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Dear Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court:

As I enter the age where I start looking for leaders to stand for and with, I am appalled that this land is no longer a place where leaders stand for what is right, but instead follow votes, prestige, and money. It is hard to find true, solid leaders who will not back down from doing right no matter what the consequences may be. Therefore I ask and encourage you to stand for and do what is right.

As someone in a position of authority it is your duty to administer justice and uphold just laws. You are supposed to be "not a terror to good works, but to evil." (Romans 13:3). No man can decide what is right and wrong. God has already decided what is good and bad in His word, the Bible. Without this foundation, there are ultimately no absolutes, and therefore no basis for law or government.

The Oberkeful decision is a clear case of disregarding what is right, attempting to redefine truth, and ignoring God-given duties. God has ordained that marriage is between a man and a woman:

And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."  
(Matthew 19:4-6)

As Jesus showed, marriage is a creation ordinance, not only a church ordinance. The state must recognize and defend the biblical definition of marriage, and not men's mere, shifting opinions on the subject.

As a leader, you must stand against immoral rulings. God has placed you in a position of authority to stand for righteousness, even when it means you disagree with higher authority. It is your duty. Pastor Matthew Trewhella does a good job of showing the biblical and historical doctrine of interposition and the lesser magistrate. My dad has included a copy of his book with his letter. Please read it. Other statesmen have read it and been encouraged by it. It shows that you have the authority (and duty) to stand against evil, even when perpetuated by higher rulers than you.

Today is a day for strength and courage. It is time to care about God's approval and not see what others want. We the people, and I personally, need leaders who fight for truth. It is a time and an opportunity to be an inspirational leader. Please be one! Many Christians are sickened with the recent trends in our government, and we need uncompromising leaders. It is time to be outraged at how men think they are above the law:

"I am outraged that a nation claiming to be "under God" now legally, institutionally as well as culturally mocks the God of glory."

-Dr. Harry Reeder, pastor of Briarwood PCA, in *Reflections on SCOTUS Obergefell Opinion #1*  
(<https://harryreeder.wordpress.com/2015/07/23/reflections-on-scotus-oberkeful-opinion-1-2/>)

We have turned against God, and He has shown his wrath against us. In scripture, doing what everyone doing what is right in their own eyes is not a blessing, but a curse. It is time to repent and seek God's blessing once again.

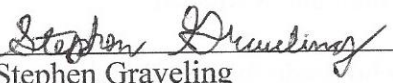
In and of yourself you are weak. But God gives abundant strength. It is not an easy time we live in, but God will bless the righteous and punish the wicked. Psalm 37 is an encouragement to me as I enter adulthood in an increasingly ungodly society. Here are a few verses of it:

"Depart from evil, and do good; And dwell forevermore. For the Lord loves justice, And does not forsake His saints; They are preserved forever, But the descendants of the wicked shall be cut off. The righteous shall inherit the land, And dwell in it forever." (Psalm 37:27-29)

I am praying that you will (or continue to) stand for righteousness and justice. If you take the side of righteousness, know that God will be faithful to you. Be on God's side, for He will triumph. His victory is certain. Are you on His side?

My thanks goes to leaders such as Roy Moore who have stood for God's principles.

Sincerely,

  
Stephen Graveling