
APPENDIX A

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It's Your Call is a Christian call-in program which is broadcast Monday through Saturday on CITS-TV (CTS Ontario) from 1:00 to 2:30 am. The program is usually hosted by Robert Melnichuk, but occasionally a guest host replaces Mr. Melnichuk. The hosts present a topic of discussion for each episode and invite viewers to share their opinions via telephone, e-mail or posting to the program's Facebook page. The hosts offer their opinions as well, and, in one of the following episodes, spoke to a guest expert about the topic.

Each episode was rated G and began with the following advisory in audio and video formats:

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The following are descriptions and transcriptions of the relevant portions of each of the challenged episodes. The time indicated is based on the time stamp on the actual broadcast.

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Melnichuk's topic of the day was hypocrisy and, more specifically, whether Christians are being hypocrites by speaking out against homosexuality and ignoring other issues which are considered sins, such as divorce and adultery. The topic was inspired by statements made by a graduate from Yale University's Divinity school who had effectively called his fellow Christians hypocrites for this reason in a book he had written. Dan Statham was a guest commentator on the program; he participated via telephone.

Melnichuk presented a video-clip of the Yale grad being interviewed on CNN. He noted that Paul the apostle had condemned many things, not just homosexuality. Among those other things, were divorce, as well as women having short hair and men having long hair. The Yale grad's point was that Christians no longer speak against these issues, but focus on homosexuality.

Melnichuk then read a website post from a viewer named Kevin who stated that Christians are focussing on homosexuality even though it is only mentioned a few times in Bible and suggested they focus on love instead.

Dan Statham said that local churches do talk about all other sins. They just focus on homosexuality sometimes when that issue is relevant to things that are happening in society. He said that Christians have to stand up and tell truth.

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Statham [referring to Yale grad's comments]: You know, we can compare this sin with, uh, long hair or short hair. Well, one thing that I've found is that long hair or short hair does not have as much destructive power as homosexuality has. And has virtually killed many precious people through AIDS and et cetera, these diseases that you can carry. So to compare that, I would almost like to do kind of a research on him and where he was brought up and find out the validity of where he's coming from. Yes, he's a theological student, but, um, sometimes, if you get the wrong professor, you can really get knocked off. So I guess that's where I'm coming from. I'm hearing all these people that, that are saying we're zeroing in on this, but the, the only reason we're zeroing in on this, I believe that the church has to stand up, as you were saying earlier, and declare the truth. Because if we don't, who will?

Melnichuk suggests that the hair length thing is a "cultural custom", but homosexuality is a "morality" issue.

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Melnichuk: Are we really hypocrites because we're picking on this one issue right now and we leave all the other issues aside? Are we being hypocrites? Or are we actually demonstrating true love because we want to share and be straightforward about the truth?

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caller Val: I'm, I'm pretty good. I'm very judgmental; however, I try and use the Bible, not my own personal opinion. And when it comes to the homosexuality thing, the Bible is not in favour of it. Look what happened in Sodom and Gomorrah. But I think the whole thing can be solved in one sentence: fornication. It's fornication, whether it's two men, and a man and a woman, or whatever. It's sex outside of marriage. And Jesus said, flee, run away from fornication. So, also, marriage was designed by God for a man and a woman, for procreation of children. So there's no way two men or two women are going to be able on their own, without help, to, uh, conceive a baby. It's just not going to happen.

Melnichuk: Mm hm.

Val: So there you go. If you're having sex, or, outside of marriage, and a lot of people in the church are doing it or their children are shackled up and they say "well, they'll get married eventually". Well, by that time Christ might be here and it's too late.

Melnichuk: Mm.

Val: So, um, you know, I say people should definitely look at their own lives. And it is tempting, very tempting to say “well, let’s throw stones at the gays or whatever”. But, you know, maybe a lot of us should be throwing them at people in our own churches.

Melnichuk: Mm hm.

Val: And that’s all I have to say.

Melnichuk: Okay, Val. Well, listen, I appreciate your opinion. And absolutely. And, and, please, as Val said, um, I hope it’s not, uh, being conveyed that, you know, we’re sitting here and she said “throwing stones” to everybody without looking inwards. And I mentioned, I believe, on another program, that when you point a finger, you get three fingers pointing back to you. Which is absolutely true. The point is, hey, when an issue of this, I think it’s very serious, comes up, it’s going to affect us. Like Dan said a little earlier, it’s one of the many issues that we talk about and that we address. Problem is, right now, for whatever reasons, even fellow believers are saying you’re talking about it, you’re talking about it too much. There’s other issues to talk about. You’re being hypocritical.

Caller Jasmin says CNN is on a campaign to promote homosexuality. She says the Yale grad doesn’t know anything about the Bible and isn’t spiritual.

Melnichuk reads a website post that says it’s easy for Christians to be self-righteous and not question why people might be looking for answers to their troubles in the wrong places.

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Melnichuk: Here’s something that Donna says that I think is really interesting. She says “the difference between the sin of homosexuality and all other sins is that we do not celebrate the other sins or try to indoctrinate children into accepting those sins are normal and natural. Neither do we hold parades in honour of adultery, dishonesty or greed or anything else the Lord tells us to avoid.” So making a strong point there regarding this particular sin.

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Statham: Wow. Uh, powerful comments, that’s for sure. You know, heh, I always found that when you talk about something and the conviction that people get under, you then begin to realize you’ve just hit on a very sensitive issue. And I think that’s what’s happening. You’ve been doing this now for a couple of nights and, uh, I think people are under conviction. It’s one of those things. But I must say, this mayor that Toronto has right now – and I think you’ve discussed it, I’m sure – uh, it appears that he’s standing for, for not joining the, uh, parade. And, uh, I hope that people are, are, you know, calling in, letting him know that, uh, they’re in support for this side. You hate to take sides, but my, my, my, it’s almost like we’re the underdog. Like that lady was saying about CNN, it, it’s

almost like if we say anything, uh, we're labelled. We talk about it too much, we do this too much. And, first of all, most people who are saying that have been not in a church for many, many years. They don't understand it. But I think it's time, they're doing their parades, they're doing their soliciting. I, I'm wondering if we put on a parade in Toronto if it'd be even accepted by the law, uh, to allow us to do it. That'd be an interesting thing.

Melnichuk: Mm.

Statham: But I can't, I can't see us remaining silent on issues like this and many other things. You know, Rob, talk about hypocritical. I mean, if, if all of us didn't say a word because we're not at that state of purity, nobody'd say anything. Uh, we're all sinners. But saved by grace. And continually. And so, it's the whole fact of, yeah, we all mess up, we all make mistakes. We, we, that's why we take the *whole* word of God. But my, my, if we had to wait for, for it to be, never making a sin, never making a mistake before we ever commented on these things and all we're doing is, uh, confirming what the scripture has to say, uh, then I think we'd be in a lot of trouble.

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caller William: Hey man, how you doin'?

Melnichuk: Good.

William: Good, man. You know what? What is this hypocrisy? All, all, all I gotta say is, is, like, you know, homosexuality is a big issue right now. I mean, they can say that we're being hypocrites and, and shit, 'cause, you know, you know, we're, we're not, like, trying to go out of our way to stop divorces and stop greed. But you know what? We ain't, we ain't having greed parades. I'm not walkin' around takin' people's money. We're not having divorce parades. I'm not walking around breakin' people up. You know what I mean, man? Like, they're celebrating a bad sin, man. And that's just not the right thing.

Melnichuk: Mm.

William: Know what I mean? Like, I don't, I don't want no one's dick all up in my ass –

Melnichuk: Okay. William, listen, we've got to let you go on that one. Um, I, I want to say that's a good point. But then your language makes me decide differently.

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caller Gary: Uh, thank you, sir, for taking my call.

Melnichuk: Mm hm.

Gary: And, I mean, I don't know if, you know, apparently you were talking about this last night and, uh, I'm sorry I missed last night. So, I don't know. I don't want to regurgitate anything here.

Melnichuk: No, listen. It's been a couple of good nights. Go right ahead, Gary.

Gary: Yeah. Anyway, sir, yeah. You know what? Hypocrisy, like, to me there is no, this is a number one issue problem to me because of the fact that these people are changing the United Nations, the way, the way people look. They're, they're trying, you know, basically they're, they're teaching, you know, your ten-year-old son how to be a homosexual at school. And they're making it against the law that you can, you know, say that this child has got a problem or, you know, when you're ten years old, kids don't know, you know, I mean, it's, it's, they want to be, they have boyfriends. You know, when you're that age. And you don't, you don't even understand sexual stuff, a lot of it. But, I mean, hey, they're getting younger and younger. But the thing is, is they're changing the laws. People are losing their jobs if they speak against it. They're making it like, they're getting special status. And, like, in Canada.

Melnichuk: Mm hm.

Gary: They've got this, you know, where you can kill women, but, gee, if you harm a gay guy, it's a hate crime. But, you know, women are dying across the country. And women, I'd stand up against it. You know? I'd be upset about that myself. You know, if I was a woman, the way, the way they're, they, they treat a woman over, but if you're a gay man or something and you have a problem, they're all over you. Like, you know?

Melnichuk: Yeah.

Gary: But the, the thing is, is the fact that they're trying, you know, they make pastors, um, um, marry hom-, you know, homosexuals. They're getting into churches and changing things. You know, I watched a program where, you know, a whole church lost out to homosexuals because they were there out-voting everybody. And it turned into a homosexual church. You know, and, I mean, this is, this stuff is going on and, and Christians, to me, should be standing up against it. Because, you know, another thing, I mean, I look at it as the same, sure, as, uh, you know, adultery or anything. But you don't have people teaching your kids that adultery is okay. And, you know, in school.

Melnichuk: Yeah. Yeah.

Gary: You don't have people, um, changing the laws that if you say anything against adultery, you go to jail or you lose your job. You know? Um, it's almost like, you know, if your son, uh, refuses to go out with or hang around with a gay guy, you can be thrown in jail or be charged with something or sued over it or something.

Melnichuk: Yeah.

Gary: You need to be, you know, too much in their favour.

Melnichuk: Yeah. Well, Paul, er, Gary, sorry. I really appreciate what, um, you've had to say. Thank you for your call. You've made some great points. And I think what Gary has been saying is, there's a lot of validity to what he's saying. And, again, people can tune in. They can listen, they can read and say, you know what? Um, we're, we're gay bashing. Well, well, no, we're not gay bashing. And I don't want to be accused of that. Paul said "Let love be without hypocrisy". The problem is this: that as soon as you begin to speak about this particular issue – which, which I do believe, um, in a sense, that it's probably a more weightier measure to the law, to the word – that people all of a sudden start throwing stones back at you. And one of the big issues is they're accusing those who follow Christ as being a hypocrite. And, uh, you know, so my point tonight is this. Well, if, if, as, as, as, uh, Brad mentioned, um, you know, dealing with children. Well, I've got a five-and-a-half-year-old grandson. Um, you know, who's going to protect my grandson? Am I going to leave it up to whom? So, can I not speak against whatever de-, whenever it comes to sexual orientation regarding in the public schools or from government or what? Can I not have the freedom and liberty from the Biblical perspective to teach what I believe the Bible teaches under God? Well, absolutely because we have freedom of speech in this great land. But again my point in what I'm wanting us to understand and what I want us to reflect upon is the fact that some of us who follow Christ are, are, are challenging those who want to speak to this issue and saying, you know what? Hey, you guys, you're always picking on this one thing. What about all the other things? Well, as Dan mentioned, as some of you have already said, well, we do talk about those things. Unfortunately, if, uh, we, we, we sort of recognize what's happening in our world today, this is a major issue. And, yeah, it is being forced upon us. And so we need to say something about it. So if you think we're being hypocritical, hey, I want to know. Yes or no?

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Melnichuk: Played a clip off the top of the program dealing with a young Yale divinity grad. And basically he is accusing those who follow Christ as being hypocritical. Why? Because we always pick on this one issue. And some of the other, weightier matters of the word of God, well, we don't touch. And he mentioned divorce and he mentioned also having long hair or short hair depending if you're a man or a woman. Well, the long hair and short hair thing is a cultural scenario and we remove that one aside. But the divorce? Yeah, divorce is a huge issue. But you know what? As a church of Jesus Christ, we, we have talked about that issue. It's been major and we still continue to talk about it. The organization or fellowship, denomination that I'm a part of, hey, it's always an issue. We're always trying to work through what the scriptures, uh, say and teach about that and how that affects personal lives of ministers and churches. The problem is divorce, according to Jesus, is allowed if there's been marital unfaithfulness. And so, do we talk about that? Yes. When it comes to this whole issue of same-sex marriage, homosexuality, gays and lesbians, et cetera, et cetera, hey, some of our own fellow believers, those of us who follow Christ are challenging those who want to talk about it as being hypocritical. And so what I

want to know from you folks is this: because we are talking about it, are we being hypocrites?

Melnichuk reads a post from viewer Paul who says Christians are accused of picking and choosing portions of the Bible to serve their own ends and make that their truth, but people who subscribe more to science are just as hypocritical for taking what science says as truth.

Melnichuk reads post from viewer Silvio who says “it can look like we as Christians are hypocrites and judgmental and hateful towards same-sex people.”

Melnichuk: It can look like that. And it can look like that in how the subject is approached. And yet, I mentioned off the top, and I want us to remember that Paul said in Romans chapter 12 and verse number 9, he said “Let love be without hypocrisy”. And I hope and pray that, uh, we’re, we’re talking from a boundary of love regarding this because, out of love, hey, I want to protect my grandson. Out of love, I do want to protect the sanctity of what I believe marriage is, a man and a woman. Out of love, you know what? I want to see people who may be trapped in this particular type of a sin, as the Bible calls it, free. I really do. And, uh, honestly, from my heart, I want to make sure that we convey that. But, hey, do you think we’re being hypocrites? I want to know what your thoughts, your opinions are. Gonna take a couple more calls. Then we’re going to go to Dan Statham who’s joining us live by the telephone. Uh, he’s joining in on the conversation. But let’s go to Mark now in Toronto. Mark, thanks for being patient. Welcome to *It’s Your Call*. You’re on the line.

Mark: Yeah, hi. Hi.

Melnichuk: How are you, Mark?

Mark: I’m good. I think that Christians are, in a way it’s right. But homosexuality is, isn’t that wrong as people, um, think it is.

Melnichuk: Oh, okay, so you’re saying homosexuality isn’t as wrong as people say it is?

Mark: No. I think that, I can’t say it’s right. Right? But, like, I can’t say it’s a sin either. Because to me a sin is when you’re hurting someone. And a person who’s homosexual isn’t really hurting anybody. You know what I’m saying?

Melnichuk: Okay.

Mark: But I’m not saying that it’s right either.

Melnichuk: Okay. Mark, let me just throw this at you. And I’m just, ’cause you made a great point there and I understand what you’re saying. You know, talking about hurting something. Well, what about those people that actually believe in God? And God created

them male and female. And, uh, if that isn't [??] then you're hurting the heart of God.

Mark: Well, well, tech-, well, okay. Well, the thing is that, like, you technically aren't really hurting anybody because, like, you aren't, like, really, like, you're not, like, saying anything to anyone or, like, you're not, like, hurting someone's feelings or anything. Because it, 'cause it's *you*. And you're the one who's gay, right? So, so basically, if you're hurting someone it's you. So I don't believe that you're really hurting anybody else.

Melnichuk: Okay. Well, listen, Mark, listen. I, I really appreciate, uh, your opinion and your viewpoint. Thank you so much for, uh, calling in. Gonna get to Rachel and then we're gonna get to Dan. Rachel in Brampton. Welcome to *It's Your Call*. You're on the line.

Rachel: Hi, um, yeah, I kind of agree with the last caller, although I don't believe it's right. Um, obviously it does say in the Bible that it's wrong. And, uh, as a Christian I kind of believe it's wrong. But, um, I can't agree with how people are attacking the situation. God teaches us to love other people and to honestly, even if people don't believe the same thing, just try and spread the word of God and bring them into the, the light of Jesus Christ. Um, in Corinthians it says "love is patient, love is kind, love doth not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud, it is not rude, it is not self-seeking". I think, uh, some of the people on today's show should look at themselves and say are they really loving each other? Are they really becoming loving people as God wants us to?

Melnichuk: Hey, well, you know what, Rachel? It's a great points [*sic*]. And I, and I absolutely agree with you. Thank you for your call. Gonna get Dan back on the line. You know, uh, I understand what Rachel is saying. And, and she's absolutely, she's absolutely true. But, but the other issue is, um, sometimes – and I'm going to put myself in the camp – we as evangelicals, we can be so, um, -- this may not sound correct and I, I'm sort of talking off my feet – but so loving that we absolutely, maybe without realizing it, condone what the Bible condemns as being wrong. And, and doing that and crossing that line, you know, as, as the other earlier caller said – I think it was, was Mark – you know, who are we hurting? Well, as a follower of Christ, I'm hurting the heart of God. And that really, really bothers me. But Dan, you're back with us.

Statham: Mm hm. You know, um, scripture says the truth shall set you free. Um, and, uh, I don't know how, it's a balance in regards to sharing the truth. And, and the truth isn't always fun to hear. Um, and people will then say, well, you're attacking us. Well, if we say it in, in love, um, in our own hearts and project that, present that, I believe people will listen. Um, when they're attacking the Christian point of view, um, it is an attack on, on directly what we believe in. And we're not just opinionated. Um, we're believing that the Bible is the written word of God from cover to cover. There's no exceptions to the rule. And so, we are basing what we're saying on scripture. And so if people think it's just are own opinions to get up and, and do a program like this to get people all uptight and outta sight, that's not what the whole purpose is. The purpose is that we need a little more less passive believers and more loving, aggressive believers. And, and when I say "aggressive", the first thing is they put their, their hands up and "oh, oh, don't do that, don't ruffle the

feathers". Well, uh, I believe it's time to, to stand for what we believe in. And if we don't, who will? And I guess that's where it all comes down to. In, in our culture today, it's almost like, you know, they'll, everybody else has their own views and as soon as we speak up, well, how dare you do that? Um, how, why would you touch that area? You're hating those people. No, we're not hating those people. And I don't know how much you can say that over and over again, but as soon as you bring the truth out, which is totally against their, what they're going through, they take it as, as an attack. Well that is not the [?] the way it is. It's just, we're just saying the truth, what scripture says, and, and hopefully people that are calling up do not have this anger against those, uh, people that are going through it. Because scripture says that sin blinds us, eh? And I think we've got a lot of people that are blinded as to what they're going through. And we're kind of, like, throwing out a lifeguard and saying, you know, "hold on, hold on. You know, we're going to get you out of that path of sin". And so, that's kind of where I see it at.

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caller Heather: You know, I believe in, I don't care what colour, what nationality you are or anything. I care about all types of people. And I have met gay people. I have been friends with them. But I also believe in the Ten Commandments. And this is what upsets me, what's going on in this world today. The Ten Commandments have, it's all just like everybody has thrown it away. Yes, God loves all of us no matter what we are. But he also put those Ten Commandments for us to follow them. And, I'm sorry, I've met gay people. I've met all types of people and I care about them. But I think it's still important to follow the Ten Commandments. And this is the problem with the world today. Every, all commandments have been thrown aside and thrown away. And nobody believes in them anymore. And this is the problem through the whole world, what's going on.

Melnichuk: Hm.

Heather: I love the Lord. I believe in Him. And I do not believe that He would ever approve of what's going on right now.

Melnichuk: Mm hm. Well, listen, Heather, thank you. I, I do appreciate your call. Um, you know, just to pick up a point and then I, I'll get to Anne in Montreal here. You know, people say well, what you're talking about, this whole thing is Old Testament. Well, yeah, it is, but there is issues prior to the law of the Old Testament that people always refer to regarding Sodom and Gomorrah. But, you know, Jesus being the model, would Jesus speak against homosexuality? Well, he didn't. But when he talked about relationships in marriage, he talked about what God said in the very beginning: a man and a woman. There's a reference where he talks about, and I forget, it's in Matthew somewhere where Jesus says "Out of the heart, proceed. Stuff which is evil." In that, he talks about, uh, fornication and, uh, immorality. References there in the Greek to perverted sexual sins. So, um, although it's not mentioned, you know, what does Jesus actually condone? Which is very important. And then Paul and Peter talk about, uh, marriage. And in that relationship it's between a man and a woman. But saying that, my point tonight is what I

want to challenge you as a listening audience with is, you know, because we're talking about this issue, our own fellow believers, those of us who follow Christ are saying you, you're, even as a believer, you're being hypocritical because you're only picking on this one issue. You're not talking about other issues. And so, what I want to know is, do you think because we're talking about it, that we're hypocritical? Do you think the Church is hypocritical 'cause this is the only thing that, hey, we talk about and we bring to the forefront?

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Anne: Thank you for accepting my call. Now it's time we as Christians stop [?] quoting anything. You're not a hypocrite. Sin is sin and when we see sin, we have to call it "sin". God created Adam and Eve. He did not create Adam and St-, Adam and Steve, first of all. And He loved us regardless of the sin, but we have, as the lady before, the lady, the caller before said, He com-, He made a commandment. He set the Commandments for us to follow as Christians and as, as a role all together. And if we love Him, we will abide in His Commandment. Yes, we as Christians we slip and we slide. But we still have to stand on His word. He created us.

Melnichuk shows a clip from another show in which Josh McDowell is talking with another man about how youth believe truth is subjective not objective. He claims adults see truth as something to be discovered, whereas youth see truth as something to be created. Youth say if it works it's true; adults say if it's true it works. That is to say, youth have to see something work; they do not just believe the truth of god, which is a truth that is unchanging.

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- reads website post from viewer

Melnichuk: Nancy says "I don't think we're being hypocrites. Myself and everyone, we're sinners. But the difference is we know God's word. We have a relationship with God and our convicted every day by the holy spirit of our sins and work hard trying to repent. The difference between us and them is that we do not push our sins on them. And as the person wrote about the parades and so on. It's about time we the Church start speaking up about what is right and sticking up for God's word."

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caller Alex: Um, so I understand that Christianity, there's a lot of, um, fundamentals that are in place and I think it's important that, you know, people understand what it does provide. But you don't want to sort of misinterpret a lot of things. And it's just really difficult to hear certain things because I do think it is somewhat hypocritical. It does say in, um, a lot of parts of the Bible where, for example, a sin is not working on Sundays. How many people are working on Sunday? Um, also it says in Zechariah, I think, 14:1-2, "A day of the

Lord is coming, Jerusalem, when your possessions will be plundered and divided up within your very walls. I will gather all the nations to Jerusalem to fight again. The city will be captured, the houses ransacked and the women raped.” So, I mean, there’s a lot of things that I just, I just kind of wonder why we’re paying attention to certain things. Um, because it’s an easy target. And because a lot of people can relate to it. And a lot of people are afraid of it. And, but there’s a lot of things that are not being discussed, like slavery or sexism in the Bible. Like, women are supposed to be men’s slaves. And yet, no one’s being punished when a woman wants to be independent and maybe wants to sort of start her own career. So why is homosexuality such an interest area for so many people? Um, it makes me wonder, what’s the root to all of this? Is it just an easy, is it just an easy target for everybody? Is it just something that most people find, I don’t know, just find very interesting to sort of take part in judging people? So, I mean, my question to you is, is, don’t you think that it sounds hypocritical at all?

Melnichuk: Okay, well, thank you, Alex. I do appreciate your call. And, uh, the answer to your question is I don’t believe that I think it’s hypocritical. Not at all. You brought up some interesting points regarding the scriptures and, um, um, I want to, let me put it to you this way, on a little aside. I want to work on a program, a couple of programs that deal with what we consider as inconsistencies in the scriptures, bringing up issues that you brought up. But we have to also be careful that, you know, there’s, there’s, um, the context of scripture has to be taken and fairly analyzed. Because you could pick stuff out of the Old Testament that God just intended for that day and for the nation of Israel to teach them lessons. Uh, the Sabbath. Jesus came and talked about the Sabbath. And basically fulfilled the law of the Sabbath, which, does it bind us to any particular day? Versus just having a day of rest? And we, we talked about the Sabbath on another program. You know, regarding this, and I’m going to get Dan to comment on this in just a moment. He’s live with us via telephone. You know, um, is it an easy issue that we seem to jump on? Well, you know what? It seems that way. But here’s my point. And, and I, I, my concern is simply that if there’s a hidden agenda behind a group of people that are being driven to bring down the sacredness and the fundamental structure of the family unit, that really bothers me. According to, you can remove religion from me, that bothers me just as an individual person. So am I going to say something about it? Absolutely, yes. Is it a issue that is of grave concern because it affects a whole bunch of other issues versus some of the other things that you brought up that we can talk about? Absolutely. I really believe that. Because this will open the door, I think, to so much more. And pretty soon, I, I feel if we don’t address it, at least take the time to speak about it, and, as Paul said, “Let love be without hypocrisy”, talk about this thing in love, so many other issues are going to face us as a community, as a nation. And there’s absolutely nothing we can do about it then because simply we said nothing, so the, the road is going to be led to, some people say, destructiveness. And, as I mentioned on a couple of programs ago, uh, I was sitting in a university, taking a course, secular university and, uh, it’s a Greek and Roman history course. The professor said he wasn’t a believer, didn’t believe in God, et cetera. But he said, you know what? When it comes to morality, especially morality, when a nation eliminates what’s morally correct, it can lead to their destruction. He said history proves it. And so, again, just throwing that out there. And, uh, but thank you. I appreciate your, your

comments. Dan, um, a few comments from you on what you've been hearing.

Statham: Well, they've been all very excellent. I appreciate the thought that's been put into, uh, people calling up. And also the people that are in a different view of us. That they still call and I appreciate that very much. As I've been listening, Rob, um, you know, everybody's saying we're focussing on this issue. But back in the days and, and maybe in, my age is being shown now, but we used to have what we called and we prayed for a revival. I, a, a revival and a revival was spread through the entire country. Uh, we think about [??] in the States. We think of a variety of, of [??] Wales revival that took place. And, you know, I'm just, you know, we're saying about what's happening in the, the, the, it's almost like the parades are getting larger and larger and people are becoming more vocal and vocal on this. Um, the Church of Jesus Christ, I'm wondering if, if we really felt as strong as we're talking now, that if we went to prayer – okay? – the old prayer and, and just continued to pray and fast and, and believe God for a miracle, 'cause you know what? We can discuss all these things all we want. And we have our side and they have their side. We can go on and on. But until the, the holy spirit moves throughout our, our country, I honestly believe, that it is going to be a journey that, that is going to be an uphill battle all the way. And I think, I think, yes, we need to expose it. Yes, we need to talk about this for sure. But also with this, it takes work. And that is that, that people and the churches today would pray in a very, in a very loving way for every one of these, everybody has friends that are, are from the gay lifestyle. They're great people. Just great. But we need to have such compassion for them that we wouldn't do anything other than make it a matter of prayer that this, you know, they would begin to have the blinders taken off their eyes.

Melnichuk: Hm.

Statham: Just a thought.

Melnichuk: No, excellent thought, uh, Dan. And we talked about, um, uh, -- I believe it was last night – this whole idea of, you know, should we as a Church repent? Because I did read some information from a pastor, Michael, Doctor Michael Youssef, from Atlanta who was blaming us the Church for opening the door to what's taken place because we have sanctioned that within our own particular churches in some denominations. And, uh, you're absolutely right. Um, Sean and Brent, I gotta take a break and I'm going to get to you right out of the break. But again, I go back to what Paul said in, in Romans chapter 12: "Let love be without hypocrisy". And so, you know, if, if we're being hypocritical, maybe someone can talk to the whole issue of, well, you know what? Here's how you could talk about what you're talking about without appearing to be hypocritical based upon love. And I hope that how we're conveying what we're speaking about is done in a loving way, even though we have the freedom to disagree. And, as I mentioned, I really appreciate those of you that have called and those that have written as well.

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Melnichuk reads a post from a viewer

Melnichuk: [?] says “Hypocrite means ‘pretender’. Who is pretending?” Question mark. “A Christian agreeing with the word of God or two people of the same gender having strange sexual relations?” Well, good point. Well taken. [...] As one caller said earlier “Who’s it hurting?” Well, Dan mentioned, you know, there’s both sides and we can argue, you know, and keep arguing. The point is, who is it hurting? Well, if you’re a follower of Christ, it’s hurting the heart of God. And as Josh McDowell brought out, well, who is truth? Well, the truth is Christ. And when we take Christ and we take this subject and we try to line it up with Him, we find it doesn’t fit. It’s not equal. And when Jesus talked about relationships, the marriage, it was in the gender of male and female. So, um, will it cause harm? It’s a matter of opinion regarding what you say. But my point is, listen, as a Church, do you think we’re being hypocritical? Why do you think that? Uh, we’re talking about something that really is important. It’s a moral issue that’s facing, um, our nation and, and, I believe, can bring great destruction to it, if we don’t stand up. And, you know what? It’s not just talking. It’s putting our words to action. Dan said we need to pray. Absolutely. But also Paul said, “Let love be without hypocrisy”. How do we demonstrate love, then, without people accusing us of hypocrisy?

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caller Sean: Yeah. I’m, um, here’s some thoughts that I have. Throughout the whole Bible, and we’ll start with the New Testament. There’s several commandments on how people are to conduct themselves in church. Um, instructions for people to follow. Corinthians 11 addresses how a woman should, um, you know, attend church. Uh, no one does that today. Uh, the Ten Commandments, interestingly enough, homosexuality is not mentioned. Adultery is. And yet, I wonder how many times that goes, um, under the radar, so to speak, and doesn’t get dealt with. Uh, Jesus said that if you think of a woman, to lust after her, you’ve already committed adultery with her in your heart. And yet, what does the Church say about Christian males who maybe have, say, a pornography addiction? And then Jesus himself specifically, if you want to look at the red letter, um, content, never really spent any time on this issue. He talked, um, he seemed to have most of his, a lot of his passion was directed against self-righteousness. And, um, hypocrisy of the ruling religious elite of the day. That’s in, and, you know, that’s my understanding. I don’t think it’s right. But on the other hand, I mean, I mean, in regards to gay marriage, I don’t think it’s right. But on the other hand, if Christians know it’s wrong and they’re not participating in it, they’ve got nothing to worry about. Because they’re going to stand before God for their own judgment. And as far as the nation becoming decrepit, I just think that’s a natural progression as we climax towards the end time. I don’t think there’s any turning back at this point. Because if it wasn’t gay marriage, it’s going to be something else.

Melnichuk: Mm hm.

Sean: As far as marriage being a sacred institution, is the institution itself what God really wants to preserve or is it the people within it? So, I mean, if two people in another culture call it a marriage and they’re of another religious conviction and they’re practising strange

things where they have arrangements or they can be married to two people at once, well, I mean, again, they're going to be judged before God for their own iniquity. And as far as people saying it's the Church that's opening the doors? What church? I mean, there's maybe churches out there that aren't actually a part of the body of Christ. So if these churches are sophisticatedly allowing gay marriage, that's actually tampering with what you might call the true Church anyway. Because there's, you know, there's counterfeits out there. So, I mean, when people say, well, the Church needs to repent. And then also that woman said about, um, it's different, homosexuality, than other sins because when you have other sins you're working on repenting. I don't really agree with that, though, because, I mean, who says, I mean, if a person is not helping the poor and they don't help the poor for 20 years in their life, how is that repenting of that? So why would that be different than someone practising homosexuality versus somebody who's engaging in an activity that's considered culturally normal? And the Church is kind of letting it go because, well, that's just considered part of human nature. I mean, greed, to me, is much more destructive than homosexuality. And yet no one ever talks about greed. Well, why is that? I mean, the collateral damage from people being greedy kills more people in this world and hurts more people than homosexuality ever could. And the Church actually in some cases is admired. Or have a respect, um, or reverence for people in the community that hoard wealth and use it to manipulate people who are poor and put them at a disadvantage. I mean, all you have to do is look at the capitalist system. It's responsible for the poverty in the world because it's based on differential advantage. Look at all the people that have to die because of it. And yet the Church actually does nothing about that. And yet if two men are gay, the worst case scenario is they won't have kids. But then, a lot of people don't, choose not to have kids anyway.

Melnichuk: Mm hm. Well, Sean, listen, you've made some great points. And, and Dan, I want to get you on the line just, uh, to, to make some comments as well. Sean, thank you, thank you for your call. Again, just one point I'm going to make. There's things that we have to understand regarding scripture in a, in a cultural context. And then there's things that we need to look at regarding a moral context. And, uh, that, that's very important because it's that moral context is what we'll be judged for, not necessarily the cultural context. But, but Dan, um, you know, Sean had some great things to say as well as our other callers. And, you know, it may be that, um, you know, but you said it. You know, we have addressed as a Church a lot of things. And churches do address a lot of issues. And I, I guess maybe from the perspective of those who follow Christ who see this as, I guess, a major right now, because it's up, um, it's front and centre is the fact that, hey, you know what? It's, it's, it's attacking, um, and Sean mentioned it, regarding an institution. Well, an institution, in my understanding, is between a man and a woman, period. I mean, whether there's more women or not, that's not the issue. It's between a man and a woman. And I think we have, uh, the enemy of our souls behind, driving something that, and doing it deceptively enough to make sure that, you know what? Well, we may deal with it, we may not deal with it. But the point is you, you, you destroy an institution that as powerful, in my opinion, as the family, you're going to have grave, uh, consequences that do follow. And, yeah, the pattern of destructiveness is gonna happen no matter what. But the point is, um, in the end, God may say to us as a Church "what did you do about it?" And if we just said

“Well, it’s just going to take that root anyways, so we had to do nothing about it”, I think there’s some responsibility that God has regarding us.

Statham comments on Sean’s comments about greed. He disagrees that all churches are not helping the poor & disadvantaged. He says that Christians shouldn’t just sit back and watch the world go to hell in a handbasket; if you have a friend in the gay lifestyle, you should share the love of Jesus.

A caller named Brent says that churches and Christians are not being hypocritical because they do indeed talk about other issues. He says that homosexuality is being celebrated all week in downtown Toronto, that’s why it’s being discussed now. Although Jesus doesn’t mention homosexuality, the Bible does and he proceeds to quote relevant Bible verses.

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caller Giftie: I just have a little question over here. You know, when it comes to same-sex marriage, there is no such thing called hypocrisy. Because, because, um, what do you call it? Because of same-sex marriage, um, let’s say, for example, because of homosexuality, God destroy entire country [*sic*]. Which means it’s very important to him. Marriage is what God commanded first. He put Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, not Adam and Steve. Or Eve and Martha. No. Second of all, Paul said because of fornication, let every man have one wife. Not two men or two women. Okay? And Jesus Christ, when Jesus Christ came, his first miracle happened at the, at a wedding. Which means marriage is very important to God.

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caller Bob: Um, we’re talking about hypocrisy. And, um, if we’re true Christians, we’re to go out and spread God’s love. Uh, to me, um, if you, uh, didn’t, uh, uh, talk about, uh, homosexuality and, you know, and point out that it is, uh, uh, uh, God does not approve of it. Well, then, to me, that, that’s being a, a hypocrite. Because, uh, we’re not, we’re supposed to led [*sic*] and educate people out there what did, what, what God’s, uh, what God thinks. And that’s what, where a Christian comes in. Because he’s a follower of Christ. He’s a Christian, which means follower of Christ. And God’s true, it says all through the Bible what’s right and what’s wrong. And, um, just because it’s, uh, the headline of the news today about homosexuals and they’re trying to, um, how the squeaky door gets the, gets, uh, gets, uh, the, um, you know, like, gets all the news –

Melnichuck: Yeah.

Bob: – and everything. Uh, they’re, they’re, you hear about this topic more than, say, a, another topic. Uh, like, uh, you know, the gay, the gay parade, for example. If you did the same thing, only it wasn’t gay, it was just, uh, um, um, call it, I don’t know, make up a name. Call it a “guy-girl day”.

Melnichuk: Yeah.

Bob: And they did some of the things that the little children are seeing when this gay parade goes by, I, I think it's, uh, you know, that in itself is, is, is an atrocity right there.

Melnichuk: Bob –

Bob: Because you're teaching your children –

Melnichuk: Yeah. Bob, I'm going to cut you off because –

Bob: Okay.

Melnichuk: Only, only because we've gotta go. But I appreciate what you said. Picking up what you said, again, getting Dan back on the line. You're absolutely right. When you talk about the gay pride parade, it's, okay, have the parade. But what you do and how you present yourself, would I want my son down there looking at that? Absolutely not. That says something.

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Melnichuk: And, again, Paul says, and I'm saying it because it's so important. "Let love be without hypocrisy". I hope that, not everybody obviously has because we're dealing with lots of people, but I hope what we tried to communicate, uh, regarding this particular subject has been based upon love. And love doesn't always necessarily mean it's fluffy, it's light, it's funny, it's cute, it's cuddly. Not at all. Jesus was the correct model of love. And sometimes he was very outspoken and straightforward. In fact, in Galatians chapter 2, Paul had to confront Peter and be straightforward about Peter's issues, calling him a hypocrite, but yet, was able to demonstrate that in love. And so, God is love. And yet, God has a standard. And I hope that those of you watching would not consider us hypocritical in talking about this.

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The question of the day was: Who is the truth and are his teachings hateful? Melnichuk said he believes that Jesus' teachings are helpful, not hateful. He began the program by reading an e-mail from a viewer who reacted to the content of a previous episode. The viewer accused Melnichuk's show of being hateful, particularly towards homosexuals. Melnichuk read all 10 points of her e-mail, which accused the program of being discriminatory and as bad as skinheads and Nazis. The e-mail also accused Melnichuk of screening calls to allow only those who agree with him on air.

Melnichuk then played an extended version of the video of Josh McDowell talking about Jesus and truth. Melnichuk also stated that he hoped they were being loving when they

talked about Biblical morality. He then announced a new feature of the program, which was a poll question that would appear each week on the *It's Your Call* Facebook page. The question for this week was: "Is it promoting hate to suggest the New Testament disapproves of certain sexual practices?"

Melnichuk emphasized that the day's topic was dealing with not just homosexuality, but other forms of bad behaviour, such as lying, cheating, a variety of sexual practices, etc. He repeated that at various times throughout the program.

He specifically invited people who both agreed and disagreed with him to call in. The majority of the callers during the first portion of the program spoke about Jesus, love, truth and sin in broad terms and did not specifically mention sexual orientation. Those callers or comments that did are transcribed immediately below:

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Melnichuk: Is it hateful to talk about Biblical immorality? Or morality? Is it hateful? Um, we refer to Jesus as being the truth according to John chapter 14. Well, if you believe He is the truth and speaks to issues, again, I, I'm opening up the topic, but specifically to the Gospels. You know, dealing with lying, stealing, cheating, all forms of sexual immorality, et cetera. If you believe Jesus is the truth, then do you think his teachings are hateful. Because I read an email off the top of the program and, uh, because of the issue last week we dealt with, boy, lots of people were saying that, "I can't believe what I'm hearing. I can't believe what you're talking about, talking about. It's so hateful, so discriminatory" et cetera, et cetera, et cetera. Well, what are your thoughts? Do you believe what Jesus taught in the Gospels, in the New Testament is hateful? Want to get your thoughts on that. Silvio says "The woman that wrote an email that you read at the top of the show," he says, "is blinded by sin and she believes the lie rather than the truth that Jesus is teaching." He says, "She has no clue really of what hate and what love is. People who don't have a relationship with God can't tell the difference." Nancy said, "Jesus is the truth. I'm so glad to hear the comments from these people who are saying we are being hateful. That is so wrong. Again, I am sorry for bringing up the gay pride going on right now in Toronto, but it's upsetting as well. Here they are parading around in their underwear and personal parts showing and making rude gestures, et cetera at the mayor for not attending. I wouldn't attend either and I don't understand that behaviour which I find as being hateful." Again, I'm not just dealing with one speci-, specific issue here. I'm dealing with all the issues. Again, from a morality point of view: lying, cheating, stealing, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera.

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caller Natalie: Hi. Um, I just wanted to say that I think Jesus is a very, is very loving. Like, he went and he met with, um, he met with the sick and he helped all these people. And when it comes to morality with issues like lying and cheating and stealing, um, the thing that, what I feel that's, I guess, punishable in a way is because those are choices that

people make. They, when they're faced with the option of lying or cheating or stealing and they choose to do so, then that's them acting wrong on their part. But where, what concerns me a little bit is that when you, when things are based immoral when it's something that you can't control, such as being homosexual. They can't, they don't make a choice to do that. And when you're judging someone based on something that they can't control, like judging someone based on the colour of their skin, I don't really feel that that is appropriate. And, again, this is just how I feel and from what I gathered.

Melnichuk: Okay. Well, Natalie, you know what? That's very fair. I, I respect your, your opinion, your view. Um, you know, that whole idea of is it a choice or is it not a choice? I mean, that's a debate I've heard both sides of the story on. When I looked at the whole situation, I, I've gotta look and I say, you know, um, what does God's word say? I mean, there, there's no option. And, uh, that's what I struggle with. But when I look at that whole subject, regarding that particular topic, you know, the Bible is, um, clear as to the origin of that. And I do believe it's a demonic origin. I don't believe that's what God intended. But that aspect can be carried over into other ideals of immorality. Um, it could be carried over into the other moral issues that I talked about. You know, cheating, lying, stealing, all that kind of stuff. There's a tremendous evil influence. And Jesus does teach about that. He talks about in, I think it's Matthew 18 or Matthew 16, where out of the heart, what makes man unclean is, and He lists it: there's adultery, there's immorality, there, there's cheating, there's lying, there's, et cetera. Now the list isn't exhaustive. But basically He says those things make a person unclean. In other words, they're wrong. And He, and He points that out. So, again, you know, I don't want to talk about the whole choice thing because, you know, that, that's a huge debate. My point is if I were to say well, I'm not sure, I shouldn't say that. Let me rephrase. The Bible doesn't teach that. Then I'm being hateful. Well, no, I'm, I, I think that I, I'm trying to reach out and say, you know what? No, I love people because I want people to understand what truth is. Because I want them to walk in freedom, not confusion. And some people say, well, they're happy. Well then, that's great. Then obviously it's not an issue to you. Carry on. But there're other people that aren't happy in that. And they're struggling. And I've talked to them. And so, you know, um, am I being hateful? No. I trust I'm being loving in sharing God's love in all these matters and aspects. Which, to me, is really important.

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caller Mary: Um, hi, uh, Pastor. Um, I think it's a good topic. And, um, I don't, I think everything has gotten out of control. And I think that, um, what, God's teaching is sort of like a moral conduct that, um, you know, in a lot of religions that, you know, us humans kind of need that code to, uh, kind of always push ourselves to the best. However, in terms of, you know, things being done intentionally, um, sexual orientation, like the other caller, um, it's funny how, you know, families are breaking up at such an alarming rate. And I think, um, instead of talking about that, I mean, the homo-, the problem with the homosexuals getting married and all that, that's like a tiny, tiny concern with what's happening with the overall picture with deception in the Church and deception in families. Um, that is going to drag us down more than, um, you know, this whole big commotion with

the hom-, like, if, if God, if we kicked out, um, you know, everybody, everybody in church is a sinner. You know, but I think the worst sinners are the hypocrites. Remember in Matthew? And, um, you know, and that people that deceive. Not people that have been made a certain way and keep their, they don't want to be that way. And, um, you know, um, you know, they're getting their act together. Like, they're dressing, you know, more responsibly. They're, it's kind of like, you know, um, evolving. You know? But I think if we spent more time, um, you, you know, maybe scorning, um, people who, like, you know, people getting married then getting divorced and the children. Uh, look at all the atrocities that are being done by young children because of the break-up of the family. Women have become finally liberated. The men don't trust the women. Uh, sexuality has just become crazy out there. Um, that's what people should be, you know, in the church, should be freaking out about. Not that, you know, what's going on with homosexuals. Like, um, that's like a little bit of a problem. Do you understand that?

Melnichuk: Yep. I've got ya.

Mary: Yeah.

Melnichuk: Okay. Well listen, Mary, thank you for your opinion and your comments. Uh, I really appreciate that. You know, regarding the whole s-, um, institution of, of marriage, absolutely agree with you one hundred per cent. Uh, you know, tied in with that whole idea, again, is the issue that, uh, was a hot topic, again, last, last week. The whole disint-, disintegration of the family. I happen to believe it's a, it's a, it's like just getting a toehold in the door that, uh, could become a stronghold. And, again, a lot of people have different opinions about that. But, but getting back to the topic at hand regarding the whole idea that if you do pick one of those little toeholds in the door and talk about it, people accuse you of being hateful.

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caller Ron: I'm doing well and I'd like to, uh, thank you again for the courage for speaking on same-sex marriage. I do believe that Jesus is love. He's a, he's the inventor of the universe. And he was very, very loving. And he did point out that it was one man and one woman in marriage. Case closed. Uh, second point I have is that, uh, you've probably heard of her. Doctor Margaret Summerville of the Centre of Ethics at McGill University has stated that same-sex marriage, the research they did in the Netherlands has shown that it is eroding regular marriage. So one of your previous callers had said it doesn't affect regular marriage. The scientific research has shown same-sex marriage is destroying straight marriages. So that's been proven scientifically. Talk to Doctor Margaret Summerville, Centre of Ethics at McGill University. My third point is that the homosexual community has declared war, making our children, our schools, by teaching them that homosexuality at young ages like grade 3. The American Pediatric Association, a non-religious association has said this is extremely dangerous to our children's development. But the homosexual community has declared war against us. The fourth point I'd like to say is, what about that case in Edmonton? Uh, that Mister Latrelle. A bisexual cross-

dresser who dressed up as a woman, lured two straight men to his garage. And killed and cut up one of the straight men and disposed his body after having sex with it in the sewer! People need to hear about what the homosexual community is doing to straight people!

Melnichuk: Ron, I, I don't, I appreciate what you're saying. I know you've got a passion for it. I want, I want to be careful. Um, and, again, I can, I can sense the passion and, uh, I don't know if it's a hateful passion, but a passion towards the issue. And, um, yeah. You know what? It can create some, some stirring up. But I, I want to keep close to what we're trying to do because we're running out of time here. And it's simply, you know, if you believe that Jesus is the truth, then when He talks about certain moral issues and disapproves of what we consider to be right today, do you consider it, you as a viewing audience, hateful? José in Toronto. José, welcome to *It's Your Call*. You're on the line.

José: Hello, sir. How are you?

Melnichuk: How are you?

José: It's a long time. The last time I spoke to you, remember I told you at work, me and my, a couple of my friends, we watch you, so we talk, right?

Melnichuk: Oh, okay. Yes, José.

José: Yeah and now I have something else to tell you. My grandma watches you and she likes you, but she can only speak Spanish so I have to translate to her. [Melnichuk laughs] But I love your show. I want to say that, first of all. And, uh, you know, touching the subject like that, I, me, I don't hate nobody. It shows us in the Bible that we should all love one another, you know? So I'm nobody to judge anybody. But the Bible was made by God. It's not like a man wrote the book. It's not like, uh, the smartest guy wrote it or Einstein wrote it. It's not about, God gave that knowledge. And there's many, many stories in the Bible that we as Christians follow and that show, you know, um, that God called it an abomination. And abomination is a big word, you know? We can go through many, many stories. Like Sodom and Gomorrah, like, oh, we'll be on here for a while. But when it comes to that subject, and, like, um, yeah, I just wanted to say that. Put my input and, yeah, just have a good night.

Melnichuk: Hey, thank you, uh, José. I appreciate that. Thank you for watching. So say hi to your grandmother in Spanish I think and, uh, appreciate her watching the program as well. Jean in St. Catharine's. Got about a minute. Jean, welcome to *It's Your Call*. You're on the line.

Jean: That's all I need, Rob. I'm calling from the Living Bible where it says, uh, "those who live immoral lives, who are idol worshippers, adulterers or homosexuals will have no share in His kingdom". Now, it doesn't say that if you've got cancer or some other disease you'll not see king-, the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, homosexuality is a choice. It's not a disease, therefore it's a sin. And that's all I wanted to say.

Melnichuk: Okay.

Jean: Thank you.

Melnichuk: Thank you, Jean. Appreciate your opinion. Um, ha, Jesus did say in, in, in John chapter 8. He said these words. He said “If you abide in my word, you are my disciples. And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.” If you believe that Jesus is the way, the truth and the light, remember what Josh McDowell said. I played two clips, tying it in. He talked about “what is truth?” When Jesus said “I am the truth”, what did he mean? Simply, and Josh McDowell gives a, an illustration, but basically it’s equal to the original. So when Jesus said “I am the truth”, he’s saying I’m equal to the original. And Josh McDowell says who was the original according to what Jesus said? Well, God. But God in what particular way of expression? It was God Yahweh, the Father. And in that, Josh talks about the character of God. How God is love. And just on that particular note, God is love. How could a God of love be also a God who hates? We’ve got to understand from the entirety of the word of God that God doesn’t hate the person. God hates the sin. Bringing it down into the gospels and Jesus. Well, Jesus doesn’t hate the person. But he hates the sin. Like Gabriel said right off the top, Revelation chapter 2 dealing with the deeds of the Nicolaitans, Jesus said “I hate the deeds, not the people.” And, you know, sometimes that message gets confused and people really don’t want to hear it. It’s not that God, through his son Jesus Christ, hates you as a person. But he does hate the deeds. Those things that are contrary to his pattern and form of how He wants us to live. My point to you is simply this: Please, we’re not trying to promote hatred towards whatever choices you make. But we are trying to be very clear as to what is God’s particular pattern for living according to morality. And what the Bible teaches. And you know something? The neat thing is this: no matter what decisions you have made, God still loves you through his son Jesus Christ. And I’m encouraging those of you that are watching, if you want to pursue this God that we’re talking about and his son Jesus Christ, please, give our prayer partners a call.

July 6, 2011

The question of the day was: Can you be good without God? There was no content that raised any issues under the Codes in this episode.

July 28, 2011

In this episode, the subject was conversion therapy (aka reparative therapy) with respect to sexual orientation. The question posed to viewers was whether they believe people can change their sexual orientation. Melnichuk acknowledged that there is considerable controversy surrounding this issue, with some people believing that it is possible and some saying it is not. Related to this subject is whether people are born gay or not. Melnichuk

repeatedly stated that he did not wish to discuss whether the gay lifestyle is right or wrong, but rather wanted to focus only on the questions “Can people change their sexual orientation?” and “Is there support for conversion therapy in the Bible?” He mentions that conversion therapy is opposed by the American Psychiatric Association, the American Medical Association other professional groups. The APA issued a statement saying that conversion therapy for homosexuals is unlikely to be successful and may cause harm, but it has not outright banned the practice.

Melnichuk encouraged people who agreed and disagreed to phone or write to him. Some of the most pertinent calls are transcribed or paraphrased below.

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Melnichuk: And those who oppose have gone to great lengths to set up their case to, in my opinion, unethically discredit those who take the position of Biblical morality. Now, I’m not wanting to look tonight at the right or wrong of sexual orientation. But whether or not it’s possible for a person to change their sexual orientation. Plus, regarding conversion therapy, does the Bible back it up? What do you think? What do you believe? Is it possible for a person to change their sexual orientation?

He then presents a report originally broadcast on CBN (The Christian Broadcasting Network). Reporter Dale Hurd tells the story of a Christian counsellor in Britain named Lesley Pilkington who tried to help a man who had come to her saying he wanted to leave the gay lifestyle. The man was actually an undercover gay journalist who heads a group called Stop Conversion Therapy Task Force and his purpose was to expose counsellors who use support conversion therapy. He wrote about his experience in British papers and Pilkington now faces disciplinary proceedings by the British Association for Counselling & Psychotherapy for having an agenda that homosexuality is wrong. The report included the following comments:

Hurd: The gay agenda is one of the most potent political movements in the United Kingdom. Even though, according to a poll, there are not very many homosexuals in Britain. Only 1.5% of the population. That’s 750,000 homosexuals in a nation of 60 million people.”

Andrea Williams, head of Christian Legal Centre who is helping Pilkington: There’s been, um, an incredible shift in, um, in our nation, within our media, and particularly in our law, that treats the whole homosexual issue, the whole gay agenda as something that’s absolutely equivalent to race.

Hurd: Lesley’s attorney Paul Diamond says it’s part of a broad agenda to overturn all traditional values on sexuality.

Diamond: They call it human rights. And they use these grand terms like “tolerance” and “diversity”. It’s a hard-nosed political agenda of which an objective appears to be to

remove Judæo-Christian morality from the public realm.

Hurd: The British government has approved a plan to insert homosexual themes throughout school curricula, even math, to help children view homosexuality as normal. Meanwhile, the British High Court has ruled in a landmark case that Christian beliefs on sexual ethics may be harmful to children.

Diamond: It was argued the state has a duty to protect, protect vulnerable children – the government in Britain argued this – from being infected with such ideas. Such ideas being Judæo-Christian views on sexual morality.

Hurd: One of the riskier things to say in Britain today, especially if you're a therapist, is homosexuals are not born that way. Or that homosexual can become heterosexual. After Strudwick's investigation, the British Medical Association decided to brand gay conversion therapy as harmful. Strudwick told CBN News that "Gay people in Britain are, as they are everywhere, at risk of hate, intolerance and persecution." He said, "There is no empirical evidence conversion therapy works ... there is plenty of evidence that conversion therapy does damage." He added that, "Love needs no cure". Diamond and Pilkington say conversion therapy works.

Diamond: People do change after treatment. And has a high success rate and there's no evidence of any harm. That is actually the evidence.

Pilkington: Science actually backs up the word of God. And as Christians, it's, it's to be encouraged to hear that, that science is backing up the word of God. And that you are not born that way.

Hurd: Pilkington, who has a son who is gay, waits to see if she will be banned from ever counselling again. She believes God is taking her through this experience and using it in people's lives.

Pilkington: I also feel the Lord's giving me an opportunity in that to try and speak to those who are in a homosexual lifestyle, but who are unhappy. And really the message is you're not born that way. You don't have to stay in that lifestyle. There's hope. And that's a really important message for today. That there's hope.

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Melnichuk: [looking at computer screen] Someone says on, on our discussion board and I'm not sure what their, their name is, but it's, like, "quality99" says, and I'm assuming this person is a believer, a follower of Christ. "Just when I try to give these faith people" – I guess it's us – "a listening chance, they impose their ignorance and terrible agendas again. I truly can't stomach to watch this episode." I guess of our program tonight. "The pain, damage, hurt and hate that these people impose on society around us is the only true abomination I can see. I am truly ashamed to be even numbered anywhere near them

anytime they bring up this subject. One day my prayer is that the Church will see the abhorrent agony they have imposed on humanity in our society.” And then Paul has something unique to say. Paul says, “How hateful” – to, to this person – “How is it hateful or discriminatory when some person says that something is wrong?” Question mark. “Is it hateful or discriminatory when we tell our children that lying and stealing is wrong? Is it hateful or discriminatory when a judge punishes murderers or rapists because what they do is wrong?” So, the point is here, to this quality person, again, I’m not talking about whether, um, you know, it’s right or wrong dealing in the whole homosexual or gay lifestyle. What I’m asking simply is this: Is it possible for a person to change? And is there relevance to this individual? Well, yes. Well, if you just kind of stick your nose in the news worldwide, very, very wide-spoken and commented-on topic. That’s why we’re bringing it to your attention. [...] When it comes to this whole lifestyle, the gay lifestyle, those who are gay say, well, you’re born that way, so if you do actually change you’re hurting yourself. It’s causing harm. That’s the argument. What do you think? What do you believe about that? Can that person change?

Caller Jack then expresses his view that people can change. He says people can quit smoking, drinking, drugs, etc. and saying one is born that way is a “cop-out” and could be used as an excuse for other bad things like being a pedophile, wife beater or murderer.

Melnichuk then presents a clip from the American talk show *The Joy Behar Show*. She had as her guests a male-female couple of whom the man claims he successfully converted from homosexuality to heterosexuality. Behar expresses skepticism at his claims.

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Caller Rob states that he believes that people are born that gay and cannot change. He tells the stories of two men he knew at his own church who were encouraged to try conversion therapy and suffered negative consequences. He says that he used to share the view of homosexuality held by many Christians, but his experience with those two people made him realize he was wrong and that conversion therapy can deeply hurt people.

Melnichuk: [...] Great points. I really appreciate your call. One of the struggles that I have that many people are saying is First Corinthians chapter 6, verse 9. Paul says “Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Don’t be deceived.”

Paul says “Neither fornicators, idolaters, adulterers nor homosexuals nor sodomites nor thieves nor covetous nor drunkards nor revilers nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.” Then he says in verse number 11 “And such were some of you. But now you are washed, sanctified and justified.” So if a person can’t change, how do we deal with that?

There is then a clip from an organization called Exodus International. It features on-the-street interviews with mostly young people asking “What do you think God says about our sexuality, in general? Do you think He has an opinion?” A variety of opinions are

presented. There is another similar clip later in the program in which people are asked if they know anyone struggling with their sexuality or anyone who does not want to be gay. Again, a variety of views are presented.

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caller Brad: Thanks, Rob. And you're absolutely right about the scripture there. You know, a person that's born with Down's Syndrome, he, he'll be going to heaven. It doesn't say that he'll be kept out. 'Cause he's born that way. God would not keep him out. Anyway, you know, just to make it simple, if for anyone who's confused, I would say, just look at what's in your pants and that's what you are. And now, you know, I'll just get into more of a professional thing about it. Um, the North American professional, you know, scientific research group, 2009, a US-based, uh, group, NARTH, that's what it's called. It's a professional association of scientists and mental health professionals whose stated mission is to conduct and disseminate scientific research on homosexuality, promote effective treatment and to protect the right of individuals with unwanted same-sex attraction to receive effective care. A hundred and twenty-five years of research. And they produced this thing in two-oh-nine [*sic*]. And it says that, that, um, they are changeable and it does not hurt them to, to, uh, the treatment does not, is not harmful to them. And, uh, the report, it says that allow, that they say it is harmful has been produced by the homosexual, uh, group. It's the homosexual advocates that have said that it's harmful. Not the scientific community. Another thing, um, I'd just like to mention, Rob, it's like, it's like an adulterer. Um, it's like, um, you know, it's a, it's a type of lifestyle, like the Bible says. It says, um, you know, about that woman. You know, the adulteress woman and the man who goes to see her. It says, you know, her lips are as smooth as oil. You know, her steps lead down to hell. It says do not go there. Guard yourself. Guard your heart. Do not go there. It says it's death. You know? And it talks about a trap. And everything else about it. And you know, when you really, I've studied that. And I have a fr-, a couple friends that are into that as well, and I've studied it and studied it. And tried to figure out, that death comes. You know what it is? It's, it draws you in, it gets into your heart. It becomes part of you. And then you cannot extricate yourself from that lifestyle. And eventually you die. And where do you go? Your, your eternal death because you're an adulterer now. Because you was, weren't, you got caught in adultery. Maybe you're having sex and had a heart attack, I don't know. But, uh, you know, when you get into the lifestyle, it says you cannot extricate yourself out of it. And you know what? I, I believe that it's the same with homosexuality. If you choose to go that life-, way and then, and then there's, I think, even there's activity in the demonic realm as well. And it gets a hold of your heart. And then you just cannot get yourself out of that lifestyle.

Melnichuk: Okay, well, Brad. I appreciate your call and your comments. Question is can a person change their sexual orientation? Brad brought up a spiritual component, which is absolutely true from a Biblical perspective. It's just not a physical thing, but there is a spiritual power. A lot of theologians actually believe that.

There is another report from CBN that talks about the controversy regarding conversion therapy. It focuses on those who believe it is possible, including an interview with psychologist Mark Yarhouse who did a 6-year study that showed it was possible. He does, however, point out his study results do not mean anybody or everybody can change. Additional clips of a different interview with Yarhouse are shown on two further occasions during the program. Yarhouse discussed his research, the controversy surrounding conversion therapy, the view of it within the psychology community, the causes of homosexuality, etc.

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caller Ron: I'm going to explain it to Canadians and Americans once and for all. And I'm using the position of someone from the, I mean, the words of someone who's prominent in the gay community. Her name is Grammy-award-winning lesbian Melissa Etheridge. She was asked "Would you ever consider having intimate relations with a man?" And she replied, "Well, if the guy looked like Brad Pitt, I would." So this is what we as Christians and as Canadians have to understand. No one is born 100% gay. People are all straight and they have a tend-, some people have a tendency to go towards homosexuality. And people like Melissa Etheridge, at least she's honest. She's a les-, 100% lesbian, but she says she has some inherent heterosexuality. God has not created – this is a fact – anyone on Earth who is 100% gay. And people like, as I said, Melissa Etheridge, who was one, 100% lesbian, but when asked, and she was honest to say if the guy looked like Brad Pitt, she would have intimate relations with him. Obviously this proves that no one is born 100% gay. And, as neuroscience has shown, all people's brains are plastic and can change. As one of your previous callers said, he was wrong, they, they're not hard-wired.

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Caller Marion explains that she is/was a psychiatric nurse and believes that people are born gay. In her professional experience, she saw people (especially men) who were brought to psychiatric care confused about their sexuality. Professionals tried to change them but it did not work and they committed suicide. She states that no one would choose to be homosexual given the societal discrimination they experience. She goes on to say that there is nothing wrong with a homosexual person; that's who they are. She also says that does not believe people who say they have converted to heterosexuality; they have been instilled with fear by religion to behave straight, but have not really become straight "intrinsically".

Melnichuk: You know, there's, there's a lot of information, and I'm just throwing this out there, uh, just for people's understanding. You know, there is a spiritual side that people are talking about. There is God, yes, but there is also Satan and there is a demonic realm, people are saying, that, in that realm, well, Satan does deceive people. And the Bible talks about strongholds. Is it possible that, according to what a lot of people are saying, that that type of a lifestyle is wrong and it's not what God approves of. It doesn't mean that God doesn't love them. God doesn't approve of that. That there is a work of Satan involved

there. And a stronghold simply means their minds are so bent towards this, that it's only going to take the power of God to set them free. Your thoughts on that? I mean, again, I'm coming back to this whole idea, where Paul says in First Corinthians chapter 6. He says those that live this type of a lifestyle – and that's what he says here. He talks about a lifestyle regarding homosexuality. The gay lifestyle. He says those that live that kind of a lifestyle, Paul says, some of you live that lifestyle, but now you don't live that lifestyle. So, I mean, what have we got going on here, a little game or does Paul say yeah, you were that way, but now, because of the gospel, the message of salvation, Christ changed your life and you're not that way anymore. I mean, that to me talks about change. So somebody help me with that.

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Melichuk: The question being this: can a person change their sexual orientation? And, again, I'm trying to be very clear and very careful. I'm not talking about is it right or wrong to live a gay lifestyle. I'm asking the question is it possible for a person to change their sexual orientation? Based upon the information that those who say you're born that way, well, you can't change because if you do change, that's going to harm you as a person. Other people say you're not born that way. So you can make the choice. There's people who've made a choice to be gay and there's people who are gay that've made a choice to be straight. Now one of our callers said that she simply doesn't believe that. Well, I appreciate that, respect that, but if, if, you know, we wouldn't believe absolutely anybody or anything. The point is there is some real, valid evidence – I played it earlier on the program – of a gentleman who was gay, but is now straight. I know people that were gay that are straight. And they will tell you they weren't born that way. They made a choice. For whatever reason. So, again, just throwing out my opinion out there.

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caller David: I'm calling because I resent the fact that, after all these years, that I still have to like, you know, put any kind of effort at all into defending my positions. Because I am gay and I, I just think, you know, when I first, you know, came out in the, in the mid-'80s, I thought that once people realized that there were enough gay people in the world that it affected everyone, because everyone would have someone dear to them who was gay, that homophobia would just simply disappear. I was obviously quite naïve because here it is, it's like 25 years later and I'm still having to fight these same damn battles. You know, and you're, you know, and a program like yours, it's all very well for you to promote, you know, a lifestyle or something that, you know, just basically promotes the way that *you* are. It's, like, oh well, you know, I'm straight and 'cause I read the Bible, you know, I have a more legitimate position than anyone who doesn't have, who doesn't have a show like me.

Melnichuk: Okay, well, hey, Dave. I'll tell you what. You can have your own show. Free country, freedom of speech. Have your own show and promote whatever you want to promote. I'm not here self-righteously justifying myself and promoting that I'm better than anybody else. Yet, you gotta listen to what I'm saying. If you listen to what I'm saying, I

think you'll hear my heart. I'm not hating anybody. But what I actually do believe, according to what the scriptures teach is what I'm throwing out there. So I'm giving opportunity. You can say yes or no. You can agree. You can disagree. That's okay. But, hey, you know what? Have your own show. It's a free country. It's not a problem at all.

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Melnichuk: You can set up your identity with anybody. I'm just choosing to line my identity up with Christ. Some of you are and some of you don't. That's absolutely okay. Question is can a person change their sexual orientation? Peter, uh, out in Fort Saskatchewan. Peter, welcome to *It's Your Call*. You're on the line.

caller Peter: Yes, good evening.

Melnichuk: How are you, Peter?

Peter: Uh, checking to see [??] and what you're talkin' about, where do these guys ever use any common sense? I mean, first, do they read or do they study? You know, read the, the ifs and buts and the males and the females and all this? To me, with common sense you would say, hey, there's a male and a female to make a partner. To make a country. To make reproduction. To whatever it takes. You can't have, uh, two guys screwing around and have kids. Or, or two females, same thing. You know? With common sense, even the animals know better. I'm not disgracing the guy that's [?] he's got a problem? Okay, that's your problem. But don't run me over and tell me that, you know, we're not, uh, you know, we're not thinking straight. If it wasn't for these people, another 25 years we'll have our, the world is going to be half down with population.

Caller Cathy then suggests that homosexuality is perhaps caused by something that damaged a person's subconscious when they were children, such as abuse. With respect to the Pilkington case, she argues that Pilkington was only doing what the gay journalist had asked for help with and that he should be reprimanded for setting her up.

Melnichuk: Absolutely, Cathy. I do agree with you. Um, you know, you know, he's, the whole, the whole idea is unethical. But yet, the guy was unethical himself. I mean, if you've gotta be deceptive to get in there to do what he did, that speaks for itself. But it does show you, um, you know, I'm, I'm gonna speak out of turn, but it does show you, there must be some hate or animosity against the straight people who believe in a Biblical morality. But yet we're getting blamed for the same thing. So it almost doesn't make any sense.

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Melnichuk: Shelley goes on and says "And why is it that lifestyle is always versus choosing Christ?" Like I said, you could identify with anything else. I'm choosing to identify with Christ. Then you say, Shelley, "Are you saying that homosexuals are being tricked or

being deceived into being gay?" Uh, what I believe the Bible teaches, I would have to say I am.

Melnichuk concludes that program by saying he believes people can change because he knows people who have walked in all types of lifestyles, including the gay one, and have changed by accepting Christ into their hearts.

October 29, 2011

Crystal Lavallee is filling in for usual host Rob Melnichuk. The topic of the day is the new "Equity and Inclusive" curriculum in the Toronto District School Board, portions of which were allegedly designed to combat "homophobia and heterosexism". Lavallee notes that the introduction of the curriculum has generated public debate because some people feel it is promoting homosexuality and transgenderism to children at too young an age.

She starts the program by showing a clip from a Sun News Network talk show *ByLine* with Brian Lilley. Lilley shows an ad from a newspaper which features a photo of a little girl and the words "Don't confuse me. Don't try to teach me to question whether I'm a boy, transgendered, two-spirited, etc." Lilley states that the ad angered the gay & lesbian community. He also notes that the plan is to teach about transgendered issues in grade 3 and a lot of parents say that is too young. He then shows another newspaper ad that the gay community produced in response. It features a young man and the words "Please don't insult me. Teach me to question everything." Lilley points out that the man in this ad looks a lot older than grade 3.

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Lavallee: Now, the purpose of the curriculum is to normalize all sexual choices in the minds of young children. So this means enabling all lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, two-spirited and queer students and students who identify themselves on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity to see themselves reflected in every subject of the curriculum, which we'll dive into a little bit later on in the show. Now, this show is not about names or targeting a specific group. It's about taking the time to see a well-rounded look at what's happening in our schools right now and what is most beneficial for the next generation to succeed and flourish. Now one statement was made that if this goes over well in Toronto, then you can be sure it'll fly all across the country. So we're asking the question tonight, aren't schools supposed to be an institution for learning, for educating, where it's about reading, writing and arithmetic? So what's really going on in the schools? We want to hear from you: parents, teachers, students, psychologists. Uh, we want to know what you're seeing and what you're coming against first-hand. Or what you're coming across first-hand. And the more we dig, the more we come to the conclusion that's it's not so much about education, this new curriculum, as it is about an agenda. And so we want to know, we want to hear from you. We're going to take another quick clip, um, from Brian Lilley on, uh, Sun News Network. It's called *ByLine* and you can catch him Monday

to Friday at 9 pm. Take a look.

Lavalleee plays another clip from *ByLine*. It features the caption “Forcing Liberal Agenda on Kids: McGuinty’s sex-ed curriculum”. Lilley mentions that parents are angry about the age-appropriateness of the subject matter, such as teaching grade 8 students about anal & oral sex. Lilley states that the homosexual activists argue we need to support transgendered rights, but that was not what parents were complaining about.

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Lavalleee: I know that there is a lot of information given about what’s actually being taught. And, um, one of the things that I found when digging around doing the research was they had said, they made mention that it was two-spirited. So I just want to let you know that they said that [reads from paper in front of her] “two-spirited refers to an individual who houses apparently both a masculine and a feminine spirit.” So when they’re talking about, um, two-spirited. We also want to talk about, um, some of the things they’re teaching kids as young as three years old. And so, one of the things, or grade threes will be encouraged to re-write their own agenda or own gender-bending versions and then, when not re-writing stories, they will be studying from *Are You a Boy or a Girl?* and causing them to re-think their sexual orientation. Now, I know that what was mentioned on some of the clips there was that, um, you know, they’re teaching kids as young as eight about anal sex and all of that stuff. And we’ve got a web poll that’s online that you can go and just cast your vote. The web poll question is “At what grade should kids be taught about sex education?” Is it from kindergarten to three? Is it from three to six? Is it from six to eight?

Or is it, no, it’s the job of the parents? And I’d just like to share, uh, just quickly, before we go to the call lines there, is that one of the things that I noticed, I was helping out, um, a mother with a couple of friends. Er, I was helping, she’s a friend of mine and she’s got a couple of kids. And her kids had said, um, you know, she had said that, uh, it’s her job as the parent, it’s her job to teach her kids about those issues. Because it’ll, it’ll come up in conversation. But for the most part, she says her kids are worried about, you know, what are we eating today? You know, her four-year old is saying, you know, “Mommy, where are we going today? Are we going to the park to play?” And kids are so vulnerable and they’re so precious. And, you know, everywhere in scripture, in the Bible, about how we, the onus is on us. We are responsible for speaking into the next generation to make sure that they flourish and become everything that they’re called to be. So again, we want to hear from you. We’ve got, um, great resources. I’ve got some great resources. Campaign Life Coalition has, um, made a couple statements on their website. And I just want to show you one of the statements that they made. [types on laptop computer] I’m going to pull it up for you right here. If I can find it. It’s, uh, regarding what they’re teaching grade threes.

And so, it is right here. On page 89 of the guidelines for implementation document, in the Toronto District School Board curriculum, it says, it asks teachers “to deny the biological reality of being either male or female by injecting the idea that being male or female is merely a social, um, construct that is assigned to us at birth. Um, we can’t put on a different agenda [*sic*, gender], so to speak, so whenever we desire, just like putting on a different coat.” And so, um, this is the ideology that’s in the curriculum. And so, if you are

a teacher, if you're a student, if you're just watching the show tonight, we want to hear from you. And the phone lines are open. This is what we're talking about and so we're going to take our first caller. Ron on line two from Toronto. Hello, Ron?

Ron: Good morning.

Lavallee: Good morning. How're you doing, Ron?

Ron: Uh, pretty good. What about you?

Lavallee: I'm doing great. Thank you.

Ron: Yeah, you have a great topic today.

Lavallee: Yeah, what are your thoughts here?

Ron: My thoughts on, on, I've got a lot of nephews, I've been through the school system myself and, uh, Ontario school system. And my, uh, I read from the American Pediatric Association that we shouldn't be teaching any children, uh, about, uh, homosexuality 'cause children's brains, uh, Crystal, are very plastic. They're very, uh, they can change their sexuality. Just by talking about homosexuality and transgenderism. The American Pediatric Association – which is not a religious association, it is a scientific association – says it can damage children's brains.

Lavallee: Mm hm.

Ron: So that's a scientific fact. And then, also, you probably know, the CBC, what they're been revealed [*sic*], that there've been, uh, four thousand homosexual abusers of, uh, who have raped, uh, many, many hundreds, maybe even thousands of straight boys in the US and Canada. So, the CBC is revealing the Boy Scouts of some of the homosexuals, thousands of these homosexuals in the Boy Scout community. This is what they're trying to turn out. They're raping straight boys. We've got to defend ourselves against some of these homosexuals who are raping straight boys. As a CBC document this week and last week.

Lavallee: Mm hm. Well, thanks for calling, Ron. And we appreciate you sharing about the American, uh, Pediatric Association saying that no teaching, um, any children about homosexuality because their brains are fragile. Now that was one of our notes here, um, in the discussion tonight, was that, um, you know, uh, a child's brain, they say that a fully developed brain doesn't happen until you're 18 years of age. Anywhere between 18 and 25. And they say, you remember when you were learning French in school or if you're learning Spanish? You, as a child, you were able to learn much quicker? Uh, because you were like a little sponge. So whatever was fed to you, you took as truth and then you, you know, you walked it out. And, um, not so much when you're older. And so, um, I just want to make a couple other statements here as well. Um, is that, uh, you know, there was a

statement by MTV a couple years ago. Like, probably over five years ago. That said we don't need to, um, we don't need to get the next generation; we already own them. And that was MTV. And MTV is, like, one of the major leading medias [*sic*], you know, in, in young people's lives today. So they're saying we don't need to get them; we already own them. And so, I'm just making that, I'm just throwing that out there. Do you agree, do you disagree? Um, because kids' minds are so, uh, sensitive and they're so fragile. So that's, that's a really great point, Ron and we appreciate your call. Um, we're gonna go to Mark from Ottawa on line one. Hello, Mark?

Mark: Hello. How are you doing?

Lavalleee: I'm great, thanks. Thanks for calling.

Mark: Um, yes, thank you. You're welcome. Um, basically, I don't know if I caught your, your whole discussion, but basically, uh, I see that you, you know, there's, they're, they're speaking of putting homosexuality and that kind of stuff in the curriculum. And I personally don't have anything again-, against gays in society and stuff like that, but I really think that that's a topic that shouldn't be, uh, particularly in our classrooms. Because of the fact that, you know, I think today we're becoming oversaturated with the whole, you know, gay movement and stuff like that. And, as I said, I don't have anything against that, but I just feel like it's being too much oversaturated. Um, I understand that there's the whole issue of bullying and stuff like that, but I believe that the youth of today are kind of sensitive to the issue. To the fact where, you know, they, they won't really bully a, a kid just because they have different views. But I just really believe that that's something that we shouldn't be trying to, you know, press in the school system on, you know, the youth of today. Just like the other caller said, you know, the youths' minds are, their minds are fragile and stuff like that. So, you know, it could be, you know, giving off, um, different messages than than what they're really trying to portray, type thing. You understand what I'm saying?

Lavalleee: Yep. And that's great. And we appreciate your call, Mark.

Lavalleee tells the story of a mother in the US who put her daughter on hormone blockers so that she could wait until the girl is older before she decides for herself which gender she wants to be. Lavalleee also mentions two mothers in California who have an 8-year old son who told them he wants to be a girl. They are apparently giving him treatment to delay puberty so he can decide when he is older. Lavalleee posits that 8-year olds do not understand what they mean when they say things like that.

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Lavalleee: This curriculum, it's going to be involved in every single subject. So math class. It's going to be involved in language arts. It's going to be involved in drama class. And I made a note that it says, um, kids in grade three will be doing role plays and the, the teachers are actually encouraging their students to play roles, uh, that they wouldn't normally play. So, for example, um, a young boy would play a role of a girl and a girl would

play a role of a boy. When you're in grade three, um, you know, I don't know if that causes confusion, but we want to hear from you.

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caller Michael: Uh, that first caller. Um, I like how he plays the, uh, the, uh, gay rape card. Uh, talking about all these young boys, uh, being sexually abused in the church. Um, that happens more between men and women. Um, it's not fair for him to go on and say that, uh, it'd be like saying all, uh, hetero men force their daughters into polygamy. That's all I want to say about that. But regarding tonight's topic, um, I agree that they should not be, uh, teaching anything in school that's irrelevant, anything in schools that is irrelevant, uh, to being in school, such as, you know, even sports and home ec. Those things don't belong in school either because they're not related to reading, writing, math and [??]. Uh, but here's, um, my opinion on this. If you notice, um, a lot of kids in schools, and this has been going on in the last maybe, I'd say since the early '80s, um, you didn't have, like, I know that the gay movement started back in the '60s and '70s, but back in the '80s, you didn't have all this that you have today, but for some reason kids are bullying a lot and perceiving other kids as being gay. Like, for ins-, for example, a kid will walk into a class, minding his own business, okay, in the last 30 years, and he'll get accused of being gay. He'll be called, uh, a "faggot" or a "queer". And, and, that kid isn't, may not even necessarily be gay or lesbian. And the schools, they want to end this homophobia. Just like, you know, there are, to this day, there are still some schools in some parts of the Southern US who believe that it's wrong to promote, uh, race-mixing. Um, go on YouTube; you'll see that. They believe it's wrong to, uh, let their kid be in a class where the mini-, where the person teaching the Bible is a woman. They don't want women teaching the Bible. So there's a lot of things that we are against. I don't like the idea of them teaching the kid about the sexual part. Even hetero sex should not be taught. But teach tolerance that there are gay people in the world and they're not all out there trying to attack their kid and go after your kid. Just like, it's like saying all straight guys are waiting at the schoolyard at 3:30 in the afternoon ready to rape young girls. We know that's not true. We just, the reason why they're doing it is because too many people are going around using the word "fag" or the word "that's so gay" and what I want to know is why is it in the last 30 years kids have been using these words when they're not being provoked? Especially, you have some school out in the middle of nowhere and there's no gay culture, no nothing and kids just use the word "fag" naturally to insult another kid. That's what they're trying to stop. I agree, kids should be innocent to everything, any kind of sex. They should be taught at a certain age. Some of them are not ready to be taught until they're almost 30, believe it or not? But we're just trying to teach kids to respect everybody. Skin colour, different religions. Like, we're trying to teach kids that not all Muslims are terrorists. A lot of Muslims are watered down now when they come to the Western world. They want to mingle in with Christian society. And they're here to be loving and not, you know, here to terrorize. So, we're trying to teach that, you know, people, you know, transgendered kids, I mean, that, for sure, is not their problem. Kids are born sometimes with both, you know, male and female parts. They did not, they did not ask to come out of their mother's womb that way. So why would you hold it against them? That's all I want to say. Other than that,

yeah, keep all, keep all sex out of school because that's not a child, children should not be taught that at all.

Lavalleee: Interesting. Well, thank you so much, Michael for your call. We really appreciate it. And you mentioned something. Tolerance versus demand. Now, this was one thing that, um, the Campaign Life Coalition, on their website, they actually list every single detail of the curriculum that opposes, um, any sort of inclusion. Right? And so, it says "equity and inclusion", but it's discluding [sic] parents, it's discluding [sic] everything. And they're actually, it's not tolerance that they're teaching, it's demand. So what they're actually teaching from what I've gathered and from what's on the website there, is that it's, it's not an option. Like, teachers have to teach this. And if they don't, if they have, uh, beliefs that go against this, because even, um, even Muslims and even, just, regular people are against, um, you know, teaching about sex education, uh, to a three-year old. Or to a grade three student. And so, it's not, it's not even an option.

Caller Hope says that the important consideration is the age-appropriateness and believes that it is unfortunate that teachers don't have option or input with regards to implementation of the curriculum. She tells Lavalleee that she knows a young woman who is a lesbian and whose Christian family disapproves. Hope states her belief that homosexuality is not a choice and that the media had no influence on the young woman being lesbian. She also says that teaching should definitely be about tolerance.

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Lavalleee: The students are actually encouraged to explore the gay pride. They're actually taught, um, they have to go, um, they have to become familiar with what goes on at the gay pride parades. Um, and so, they're actually encouraged to go on Google and google especially, and they made mention of it in the curriculum, they said especially the Toronto Gay Pride Parade. And I don't think that's age appropriate for even grade two. Because, um, a lot of that stuff that's on there, as soon as you google, we, we all know, as adults, as adults we all know what goes on. And so, that's not something that's appropriate for students to be looking at. Um, or, or forcing them to look at too. Because they're told, um, you gotta go on there, google it, print off pictures, print off posters, bring it in and share it with the class. So now you have a bunch of second grade kids who are all sitting around looking at what I believe is soft porn. But, I mean, you may agree. And we want to hear from you. And so that's another thing to, uh, to keep in mind. They're also encouraged to explore, um, what, uh, orgies and threesomes and what they call -- and some of you may not know this -- [shuffles through her papers] sado-, it's called "sado-masochism". And so, if you know what that is, you're going to bite your tongue because it's giving and receiving pleasure through, through pain. And it's associating with sexual, like, sexual acts. And so they're, the students are encouraged in this. And it's right there in the curriculum. And, um, so we're going to keep going with our callers.

Caller Lisa states that she finds the whole situation regarding the curriculum "disgusting, unacceptable, inappropriate". She states that suicide rates for young people are

problematic and that children are being bullied for their sexual orientation at young ages. She says that the 10 Commandments should be put back on classroom walls and the Lord's prayer reintroduced into schools so that they can turn out some moral human beings.

Lavallee says prayer and the 10 commandments were taken out of schools because the view was that those practices were not inclusive and that children were being coerced into a religious observance offensive to them. Lavallee says that people are not publicly objecting to the new Toronto curriculum because parents not aware it is being taught.

Caller Dawn says she hopes pastors, churches, teachers & parents will "wake up". She describes her own experience with her children who were bullied by fellow students and teachers for being born-again Christians. She questions what is wrong with schools that teachers are so "illiterate" and unable to teach proper subjects like science that they have to resort to teaching about sex.

Following a commercial break, there is another clip from a Sun News Network talk show, *Charles Adler*. Adler lists some of the special days that are highlighted in the Toronto School Board daily planner which gets sent home with kids: Transgender Day of Remembrance, World AIDS day, International Day to End Violence against Sex Workers, International Day of Zero Tolerance on Female Genital Cutting/Mutilation, International Sexual and Reproductive Health Day. Adler says "Big issues, but how would you explain this to a 6-year old?!"

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Lavallee: It's challenging homophobia and heterosexism. So, kids as young as grade three are learning about anal sex. Um, kids in grade three are also studying from the books, um, *Are You a Boy? Are You a Girl?* That's one of their, um, you know, studying – what am I trying to say? – their text books. Um, it's also, for the six years of age and under crowd, they'll be reading titles of books such as *Gloria Goes to Gay Pride*, or flipping through *The Boy in the Dress*.

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Lavallee: A couple of the books we were reading, all the experts have said that forever parents have thought that it's the job of the, the school to teach their kids and now something, um, comes along where, this curriculum comes along and it's actually stated in the curriculum that you can't pull your kids out of the classroom. Um, and it's also in every single subject.

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caller Ken: To me it seems like it's, uh, they're clouding the issue when they say how old should it be taught? Age appropriate. To me it's more a question of rights. It's all right for

that woman to with, uh, to give her child hormones and society says, oh, that's okay. But when it comes down to not wanting your kids to be exposed to stuff like that, you don't have a right to say you don't like it and you don't want it. That's what it seems to boil down to.

Lavalleee: Hm, that's interesting. Um, so are our rights taken away? Thanks for calling, Ken.

Ken: Well, they're superceded by the gay rights.

Lavalleee suggests that aboriginals were poorly treated in the past, but there is no curriculum tailored specifically to exploration of them.

Caller Roxanne says that she was a tomboy when she was young and that if someone had asked her then if she wanted to be a boy she might have made some horrible choices if certain options had been available. She then says that there are age restrictions for certain activities (i.e. driving, alcohol consumption, etc.), so to force sexual information on such young children and not allow parents to pull their kids out is absurd.

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caller Darren: I'm, I'm calling specifically because I'm listening to your program tonight and I have to admit that it really is bothering me. But it's bothering me what's happening on the program here and I really want to say this respectfully.

Lavalleee: No, for sure.

Darren: I am a Christian. I'm a straight man. I have children in the public school system. And when I understood and heard what a lot of the Christian media was putting out about this specific document, I actually took the time to read it.

Lavalleee: Okay.

Darren: There's 208 pages. And I read it. What I'm understanding from what I've read, is that certainly you have not read the document and certainly what's being purported on the show are the people who have called in tonight have not read the document! When you actually read the document, and I'm just going to go back to your website where it says "the purpose is to normalize all sexual choices in the minds of young children and to demonize any who fail to buy into this broad social spectrum" is utterly ridiculous to anyone who's actually read the document! When I did take the time to read the document, the first thing that I did notice is that it is *not* purported to teach anal sex and whatnot to children in grade two and grade three. In fact that's not in the document in the least and that's foolishness! The thing that I did notice when I read the document is that I was actually very impressed as a Christian by what I read in this document. It was obviously put together by very, very thoughtful and people trying to respond to our culture. And I'm just going to

quote a couple just so we get some fair statements tonight because, unfortunately, especially the readers, er, the viewers that are phoning in from out West who have not taken the time to read this, obviously, I'm going to quote from page, uh, 34. This is just a sentence. And I do need to point out that this document's 208 pages long and it talks about eating celery and it talks about body image and it talks about exercise and sunscreen and the, the comments where it talks about anything pertaining to what you're talking about tonight is merely if five statements, uh, that would comprise maybe a paragraph in the entire document! So, for instance, this *is* the goal of this document according to the document: "Human development", page 34, "and sexual health education is more than simply teaching young people about the anatomy and physiology of reproduction. Learning about healthy development, including sexual development, requires an understanding of sexual health in broad contexts: sexual development, reproductive health, interpersonal relationships, affection, abstinence, choice in sexual readiness, protection and body image." I read that document and I'm thinking this is fantastic. This, this is fantastic! I continue on. And I read in this document that they purposely have placed in there that they have, want "an environment based on principles of inclusive education recognizing that people have different religious faith backgrounds, recognizing different ethnic, cultural backgrounds," recking diff-, er, "recognizing different social-economic statuses." They do include in there, in fact, the Native Indians and the Métis. And saying that as, in the education system we *do* need to recognize all that is happening within the people. And I just, lastly, without sort of reading the entire two hundred and eight, eight pages to you, I do want to make reference to what actually *is* being said about the grade three curriculum. And, and what is being drawn into this evening on your show is, is shameful. That is not what it says! Here's what it says on page 110: "The grade 3 curriculum suggests the following: describe how visible differences, for example, in hair, eye colour, facial features, body size and shape, physical aids or physical abilities, clothing, etc. and invisible differences (learning abilities, skills, talents, personal or cultural values and beliefs, religious and gender identity, sexual orientation and family background, etc., etc.) make each person unique and identify ways of showing respect for the differences in others." And then they use as a simple example in the *grade three age-appropriate* curriculum saying "If there's a difference, what do we do? How can we be friends?" And they're saying in this one, well, that might mean that some kids have different faiths. Some kids have different religions. Some people live with their grandparents. Some people have two parents. There is not anal sex in the grade three curriculum! That is just utterly wrong and I really would suggest that your readers take the time, or your viewers take the time to actually read the document because, frankly, you're inciting [*sic*] something that is *not there*! I'm going to close with this one and it is over, I think it is the best statement that I read in the entire document which, for me, just summed it up as a Christian. And it says "anti-discrimination education promotes fairness, healthy relationships and active, responsible citizenship. Teachers can give students a variety of opportunities to learn about diversity and diverse perspectives by drawing attention to the contributions of women, the perspectives of various ethnic, cultural, religious and racial communities and the belief and practices of First Nations, Métis and Inuit people. They enable students from a wide range of backgrounds to see themselves reflected in the curriculum."

Lavalleee: Whew!

Darren: That's [?] in this.

Lavalleee: Whew! Well, Darren, thank you for your call. And we appreciate you calling. Now, that's interesting because I have the curriculum in front of me as well and on page 185 it talks about, um, some of the resource material that they're called to read. And, um, it says, as a sexually, uh, as a sexuality educator at middle schools, high schools and colleges, um, parade, uh, she's had her share in the experiences, okay [*sic*]. So, and shares some of the most commonly requested information. Now this is what we don't real-, that we, that we were forgetting about this, um, curriculum. Is that there actually, it's, like, um, it's a bunch of stuff. So, uh, what's happening is that they're allowing for presentations and presenters to come in. People are coming in with, um, uh, you know, um, assemblies. Um, they're inviting all of these people to come in and enhance what this curriculum [*sic*]. So this curriculum is great because it's safe. You know, like, what you were saying. It seems safe. But it's the people that come in and do more talking. And so this individual, they come in, they talk about, [reads computer screen] "she's up-front and honest with her audience, not shying away from topics such as anal sex, masturbation and readiness for a sexual relationship. She strives to give teens the information they need for the openness of this book" and, um, she's a, "to teens looking for frank discussions of sexuality and making choices." Now the other thing we need to also know is that, um, uh, Darren, I don't know what's happening in Newmarket and, you know, thank you for your call, but, um, there's been tons and tons of posts on Facebook. One lady, she said her daughter came home and her daughter said, "Mommy, like, they're teaching me to explore whether or not I'm attracted to a male or a female." So, you know, what may seem, um, safe or well-written or whatever, it's gonna get messed up along the line somewhere in the mind of a, of a, of a young student. 'Cause we read this and we go, oh, this is great. This is equality. This is, you know, whatever. But that young student doesn't know what's happening. So if there's a presenter that comes in and talks about anal sex and what the heck does that mean? Is that the job of the stu-, of the teachers? Is that the job of the presenters? Or is that the job of the parent? That's what we're trying to get at tonight. So, um, you know, parents, there's the web poll online there that says, um, you know, at what grade should you be teaching your students about sex education? Should it be in, you know, grade three or K to three, three to six, six to eight or should it not be in schools at all. And so I think that is the thing that we need to remember. Is that, um, this is just one element. Um, but, again, it also states in the document that there, that kids in grade two have to go and google search the pride parade week. And if you were to type in "pride parade week", you would probably be offended. You and your Christians kids and your Christian family would be offended by those pictures because it's soft porn. And I'm going to tell you what's in it. Some of the, um, and this is, some of the costumes and activities that happen there, um, your children will see people wearing underwear at best, bizarre lingerie and a host of outfits with naked rear ends. Is this something that our kids should be learning in school?! From par-, er, from teachers? Or, and from presenters and from guest speakers that come in and talk to your students? Or is this something that you as a parent should decide?

Um, and is this curriculum even necessary? Because here's the other thing, is that they said that gender equality is already built into another area of the curriculum. And so this whole thing is looking to, like, implement itself into every subject. So math, reading, writing, everything. Um, so that's my spiel and I'm done and we're going on the phones here.

Caller Ruth expresses her view that Premier McGuinty has "lost his senses" and that it is absurd to teach grade 3 students about sex. In her view, sex education should only be taught in grade 7 and upwards. Lavallee says Darren's point about reading the document before commenting on it was a good one. She then goes on to say that one purported purpose of the curriculum is to discourage bullying on the basis of sexual orientation.

Caller Elizabeth says what is happening in society is "scary" and expresses concern that parents do not have the option of pulling their children out if they object and likens it to Communism if parents do not have rights over their own children. She agrees with Lavallee that what is written in the document is only the beginning.

Lavallee says she was involved in an anti-bullying theatre group and went into schools where she saw little boys in pink nail polish & pink sequined shirts because they were celebrating pink day as young as kindergarten.

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caller Cameron: I actually, I actually just downloaded this, the, uh, curriculum here last night, so I haven't had a chance to fully read it, but –

Lavallee: Yeah.

Cameron: Um, like, you know, the one thing I will agree with Darren about, yes, it is important that everybody, like, for, to give an educated answer, you know, an educated discussion on this topic – on any topic, really – read the information.

Lavallee: Mm hm.

Cameron: Um, now that being said, I do take offence being one of those people from out West, um, who haven't read it and stuff like that. You know, you know, I, I actually work in the education system in Calgary. Um, as well, I've actually been part of a peer support group. I actually helped start a peer support group. I was actually part of a conflict management project, um, that was being done in the Edmonton school system where you would actually be counselling kids. And, you know, in preparation for that project, they did actually have people coming in from different things dealing with different issues. Now, I'm a Christian. I'm very proud to be a Christian. I, I'm not your typical Christian I guess you could say. Um, you know, like, some of my views are a little bit diverse at times, but, I mean, you know, I, I try and search for truth. And one of the things that I asked, like, on the conflict management project, uh, when they had somebody in from the gay and lesbian group. Whatever, I can't remember what it is. I said, okay, so why is it that when

somebody disagrees with the gay community, they're automatically labelled as homophobic? Now I take offence to that co-, to that term, "homophobia". I'm not afraid of gay people. Just the same way I'm not afraid of spiders. You know, I'm not arachnophobic. I just simply disagree with their lifestyle choice. And I disagree with having that lifestyle choice promoted, you know, you know, to kids. I think my biggest opposition with the whole curriculum is that people do not have the option to remove their children. They're, the children are forced. It is basically like, almost like Nazi brainwashing. You know, and I'm not equating that, but just, it's almost on that level where it's just that intense force. And I could actually see where it could get to the point where if somebody wanted to oppose something that, I mean, there would be, there'd be harsh repercussions for that. Now you mentioned something about, yeah, what looks good on paper doesn't always, uh, translate well to implementation. It's very, very true. Yes, they can have in all these different presenters. But I can almost 100 per cent guarantee you that they would not allow a Christian in the door to talk about God's plan for marriage. God's plan about a male and a female. And, you know, to talk about some of that stuff. If they do, hey, let's go for that. But I can almost guarantee you that they won't. Out in Alberta, recently there was legislation where there can be no mention of any religious stuff in schools. But yet you do see some stuff squeaking in. You know, I think the biggest thing that people are missing in today's age is discernment. Um, because there's so many people that call themselves Christians simply because they go to a church. Well, that's like saying I'm a car because I stand in a garage. You know, and I'm not, I'm not judging the validity of somebody's faith. But I'm just saying it's like, it doesn't mat-, it shouldn't matter what we think 'cause what do we think put against what God says. And I'm not saying that we do this blindly, but we, we really need to do like God commands us, to reason out our faith, to really look at those things. And, you know, even if we disagree we something, the highest standard that we have is God's word. And we need to stick to that. Um, you know, I, I, I'm not opposed to a, I'm not opposed to people being treated as equal people. I don't think somebody should be bullied because of whatever thing. But, I mean, I see it in schools. And this is like everything from kindergarten up to, up to high school. It exists. It will always exist. It doesn't matter what they do to make it go away. It's not going to go away. Some people are just jerks. And that's the reality of it. For anybody who is out there, if you haven't, if you haven't read that document, I would encourage you, read the document. But do it with a discerning eye. Pray about it. Have your Bible open. Again, look at what God says with it as well. Use your own mind. Think for yourself. Don't let what the media tells you or what the gay and lesbian, you know, the gay community tells you. Just think for yourself. But ultimately listen to God.

Lavalleee presents another clip from Sun News' *ByLine*. Lilley interviews Dominic Tse who argues parents should have a say in what goes into their children's minds. Tse states that grade 3 is too early to teach about transgenderism & homosexuality.

Caller Karen says she is not Christian, but believes in God. She also says she has gay friends and so has "nothing against them", but does believe that the pride parade is soft porn.

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caller Gary: I'm so, you've got a great show and I'm just glad to have gotten through.

Lavalleee: Awesome.

Gary: I've, I've got a lot of information. Um, first of all, if there's people that really are interested in what's going on in British Columbia here, --

Lavalleee: Wow.

Gary: And the fight, you know, write down www.CultureGuard.com and, uh, that's a good start. There's, uh, there's this woman in Langley here, Kari Simpson who's been, she's just a housewife and she's been busy fighting this, the, the por-, uh, the gay activists that are in our schools and that are puttin' out pornography to our, to our children.

Lavalleee: What?!

Gary: Yeah. And, I mean, if you go to that program, um, CultureGuard.com, I advise you to, you know, tell all your viewers and get it out there and you'll see what's going on here in British Columbia.

Lavalleee: No way!

Gary: Um, she is being harassed by homosexuals on her, at her home. Just because, but she doesn't care. She's got a, she's a pit-bull and she has got a mission. And she's, she's got four children of her own and she's not going to allow this to take place. This is an example. On September 15th, um, she revealed that online gay porn videos and other forms of pornography are being promoted in the BC schools by an anti-bullying program called Out in Schools.

Lavalleee: Hm.

Gary: And this is done, you know, get this. Out in Schools was written by Romi Chandra, the domestic partner of an NDP MLA, Spencer Chandra. Um, they're the ones that put out this program. They obtained money from corporate sponsors like 370,000 of taxpayers' money as well.

Lavalleee: Hm.

Gary: Have been contributed to the provincial government for Out in Schools. And basically it's a program to, it's supposed to be a bullying program, but --

Lavalleee: Or anti-bullying program.

Gary: Yeah, anti-bullying, sorry. But it's being, it's hijacked really by the gay activists. And what they do, is of course they get the kids to, um, um, create a short film on anti-bullying. And, and a short anti-homophobia video is used as a public service announcement. And they want them to enter their videos in a contest run on, run on, uh, you know? At the end of it all, they go to the Vancouver Queer Film Festival.

Lavallee: Wow.

Gary: An annual porn fest. Where they're introduced to, basically, all kinds of, of, uh, erotic, uh, info-, er, stuff. And you know how kids and media [*sic*]. They love it.

Lavallee: What grade is this?

Gary: This is the, mainly from the, you know, um, 15-, 16-, 17-, 18-year olds, right?

Lavallee: Oh.

Gary: And, and these kids alone, I mean, you know, I watched a, another, you know, they already have problems staying away from these type [*sic*] of sites. You know, like pornography in general. And then to be encouraged. And, you know, Kari has gotten, um, these things, like, they've got them to retract some of their things. You know, off some of their websites and they've got them to kind of hide from us what they're actually doing. But this gentleman that phoned earlier and told you that, you know, you're, you're kind of wrong. I wouldn't doubt it if he's, he's either, he's either very naïve or he's a supporter of homo-, the homosexual agenda.

Lavallee: Mm hm.

Gary: Because, you know, Crystal, you cannot disagree with them because they will harass you. They will take you to, you know, it's like the fellow that was putting out, um, --

Lavallee: In Saskatchewan. Yeah.

Gary: Yeah. You know? And, and Kari is involved, was involved with that as well. And his lawyer was on one of her shows on RoadKill Radio. She's also got this RoadKillRadio.com with the interviews. And, you know, there's so much against, um, you, you know, um, heterosexuals. You know, people that are, just regular people that want to send their kids to school. It's, it's really terrible and there's a war, really. But you don't see it. And if you say anything about it, you know, you are a homophobe and everything else. But, really, they are religi-, religiophobic and they're heterophobic themselves. Because you, you can't discuss anything with them.

Lavallee: See –

Gary: Um, I could go on.

Lavallee: Yeah. And Gary, Gary, that's the part of the curriculum that we're saying, because it's actually called "Equity and Inclusive". So it's actually supposed to include everyone. Um, but it's actually excluding a lot of, um, people.

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There is another clip from *ByLine*. Videoclips of the gay pride parade are shown while Brian Lilley talks to Dominic Tse:

Lilley: Now, what do you think about, um, the fact that parents wouldn't be allowed, if this goes through as we're told, and in fact in the Toronto District School Board's resource manual for teachers, you're not allowed to pull your kids out. If you don't, if you don't like it, tough luck.

Tse: Well, I mean, I, when I read that part, it's actually on page 10 of that, that document, I read through the whole thing. Two hundred, thirty-some pages. And I'm, I'm angry because it's like the school board's trying to come into my home and teach my kids and say "why don't you parents, get out, take a walk while we teach your, brain-, while we brainwash your kids." And this is like invasion of our rights. This is our kids. We want them to be taught in, in a way that is in connection with our values. I mean, by shoving us out as parents, this program, this policy is not very, uh, inclusive. In fact, it's exclusive. You know, excluding parents. So I'm angry about it, very angry.

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caller Rory: Hi. Um, I was a school board candidate last year. I have, uh, I have Asperger's syndrome. But I find it very interesting. Edmonton is known, the Edmonton Public District is basically the first school board to put a, uh, anti-, uh, bullying program up. And I have no problem with that. But they said they were going to make it optional for people to take it. Now they've said they're going to make it that every student has to take it. They didn't say what grade, but they're working on that in the school board. And then they're also trying to tag on, uh, promotion of homosexuality and other types of, um, of religion, uh, other types, like transgender rights and all that stuff. They're trying to promote that as a tag-on to the sexual education portion. And they're apparently the first school board in the country to do this, this bullying thing and then other ones have gone and, and trying to model it on it. But I ran for school board last year and I went and got 200 high school credits and a second diploma despite having Asperger's. And so, and I got 1300 votes when I ran for school board, so I have an inside track on it and I've been to all the meetings since, even though I lost. I've been to all the meetings since then and I've just found that they're forcing the agenda on it. Like they said it was going to be optional and then they change it once they get elected.

Lavallee: Hmm. So they're forcing the agenda. There you go. First-hand. Uh, Rory, thank you for calling. Um, this is interesting. So we're getting a good, we're getting some

good insight here on what's actually happening in the school board. Not just in Ontario, but all across the country.

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caller Dorothy: Do you pay taxes?

Lavalleee: I sure do.

Dorothy: Okay. Don't we all?

Lavalleee: We do.

Dorothy: Well then, who pays school taxes?

Lavalleee: You make an excellent point.

Dorothy: Yeah, that's right. So why aren't the parents standing up? If it was my child and they were in school, I would absolutely pull them out. If I disagree, I'm not paying my tax dollars to teach my children what I don't want them to be taught. And our country was based on God. And the homophobia-ists [*sic*], they are, they're intrusive. I believe that they use that bullying thing as a platform for their own agenda. And you know what? And not only that, I think they're opportunists. And they don't care about the children. They just want everybody to go their way. And another thing. In the Bible, do you remember David?

Lavalleee: Mm hm.

Dorothy: The giant? Well I think we've got to get the giants out of the land.

Lavalleee concludes the program by suggesting that people should rise up to object to this curriculum because that could result in it being removed. This happened in one district in the US. Lavalleee points out that everyone should support equality, tolerance and respect, but people should speak out when they disagree with something. She mentions a Bible story that talks about being persistent.

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The topic of the day was "Is sexual orientation a choice?". Melnichuk began the program by mentioning Dan Savage's "It Gets Better" program whose goal is to prevent bullying against gay teens and to give them hope. Melnichuk then played a videoclip of an interview on CNN with Randy Roberts-Potts. Roberts-Potts is the openly gay grandson of well-known televangelist Oral Roberts. Roberts-Potts has undertaken a project entitled "The Gay Agenda" whereby he travels around the Bible belt presenting photographs and films of ordinary gay people going about their regular domestic lives in an effort to change

some of the stereotypes about homosexuality and promote acceptance. The interviewer asks Roberts-Potts about his project, his relationship with his evangelical family members and what his deceased grandfather might think of his project.

Melnichuk then mentions that he keeps abreast of developments in this area and then describes a recent controversy involving American actress Cynthia Nixon. Nixon had apparently stated that she had been straight and been gay and has now chosen to be gay.

Gay activists objected to her characterization of sexual orientation as a choice, so she released a statement explaining that she is bisexual, which is not a choice, but has chosen to pursue relationships with females.

Melnichuk also played a videoclip from CNN in which Piers Morgan interviews Republican presidential candidate Herman Cain, who states that he believes sexual orientation is a choice. Morgan questions that view. This clip is played a few more times during the program.

Melnichuk accepts calls from people who have views on both sides of the issue. The following are descriptions and transcriptions of a few of those conversations.

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Melnichuk: What do you think? I want you to give me a call. And let me just say off the top, I may disagree with what you say, but that doesn't mean that I hate you. You may disagree with me, but I'm not assuming that you would hate me. So let's just disagree and be civil about it. I'm interested, seriously in why you would think a person is gay not by choice. Or vice versa. Interested in your opinion based upon your moral ethic. Whatever that may be. And that's okay. And then I want to be very careful that no one is condemning. Because I will say off the top, I don't hate people who are gay. I know people who are gay. Don't hate them. I may not agree with their behaviour. Just as I would not agree with someone's behaviour that I would consider to be not under God's standard. But I say that to make sure that *you* are aware that if you do call and are condemning that I will cut you off. I want you, me, us to be respectful regarding this conversation. So I want you to give me a call.

After a few other calls, caller Mike expresses his view that sexual orientation is not a choice because it is in a person's genes and there is scientific proof of this. Melnichuk responds by posting a quotation from the American Psychological Association which states there is no consensus among scientists on the reasons why individuals develop a particular sexual orientation, but most people experience no sense of choice about it. Melnichuk emphasizes that there is no agreement among scientists on this issue.

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Melnichuk: Science hasn't proven it yet according to what I read and understand. Like I said, they can't even prove why I am born a heterosexual male. So, it's interesting, but I've

yet to see and view or come to any consensus as to science being able to prove it. And like I say, people say yes because of science or say no because of science. But apart from that, there are circumstantial situations within people's lives – and horrific – that have caused such to follow whatever sexual orientation. And there's just simply cultural morality. Nothing wrong with it. It's okay. That's how they choose to live. But those who say there is a choice also bring in that higher moral code. So, what do you think? Is there a choice?

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Melnichuk: Again, folks, I'm looking for your opinions. Um, and, and listen, you may disagree with me and that's okay. I just want to know what you believe, why you believe it, based upon your own morality. And that could be whatever. I mean, no secret, my morality's based upon what I hold to be true: the scriptures. And I do happen to believe the scriptures do say that it's a choice. But that's my opinion and if you don't uphold to that, nor do you believe the Bible, that's okay. Let me know what you believe and why. That's what I'm interested in.

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caller Lorraine: My answer is ultimately I think it's a choice. And I have a bit of a, a theory if you care to hear it.

Melnichuk: I'm sorry, Lorraine?

Lorraine: I have a bit of theory if you care to hear it because, I think, ultimately, it's a choice.

Melnichuk: Okay. Um, if you can make it in, like, one minute or so that'd be great.

Lorraine: All right. I'm going to make the comparison to an, say, an alcoholic. Now I myself am a recovered alcoholic. Now I believe I was born that way. And I also believe that it's nurture. Hello?

Melnichuk: I'm, I'm listening.

Lorraine: Okay, so it's a nature-nurture thing. I was born that way and I have had to struggle my entire life, um, to not be an alcoholic because the consequences of being one: it brings about all sorts of stigma, shame, corruption to myself and those around me. So I personally chose to not drink even though my body says to and I was born that way. And I liken that to the same with homosexuality. I think it's a nature-nurture thing. Again, there's genetic evidence that there's a predisposition to that. And, you know, with society it's become very, very acceptable. However, I still believe there's a choice. And for me a lot of my choice surrounding abstinence was dictated by God. And my beliefs that said, you know, no drunkard shall see heaven.

Melnichuk: Okay.

Lorraine: And God is very important in my life. And, you know, so I choose to be abstinent because of my belief in God.

Melnichuk: Okay, fair comment, Lorraine. Thank you for calling. I really appreciate it and, as well, for being a first-time caller. Let's go to Whitby with, uh, Guy. Guy, how are you? Welcome to *It's Your Call*.

caller Guy: Hi. Good night, Rob. Um, I would go to that, uh, I think it's a choice. And why I would say it's a choice is that, um, within the society we are looking, living now, people have accepted what they believe. And, um, if you go back into Romans – I cannot remember exactly the verse – um, it show you [*sic*], it show you [*sic*] where God give the people, give them over to, um, --

Melnichuk: "A reprobate mind". That's in Romans chapter 1.

Guy: -- [??] whatever they wanted. And everything that God did is, it was a free choice. That's one thing. He didn't, he didn't enslave us. It's a choice. And I also believe that it is a very strong demonic power that is within this world right now that we are presently living. That is, um, um, attached, attached. And, um, making it, making the secularisation look like it's glorious and, um, glorified. Which it's not. Um, at the same time, we just have to pray for them, as we pray for anything, as you said. Um, like tests or anything that we are doing that is not right.

Melnichuk: Okay.

Guy: So to condemn them is wrong. We just have to pray for them, but, at the same time, we have to also encourage that, the behaviour, the lifestyle.

Melnichuk: Okay. Well, thank you.

Following a commercial break, Melnichuk reads a web post from a viewer who discounts people who say they knew they were gay at age 4 or 5 because no one even has sexual feelings that young.

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caller David: Um, well, from my personal experience, which is all I can really talk about, when I was a child. I've heard some people phoning in and saying children are knowing their sexual orientation at very young ages. I don't know how much of that I can buy. From my own experience, when I was a child, up until the age of puberty, I didn't much like girls. I always hung with the guys, played sports. Girls, you know, they didn't like getting dirty back in the day. I'll tell you I'm 54 so we'll put this, my childhood, date it where it should be. And, when I hit puberty, as with my friends, there was some, well, there're some

physical changes, but also the mental and the sexual orientation. Girls all of a sudden became a very desirable thing. It wasn't an, and I don't, it wasn't a choice. It was like, when I hit puberty, yeah the guys were still okay for rough-housing and doing sports and stuff, but all of a sudden girls were, were not a desirable companion as a young child because they, like I said, they had their way, we had ours. All of a sudden in my mind it was like there was no choice. It was like I guess I'm heterosexual because I'm attracted to the women. Now, I had an experience with a friend of mine. Same thing. My best friend at the time. And when he went through puberty, same thing. He's heterosexual. Now, about, I'd say a few years after he went through puberty something happened to his body. A certain gland in his body stopped producing a certain enzyme. When this happened, well, it led to a bunch of things. One thing was violent black-outs. He would black-out, destroy things, lift objects way too heavy for a person his size to lift, throw them around. And when he came out of it, he didn't even remember doing it. Another symptom from this medical disorder: he became homosexual. And it wasn't a choice. It wasn't that he decided "I'm going to try this out". To your question, I would say it seems like you're looking at a black and white answer. And yet, from my experience in life, human beings, like blades of grass and snowflakes, God made us all different. Similar, but different.

Melnichuk: Okay, David. I'm going to jump in here because our lines are full. I, I understand what you're saying. My comment would be from those who, um, would hold the fact that, well, no God made male and female, God makes other people different. Um, from a Biblical perspective, a Christian would say well, then show me in the Bible where God made somebody who was gay and condoned them. That would be the logical explanation from that. Now I'm not saying that stuff happens today physiologically, emotionally, mentally, all that kind of stuff. I understand it. The point being, when it comes right down to it, depending on your moral, cultural ethic, you gotta say God made men, God made women. And, naturally, a man will be attracted to a woman and vice versa. Outside that parameter, – now, I'm talking about mature adults – outside that parameter, what is the norm? That people that follow the scriptures would say is man with woman, woman with man. Anything other wouldn't be normal. So God wouldn't've made them, people that way because the Bible says he made a man and a woman. Anything that involves a sexual exploitation with people of the same sex, Paul says, is wrong. So I'm just kind of quoting what the Bible says and the argument of people. So, again, the issue is those of the gay lifestyle say they were born that way. There's no choice. That's who they are. They're born that way so that's who they are. Well, there's other people coming out saying, who have chosen that lifestyle saying "I wasn't born that way, I made the choice". So you've got two opposing views.

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Melnichuk: Yeah, what's going on in our culture today does bother me. And I've got a choice. I can either simply stick my head in the sand and pretend nothing's going on or, listen, when things are challenging my own moral opinion, yeah, I can have an opinion on it. It doesn't mean I hate anybody. I may disagree with them. Doesn't mean I hate them. Just like I would say I totally disagree with someone who is, by choice, -- and I know this

isn't, it, instances there because I've pastored and all that kind of stuff – it's an alcoholic, loves to drink, gets drunk and beats up somebody. His wife, his children, his family, whatever. Is that right? Well, no, it's wrong. Do I hate the person? No. But when it comes to this, it's front and centre. And what's interesting that's created the flood, is Cynthia Nixon, and, again, you may have read all the material, but she came out and said that, to her, being a lesbian is a choice. And other people then have come out and said, yeah, it is a choice. But the other side has said no, it's not a choice. And there's a fear there. That's why we're having the discussion. My moral foundation is the scriptures. There is a choice. Because I would consider what the Bible teaches as a homosexual lifestyle being a sin. Do I hate the person? No. Do I hate the sin? Yes. Just like I hate other sins. The discussion is what is it you think? Choice or not? Gabriel in Calgary. Welcome to *It's Your Call*, Gabriel.

caller Gabriel: Yeah, hi, Robert. And thank you for, uh, opening up the subject and allow [sic] us to exchange opinions. Um, I realize, watching the show from the beginning that, uh, the majority are leaning toward that it's a choice. So I would like to touch a different angle. Now, my comment would be on what we're going to do, then, if it's a choice, as a Christian. Now did Jesus give us an example how to deal with this situation? I believe he did. Uh, it's in the story of the woman that was caught in act of adultery. And we know how the Lord dealt with her. He didn't judge, condemn her. But he gave her a second chance in life, encouraged her and released the burden of those who were accusing her. Now I think this is one area where, as a Christian, we're losing the battle. Because there is a trend to judge homosexuality and homosexuals by many Christians. And I realize also there is a movement in the States, there's some people who are saying that our nation is in trouble because of the homosexuals, we should get rid of them. So, um, this is where the devil is winning here. Because we should, as a Christian -- that's my belief and my personal experience -- not just say we hate the sin, but we don't hate the, the people. No, we've got to go one step further about that. And we should extend love to them. And by "love" I don't mean to give them a hug and tell them "I love you". It's not enough. Love has been explained in Corinthians. It means understanding. It means compassion. You open up to them. That's my experience. You talk to them. You love them to trust you. And one of them, my experience, tell me [sic] about how he has been abused. You will find out lots of these people have a very sad story of abuse or neglect and that's why they turn to be homosexual [sic]. So if you create the friendship and create trust, then there's one step towards cure. And that's what we need to do as a Christian. To show that true Christian love towards these people so we can win them. And instead of just trying to judge the situation.

Melnichuk: Absolutely. Gabriel, thank you. I appreciate that. And, folks, as Gabriel, you, you are welcome to give me your perspective on it. And when it comes to what do we do? Well, we, we'll try to wrap things up here when we're done, but we've got to take a break here in just a moment, so, you know, what do we do? Let's face it, regarding any vice the Bible will talk about, or anything that we consider, um, wrong or sin – define it as you like – you, you, you gotta deal with that situation and the fact that, number one, there's people that choose to do it because they want to do it and they're not going to change. But when

it comes to this as well, and I say it, I've got some experience where people, because of circumstances like Gabriel brought up and some other folks, when they were young or when they were in their teen years, whatever. Situations happen that drove them and trapped them into something they don't believe is right, but they are bound by and they can't escape. Well, of course, loving them simply is, I believe, the power of Jesus Christ. Power of the cross. What we believe, what we preach, what we stand for can set people free. That, I'm saying, is what Paul said. In First Corinthians chapter 6. He explains to the Corinthian believers, living in an incredible sexualized society, hey, this is how some of you people were and, you know what, in God's perspective, it's wrong. But now you are. And that's the whole key: But now you are.

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Melnichuk: Is there a choice? Our topic tonight. And, you know, it's interesting because some people, we've got people on both sides of the coin here, which is fine, which is understandable. But I find it interesting that, that people hold religiously to science to prove their orientation. But then I also find it, in the same fact, that if a person would hold religiously to what the Bible says to prove their orientation that somehow that becomes hateful. And, uh, you know what, if that's where you're at – in other words, you're on the science side – why would you say to a person like myself who would hold the scriptures, why, if I don't agree with your orientation because I wouldn't assume, because the Bible's very clear that God made a man and a woman, nothing in between, that, hey, that's my opinion based on what my moral code is. I'm okay with that. I'm okay with how you would think. But why the attack? And vice versa because I know there are people who are Bible thumpers who have taken scripture in, you know, in anger and in wrong ways have indeed approached this subject in not a Christ-like fashion. I agree, but they're wrong.

The next caller is Stella. She cites Bible verses from Leviticus which state that man shall not lie with a male as with a woman because it is an abomination. Melnichuk responds by saying people would argue that is from Old Testament, but in his view it is still applicable. He says there are different kinds of law, including moral law or God's law. The scriptures suggest there will be ramifications/consequences for all sins, including homosexuality. Everyone will have to answer for their sins when standing before God.

Caller Greg then describes his personal experience as a gay man. He believes it is not a choice and he has struggled with his homosexuality. He attempted to take his own life, but believes God sent him an ambulance and gave him back his life. He complains that church-people are not very compassionate. He wants to get his life right with God and tries to abstain, but any church-goers he has approached for help have just thrown scripture at him and have not welcomed him. Melnichuk agrees there are church people who are not Christ-like in how they handle this issue and have done more harm than good.

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Melnichuk: You are right. Especially with this one particular issue, I have to confess, yeah, there are church people who aren't Christ-like in how they handle this. Absolutely I would agree they've done more harm than good. But when it comes to embracing something that the scripture teaches as wrong, that's where we've got to really act in genuine love. One of the problems has been, and I'm going to speak on, not someone that I sense from yourself wanting help, but those who don't, but who think, hey, I'm a Christian, God made me this way and therefore it's my way or the highway for you. Well, you gotta give 'em the word of God straight up. But people that are struggling with a gay lifestyle versus people struggling with alcohol or any other abuse or sexual perversion, whatever. Is it always instantaneously? No. It can be, but there's a progressiveness to it. And living a certain way or a lifestyle, God can save you spiritually. But, you know what? Sometimes you still gotta battle with your mind and that's where the Bible says you've got to read it, study it, embrace it, make it a part of your life. So that your mind becomes renewed. And eventually some of those vice grips that hold you, they will loosen. They will weaken as you become more stronger [*sic*] in Christ. I don't deny the power of God. But opening church doors we, we do have to be careful as far as opening the door to say however you choose to live, come on in and go for it. No. We love you, that if you believe that what you're doing is wrong as we hold, then come on in. We'll love you. We'll help you. And I'm just sorry that you haven't found a church that's willing to do that, to help walk you through that so that you can walk in complete freedom. But thanks for your call, Greg. I, I do really appreciate it. Uh, Elizabeth, uh, from Toronto. Elizabeth, welcome to *It's Your Call*.

caller Elizabeth: Good morning. Okay, the reason I call is because, uh, I, uh, I believe that's is for choice. Because of, for two reasons. Uh, I know a person, uh, who's 40 years old that, uh, the wife left to, to live with another guy. And then he is desperate very bad one night. He went to the tavern. And he was there, a gay came to talk to him. He was a little drunk and he say "Why not? Why not? I can choose to try anything now. I can because, I can receive what I'm feeling now." So they went together and now he's a gay. And I said to him, "Why, uh, why, why you don't come back and try?" Because I, I, uh, I was telling him about God and he said "No, because now I, I feeling, uh, well. I can, I can live that because I like it." So this is the evil wash your brain and he knows when to touch you when you are weak. You know? [grammar errors original]

Melnichuk: Mm hm.

Elizabeth: There's another, another one.

Melnichuk: Elizabeth, let me just jump in. I, I'm going to take another caller 'cause I've got to wrap things up, but I appreciate what you're saying. And, yeah, you hit it right on the money. There is an enemy of our souls who, Christians believe, attacks us when we are weak. He's not going to attack you in your strong area; in your weak area because that's where you're going to fall. And those who uphold the scriptures, they will tell you, they

believe God made a man and a woman. He didn't make anything other than that. What happens is, well that's a result of many things. We can't put it up to science or biology because it hasn't been proven. When it comes to morality, yeah, which moral code do we follow? That's a choice you have and a choice I have. So I do appreciate, you know, what, folks, you've been saying. Let me take one more quick call and I'll wrap things up here. Eric in Vaughn. Welcome to *It's Your Call*, Eric.

caller Eric: Hi, how are you tonight?

Melnichuk: Good, thanks.

Eric: Um, I kind of disagree with this whole choice thing. I don't see why anybody would choose to be something that is so despised and discriminated. It would be like choosing to be black in the 1950s or '60s. Why would anybody in their right mind do so? Second of all, your statement about, saying that man created, or sorry, God created only men and women and nothing in between is completely wrong. Because I don't know if you've ever heard what hermaphrodites are, but hermaphrodites are people that are born with both a vagina and a penis. Another thing I find kind of odd about people who like to use the Bible and the scripture as a form of justifying, uh, any means of discrimination toward anybody is, I find it funny how people, you know, will criticize others before taking order in their own home first. You know? Why, why do people care so much about what other people do with their own bodies? As, like, to me, I'm a straight man and, you know, I used to be homophobic when I was young because I was taught to be homophobic. You know, my father was homophobic before. And as we started going along and realizing that these people are just people. They have skills, they have talents, they have their own ideas. They're their own individuals. As long as they're not bothering me with their trying to seduce me, I don't care what they do in their personal lives.

Melnichuk: Eric, gotta jump in here 'cause I gotta wrap things up. I hear what you're saying and I appreciate that. And, you know what? I, I get it. But, um, you know, the one comment that God created a man and a woman, God created a man and a woman. You mentioned a hermaphrodite. Just because that can happen – and you know what? – I will admit, because of, and I will say, sin entering the world back in the garden of Adam and Eve. And believe it or not, it doesn't matter. The point is, because I believe that, yeah, there's stuff that's going to happen in our physical bodies. And mutations that – you know what? – aren't the norm. So, because someone's born that way, what do we say? That's the norm? It's like a person born with four digits or five or six. Er, sorry, with four or six. Or with disease. I mean, that stuff's a reality. And we gotta deal with it. But when it comes to what is intended, and the Bible makes very clear, I happen to believe a man and a woman. Anything else in between, God doesn't approve of. My opinion, but I hold to that religiously. Again, as folks hold religiously to science. Listen, um, you know what? Thanks. I really appreciated all your involvement. And, um, all the comments you have made. Very good. Uh, it's a tough subject. It's a sensitive subject. And, hey, you know, Eric said, uh, doesn't bother me so it doesn't matter. Well, um, I happen to believe that if we who believe, like those who would believe in a gay lifestyle being important, it will

eventually affect my kids' children and grandchildren, great-grandchildren if the Lord carries. But that's my opinion and – you know what? – will I be a voice to say I don't agree with it? Yes. Do I hate that? Them? No. And so if you're going to sit there and accuse me of that, then you're basically wrong. 'Cause I do love the person. I just don't agree with what that lifestyle or that vice may be. And I have the freedom to do that. Is there an answer? Is there a cure? Even that's a little bit tricky. But my answer to a person who, and there are people 'cause I know, struggling with a gay lifestyle who don't want to be in it, there is an answer. His name is Jesus.