

Dear Families of Gilead Bible Church,

On an early September week, the news media's headlines echoed similar themes: *"Jailed Kentucky clerk says issued marriage licenses to gay couples void."*



A Kentucky clerk jailed for refusing to issue marriage licenses asserted that any ones that are issued without her authority Friday to gay couples in Rowan County are void and "not worth the paper they are written on" because she didn't approve them, her attorney said.

*Kim Davis "has already been doing Bible studies with herself" in jail, her attorney Mat Staver of Liberty Counsel told reporters after meeting her behind bars. He said Davis is in very good spirits and is fully prepared to stay as long it takes to defend her religious freedoms.*¹

Kim Davis was adhering to and practicing the Bible's teaching from 1 Corinthians 16:13-14: "Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love." She was willing to do so even if the Supreme Court did not give her relief. She is willing to do so even if she had to go to jail. Kim Davis affirmed the authority of God above human authority in standing firm that God's plan for marriage is between a man and a women.

We, at Gilead Bible Church, may face a similar situation one day. May we also adhere to and practice the Bible's teaching from 1 Corinthians 16:13-14: "Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love."

One commentator (Clarke) on the Bible writes:

The terms in these verses are all military:

- *Watch ye, watch, and be continually on your guard, lest you be surprised by your enemies*
- *Stand fast in the faith - Keep in your ranks; do not be disorderly; be determined to keep your ranks unbroken; keep close together*
- *Quit [in the archaic sense by behaving in a specified way] "quit yourselves like men, and fight" yourselves like men*
- *When you are attacked, do not flinch; maintain your ground; resist; press forward; strike home; keep compact; conquer . . .*
- *Be strong - If one company or division be opposed by too great a force of the enemy, strengthen that division, and maintain your position . . . summon up all your courage, sustain each other; fear not, for fear will enervate you*

God Bless

Pastor and Helen Moy

¹<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2015/09/05/jailed-kentucky-clerks-calls-issued-marriage-licenses-to-gay-couples-void/>

親愛的基列主內弟兄姊妹,

在九月初一星期,新聞媒體的頭條新聞們響應類似主題,“被囚肯德基州文員說向同性戀 伴侶 發出之結婚證書無效”



因拒絕發出結婚證明而被囚禁之肯德基州文員斷言任何週五被發證明書的勞靈縣同性戀伴侶無效和“不值得的都寫在紙上”因為她沒有准許他們,她的律師說。

金戴維斯已經自己在監獄做聖經學習,她的律師自由協會的麥斯拉夫在獄中會面告訴記者他說戴維斯的精神狀態良好,並做好充分準備會留下來,只要這是需要去捍衛自己的宗教的自由。

金戴維斯秉承和實踐聖經哥林多前書16:13-14的教導:”

你們務要做醒、在真道上站立得穩、要作大丈夫,要剛強

凡你們所作的、都要憑愛心而作 “

她願意這樣做即使高等法院決定不釋放她,

她願意這樣做即使她要被監禁。金戴維斯確認神的權力訂定婚姻是一男一女是在人的權力之上、

我們基列教會有一天會面對相似的處境,我們也秉承和實踐聖經哥林多前書16:13-14的教導 “

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一評論員(克拉克)關於聖經他這樣寫:

這些經文全像是軍隊的條款:

- 警醒,看顧並不斷保持警惕,免得你被敵人有機可乘
- 在信仰站立得穩 -在你的隊伍中’不要亂;確保讓你的隊伍完整;保持接近
- 退出 [古老意義上被特定的行為] “退出像男子和爭取要像男子”
- 當你被攻擊時,不要退縮,維持你的立場,抵抗,盡力向前,攻擊到底;保持嚴謹;征服
- 要堅強 -如有一個團隊或部門被敵人的極大的力量對抗,加強這部門,和保持你的位置... 鼓起你所有的勇氣,相互支持,不懼怕,懼怕使你軟弱

願主祝福你們

梅牧師及師母

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