

Our Posture Toward Marriage

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[0:00] There are trusted voices in the evangelical community who have responded to the Supreme Court decision. And I'm going to read a piece from a man, his name is Russell Moore.

And Russell Moore is the president of the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. He works down at Southern Seminary. And this past week, late week, he had an article in the Washington Post which read why the church should neither cave nor panic about the decision on gay marriage.

We have these articles on the tables on the other side just as you're leaving in the vestibules. And we're also going to post this on our Facebook page as a church so that you can read the article in its entirety.

So we've stated our position as a church. Let me read the position, the posture of our church.

Russell Moore speaks about as a result of this decision that there will be refugees from this sexual revolution.

People who are disappointed in getting what they want. And finally realizing that it actually doesn't satisfy. And so he writes, We must prepare for those like the sexually wayward woman of the well of Samaria who will be thirsting for water of which they don't even know.

[1:36] There are two sorts of churches that will not be able to reach the sexual revolution's refugees. A church that has given up on the truth of the scriptures, including on marriage and sexuality, and has nothing to say to a fallen world.

We can't be that church. We won't be that church. And the second church is a church that we can't be either. A church that screams with outrage at those who disagree.

A church like that will have nothing to say to those who are looking for a new birth. We're not going to make either mistake. We must stand with conviction and with kindness.

The truth with truth and with grace. We must hold to our views and love those who hate us for them.

We will be hated. We must not only speak Christian truth, we must speak with a Christian accent.

We must say what Jesus has revealed and we must say those things the way that Jesus does. With mercy and with an invitation to a new life. We must say we must call him.

[3:09] You can say we must say he is not just in the beginning to get to your joy from the beginning, but follow him in the beginning. Without having to tell what Jesus said, he will not call him so he is speaking to his family,