

# White House Staffer's Boldness for Christ Rattles Mainstream Media

In an age where the mainstream media isn't bashful about attacking believers for their faith in Christ, especially politicians, Sarah Huckabee Sanders makes no apologies.

In the face of a sometimes-hostile press corps, the new White House press secretary says she won't separate her faith from her work—and it's something the press should learn to deal with.

"If you are anybody of authentic faith, then it has to be the primary thing that drives everything you do," Huckabee Sanders recently told *CBN's Faith Nation*. "Some people say you can separate your faith from your work. I feel very much the opposite. Your faith defines who you are. I'm certainly not going to shy away from it. It's a big part of who I am."

Huckabee Sanders, who took over as White House press secretary for Sean Spicer last month, is the daughter of pastor-turned presidential candidate Mike Huckabee, the former Republican governor of Arkansas. Huckabee Sanders reads from a book of Christian devotionals prior to every White House press briefing.

"[Her faith] is something I'm more than happy to talk about openly," she told *Faith Nation*. "The only challenge is, sometimes, if it's the right platform, the right environment or the right location.

Like her predecessor, Huckabee Sanders has clashed with White House reporters during her brief stint as press secretary. And like President Trump, she is undaunted in calling out

reporters and news coverage she deems biased.

Trump's tendency toward volatility with his words and social media posts presents big challenges for the press secretary.

"I know she's doing everything she can to be straightforward and honest," Mike Huckabee told *The New York Times*. "I know that she is going to be loyal to a fault. He makes my daughter's job very difficult with some of his tweets."

Some of Trump's comments during his presidential campaign bothered Huckabee Sanders, but she backs the president 100 percent.

"[During the election] we were looking for a commander-in-chief, not a pastor," she told *The New York Times*. "Oftentimes, people want to make politicians perfect. And that's one of the actual beauties of Christianity—understanding that no one is." {eo}