



Focus on Religious Freedom

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“To each there comes in their lifetime a special moment when they are figuratively tapped on the shoulder and offered the chance to do a very special thing, unique to them and fitted to their talents. What a tragedy if that moment finds them unprepared or unqualified for that which could have been their finest hour.”— Sir Winston Churchill

“Average Joe”

Football Coach, Joe Kennedy, Champions Freedom of Religion and Freedom of Speech

A seven year court battle ending with a Supreme Court victory would have been the very last competition a high school assistant football coach would have anticipated. One such coach, Coach Joe Kennedy of Bremerton High School, Bremerton WA, learned that his unsought battle to preserve his Constitutional rights to free speech and the exercise of his faith in public could benefit millions.

When Coach Kennedy made a personal commitment to give glory to God by kneeling in a silent, personal prayer on the 50 yard line after each game, his employer denied his right to pray in the view of the public and fired him for exercising his first amendment rights.

Although no students were asked or directed to join the coach in prayer, as confirmed by the district, some students did so. Even students from other teams, some visiting coaches and members of the public would join Coach Kennedy on the field for a brief, silent, individual prayer.

Coach Kennedy’s victory for religious freedom, which will benefit aspects of religious freedom for millions was achieved through his faith, determination and knowledge of religious freedom with support from his wife and his attorneys.

Coach Kennedy’s case, presented by First Liberty Institute attorneys, was heard by the Supreme Court which issued a 6-3 opinion on June 27, 2022 affirming Coach Kennedy could take a knee in silent prayer even if he can be seen by students and the public.

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See the movie “AVERAGE JOE” the story of Coach Kennedy in theatres as of 10-12-24