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## What Harrison Butker and Football Teach Us About Right and Wrong

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### **FRANK:**

Ladies and gentlemen, for about the past two weeks, you've seen quite an uproar over the Super Bowl winning kicker Harrison Butker and his comments out there at a Catholic college in Kansas. People are complaining about what he said. They think he's wrong. However, he laid out several biblical truths and also some doctrines of Catholicism. But how can you respond to people who think he's wrong about the biblical truths that he uttered? That's what we're going to do today. We're going to look at some of what he said and then point out some problems with what people are saying that are criticizing what Harrison Butker says.

So, let's dive into a few of the things he said. We can't read the whole statement. It's too long. It was actually a graduation speech at a college, in a Catholic college, conservative Catholic college in Kansas. About the second or so paragraph in, he said this, while Covid might have played a large role throughout your formative years, it is not unique. Bad policies and poor leadership have negatively impacted major life issues. Things like abortion, IVF, surrogacy, euthanasia, as well as a growing support for degenerate cultural values and media all stem from pervasiveness of disorder.

He said, our nation is led by a man who publicly and proudly proclaims his Catholic faith, but at the same time is delusional enough to make the sign of the of the cross during a pro-abortion rally. He has been so vocal in his support for the murder of innocent babies that I'm sure to many people it appears to you that can be both catholic and pro-choice. Or let me say that again. He says he has been so vocal in his support for the murder of innocent babies that I'm sure to many people it appears that you can be both catholic and pro-choice.

He is not alone. From the man behind the COVID lockdowns, can you say Fauci? He didn't use his name. To the people pushing dangerous gender ideologies onto the youth of America, they all have a glaring thing in common. They are catholic. This is an important reminder that being catholic alone doesn't cut it.

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All right, let me stop right here. He's pointing out quite clearly that there are many nominal Catholics out there. Of course, there are many nominal Protestants as well. But it is a big problem in the Catholic Church. And I say that as coming from the Catholic Church. When I grew up, people were largely, the people I knew who were Catholic were nominal Catholics. Yeah, they went, they went through the motions. They thought the way you got to heaven was you just tried to be good. You made sure you didn't miss mass, because that was a sin.

And, you know, if your bad deeds outweigh your good deeds, you're not going to make it. And so, people that I knew in my little enclave in New Jersey weren't really serious about the faith. Or they were serious about trying to just live a good moral life, but they didn't really know that Jesus came to die for them, and that grace is really the way you get to salvation. And part of that is due to the, the teaching of the Catholic Church itself, but I digress. Let me point out that what he's saying here is true, that labels may actually mean nothing.

Saying you believe something doesn't mean you actually do believe it. When you follow your beliefs with action, particularly action that may hurt you, actions that may be inconvenient to you, it does seem to demonstrate that you really believe it to be so. And of course, James, the half-brother of Jesus, who wrote that little book in the New Testament called James, points this out in his letter in the second chapter. And Catholics actually like to quote this passage because they think it shows that you have to have works in order to be saved. But it also says something else that I'll get into.

Here's what James says beginning in verse 14. He says, what good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, go in peace, keep warm and well fed, but does nothing about their physical needs. What good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. But someone will say, you have faith, I have deeds. Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. You believe that there is one God? Good. Even the demons believe that and shudder. All right, let me stop right here.

Some people say, look. He said, faith by itself, if it's not accompanied by action, is dead. Faith without works is dead. Now, is he saying that works actually show or are necessary for you to

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be saved? That's not what he's saying here. Notice the next line. He says, show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. In other words, James is saying that if you have a true faith, it will lead to deeds. He's not saying the deeds save you. He's saying that the deeds are evidence of your salvation. He says he's talking about showing his faith again. He says, show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. He's talking about how you can show people you're a believer. You can do it by deeds.

And Harrison Butker's point is that Joe Biden says that he has faith, says that he's a Catholic believer, but he doesn't show it by his deeds. And that's, of course, what James is saying. And James also says, well, you believe there's a God, but so do the demons. The demons believe that, but they shudder. You see, there's a difference between believing that God exists and trusting in Him. There's a difference between belief that and belief in. And unfortunately, a lot of people have belief that God exists or that Christianity is true, but they don't trust in Jesus. Of course, Jesus gave us a very stern warning.

He said, some of you are going to say, Lord, Lord, at the judgment day. Lord, Lord, didn't we do this? And didn't we do that in your name? And He'll say, away from me. I never knew you because you just believed that it was true. Not in me. You didn't believe in me. There's a difference between belief that and belief in. And we know this in relationships. When I first met my wife nearly 40 years ago, I got evidence that she would be a good wife. But all the evidence in the world didn't make her my wife. I had to take a step of faith, a step of trust in her, to ask her to be my wife. And in a momentary lapse of judgment, she said, yes.

And if you're a young lady listening to this right now, and you like some guy and you think he'd be good marriage material, that he would be a good husband, suppose he were to say to you, you know, I believe that you would be a good wife, you're going to go, okay, great. But what else? You just believe that it's true? That doesn't. He's not asking you, right? He's just intellectually saying, yeah, you'd make a great wife, but he's not trusting in you. You would want him to go the next step and say, not only do I believe that you'd make a great wife, I'm going to trust in you by asking you to be my wife.

Now, that's what love is. Not just believing that somebody would be lovable and a good wife, but somebody that you're going to give your life up for to ask to be your wife.

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Somebody you're going to put trust in, somebody you're going to give up your autonomy for. That's what love is. And God is not interested in us just believing that He exists, because even the demons believe that, as James says. He wants to have a love relationship, but that requires two parties. That requires you to accept his invitation. He's already asked you to marry him in a metaphorical way. Are you going to accept the invitation?

So, Harrison Butker here is calling out Catholics in the general culture who are actually not following what Catholic teaching is, what biblical teaching is. And so, he's calling them out, and people are upset about that. Okay, you can get upset all you want. He's speaking the truth. Biden claims to be Catholic but fails to do the deeds of a Catholic. He says he has faith but doesn't show it. The Bible says, don't murder, but he advocates for murder. Now, Harrison Butker goes on to say this, and I'm picking out pieces of it.

As I say, we can't read the whole thing. He says, these are the sort of things we are told in polite society not to bring up, abortion, the fact that people who are claiming to be Catholic are supporting abortion. He goes on to say, you know, the difficult and unpleasant things, but if we are going to be men and women for this time in history, we need to stop pretending that the Church of nice is a winning proposition. All right, let me stop here. It's not just about winning. It's that Jesus wasn't nice. In fact, I'll prove it to you here in a minute. Jesus spoke the truth even when people hated it. Being nice means you're never going to offend anybody. You're never going to say anything that might cause them consternation.

But that's not loving people. Being nice is not the same as loving people. Loving people is telling them the truth because that's what love does. Love seeks what's best for the other person, and that requires you to tell them the truth, not hiding it under the church of nice or hiding it by claiming to be the church of nice. Doesn't matter whether it wins or not. It matters that the truth is told, because that's what love does. Remember Paul, in the passage that everybody reads at their wedding but nobody obeys, says, love always protects. Love always perseveres. Love does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but love rejoices in the truth.

And so, if we're going to love people, we have to tell them the truth. Love doesn't mean approval. Love means seeking what's best for the other person. And that means standing in the

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way of the evil they want to do. Which is why Thomas Sowell, who says everything well, who's now 93 years old, said this. When you want to help people, you tell them the truth. When you want to help yourself, you tell them what they want to hear. Ladies and gentlemen, we've got to stop telling people what they want to hear and start telling people what they need to hear, because that's what love does anyway. Harrison Butker goes on to say this. We must always speak and act in charity, but never mistake charity for cowardice.

It is safe to say that over the past few years, I've gained quite a reputation for speaking my mind. I never envisioned myself nor wanted to have this sort of platform, but God has given it to me, so I have no other choice but to embrace it, and to preach more hard truths about accepting your lane and staying in it. All right, let me, unquote. Let me point out that Jesus wasn't nice. In several ways He wasn't nice. But let's talk about how Jesus went after the politicians, just like Harrison Butker did right here.

He went after Biden, he went after Fauci, who claim to be Catholics. By the way, here's a guy who claims to be a Protestant that has been a snake in public life, and that is Francis Collins, who was Fauci's boss, who basically tried to censor people who came out against the vaccine because they knew there were problems with it. But that's another whole topic. Francis Collins claims to be a Christian, but he wasn't acting in a Christian way. All right, let me talk about here how Jesus wasn't nice to the politicians.

Who were the politicians of His day? Politicians of His day were the Pharisees. Many of them were on the Sanhedrin. That was the Jewish ruling council, to whom Rome delegated day to day lawmaking authority. In other words, they were the politicians. When people say Jesus never got involved in politics, you might want to say, no, He did. He got involved with the politicians of His day, the lawmakers for Israel. And they were the Pharisees. And here's what he said in Matthew 23:23. Easy to remember, 23:23.

He says to these people, among a number of other scoldings he gives them, he says this. Woe to you teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You give a 10th of your spices, mint, dill, and cummin, but you've neglected the more important matters of the law. Justice, mercy, and faithfulness, you should have practiced the latter without neglecting the former. You blind

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guy. You strain out a gnat and swallow a camel. Well, Jesus, that wasn't very nice. Yes, because Jesus is trying to love people by telling them the truth.

Jesus pointed out that these Pharisees, these lawmakers, these politicians were doing the small things. They were tithing their spices, but they were neglecting the bigger issues. And we're doing the same thing here in America. We've got a Catholic in the White House, Joe Biden, who's trying to tell people what cars we can and can't drive, what light bulbs we can and can't use, the small issues. But he won't tell us don't murder your children.

In fact, he's actually advocating the murder of children and the mutilation of children or mutilation. I sometimes make up my own words here. He's mutilating children, ladies and gentlemen, and he wants to take children from their parents who will not affirm a kid's gender confusion. This is evil, ladies and gentlemen. He is majoring in the minors and he's neglecting the more important matters of the law. And when you go to vote this fall, ladies and gentlemen, vote according to the more important matters of the law.

You could probably find certain minor things in both parties you agree with, but you ought to be voting according to the more important matters of the law. And what could be more important than life? The right to life is the right to all of the rights. If you don't have life, you don't have anything. Thou shalt not murder is a very key and important command. And yet, in our country, we're not only not preventing people from murder, we're encouraging it. We're saying, come to our state and we'll pay for your abortion. This is madness.

Back to Harrison Butker, who says this. Our Catholic faith has always been countercultural. You could just say Christian faith in general. Our Lord, along with countless followers, were all put to death for their adherence to their teachings. Yes, so much for the prosperity gospel. This is me, not Harrison Butker. Anyway, he goes on to say the world around us says that we should keep our beliefs to ourselves. Whenever they go against the tyranny of diversity, equity and inclusion, we fear speaking truth, because now, unfortunately, truth is in the minority.

Congress just passed a bill where stating something as basic as the biblical teaching of who killed Jesus could land you in jail, unquote. Now, he's very astute here. He's talking about a well-intended but problematic antisemitism bill that just passed, I think the House. I don't know

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if it's become law or not yet, but it essentially violates the First Amendment. In their quest to support Israel, Congress passed a law which basically violates the First Amendment. To say something negative about Israel could get you thrown in jail. That's what he's essentially saying here, which, of course, is ridiculous. There are better ways to fight antisemitism than to make a law that says if you say anything negative about Israel, you could be in violation of the law.

And he's suggesting here that if you say, well, the Jews wanted to kill Jesus and succeeded through Pilate and the Romans, that could be considered antisemitic. Of course, that's madness. Butker goes on to say this. Today our shepherds, and he's, at this point, he's talking about Catholic bishops, but we could easily say this applies to the Protestant church as well. He says, today our shepherds are far more concerned with keeping the doors open than they are saying that difficult stuff out loud. What difficult stuff?

Well, abortion. Well, gender ideology, transgenderism, open borders. He goes on to say, it seems that the only time you hear from your bishops is when it's time for the annual appeal. Whereas we need our bishops to be vocal about the teachings of the church, setting aside our own personal comfort and embracing their cross. Our bishops are not politicians but shepherds. So, instead of fitting in the world by going along, to get along, they need to stay in their lane and lead, unquote. I agree 1000%.

I mean, some in Protestant churches are doing the same thing. We are preaching the truth, but sometimes we're avoiding the truth. I guess that's a question we have to ask ourselves. Are we preaching the truth or avoiding the truth to keep the pews full and the money coming in? Are we about preaching the truth, or are we incentivized to keep silent about the truth? A friend of mine often sends me excerpts from books he's reading. This is an excerpt from a book called 'Same as Ever' by Morgan Housel. I haven't read the book myself, but this excerpt is quite interesting.

Check out this excerpt. The author talks about a Soviet poet who once speculated that during Galileo's day, several scientists believed that the earth revolved around the sun. But they had families to feed, so they never spoke up. And the author says, these are extreme examples of something everyone, you, me, everyone is susceptible to and more influenced by than we want

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to admit. Incentives are the most powerful force in the world and can get people to justify or defend almost anything.

When you understand how powerful incentives can be, you stop being surprised when the world lurches from one absurdity to the next. If asked how many people in the world are truly crazy, I might say, I don't know, three to five percent. But if I asked how many people in the world would be willing to do something crazy if their incentives were right, I'd say, oh, easily 50% or more, unquote. I think this is a very penetrating insight. I mean, let's look at it this way.

Who, I mean, who really believes the absolute nonsense we are hearing about gender? That men can get pregnant, that men can menstruate, that a man who thinks he's a woman is a woman? How many really believe that? I mean, honestly, not many. But how many people speak against it? Not enough. Because they have incentives to remain silent. I mean, how about you? Are you allowing crazy and obviously wrong ideas and people who hold these ideas to silence you, to silence your witness about Jesus and the truth? That's an important question.

Do you have incentives to remain silent? I don't want to lose my job. I don't want to cause any trouble here, so I'll just be silent. I submit to you, ladies and gentlemen, that is why our country and corporate America has been going the wrong way for so many years, because we've been silent. This isn't just about your job. This is about your character. This isn't just about your job. This is about your Savior. This isn't just about your job. This is about eternity. This is about why you're here. It's not here to just be comfortable.

It's here, you're here to become a follower of Christ in a fully devoted way, to become a disciple. And too many people seem to not realize that. And I understand it is very easy, very easy to just say, I'm not going to speak out on this because I don't want to lose anything. I have an incentive not to lose something. Dr. Peter Kreeft, I mentioned this, I think, on a previous podcast. But this is a very fine quote from his book on 'Making Sense of Suffering.'

Notice what he says. He says, the point of our lives is not comfort, security, or even happiness, but training. Not fulfillment, but preparation. This world is a lousy home, but it's a fine gymnasium, unquote. You're not here just for comfort. You're not here for happiness. I mean, I hope you're comfortable. I hope you have happiness, but your life is to become more like Jesus.

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You're here to know God and to make Him known. Now, back in 2011, I've told you the story before that when I was doing corporate training and fired by Cisco and Bank of America in the name of inclusion, tolerance, and diversity for holding a diverse view that they did not include me for and didn't tolerate me for. And that is the view I had that same-sex marriage was a problem because I wrote the book 'Correct, Not Politically Correct: About Same-Sex Marriage and Transgenderism.' They didn't like that, so they fired me.

Now, I decided to go public with that because I wanted to make sure that I do my best to say this didn't continue. And so, my friend Mike Adams and I, the late, great Mike Adams, went public with a number of columns about this. Now, it made me radioactive for any more corporate training. I knew I wouldn't work in the corporate world anymore when I came out and said that, but I had a fallback position. CrossExamined.org was up and running, and I just decided I was going to go full-time there with CrossExamined.

Now, I know some of you don't have that opportunity. You don't have that fallback position. And if I didn't have that fallback position, I don't know what I would have done. Maybe I would have stayed silent, too. I don't know. You don't know until you're put in that situation. All I'm saying is we have to start speaking up, ladies and gentlemen. We just can't let evil continually overrun us because that's not loving. We're not loving people when we allow evil to continue.

We're called to stand for truth, and so we need to do it. Anyway, this quote from this book goes on to say this, no matter how much information and context you have, nothing is more persuasive than what you desperately want or need to be true. And as Daniel Kahneman once wrote, "It is easier to recognize other people's mistakes than our own." What makes incentives powerful is just how they influence other people's is not just how much they influence other people's decisions, but how blind we can be to how they impact our own.

Ben Franklin once wrote, "If you would persuade, appeal to interest and not to reason." In other words, incentives fuel stories that justify people's actions and beliefs, offering comfort even when they're doing things they know are wrong and believe things they know aren't true. James Clear put it this way, "People follow incentives, not advice." Now, I don't agree with Ben Franklin that if you would persuade, appeal to interest and not to reason, I think you have to appeal to both.

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This is why Pascal famously said, before we try and show people that Christianity is true, we ought to try and show them why they ought to want it to be true. And too often, we don't do that. We just say, well, here's the evidence. You ought to believe it. Well, what incentive do I have to believe it? And what incentives are you following for your beliefs?

Now, to be honest, there are incentives to Christianity. There's peace with God. There's meaning. There's purpose. There's forgiveness and, of course, eternal life. But there are also disincentives. You're supposed to deny yourself. You're supposed to take up your cross. You're supposed to give up moral autonomy over your life. Someone else is now in charge. You're supposed to be chaste. You're supposed to say no when it could be real easy to say yes. You're supposed to give your money to the church and to charity.

You also opening up yourself for persecution. You're supposed to serve. I mean, these are disincentives for some. So, we do need to question ourselves. I think of the famous atheistic physicist Richard Feynman, who said, the easiest person to fool is yourself. Are we fooling ourselves? You know, I always ask people, if Christianity were true, would you become a Christian? And a lot of atheists will say no, but I could ask that question of a Christian. If Christianity were false, would you stop believing it? Or if atheism were true, would you become an atheist? Are we just believing what we want to believe because of incentives, because it's something we like?

We have to ask ourselves those hard questions. Now, let's leave incentives, I should say, aside. I think you can show beyond any reasonable doubt that Christianity is indeed true, whether you like it or not. But we still have to be aware of incentives. Okay, back to Harrison Butker, who says this. He's speaking about, I think, his. Yeah, the Benedictine college. He's speaking out. He said, in a deliberate movement to embrace traditional Catholic values, Benedictine has gone from just another liberal arts school with nothing to set it apart to a thriving beacon of light and a reminder to us all that when you embrace tradition, success, worldly and spiritual will follow.

Did that make any sense? I got to read that again, he said, to a thriving beacon of light and a reminder to all of us that when you embrace tradition, success. Oh, when you embrace tradition, the tradition of I guess the Catholic church, success, worldly and spiritual will follow,

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he said. I am certain the reporters at the AP would not have imagined that their attempt to rebuke and embarrass places and people like those here at Benedictine wouldn't be met with anger, but instead with excitement and pride. And now here's where he stepped in it, according to the left, not the deadly sin sort of pride that has an entire month dedicated to it, but the true God centered pride that is cooperating with the Holy Ghost to glorify Him.

All right, he does take a swipe at the whole LGBTQ movement, particularly the Pride month. And it is true that Pride is the ultimate anti-God state of mind. Why would you have pride? Pride in a sexual behavior? For what? What's the point? A sexual behavior, by the way, that doesn't reproduce. But that's another whole topic, another whole rabbit trail.

But I will say this, ladies and gentlemen, the very nation that gives people, that recognizes, I should say, the right of people to believe what they believe, that nation for whom thousands of people have died, that nation celebrates the people who have died to protect those freedoms and to protect those rights, they give those thousands of people that have died in uniform service to our country one day. But we're celebrating sexual behaviors that go against natural law and the Scriptures for a whole month? How does that make any sense? It doesn't.

To show you how far our country has fallen from sanity, we're talking about LGBTQ issues for a month. And we set aside one day to revere the heroes that gave their lives to protect our rights and protect our country, that allow us to do these idiotic things, like celebrate something for a whole month that goes against natural law and the Scriptures. Anyway. Harrison Butker goes on to say, ladies and gentlemen of the class of 2024, this is where he really got into trouble.

He says, you are sitting at the edge of the rest of your lives. Each of you has the potential to leave a legacy that transcends yourselves and this era of human existence. In small ways, by living out your vocation, you will ensure that God's church continues, and the world is enlightened by your example. For the ladies present today, congratulations on this amazing accomplishment. You should all be proud of what you have achieved to this point in your lives, in your young lives. I want to speak directly to you briefly because I think it is you, the women, who have had the most diabolical lies told to you.

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How many of you are sitting here right now about to cross the stage and are thinking about all the promotions and titles you're going to get in your career? Some of you may go on to lead successful careers in the world, but I would venture to guess that the majority of you are most excited about your marriage and the children you will bring into this world. I can tell you that my beautiful wife Isabel would be the first to say that her life truly started when she began giving her vocation or when she began living her vocation as a wife and a mother. All right. Unquote.

He really stepped in it pretty much among the feminists today. But before we respond to this, let's go to football. Because he's a football player, and football can actually show us that Harrison Butker is on the right track here. Football can help us discover what is actually right, what is actually correct. How so? Let me ask you a question. How do you know that your quarterback throwing a touchdown is better than your quarterback throwing a pick six? That's when he throws the ball to the other team, and they take it back for a touchdown.

Or since Harrison Butker is a kicker, how do you know that your quarterback kicking a field goal is better than the other team blocking the field goal and taking it back for a touchdown? How do you know that? Well, the only way you could know. It's not just the rules. People always say rules, rules. No, it's not just the rules. You have to know the purpose of the game. You have to know that the purpose of the game is for you to score more points than the other team so you can win the game.

And only when you know the purpose can you say that a touchdown is better than a pick six, or hitting a field goal is better than having your field goal blocked because you know the purpose of the game. If there's no purpose to the game, you couldn't say that the touchdown was better than the interception or that the making the field goal was better than not making the field goal. Only when you know the purpose can you say this is a good play because it gets us closer to the purpose. We score points, and this is a bad play because it takes us further from the purpose.

They score points, or we're blocked from scoring points without purpose. You can't say this is a good play and this is a bad play. Well, the same thing is true in life, ladies and gentlemen. You can't say this is a good way to live, or this is a wrong way to live, or this is a good moral claim,

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and this is a bad moral claim or an immoral claim, unless you know what the purpose is. What is the purpose of life? If there's no purpose to life, then you can't say such and such a way to live is right, and such and such a way to live is wrong. You need a purpose, and only if God exists is there a purpose.

Otherwise, it's just your opinion against somebody else's opinion. In fact, let's go back to football for a second. When two teams show up on a football field to play a game, they don't make the purpose up. They don't even make the rules up. The rules are already established. The purpose is already established. Where does that come from? It comes from outside the game. It comes from the commissioner and the competition committee who get together, and they make up the rules. And every once in a while, they tweak the rules.

In fact, they just tweaked the rules apparently this summer to basically say, you can't tackle anyone anymore. It's now two hand touch. Okay. Anyway. But they change the rules sometimes because the game of football is arbitrary. It could be different. But in life, the rules are not arbitrary, because the rules come from an objective source. They come from God Himself, and He is the standard of righteousness. So, in both cases, whether it's a game, the purpose and the rules come from outside the game. And in life, the purpose and the rules come from outside of life.

They come from an authority. In football, the authority is the commissioner and the competition committee. In life, the authority comes from God Himself, or is God Himself. And the purpose comes from God as well. And His nature is good. His nature is where the buck stops, and He issues commands from His nature. So, if you're going to say that Harrison Butker is wrong, you have to have a purpose outside of all of us and a moral authority outside of all of us by which you can say Harrison Butker is wrong, because his opinion doesn't meet up with the objective moral value or purpose that we get from outside of life.

And I noticed that the people who are complaining about him don't have an objective moral standard. For example, the feminists are upset with him because he basically said, well, women, you're going to like being a homemaker and a mother more than you're going to like being in a career. Now, actually, he didn't say woman couldn't have a career. He said that he guessed that the majority of women would find more satisfaction in being a wife and a mother.

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Now, what's wrong with that? What's wrong with saying that? He's probably right about that. Well, it's wrong because it goes against the feminist claim that women can do and should do everything that men can do if they want to. But notice, ladies and gentlemen, that's a moral claim. Why think it's true? Why think that women can do and should do what men do? What moral standard are they using when they say that? Where does it come from? Look, only God can provide an objective moral standard. Only God can provide rights.

Where does God say that a woman can and should do everything a man does, and vice versa? That a man should do everything a woman does. Ladies and gentlemen, I don't know if you've noticed. I hope you have. But men and women are different. In fact, that's why I like women. They're different than men. Hopefully. Hopefully, if you're a man, you like women for that same reason, they are different. They're not you, and vice versa. And in Christianity, men and women are equally valuable because they are made in the image of God.

They also have different functions because God made them differently and needs different things performed in this life, not because they are more or less valuable. I mean, sorry, but men can't give birth or breastfeed. Rodney Dangerfield famously said, no respect at all. When I was a kid, I was breastfed by my father. That's funny, because, you know, men can't do that. Even if a man wants to do it, he can't. And even if you're an atheist, you can't reasonably deny that. It's just part of natural law, it's just part of design, that men can't give birth. Men can't breastfeed, but women can. No matter how much the left tries to say that's not true, it is true.

So, there are some things that only men can do and some things that only women can do. And if you don't like that, sorry, it's just the nature of reality. Get over it. You might not like what Harrison Butker said, but what he said is true. And he didn't say actually it was true for all women, he said, meaning that they would provide, they would find more satisfaction in being a wife and bringing up children. But he said a majority. He's probably right about that. He's certainly right that men and women are different.

And yet the atheists and the feminists are trying to say he's wrong. Ladies and gentlemen, if there is no standard beyond ourselves, you can't say he's right or wrong. And by the way the stats show that children who grow up with a mom, who stays home with a dad in the home do better, they turn out better. And that makes sense. He's not saying two parents can't work. He's

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simply saying a majority, in his estimation, are probably going to enjoy if they can stay home to do so. And he didn't say this, but it is true.

Well, maybe he did say it a little bit later in his talk. I think he may have mentioned, he certainly mentioned fatherlessness, that that's a problem. But it is true that when a mom stays home and the father stays in the home with the mom, the father's out working, the mother's working at home taking care of the kids, the kids tend to turn out better. That's true. And it makes sense that it's true. The bottom line is this, ladies and gentlemen, in dealing with an issue like this, when somebody comes out against, say, a statement, you ought to ask them for their standard.

The bottom line is, if there is no God, no one can be correct about objective values, because there are no objective values. They don't exist if there is no God. So, in this case, Harrison Butker can't be right or wrong if there is no God, and neither can his critics. His critics can't be right or wrong either, because there is no right or wrong if there is no God. But if God does exist, then Harrison Butker is right and his critics are wrong because he's appealing to a standard outside himself, a natural law standard, a standard that, of course, is explicitly given in the Bible as well.

Remember, natural law and the Bible come from the same source, God. But Harrison Butker is right that men and women are different, that they have different roles. Harrison Butker is right that same-sex relationships are not the same as opposite sex relationships, and we shouldn't be talking about pride in that regard. Harrison Butker is right because he has a standard outside of himself. If there is no standard outside of ourselves, then he can't be right and he can't be wrong, and neither can his critics.

But in no scenario are his critics right, and he's wrong. If he, if his statements, and not everything in his statement I agree with, because he's talking about some Catholic doctrines, I don't think are true, that I don't think are right. Catholics may think they're right, but I don't. But on these moral issues, on these moral issues, if he makes a true statement that lines up with natural law and lines up with the Bible, he's right and his critics are wrong.

But in no scenario are his critics right and he's wrong because they don't have a standard. You see that? So, you should always be asking people, what is your standard? Now, Harrison Butker

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goes on to talk about gentlemen. Here's where he does talk about absentee fathers. He then turns to the gentleman. He says to the gentleman here today, part of what plagues society is this lie that has been told that you men are not necessary in the home or in communities. As men, we set the tone of the culture. And when that is absent, disorder, dysfunction, and chaos set in. This absence of men in the home is what plays a large role in the violence we all see around the nation. I point that out.

I quote stats in the book, 'Correct, Not Politically Correct,' which show that even President Obama admitted this, that fatherlessness is a great problem that causes not only problems in the home, but problems in society. This is me talking now. He didn't mention President Obama. He goes on to say, other countries do not have nearly the same absentee father rates as we find here in the US. And a correlation can be made in their drastically lower violence as well. I would not just argue correlation, I would argue causation.

Anyway, he goes on to say, be unapologetic in your masculinity. Fight against the cultural emasculation of women. I'm sorry, of men. Women too. Yeah. [Laughter] Do hard things, never settle for what is easy. You might have a talent that you don't necessarily enjoy, but if it glorifies God, maybe you should lean into that over something that you think suits you better. Now, that's a hard message, but it's true. If you're serving God in a job, but you're not all that excited about the job, but you're doing really good things, but you'd rather do something else, maybe you ought to stay doing what you're doing because you're supposed to deny yourself. You're supposed to follow Him.

You're supposed to make a difference for His kingdom. He ends it this way. Make no mistake, you're entering into mission territory in a post God world. But you were made for this. And with God by your side and a constant striving for virtue within your vocation, you too can be a saint. Christ is king to the heights, and that's it. Now, there's some overtly Catholic sort of sentiments here, and we might agree with as Protestants, some of them, and disagree with others, but I wish more Protestants would speak with the kind of boldness that Harrison Butker has put forth here.

As I've said before, I came from the Catholic Church. I have a lot of respect for the Catholic church. I think they do some good things. They also do quite obviously some evil things. I don't

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agree with all their theology, but when people like Harrison Butker stand up and say many true things, we ought to applaud that. And by the way, there are people to their credit, even though they say they don't quite agree with him on everything, have said this is a good guy. And that would include Patrick Mahomes, that would include Andy Reid, the coach, that would include even Roger Goodell, who normally is a wimp on these things.

He said, look, we got 3000 players in the league, and this is okay that we have different opinions, despite the fact that somebody in his diversity department over there at the NFL came out against Harrison Butker. You know, we don't agree with this. This isn't inclusion. Oh yeah, well, why aren't you including Harrison Butker's views? Because it's not about inclusion, is it? It's about only putting forth the woke agenda rather than the natural law, biblical agenda. Values by definition are going to exclude opposites.

And yet, you're trying to say we're all about inclusion when in reality you're not. Bill Maher said, hey, I don't see anything wrong with this. If he believes it, he ought to say it. Even, believe it or not, Whoopi Goldberg on 'The View' said, I appreciate somebody who's going to stand up for what they believe. So, there are people out there who generally are on the left that are even supporting what Harrison Butker has said and we ought to as well. And hopefully this will encourage other people to stand up. Encourage, get it? You're being encouraged to have courage to speak the truth.

And if we're not going to speak the truth, ladies and gentlemen, who is? The madness that our culture is experiencing is in direct report, is in direct proportion to the silence of Christians. As Edmund Burke once said, the only thing necessary for evil to prevail is for good people to do nothing. Stop doing nothing and stand up for the truth. Yeah, you may take some arrows. Yeah, you may have to get another job. Yeah, you may have to find another way to make a living. But it's better to light one candle than to curse the darkness. So, kudos to Harrison Butker for standing up for what he believes. And most of what he believes, particularly on these moral issues, he's spot on.

Now, ladies and gentlemen, if you want to learn more about how to think in this post Christian culture, in addition to the courses that we teach, if you really want to get a degree, you ought to go to Southern Evangelical Seminary. Go to [SES.edu/Frank](http://SES.edu/Frank). That's where I went, Southern

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Evangelical Seminary. It's completely online now, so you don't have to move anywhere like I did 30 years ago. I had to move to Charlotte to attend seminary. You don't have to do that anymore. You can take it all online. And if you go to [SES.edu/Frank](http://SES.edu/Frank), you will see a way to sign up to even get a scholarship for certain apologetic courses. So, go there and check it out. It is a great place to get an education. I went there. Alisa Childers goes there. Jorge Gil goes there. Melissa Dougherty goes there.

There are several people you know that have been educated at SES. Even Tim Barnett of Red Pen Logic has gone to SES. This is the place to go to get a great apologetic education. So, check it out. I also want to mention that next week, in the coming weeks, I'm going to be at several churches. This coming weekend, I want to say it is the third. Let me get the exact date in front of me here. Yeah, it is actually the second, June 2. I'll be at a Community Bible Church up in Michigan, not far from Detroit. And then the next week I'll be at Midway Church outside of Atlanta. That's June 9.

Then on June 12, Lord willing, I'll be with the great Jack Hibbs at Calvary Chapel, Chino Hills on the Wednesday night. And then I'll be doing the morning services that following Sunday, the 16th, that happens to be Father's Day at Chino Hills. So, check all that out on our website and if you're in any of those areas, I would love to see you there.

All right, friends, it's been great being with you. Stand up for truth. Actually make a difference, because time is getting short, ladies and gentlemen. In our country it may be getting short even for Jesus to come back. Nobody knows when He's coming, but things are getting, quite dicey out there. So, speak up for the truth, ladies and gentlemen. And Lord willing, I will see you here next week. God bless.

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