

‘You Cannot Stop the Gospel’: Fences, Tarp Erected Around Canadian Church to Force Physical Closure

After spending over a month imprisoned for holding “illegal” church services, James Coates, pastor of GraceLife Church in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, has more hurdles to jump—this time in the form of literal fences built around the perimeter of his church.

As of 8:30 a.m., police vehicles and unmarked SUVs were blocking entrances to the church parking lot.

“Alberta Health Services physically closed GraceLife Church and has prevented access to the building until GLC can demonstrate the ability to comply with Alberta’s chief medical officer of health’s (CMOH) restrictions,” AHS said in a statement obtained by Global News Wednesday morning.

You can go to a Walmart or Costco or a liquor store or marijuana store. You can hold a Black Lives Matter rally and police will bend the knee.

But if you open a church, you’ll be raided by police, and thrown in prison for 35 days.

Only in China and Iran – and Alberta.

– Ezra Levant (@ezralevant) April 7, 2021

The Post Millennial initially reported on the building raid, which comes on the heels of Coates pleading guilty, being charged with a fine of \$1,500, facing an upcoming trial and then reopening GraceLife for Easter after his release on March

22.

Coates' wife, Erin, shared a thought-provoking Instagram post in which she encouraged the faith community to continue to pray for not only their church, but those who believe in these actions.