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The Novelist Portent

UNWED-BUN IN THE OVEN?
NOT ON GOD'S WATCH!



"A California Christian college has been accused of firing a female teacher for having premarital sex, and then offering her job to her fiance. Teacher Teri James, 29, admits she pledged not to engage in 'immoral behavior,' but says in a lawsuit it was 'humiliating' for the college to fire her when pregnant, and to offer her job to her fiance, who had impregnated her."

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Seriously? That surprised her? A biblical-based school; acting ... oh I don't know--BIBLICAL.

She should count herself lucky, dealing with outdated, biased, sexist, hypocritical policies; in the days of her grandmother's youth, she would've been shunned from society; in the days of her great-great-great-grandmother, she would've been tied up in the town square and stoned to death by the "unsinned" Christian "Soldiers"---give or take a few more "great-"s.

Rocks and baby-bumps don't mix.

I side with both the Christian Christian college's decision to fire James, and, her rights as a woman of modern-pop-culture-America.

For the Church--I can see why an unmarried woman penguinning around a "christian" setting enthused school, and a teacher at that, would not set the most dogma'd example to students and the path chosen for them. And from a legal view, James was under contract (albeit a "pledge") not to engage in such behavior and willingly gave the church legal right to do such a thing as what they did, when accepting the position.

For James--why couldn't she just be suspended, told she could return after the baby (a daughter I'm blindly guessing) is born and after James got married? Couldn't she still lead by example by showing forgiveness and understanding, repent for her "sin" and be reaccepted? I can see why she'd be angry with the cold Christian backs of her piers turned to her in such a time, a time that is in fact the most beautiful moments of life for the mother and the father. Isn't after all, the entire church based on the birth of a child from questionable relations? At least in the case of James, she can point to her child's father without stories of supernatural intervention.