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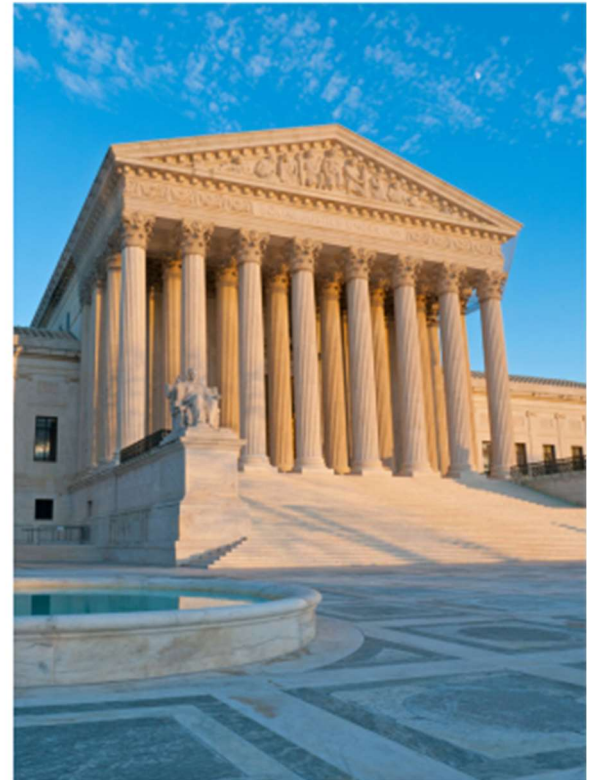
### Reflecting on the Dobbs Decision

The year was 2004, and I (Dave Skahen) remember watching the ALCS between the Boston Red Sox and the New York Yankees. The Red Sox at one point were down 3 games to zero, and all hope seemed lost. No MLB team had ever come back to win a series after trailing by that margin. However, the Red Sox rallied, went on to win the series, and then swept the St. Louis Cardinals to win the World Series. It was a massive swing of emotions on both sides.

Similarly, just over two years ago on June 24, 2022, in the case of *Dobbs v Jackson*, the Supreme Court ruled that the Constitution of the United States does not grant a right to abortion. This action overturned *Roe v Wade* which was in place for nearly 50 years. I can vividly remember sitting in my office at that time and jumping out of my chair in jubilation. Up until that time, my entire life was spent under the assumption that *Roe* would never fall. It was another incredible swing of emotions.

Proverbs 21:15 comes to mind when I reflect on that day, “When justice is done, it is a joy to the righteous but terror to evildoers.” While many friends and I experienced much joy that day, there was an equal amount of despair on the other side of the issue. My heart broke for those who were blinded by the enemy and couldn’t see the blessing of this decision. While overturning *Roe* was a massive moment, the realization that our fight to protect the unborn had just begun followed very quickly. It was now up to each state to determine its direction on the abortion issue. Ultimately, human value isn’t determined by popular vote or by what leaders in authority think. It’s found in the Creator who gave us life.

Pastors, thank you for standing in the gap for the unborn. Thank you for recognizing this as a gospel issue, as Christ stood in the gap while we were too weak to save ourselves (Romans 5:6). We pray God’s blessing on you as you continue to preach the gospel and stand up for the most vulnerable. In Christ,



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P.S. We invite you to celebrate Wisconsin Family Council Sunday on September 22. This is an opportunity to highlight the work we are doing to strengthen, preserve, and promote God’s plan for marriage, family, sanctity of life, and religious liberty in the badger state to your church and congregation. We will have materials available for WFC Sunday soon, and you can request someone from our staff to come share the ministry and vision of WFC in person with your church as well.

P.P.S. We are giving up to 100 pastors around Wisconsin a book to equip them through this political season: *Christians Politics and the Cross: An urgent plea for the church to return to its mission*, by Erwin Lutzer. Please let us know if you would like this book and if there is a good time to connect over the summer.