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## It Was Just A Matter Of Time

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**J**ust two weeks ago in a mercEmail article entitled, "*Yesterday's Fringe, Today's Center*" I noted how that the moral decline in our society must be stopped or we will soon witness the acceptance of matters that were at one time unthinkable.

A case in point: Recently the Massachusetts Supreme Court ruled that homosexuals had the right to marry. No longer would the biblical norm of a man and a woman be a necessary requirement for marriage. As if this weren't bad enough, friends, it won't stop here. Once a society is unsatisfied with and abandons God's absolute standards, then it is only a matter of time until we become victims of our own subjective standards.

The door has been cracked open with regard to the definition of marriage in allowing homosexuals to marry. But it won't stop there. Now a polygamist in Utah, who has five wives, is appealing bigamy convictions brought against him on the basis of this court ruling. This man's lawyer is arguing that the decriminalization of homosexual sex is no different than polygamy.

The sad truth is that he's right. If you can abandon God's definition of marriage and change the "gender" of those who are married, then why can't you change the "number" of those involved in a marriage?

Friends, unless we dig in our heels and take a stand; unless we raise our voices in objection to the trend of moral decay, then it is just a matter of time until the fringe becomes the center. Give it some thought.