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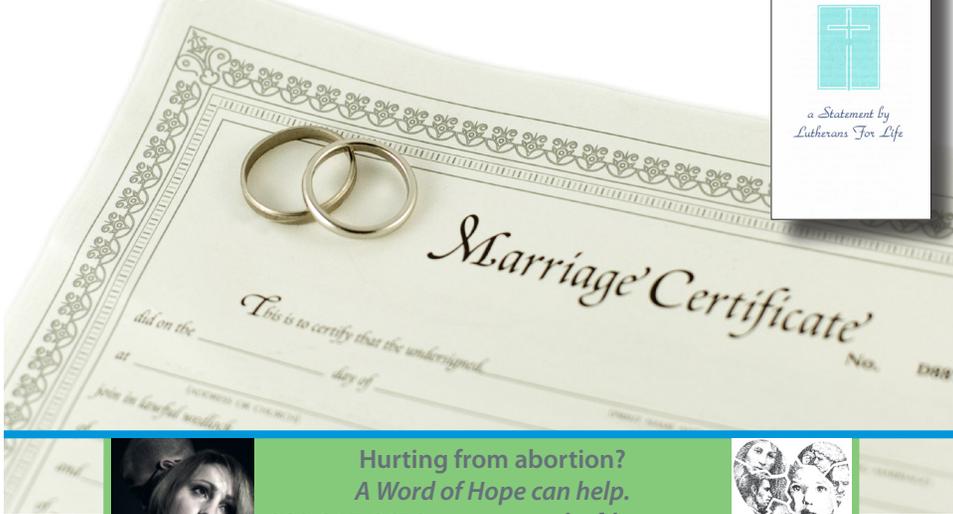
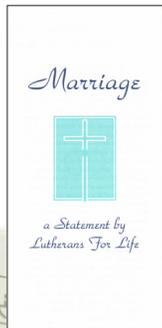
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Marriage, and other things, like friendship, have a *definite* shape, definite components. You cannot be my *friend* if you *steal* my money. Take the game of baseball. You can play many variations on baseball (shorthanded, pitcher's hands out, right field foul). But you must at least have two pieces of equipment for baseball: (1) a bat and (2) a baseball. Two people throwing baseballs back and forth to each other are "playing catch"—they are not playing baseball! God's will for the male-female marital union was explicitly revealed in Genesis and affirmed by Jesus. There may be other 'couplings,' but they are not and cannot ever be marriage, which is the committed, lifelong, one-flesh union of the two sexes, male and female.

There is no future in gay marriage, nor in any sexually permissive culture—not for very long, despite new drugs and technologies. Christians are called to sexual purity. It's there in Genesis, right on through to Revelation (see 22:11,15). Fortunately, God is able to forgive and heal us of our failings when we repent. He is merciful and gracious. No need for despair, but always hope in the Lord!

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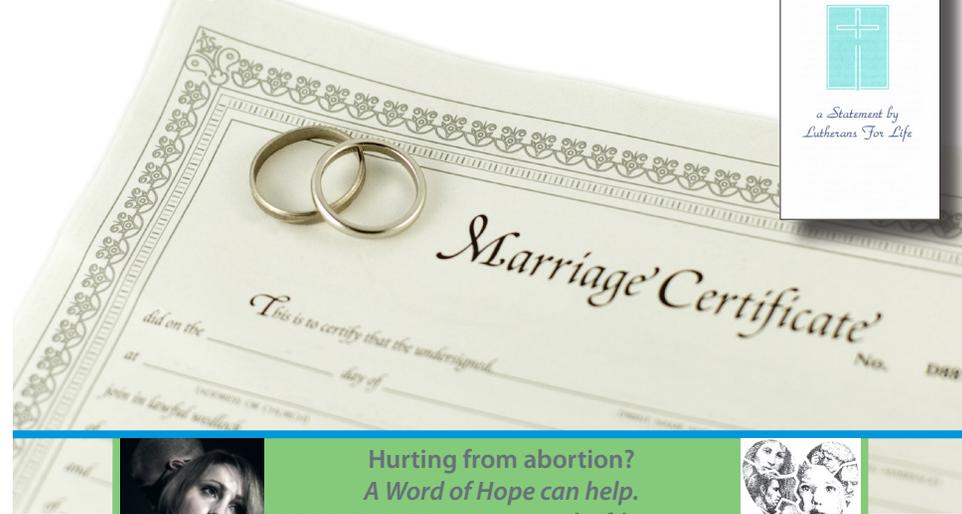
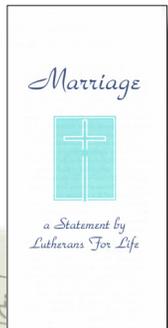
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