire state which shaped the entire nation, preserved the sanctity of marriage and I was 13 and 14. You'll be telling your grandkids about that. We stopped that. The train was about to go off and we stopped it. We did it! We were young and we stopped it. We can rise up and you can do it! Go and take some action.

**Miles:** Say Jesus. Hey um 3 things before Stellar Kart comes out. #1-You need to go vote. Please register and vote. Everybody out there register to vote. Now if you can't vote cuz you're too young and that's we want you to 1-Get this information but talk to your friends who can vote, your parents, your teachers, adults who can vote you need to be. You got the information. Now go act on it.

#2-The, the DVD for this session, the message that I gave, the interview is all on DVD. Go in the bookstore you can get it. Or if you go online [iprotectmarriage.com](http://iprotectmarriage.com), [Iprotectmarriage.com](http://Iprotectmarriage.com) you can go online. I'm actually in the process of preaching a series called The Fine Line, if you want to get the whole series [iprotectmarriage.com](http://iprotectmarriage.com) and there's also some other video clips of stuff we've talked about online [iprotectmarriage.com](http://iprotectmarriage.com). So if you're not here in San Diego go to the website and get that stuff and go vote. Again if you're here go to the bookstore and get it. Amen?

Have you guys had a good time? Have you guys had a good time tonight? You guys ready? Are you guys ready? One minute, one minute, one minute. Say Jesus! Say Jesus! Let's say one more prayer. For all of you out there in TV land we want to pray for you. God bless you. Let's do what God called us to do which is be faithful to His Word. If we can't be faithful to His Word what good are we? So that's a challenge.

Lord, thank you so much for your faithfulness. Thank you for your truth. Everyone say truth. Thank you for your truth upon which we should stand, the guidelines of our actions, the guidelines of our love. May we love people according to your Word with gentleness and kindness and we pray all these things in Jesus' name and may prop 8 pass but more so may there be a revival in the churches in California this year. In Jesus' name, and everyone said? Amen.

They're coming. You all ready? Let's give a warm, huge standing ovation for Stellar Kart!