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Latest: DOJ Sides With Christian Doctors Suing Colorado

A true story of faith under pressure. Read the first half below, then continue online.

KEY SPIRITUAL TAKEAWAY

"Have demonstrated a strong likelihood of success on multiple constitutional claims"

(Transliterated from the original Hindi.)

They had gathered only to pray. When prayer itself becomes the target, faith is proved not by words but by staying.

The Story - Part One

The US Department of Justice has sided with Christian medical professionals suing Colorado over a law they say forces them to perform gender-transition procedures against their faith and medical judgment. On Friday 20 November 2026, the DOJ's Civil Rights Division filed an 18-page statement of interest in federal court, urging the court to grant the doctors' motion for a preliminary injunction.

This is a statement of interest - a brief filed in support of the doctors. It is not a verdict. The court has not ruled on the injunction, and no law has been struck down.

Dr. Marcus Button runs a small family practice in a small town in southern Colorado. He is not a culture-war figure. He is a family doctor who sees his neighbours, knows their names, and treats everyone who walks through his door.

That last part matters to him, and he has said so. Button Family Practice regularly provides medical services to all patients, including those who identify as transgender. What the clinic says it cannot do is provide hormone drugs and surgeries for gender transitions - procedures its doctors believe are dangerous, unproven, and against their faith.

The case is Christian Medical & Dental Associations and Button Family Practice v. Aubrey C. Sullivan et al., Filed in the US District Court for the District of Colorado. The plaintiffs say the Colorado Anti-Discrimination Act, as interpreted by Colorado courts, forces them to provide those procedures anyway.

The DOJ filing contends the plaintiffs "have demonstrated a strong likelihood of success on multiple constitutional claims" and are "entitled to preliminary relief." The filing was signed by Acting Assistant Attorney General Craig W. Trainor.

ADF senior counsel Bryan Neihart, who represents the plaintiffs, put the doctors' position in the starkest terms.

"Forcing doctors to perform dangerous, unproven gender-transition procedures against their medical judgment, their oath to do no harm, and their faith is unconstitutional."

The lawsuit was filed on 9 September 2026. It followed a May 2026 Colorado Supreme Court ruling, decided 5-2 in Boe v. Children's Hospital Colorado, requiring Children's Hospital Colorado to resume providing gender-transition services to children.

The Turning Point - What Happens Next

The story reaches a life-changing moment that changes everything -- and what seemed like the end is only the middle. Two reports disagree on the numbers, and one question is left unanswered: will the CCTV footage ever come out? Read the full story to find out what happens next.

PERSONAL REFLECTION & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When gathering to pray carries a real cost, what keeps a community coming together anyway -- and what would keep you coming?

2. The pastor's sister shielded him with her own body and fainted under the blows. What does costly, self-giving love look like in your own family or church?

3. When justice is delayed and a complaint is withdrawn under threat, how do believers hold on to truth without giving in to fear -- or to hatred?

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