

Franklin Graham: "The Storm is Coming, I Believe"

Graham is one of the very few pastors speaking strongly and truthfully about the threat of Islam. His [Christianity Today](#):

Influential evangelical leader Franklin Graham has issued a powerful warning of growing bias against Christians. He argued that it will lead to discrimination and loss of religious freedom, and praised the courage of those who hold fast to the faith, even at risk of persecution and death.

In an Easter message on his Facebook page, Graham, head of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and of the relief agency Samaritan's Purse, said that millions of Christians around the world were celebrating the resurrection of Jesus.

Many of them risk their freedom and their lives to worship Christ, he added.

"Even under the threat of imprisonment, they faithfully follow, like Pastor Saeed Abidini [sic] and scores of others."

Pastor Abedini is an Iranian-American Christian pastor who has been in prison in Iran since 2012. In 2013, he was sentenced to eight years for planting house churches and "attempting to sway Iranian youth away from Islam."

Graham continued: "Despite the ever extending reach of the murderous hand of Islamist terror groups like ISIS, they [Christians] continue to gather to pray as we saw in Kenya this week with 147 brutally killed in cold blood."

He added: "Even in America there has recently grown an

ugly, anti-Christian bias and intolerance that is changing our nation from the inside out, opening doors for all kinds of discrimination and loss of religious freedom that we hear about daily in the news.”

He quoted Paul’s warning in 2 Timothy 3:12: “All who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.”

Graham concluded by calling for prayers for all persecuted Christians worldwide. He has repeatedly spoken out about persecution and about Islam, particularly in recent months.

Last December, the son of Billy Graham said