

Franklin Graham says LGBT community targets Christians to accept lifestyle: 'It ain't gonna happen'

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Evangelist Franklin Graham says Christians don't have to accept LGBT lifestyle. "The LGBT community continues to target Christians to try to get us to accept their lifestyle. It ain't gonna happen," he said. (Stephen Chernin/Getty Images)

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Evangelist Franklin Graham on Wednesday said that though he loves those in the LGBT community, he won't be coerced into accepting the LGBT lifestyle.

What are the details?

Graham, who is also president of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and Samaritan's Purse, added during a lengthy Facebook post that God is the one who defines sin.

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"Why can't Christians have the freedom to say 'No' to what they want to say no to?" Graham asked. "The LGBT community continues to target Christians to try to get us to accept their lifestyle.

"It ain't gonna happen," he added. "God calls homosexuality sin — take it up with Him if you don't like it. He is the one who defines sin, not me."

Graham noted that "as a Christian," he doesn't hate gays — he loves them, and wants them to find the gospel's truth in God and Jesus.

"If they choose to live that lifestyle, they certainly have the freedom to do so in this country," he said. "But don't tell me what I have to believe or participate in."

Graham noted his appreciation of Tastries Bakery owner Cathy Miller of Bakersfield, California, for standing up for her Christian beliefs (<https://www.turnto23.com/news/local-news/tastries-bakery-scheduled-to-appear-in-court-for-refusing-to-serve-gay-couple>) and refusing to bake a cake for a same-sex wedding.

A judge last week ruled in favor of Miller, who refused to bake a same-sex couple's wedding cake in August.

According to KTNV-TV, the judge also denied (<https://www.ktnv.com/news/national/judge-rules-in-favor-of-california-baker-who-refused-to-serve-same-sex-couple>) a motion for a temporary restraining order filed against Miller, which would have compelled her to "create wedding cakes for LGBT persons, even though doing so would violate her sincerely held religious beliefs.

"There will be another hearing on February 2, so we need to pray for Cathy and for our religious freedoms to be upheld," Graham, in the Facebook post, concluded. "The courts should never be able to force Christians to go against what the Word of God teaches."

**Franklin Graham**

on Wednesday

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