

Urgent prayer needed! **Religious liberty before U.S.** **Supreme Court**

At The FAMiLY LEADER, we want to make sure you know about **one of the most important Supreme Court cases of our lifetime**. And to ask you to pray with us for our nation's future.

On Tuesday, Dec. 5, arguments were heard before the U.S. Supreme Court in a case that will dramatically impact religious liberty in America.

Though our Founding Fathers enshrined your religious liberty in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, activists and like-minded judges want you to believe that you must abandon your religious and moral convictions when you run a business. Worse still, they argue the government should be able to force you to publicly agree with its position on same-sex marriage, even if that means violating your faith.

At issue in *Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission*, is whether the state of Colorado can compel baker and artist Jack Phillips, who opposes same-sex marriage out of sincere religious beliefs, to custom design a cake for a same-sex ceremony.

This is wrong. **Creative professionals should be free to create products and messages consistent with their convictions without threat of government punishment.**

Understand, Jack willingly and gracefully serves his homosexual customers. But like other artists, Jack won't make custom cakes with any and every message. He won't make racist cakes; he doesn't design Halloween cakes; he won't make sexually explicit cakes; he won't custom bake a cake celebrating a divorce; and he won't promote same-sex marriage.

But the government is trying to force him to.

Ask yourself, should the government be able to force a Democrat speechwriter to write a speech for President Trump? Should an atheist sign-maker be forced to create billboards proclaiming the existence of God?

For this case is far bigger than same-sex marriage. If the government can force an artist like Jack to create custom art against his faith and cripple his business if he doesn't, it can do the same thing to any artist or creative professional, no matter what belief they hold.

Please join me in prayer:

- For the Supreme Court justices, that God may grant them wisdom and courage to “do justly” (Micah 6:8)
- For our nation, that religious liberty may be preserved for future generations.

At The FAMiLY LEADER, we have assembled the following links that can help you and your friends better understand what's at stake for all of us:

- What you need to know: [Answers to the most commonly asked questions about the Masterpiece Cakeshop case](#)
- A Wall Street Journal editorial explaining why it's right and reasonable to side with Jack: [“Let Them Not Bake Cake”](#)
- [Jack's own words](#) from the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court, giving perhaps the best testimony of what the case is really about
- Video explaining the case: [Masterpiece Cakeshop Goes to the Supreme Court](#)
- Video: [Meet the lawyer arguing the case before the Supreme Court](#)
- Read more from our friends and allies, the Alliance Defending Freedom: [“WJJD: Would Jesus Design the Cake?”](#)

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