

# Football Coach Fired For Praying With Team Turns Tables on School District



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Coach Joe Kennedy, you may remember, is the bold high school football coach in Bremerton, Washington who [refused](#) to give up his prayer time with his team, despite enormous pressure from the school district. Kennedy bowed his head to praise God after every game for seven years. After some time, the Bremerton superintendent said his prayers violated the First Amendment's Establishment Clause and told him to cease the practice immediately. His decision to continue the practice got him fired.

Now, Kennedy is fighting back with a lawsuit against the school district. He is not seeking monetary compensation; he just wants his job back.

“Bremerton School District’s actions violate Coach Kennedy’s First Amendment rights to free speech and free exercise, as well as his rights under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of religion,” said Kennedy's attorneys in the complaint.

You can read the entire lawsuit [here](#).