

To Turn the Tide, We Need to Change Both Hearts and Laws

Bill Bright (1921-2003) is best known as the founder of Campus Crusade for Christ, one of the largest college outreach ministries in the world, author of the famous “Four Spiritual Laws” evangelism booklet and producer of the “Jesus” film, which has been viewed more than 7 billion times in almost 2,000 different languages, making it one of the most important evangelistic projects in history.

But Bright was not just a visionary evangelist who founded Campus Crusade (known today as Cru). He was also the founder of Alliance Defending Freedom, America’s “largest legal organization committed to protecting religious freedom, free speech, marriage and family, parental rights and the sanctity of life.”

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That’s because he understood that protecting our foundational American freedoms went hand in hand with our right to preach the gospel without restriction. As Bright said, “I truly believe we are fighting for the very survival of the gospel and of evangelism in America today.” (Remember that he died in 2003; already then, the assault on our liberties was very clear.)

Since 2011, the ADF has been directly involved in 15 major Supreme Court wins, most notably the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization* in June 2022 that directly led to the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*. It doesn’t get any more significant than that!

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Other cases of note successfully litigated by the ADF before the Supreme Court include 303 Creative v. Elenis (in 2023), a major victory for Christian freedom of conscience and expression; Uzuegbunam v. Preczewski (2021), on behalf of a Christian student who was blocked from openly proclaiming his faith on his college campus; and March for Life Education and Defense Fund v. California (2020), stating that employers should not be required to “provide their employees with abortion-inducing drugs, sterilization and contraception—regardless of their religious or moral convictions.”

Had these cases, among many others, been decided differently, our country would look much different than it does today.

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