Navy Chaplain Facing Discipline for Faith Views in Private Counseling Sessions

CHARLESTON, S.C. - A Christian legal advocacy group is defending a Navy chaplain it says faces punishment for expressing faith-based views during private counseling sessions with sailors.

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The <u>Liberty Institute</u> says Chaplain Wes Modder, an ordained Assemblies of God minister, has received decorations and was called "the best of the best" by the commander now seeking to administer discipline. Modder is based at South Carolina's U.S. Navy Joint Base Charleston Goose Creek.

Liberty Institute attorney Mike Berry says the range of punishment Modder faces could be career ending. Modder is eligible for a 20-year retirement in September. According to Berry, the Navy has requested that Modder be barred from promotion, fired from his job as chaplain, and brought before a military Board of Inquiry, where he could be forced out of the Navy. Berry says a "handful" of complaints were filed ...

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This week, AFA received a letter from attorneys representing atheist Mikey Weinstein and his Military Religious Freedom Foundation (MRFF). The letter demands that AFA remove MRFF from the AFA Anti-Christian Bigotry map. He says it is because he and his group are not anti-Christian.

This is the same Mikey Weinstein who wrote a <u>newspaper article</u> calling Christians "monsters," "bloody monsters," "pitiable unconstitutional carpetbaggers," "bandits" and "monstrously savage." This is the same Mikey Weinstein who described Christians serving in the military like this: "It's like walking into a stench in my native state of New Mexico here on a hot August afternoon and having your nostrils assaulted by the stenches of 10,000 rotting swine it's so bad."

This is the same Mikey Weinstein whose lawsuit threats have prompted the military to:

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- Drop plans for "Operation Christmas Child" at the Air Force Academy
- Remove the word "Bible" from its list of items to be provided in military lodging facilities.

AFA President Tim Wildmon responded to Mikey Weinstein. We want you to see exactly what he wrote to him, in its entirety. Here it is:

Dear Mikey: No. Sincerely, Tim...

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