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David Bauer in his article “Homosexuality according to the Bible: A Contribution to the Position of the Free Methodist Church on Same-Sex Relationships discussed how the church needs to respond to the strong cultural pressures to accept homosexual relationships especially “monogamous, covenantal partnerships”. Bauer revealed the historical and cultural background of homosexuality in the Ancient Near East. He revealed that all the cultures except Israel accepted homosexual practices. Using the accounts from creation in Genesis 1:26-28, 2:18-25, Bauer pointed out that “homosexuality contradicts nature and therefore rejects nature's God”. He indicated that both the Old and New Testaments condemn homosexuality. From the Jewish perspectives homosexual behavior is debasing and self-destructive. According to Bauer, Paul in the New Testament asserted that homosexuality is idolatry practiced by gentiles. Bauer observed the following that homosexual practice was almost entirely absent among the Hebrews, the Jews, and the early church. Second, the Bible always and without exception presents God's design for human sexual relationships exclusively in terms of heterosexual marriage. In addition, the fact that God created humankind “male and female” means that human beings are constitutionally heterosexual. Finally, the behavior of individuals affects the fabric and the destiny of the entire community.

What the homosexual community is seeking for is acceptance and approval and therefore it continues to pressure the society for these. From the foregoing discussion, one would ask; “Is it right to obey God or yield to human opinions and cultural pressures? It is sad that the President of the United States of America, Joe Biden has legalized gay marriages and homosexuality. The

Church cannot bend its convictions on the issue of homosexuality but should stand resolute on what the Bible teaches. However, she could show mercy and compassion to those who are caught up in these homosexual behaviors. Should the church be silent or speak up in a culture which approves homosexuality? I think its time for the church to speak up and not be silent.