

LifeWay Pulls Jen Hatmaker Resources After She Affirms Apostasy

LifeWay resources halted production and selling of Jen Hatmaker's resources after the author and speaker affirmed gay marriage.

"From a civil rights and civil liberties side and from just a human being side, any two adults have the right to choose who they want to love. And they should be afforded the same legal protections as any of us. I would never wish anything less for my gay friends," Hatmaker told *Religion News Service's* Jonathan Merritt.

"From a spiritual perspective, since gay marriage is legal in all 50 states, our communities have plenty of gay couples who, just like the rest of us, need marriage support and parenting help and Christian community. They are either going to find those resources in the church or they are not," Hatmaker said.

Her comments prompted a nearly immediate reaction from the Christian retailer behind many of her products, including her best-selling book, *7: An Experimental Mutiny Against Excess*.

"In a recent interview, [Hatmaker] voiced significant changes in her theology of human sexuality and the meaning and definition of marriage—changes which contradict LifeWay's doctrinal guidelines," LifeWay spokesman Marty King said. "As a result, LifeWay has discontinued selling her resources."