

Democratic Lawmaker Quitting Politics Over Party's Opposition to Christianity

A Michigan Democrat says she is leaving politics because the Democratic Party has become such an opponent of her Christian faith that she cannot continue to serve as a state legislator.

"For me, it is impossible to be a faithful follower of Jesus Christ while remaining a member of the Democratic Party as it exists today. I cannot reconcile that platform with Scripture," Democratic Michigan State Representative Karen Whitsett said, according to Click on Detroit.

"I don't have a heaven or hell to put anyone in. Only God does. But I do have God's unwavering Word to stand on, and I can no longer compromise it to fit a party platform or to please people," Whitsett added last month when she announced her decision.

"I have compromised my relationship with Jesus for too long, and I'm grateful God did not give up on me. He gave me time to repent, turn, and be fully devoted to Him," Whitsett said.



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Whitsett said that core Democratic issues drove her away, mentioning "issues I cannot reconcile with Scripture: abortion, the normalization of the gay lifestyle, and the push to redefine gender."

"I understand these are personal for many families, because your son, daughter, cousin, aunt, or uncle may be one. But personal proximity does not change God's definition of right and wrong. Love for people does not require agreement with

sin, and compassion does not give us permission to rewrite Scripture,” Whitsett said.

“I don’t understand how ‘Christian’ and ‘Bible’ go together [with] ‘Democratic Party,’” she said, according to Fox News.

“What I’ve seen over these last four years is nothing that I’ve ever seen before, nothing that I ever thought would happen before,” Whitsett, who represents part of Detroit, said.

Whitsett said she asked party leaders for breathing room on issues such as abortion and the LGBT agenda.

“I just sincerely kept asking, please do not back me into a corner. Please do not back me into a corner. Please do not keep pushing LGBTQ agenda. Please do not keep pushing the abortion agenda,” Whitsett said.

“I said, ‘You’re going to keep pushing me, you’re going to back me into a corner, and I’m going to have to stand my ground, and you’re not going to like it,’” Whitsett said.

The outgoing legislator said her opposition to abortion stems from her faith.

“I don’t want to go to hell,” she added. “That’s just the bottom line. And right now, people are on that wide path, and you’re compromising, and it’s a very slippery slope,” she said.

“I’m just a firm believer, and I’m just very blunt about it: I’m not a co-signer of crazy,” she added.

“I’m not going to do it. That’s your reality. That’s the world that you want to live in. And I don’t have a problem with that. You can do all of that and be all that you want. But when you try to force it on me and make it my reality, now we have a problem,” she continued.

She said Democrats have left no room for individual beliefs.

“They don’t want you to disagree with anything,” Whitsett said. “There are numerous things that can be in bills, and they’ll say, no, don’t do it. I’m not going back to my district to say I didn’t vote for something that was beneficial for them. So I had no problem with standing up and taking the vote and I would be the only one, and I didn’t care.”

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