

Famed Wrestler, Reality Star Rejects Voodoo in Favor of Jesus

Cameras continually follow members of the Women's Wrestling Division of WWE on the E! reality series *Total Divas*. While many people watch the show expecting wild interactions from the reality stars, one episode had a surprising declaration of faith. On the season eight premiere, which aired in September, one wrestler stood up for her faith in Jesus by refusing to engage with voodoo and psychic practices.

In the episode, the WWE clan travels to New Orleans, Louisiana for the annual Wrestle Mania. While in the historic city, Paige, an injured wrestler, wants to seek healing for her bum neck by listening to the words of a psychic and checking out the prolific voodoo culture in the city. Yet Trinity, another wrestler, stands in opposition to this because of her faith in Jesus.

In the buildup to a Wrestle Mania event, the women take moments of their free time to explore the bustling city by going alligator observing and hitting the streets of the French Quarter. Viewers can see that Paige struggles with not being able to wrestle in the heavily anticipated match. While on a swamp tour she tells her pals about her desire to investigate the voodoo and occult aspects of New Orleans to see if it could help her heal from her injury. Trinity, shaking her head, responds by saying, "don't start with that... I don't want no spirits, no demons, no ghosts ... if it ain't God or Jesus, I don't want nothing to do with it."

As the episode progresses, Paige urges that this desire comes in part with her "last resort" mentality to gain clarity on her injury and the future with the company, which echoes her,

“there’s no harm in trying” attitude. In her interviews about the exchanges, Trinity adopts an empathetic attitude towards Paige’s injury but never falters in her opinion that engaging with the dark realm is not worthwhile. Still, Paige tries to get Trinity to engage with a psychic on the streets, but Trinity responds again by putting her confidence in Jesus. {eoa}

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