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Standing for Truth in an Age of Lies: Why the Fight for Religious Liberty Matters

By Mat Staver

Christians nationwide face controversy when they confront lies with truth and have faced retaliation, lawsuits, and even termination from their jobs for standing for such convictions. Some of these individuals are presented with a choice: Give in to a lie or lose your livelihood.

Take [Luke Ash](#), the bivocational pastor of Stevendale Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who understands the personal cost of standing for his convictions. Pastor Ash refused to wrongfully refer to a female trainee by her "preferred" male pronouns in his job at the East Baton Rouge Parish Library.

Pastor Ash showed no animus or disrespect. He simply said, "I don't do that," when another

colleague confronted him about not using the female trainee's "preferred" pronouns. When given the option to change his mind and use her "preferred" pronouns in compliance with the library's so-called "inclusivity" policy, he refused.

As a Christian, Pastor Ash could not lie to affirm a delusion that seeks to defy God's design. As a result, he was unlawfully fired from his second job that allowed him to better support his family.

If they come after people like Pastor Ash for standing for his convictions (and for biological fact as basic as male and female), they will come after you. This is why the fight for religious liberty matters.

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It's Not If, But When, Obergefell Will Be Overturned

By Mat Staver

On November 10, the Supreme Court declined to hear *Davis v. Ermold*, marking the end of a decade-long legal battle for Kim Davis, the first victim jailed, sued, and held personally liable post-*Obergefell v. Hodges* for her religious beliefs on marriage.

This denial is heartbreaking for Kim Davis and is a miscarriage of justice. Refusing to take up this case is a stark departure from the Constitution the Court purports to protect.

Kim Davis now *personally* faces hundreds of thousands of dollars in fines for refusing to put her name on a "marriage" license that violated her Christian faith. Despite this, our fight for the religious liberty of Americans like Kim Davis, and to overturn the *Obergefell* opinion, is far from over.



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'Taking the Arrows' for his Kids: University Professor Fired for Defending Parental Rights

By Emily Wood Hawley

Daniel Grossenbach, a Christian father of two and adjunct professor at the University of Arizona, spoke up at school board meetings to protect his son and daughter from destructive ideologies contrary to his faith. He never imagined that standing for his children, what he describes as an “instinctive parental response,” would lead to the loss of his job as an ethics professor.

In 2023, Catalina Foothills School District (CFSD), the district in which Grossenbach’s children attend school,



came under fire when its policies promoted teachers secretly pushing radical gender ideology on students. Grossenbach knew he could not remain on the sidelines.

The tipping point for Grossenbach was when he found out the school district began to allow (and even encourage) staff to hide information about students, such as their preferred name or pronouns, from parents.

“It was a separation of the kids from their parents,” he explained. “And so, I was just advocating for all kids to have a right to parental involvement, obviously starting with my kids because my kids are first and foremost for me.”

He began speaking at local school board meetings to advocate for parental rights, and he even established [SaveCFSD](#), a nonprofit organization focused on restoring “truth, trust, and transparency” to the Tucson, Arizona-area school board.

Grossenbach’s defense of parental involvement stemmed from his Christian worldview but also from a “commonsense perspective as an American.” He said that Christian parents have an even greater responsibility to stand up for their children.

“If we don’t speak out for truth, especially for our kids, then we’re going to let them continue to be exposed in this environment that’s harmful for them,” Grossenbach said. “And what we’re doing is we’re letting them fight that battle then.”

This problem will continue to grow and become “far worse” years down the road if it remains unchecked, subjecting children to face such battles alone, he explained.

“And now we are putting our kids into that environment saying, ‘OK, kid, now you fight it for me when I should have been the one that fought it for them,’” he continued. “We’re the parents. We should be the mama bears and papa bears that are out there taking the arrows on this now before it gets worse and before it really targets our kids.”

His public stand for parental rights, a concept once considered mainstream, did not come without cost. A coordinated effort to silence him through a barrage of anonymous complaints to his employer that disparaged him and even falsely accused him of “domestic terrorism” led to the University of Arizona unlawfully terminating him as an adjunct ethics professor.

The fact that he was fired for standing for something as non-controversial as a child’s right to have their parents involved in their upbringing is “mind-blowing” to him.

Liberty Counsel filed a [lawsuit](#) on Grossenbach’s behalf against the University of Arizona for retaliating against his First Amendment rights, declaring that the university’s discriminatory actions against his freedom of speech and freedom of religion are illegal and unconstitutional. The lawsuit seeks to reinstate Grossenbach to his prior position, restore his benefits, and award damages.

Grossenbach is not finished fighting, or as he calls it, “taking the arrows” for his kids. He believes that his story, and stories like his, will embolden others to speak up.

“We have to be more bold than those who are opposing our values,” Grossenbach said.

Grossenbach now sees some positive change in the school district, such as a Turning Point USA chapter starting and students speaking up and defending traditional values.

As for now, Grossenbach plans are to “[continue] to expose when we see things that are wrong, but also [have] hopefully a positive influence, too.” **TC**

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This is why we are fighting for [Kayleigh Bush](#), who could not continue as Miss North Florida after refusing to sign a newly minted Miss America contract with a false definition of “female.”

This is why we are fighting for [Daniel Grossenbach](#), who was fired from his job as an adjunct ethics professor at the University of Arizona for speaking up for his children and parental rights at local school board meetings as schools in the district were pushing LGBTQ indoctrination on children without parental knowledge or consent.

This is why we are fighting for a [social worker](#) in Clackamas County, Oregon, who is facing unlawful retaliation at work for refusing to call children by their “preferred” pronouns contrary to the way God made them.

This is why we are fighting for [Liberty University](#) that is being sued for terminating an employee who violated the Christian university's doctrinal statement by announcing his “transition” to female.

The list goes on, and this just scrapes the surface of Americans nationwide facing backlash for refusing to accept

a lie. Truth matters. Males cannot be females. In each of these cases, Christians were penalized for rightfully standing for what they know is true and exercising their faith. For each of these individuals, standing for their beliefs was costly — but worth it.

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Thankfully, the rule of law is on our side. For Pastor Ash, the Louisiana Constitution, the Louisiana Protection of Religious Freedom Act, the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 protect his right to uphold his religious beliefs about human sexuality in the workplace.

The East Baton Rouge Parish Library acted illegally in firing Pastor Ash and not even considering offering him a religious accommodation to avoid using false pronouns. Liberty Counsel is demanding the library reinstate Pastor Ash with back pay and revise its pronoun policy to respect the religious free exercise rights of all employees to avoid further legal action.

The United States is a bastion for religious liberty and free speech with guardrails in place to ensure Christians can stand for truth in a culture that rejects it. Americans cannot be forced to choose between their faith and their livelihood.

Christianity is countercultural, standing for the truth is costly, and the truth is under attack. In an age of lies, be bold in your faith, abide by your convictions, and, as Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn said, “live not by lies” — no matter the consequences. Truth is worth fighting for, and a Christian's religious liberty to stand for truth is worth defending. **LC**

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Remembering Charlie Kirk: American Patriot, Martyr for Christ

On September 10, 2025, Charlie Kirk died with his boots on — engaging in civil discourse on a college campus. Charlie's career centered on going to the front lines of the culture war on campuses nationwide, seeking to engage and change the hearts and minds of those with whom he disagreed. Charlie understood free speech as a gatekeeper of sorts for the American way of life, and he knew what was at stake — western civilization itself.

But more than his defense of liberty, Charlie's life exemplified faith in Jesus Christ and the freedom found in Him. In a June 29, 2025, [interview](#), Charlie was asked how he would like to be remembered. He answered, “I want to be remembered for courage for my faith. That would be the most important thing.”

And so he is.

In the days, weeks, and months after Charlie's death, these words have proven true. Countless souls have followed Christ, returned to church, or opened the Bible for the first time.

At least 20 million individuals [tuned in](#) to and close to 100,000 attended Charlie's memorial service where the gospel was clearly shared and the name of Jesus Christ was boldly proclaimed. What was meant for evil, God used for good.

An assassin's bullet could not stop the movement Charlie started. His voice was not silenced on September 10 but will reverberate for generations. His martyrdom is not in vain.

We will miss you, Charlie, but we will never let you or your legacy be forgotten. May God raise up countless more who will carry the torch for the cause of freedom. **LC**



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Kim Davis didn't ask to become the center of a hot-button culture war debate when she took a stand for her faith. Instead, she sought to abide by her Christian convictions in her role as the county clerk in Rowan County, Kentucky.

When the *Obergefell* opinion fabricated a "right" to same-sex "marriage" nationwide, Davis sought a religious accommodation to prevent her from issuing "marriage" licenses contrary to her belief that marriage is exclusively a union between one man and one woman.

Kim received the religious accommodation she desired so that her name would be removed from marriage licenses in three forms just months after the 2015 *Obergefell* opinion was handed down. This accommodation came from Democrat Gov. Steven Beshear in September 2015, from Republican Gov. Matt Bevin in December 2015, and from a bill unanimously passed by the state legislature in April 2016.

Kim Davis received the simple accommodation she requested, and David Ermold and David Moore received a license. But they wanted Kim's name on their license. When that did not happen, they continued this case as a vendetta against Kim to punish her for her Christian faith and belief that marriage is between one man and one woman.

David Ermold and David Moore sought to personally target Kim Davis for her Christian faith and make an example out of her. They could have gone to other county clerks or officials for their "marriage" license, but they wanted to force a Christian, Kim Davis, to depart from her religious beliefs and put her name on a document that violated God's Word.

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As a result of their public crusade to humiliate, punish, and bankrupt Davis for her faith, Davis was jailed, hauled before a jury, and she now faces crippling monetary damages based on nothing more than purported hurt feelings and a vendetta against her Christian convictions. Government officials like Davis do not shed their constitutional rights upon being elected.

By denying Davis' petition for justice, the High Court has let stand an opinion that stripped a government defendant of her immunity and any personal First Amendment defense for her religious expression.

Much like *Roe v. Wade*, *Obergefell v. Hodges* was egregiously wrong from the start and has no basis in the Constitution. Marriage should have never been federalized, and we will continue working with state legislators and individuals to overturn *Obergefell* and to return the issue of marriage to the states.

This may mark the end of an era in litigating Davis' case, but the fight to overturn *Obergefell* and protect religious liberty has just begun. I have no doubt that Davis' resolve will serve as a catalyst to raise up many more challenges to the wrongly decided *Obergefell* opinion.

Obergefell is legal fiction pulled out of thin air that jeopardizes the religious liberty of countless Americans who believe in God's definition of marriage. *Obergefell's* days are numbered, and we will not rest until it is overturned.

Until then, we must pray, fight, and contend for when *Obergefell* is no longer the law of the land. **TC**

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Liberty Counsel at Work

On November 13, Liberty Counsel Founder and Chairman Mat Staver argued before the Maine Supreme Court on behalf of Emily Bickford, a Christian mother prevented by an unconstitutional custody order from taking her preteen daughter, Ava, to church or any other religious activities. Ava's father, Matthew Bradeen, deems the biblical teachings of Emily's church, Calvary Chapel, as "psychologically detrimental" to his daughter because the church teaches the Bible "verse by verse." As a result, he imposed an unlawful custody order on Emily, giving him the sole authority and veto power over Ava's religious activities. This prevents Emily from taking her daughter to *any* church, providing religious instruction, or reading the Bible with Ava unless her dad approves.

Liberty Counsel is fighting for Emily's religious liberty and the right to raise her daughter in accordance with her religious beliefs.



Liberty Counsel Founder and Chairman Mat Staver stands outside the Maine Supreme Court with Emily Bickford, David Hirschon (local counsel in Maine), and Pastor Travis Carey (Calvary Chapel Greater Portland).