

She abandoned the children as well as her husband. After a time her boss (a married man) dumped her and left her at her parents' home in another state. The abandoned husband, who was attempting to complete his graduate education while taking care of their children, went to her parents' home. He knocked and asked to see her, but she refused to come out, and simply sent the message that she didn't even want to talk to him. Overcome, he sat down on the porch steps and wept!

I know a man who, as a pastor, became involved with a woman in his congregation and had an affair with her. When it was discovered, he had to leave his church, undergo a period of repentance and restoration according to scriptural principles, and move elsewhere. His wife stuck with him through all of this, and showed him what grace and longsuffering and forgiveness is all about.

How sad these stories are! And all because of the desire to break out of the limits God has set for human conduct!

Another contemporary expression of this desire is the gay rights movement. I'm sure you're aware of the fact that it is becoming more and more difficult to publicly call homosexuality a sin! With gay rights communities and gay rights task forces springing up all over the United States; with more and more people "coming out of the closet" and announcing themselves as self-respecting and