

Christian Gubernatorial Candidate Targets Ending Abortion and Gay Marriage

Ryan Cason is pulling no punches as a Christian political candidate. If elected governor of Wisconsin in 2018, he unapologetically plans to put an end to two of the nation's most controversial issues—abortion and gay marriage—in his state.

A former Navy corpsman, Cason filed his candidacy for governor in December 2016 announced it to the public last January. He is the only Republican candidate to challenge incumbent Gov. Scott Walker, while there are 13 Democratic candidates and five third-party candidates vying for the position as of this week. The party primaries are set for June.

By running for governor, Cason, who works two manual labor jobs and is attending seminary online fulltime, says he is “following the Holy Spirit's leading and picking up my cross.”

With no prior political experience, Cason, 32, has undertaken a rather unorthodox journey in his candidacy. His pleas for financial contributions come solely through prayer, and he chooses to focus his attention on eradicating “those things that Jesus detests,” including abortion and same-sex marriage. All other issues are secondary.

“I am a man of no stature running on faith,” Cason said. “I do not promote myself at all, but rather drive to the different counties of the state and bring together men of God in order to conduct prayer meetings. ... I have sat down beforehand and considered the cost. I have been shunned locally by ‘Christians’ in my community (Solon Springs) and have entered into a massive spiritual battle—the hardest I’ve ever been in. But Jesus says that if we do not do these things, we cannot be

his disciple.”

While some might consider Cason to be a “crusader” with little chance of putting an end to two of society’s most controversial issues, Cason is quick to point out that the Bible is full of stories where groups and individuals were faced with the impossible.

For Cason, it’s all a matter of the strength of his faith.

“The whole basis of the Christian faith resides on an immaculate conception,” he said. “And before that, we’ve believed in the walls of Jericho falling down and the Red Sea parting. There are too many biblical miracles to list, but my point is precisely that we serve a miraculous God.

“My question is this, ‘How long must we ask the Lord to end abortion before He finally picks someone to do it?’ We know that He uses human agents to accomplish His will, and we know that He uses the lowly things of the world to bring to fruition that which He desires to accomplish. The problem is exactly what Moses was worried about: Convincing the people of Israel—and in this case, America—that he was sent by Yahweh as an answer to their prayers.”

On his website, Cason makes the statement, “Finally, abortion has met its match.”

Cason’s adamant stance on abortion and same-sex marriage hasn’t drawn resistance so much from non-Christian voters as it has from the church.

“The unsaved, so-called non-Christians have invited me to speak and have congratulated me on my run for governor, while being fully aware of my goals,” Cason said. “What this nation needs to realize that people actually want abortion and homosexual marriage to end. The problem—and it truly is a problem—lies within the church. And while that statement is based entirely on my subjective experience, please consider

the following:

“When the Spirit told me to do this, He told me to do it in a specific way ... I always focus on asking our Lord’s will be done. Regardless, a majority of pastors have blatantly told me that they do not want to pray over this subject or meet me to pray over this subject. In addition to that, I even had one pastor and one elder who said, ‘I just don’t think you’ll win running on that ticket.’ Both subsequently declined to join me in prayer. ... And while all these may say they want these things (abortion and same-sex marriage) to end, when the opportunity presents itself, they reject it. Nevertheless, as God normally does, he has saved a few pastors per county that are still willing to pray.”

When asked if he believes his chances for victory in the 2018 Wisconsin gubernatorial election are realistic, Cason once again took the high road with his answer, and said there was another underdog that recently won an election.

“The biblical perspective of victory is that it is already won,” he said. ... “Though many believed he’d become the president, Mr. Trump was thought to be the most unlikely candidate and thought to have the least experience.

“Historically speaking, right now is actually the best time for me to run for governor. When one combines that with the fact that the Holy Spirit has led me to do this—and has confirmed it by constantly supplying all my financial needs through miraculous answers to prayer time and time again without me ever asking one single human being for money—one has to realize it is going to happen. I realize that I am speaking with a lot of confidence, but my confidence lies within the one who is full of miracles.”

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