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In Genesis, we are told that, “God created man in His own

image; in His image He created him; male and female He

created them” (Gen 1:27-28). And from this, we understand that the purpose

of God's creation of sex is not merely for our pleasure or procre-

ation but to give the world an earthly

picture of the divine personality. And that it took male and female to

provide that picture. Our sexuality is not the only picture of God's character that

whole world has. If we understand that, we begin to make sense of all the other

scriptural passages about sex.

The grand fulfillment is Ephesians 5, where Paul says, “a

man should love his wife as Christ

loved the Church.” This is not mere

instruction for husbands. It is the

finishing touch on the masterpiece

the final word that marriage is a

God-created picture for us to under-

This letter is not to begin a war

of words with those who believe

truth or reading the research.

This also helps us understand why

this is such a contentious area. Our

sexuality is not merely an optional

gray area in the Christian life, in

which we have freedom to decide

what we want to believe. Our sexu-

ality is a battlefield for the holiness

of God's character. Now we also

know that this is a fallen world, and

some of the sins of others that lead us astray. So homosexual

tendencies or attraction can come

from a variety of places, including

our upbringing, early childhood

experiences and cultural messages.

But in Christ, there is grace and

redemption, and in this area in par-

ticular, there is a chance for victory.

If we do not acknowledge this, we are not telling the complete

truth or reading the research.

The more contradictions there are,

the more a person studies the

bible and its various translations

the more contradictions there are,

which is why people have differ-

ent interpretations and beliefs

about God's message in reference
to many issues. I do not need

to make people to agree with me. But I

take great offense to people who

feel their own belief system is right

and another group is wrong. Why are cer-

tain people allowed to deny select indi-

viduals church membership or

employment because they do not

believe certain things? That seems

a grave misuse of power. Throughout Jesus’ ministry, He continuously admonished

those who allowed their own

beliefs to make them feel worthy

of judging others or casting them

out. Time and time again in the

New Testament, mercy trumps

over judgment. In fact only those

who have not shown mercy are

subject to judgment without mercy.

As a private institution, EMU is somewhat protected

from a variety of places, including

our upbringing, early childhood

experiences and cultural messages.

The ability to dialogue with

each other and continue working

together in spite of theological

differences should not have to be

enforced through a lawsuit. At a
time when our country is on the

brink of a senseless war, it makes

no sense that our churches and

institutions are more focused on

anything other than extending

peace to their own sisters and

brothers.

Speaking out is a powerful tool against oppression, which is

why freedom of speech is a high-

ly protected individual right in

our country. Despite being part

of a community that is committed

to dialogue about difficult issues, EMU is now attempting to take

away people's ability to speak out

about what they believe. I believe that effort is indefensible,

unbiblical, un-Mennonite and

unjust.

- Karen Myers, EMU alumnus

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