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In the University of Phoenix Stadium, on Monday Night Football the Arizona Cardinals hosted the Chicago Bears. At half time the Cardinals were up 20 – 0. By the end of the game they lost 23 – 24. After the game, Dennis Green, coach of the Cardinals, was asked if his team took the Bears for granted. His ensuing tyrant let Green to say,

“They are who we thought they were!”

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Bigot –

A person who is obstinately and unreasonably wedded to a particular religious creed, opinion, practice or ritual. The word is sometimes used in an enlarged sense, for a person who is illiberally attached to any opinion, or system of belief.

Homophobe(ia) –

Homophobia encompasses a range of negative attitudes and feelings toward homosexuality or people who are identified or perceived as being lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT). It can be expressed as antipathy, contempt, prejudice, aversion, or hatred, may be based on irrational fear, and is sometimes related to religious beliefs

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New Mexico

Elaine Huguenin, a commercial photographer, was approached by a same-sex couple to take pictures of their commitment ceremony. She refused citing her stance on same-sex marriages. She was sued and lost.

Oregon

Sweet Cakes, a commercial bakery, was approached by a same-sex couple to make their wedding cake. The owners respectfully refused citing their stance on same-sex marriage. After a complaint with the state and growing public criticism, Sweet Cakes closed their doors.

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Was Elaine Huguenin's or Sweet Cakes acting with Homophobia or Bigotry?

Were either unreasonably wedded to a particular religious creed or opinion?

No – their belief is not unreasonable.

Did either encompass a range of negative attitudes and feelings toward homosexuality?

No – neither were disrespectful or stated any hateful remarks. Both simply refused to participate in something they didn't believe in.

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What was it that they believe in?

Homosexuality is a sin.

Romans 1 : 24 – 27

“...vile passions...shameful...”

‘atimia’ – disgrace

‘aschemosune’ – an indecency

Leviticus 18 : 22 – 23

“...It is an abomination.”

‘toebah toebah’ (h) – disgusting (morally)

Genesis 19 : 1 – 7

“...do not do so wickedly!”

‘raa’ (h) – good for nothing, that is, bad

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Is their belief unreasonable?

Unreasonable – not guided or based on good sense exceeding the bounds of reason.

No

Is their belief one of negative attitudes toward homosexuals?

Toward – in the direction of

No

Do you share their belief?

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Is adultery a sin?

Exodus 20 : 14

“You shall not commit adultery.”

Leviticus 20 : 10

“...shall be put to death.”

Proverbs 6 : 32 – 35

“Whoever commits adultery...destroys his own soul.”

Yes

Is the belief that adultery is wrong unreasonable or negative towards adulterers?

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Do we as Christians stand against Homosexuality?

Yes

Do we as Christians stand against Adultery?

Yes

Do we view Homosexuality and Adultery in the same light?

No