

Faith, Fame and the White House: Karoline Leavitt's Untold Story

At the relatively young age of 27, White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt approaches the podium with confidence and a smile. Don't let her age fool you, though. She has proved to be unflappable and, as those in the press room can attest, her approach is no-nonsense and fearless.

When recently facing a reporter who tried to tout his personal ideas about the impact of tariffs, she replied, "I think it's insulting that you're trying to test my knowledge of economics and the decisions that this president has made."

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In our one-on-one sit-down, Leavitt told CBN News how she draws that strength immediately before each briefing.

"I think that team prayer before is just a moment to be silent and still and ask God for confidence and the ability to articulate my words, knowledge, prayer, protection and it is a nice moment to reset. It's the last thing I do before I go out there, and then it just gives me the confidence to do a briefing," she says.

She wouldn't even be in her current job, however, without bumps along the way. She ran for Congress in 2022 and lost the general election.

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"Well, certainly, God has a plan for everyone. I believe that

firmly..." she says. "So God knew what He was doing, I believe, and you just have to trust the process and trust that He's working in your life, and stay grounded in your faith throughout the way."

She leans on that faith inside the briefing room as questions come fast and furious from all directions. But Leavitt says she's ready for what's coming. "Often, the questions are predictable."

With liberal reporters everywhere in the press briefing room, it begs the question: Is political journalism dead in America today?

"I think there are true journalists out there that still exist," she says. "They are few and far between. I think many people in the briefing room here are trying out for their next big I think the media has had to take a look in the mirror, especially after President Trump's resounding victory on November 5th, and the American public sent a very strong message to the anti-Trump media that we don't listen to you."

Legacy media often still push back. New York Times Reporter Peter Baker has complained that outlets are losing direct access to the president if they print something the White House doesn't like.

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"That is utter fallacy and completely ridiculous," Leavitt says. "We have expanded the pool to new voices, independent journalists, podcasters, social media content creators, while continuing to invite legacy media outlets like the one Peter Baker works for. The New York Times are still in the briefing room, still have access to the press pool and we are going to continue to move forward with this method."

She also sees a much larger fight taking place: the one between good and evil.

"I certainly believe in spiritual warfare. And I think I saw it firsthand, especially throughout the campaign trail with President Trump. And I think there certainly were evil forces. And I think that the president was saved by the grace of God on July 13th in Butler, Pennsylvania, and he's in this moment for a reason."

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