

MLB Players Speak Out Against Group Dodgers Look to Honor

For all the talk Major League Baseball has done about welcoming fans of all backgrounds and faiths, the Los Angeles Dodgers superbly alienated millions of fans within their own city and across the country.

In their back and forth of inviting, then disinviting, then re-inviting the anti-Catholic group the “Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence,” they have riled Christian and Catholic players within the league who are taking a stand against the bigotry and hatred the group represents.

Two of the Dodgers’ own players, pitchers Clayton Kershaw and Blake Treinen, have spoken out against the club inviting the ‘Sisters’ and presenting them with an award for community service.

Treinen asked his friend, worship leader and evangelist Sean Feucht, to share a letter he wrote on social media condemning the Dodgers’ decision and stating publicly it is because of his belief that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior:

My friend and @MLB pitcher Blake Treinen asked that I post this statement for him in regards to the @Dodgers honoring of the sisters of perpetual indulgence. #HoldTheLine

– Sean Feucht (@seanfeucht) May 30, 2023

Kershaw criticized the team’s decision to host the group due to the disrespect and mockery of faith that is the foundation of the group’s existence.

“I don’t agree with making fun of other people’s religions,” Kershaw says. “It has nothing to do with anything other than

that. I just don't think that, no matter what religion you are, you should make fun of somebody else's religion. So that's something that I definitely don't agree with.

"This has nothing to do with the LGBTQ community or Pride or anything like that," Kershaw adds. "This is simply a group that was making fun of a religion, that I don't agree with."

In response to the severe backlash, Kershaw and the Dodgers announced a "Christian Faith Day" later in the season.

"I think we were always going to do Christian Faith Day this year, but I think the timing of our announcement was sped up," Kershaw told the Los Angeles Times on Monday. "Picking a date and doing those different things was part of it as well. Yes, it was in response to the highlighting of the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence [by the Dodgers]."

The most vocal opponent to the Dodgers decision has been devout Catholic and pitcher for the Washington Nationals, Trevor Williams:

– Trevor Williams (@MeLlamoTrevor) May 30, 2023

Williams released a statement condemning the Dodgers and for violating their own Discrimination Policy which explicitly states, "Any conduct or attire at the ballpark that is deemed to be indecent or prejudice against any particular group (or religion) is not tolerated.

"It seems that the Dodgers have made an exception in this case," wrote Williams. "Doubling down that this group—which grossly disrespects and openly mocks many of the traditions and beliefs that Catholics hold most dear—should be celebrated."

These are just a few of the players, fans and organizations

who claim to be targeted, ostracized and insulted by the Dodgers' decision to honor the group.

For those of faith who are speaking truth in love, Treinen summed up his position on the matter up perfectly:

"But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord," (Josh. 24:15).

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Has Chick-fil-A Gone 'Woke' Like Some Claim?

Chick-fil-A has built a dominant brand at the peak of the fast-food industry based on good food, great service and in the minds of Christians throughout the country, its adherence to biblical principles.

Now there are accusations that the makers of "God's chicken" have abandoned those values and instead bowed down to cultural pressure. The recent flurry of criticism is based on a statement made by Chick-fil-A, viewable on its website, that promotes the company's purpose as "Committed to being Better at Together," and has sent some conservatives into an uproar.

The statement begins by saying:

"Chick-fil-A's Corporate Purpose is 'To glorify God by being a faithful steward of all that is entrusted to us. To have a positive influence on all who come into contact with Chick-fil-A.'"

Sounds like that has been their motto for some time now, and

nothing new there. First and foremost, before all other things, their goal is to glorify God.

The statement continues:

“Our founder, Truett Cathy, believed that ‘a great company is a caring company,’ and since the beginning, care has been at the center of everything we do. We understand that the path toward Better at Together looks different for every business. At Chick-fil-A, Inc., our commitment is to approach this work with intention and humility, always believing the best in one another and striving for common ground. We’re early on in our journey, but we’re honored by the opportunity to steward our organization’s greatest asset—our people—and are energized by the road ahead.”

Caring for people, having sympathy, respect and love for one another, is straight from the Bible.

Jesus cared about people, not the religiosity that had infected the Jewish leaders of His time.

Chick-fil-A, like every major company in the United States, does have a Diversity, Equity & Inclusion VP, Erick McReynolds. McReynolds assumed the role back in 2021 however, and nothing has changed with the company. He has also been with the company for over 16 years according to his LinkedIn profile, and is well aware of what the company stands for.

McReynolds also posted a statement on the company’s website:

“Chick-fil-A restaurants have long been recognized as a place where people know they will be treated well. Modeling care for others starts in the restaurant, and we are committed to ensuring mutual respect, understanding and dignity everywhere we do business. These tenets are good business practice and crucial to fulfilling our Corporate Purpose.”



The 'woke' movement may be trying to co-opt words like "respect" and "dignity" but the Christian church has been living that for a long time now.

To "love one another" is a commandment from Jesus Christ, and the early church was founded on living in spiritual unity with one another. These are not tenets of 'wokeness' which divides, accuses and tears down anything that is in the way of the ideology.

There are three areas of "focus" that Chick-fil-A lists on its DEI page, and they are notably different from what a customer will find with other major corporations.

The areas are: ensuring equal (not equitable) access; valuing differences; and creating a culture of belonging.

America has always fought for equality, including a Civil War, so that others may be free, but equality is not the same as being equitable. Equality allows for everyone to start at the

same spot, and through hard work and perseverance, the cream will rise to the top, not be stifled and hindered because the outcome is not equitable.

Jesus' disciples had to learn to lean on and value one another. There are instances of conflict in the Bible, take Paul and John Mark, Paul and Peter or even all of the disciples arguing who was the greatest among them. Valuing one another and the unique perspective each person brings to the table is not 'woke,' it is called team-building and is one of the many reasons Chick-fil-A is successful today.

Creating a culture of belonging has, and continues to be, a problem for the church today. Being kind is not 'woke,' having understanding while someone makes errors in the learning process is not 'woke,' and creating a workplace culture that allows people to grow and thrive and progress is one of the most capitalist things a company can do!

Are there keywords that have been used in the statements Chick-fil-A has put out that triggered the 'outrage posse' on social media? Sure. But if people would take the time to sit down and read what they are saying exactly, it is far from the DEI initiatives that have corrupted the American university system and caused corporations to target children with gender ideology and LGBTQ products.

America cannot afford to allow the 'woke' movement to co-opt words such as kindness, respect or dignity, for if they do, these qualities will disappear from society and become mere dogwhistles for the radical left.

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Rick Joyner Hospitalized Following Series of Strokes

On Friday, May 26, MorningStar Ministries founder Rick Joyner suffered a series of strokes.

Acting President of MorningStar Ministries and Lead Pastor of MorningStar Church Chris Reed made the announcement on Pentecost Sunday:

“Our founder, Rick Joyner, had a stroke. It seemed that he had a succession of mini-strokes that, after the MRI was confirmed, he had a stroke on the right side of his brain. He’s in the hospital and Julia is of course with him and his family,” Reed told the MorningStar congregation.

“He has experienced some measure of loss of feeling on the left side, and to what extent or degree that is [unknown]. ...He has increased movement now on his left side [since Friday],” continues Reed.

With such an event Reed asked for prayers for Joyner and his family, but also to respect their privacy as they navigate the healing process.

Calls for prayer echoed across social media as many, such as Apostle David E. Taylor, have been touched by Rick Joyner and his obedience to the call of ministry over the years.