

Christian Wrestler Wins Gold, Praises God While Proudly Draped in the American Flag

American Olympic wrestler Tamyra Mensah-Stock heaped praise on the United States and expressed her gratitude to God after she won her first gold medal in the Tokyo Olympics.

Mensah-Stock bested Nigerian wrestler Blessing Oborududu 4-1 after seizing two takedowns in the first period. Neither woman scored a point in the second period.

“Of course I surprise myself,” a jubilant Mensah-Stock told reporters after the victory. “It’s by the grace of God I’m even able to move my feet. I just leave it in His hands and I pray that all the practice ... my coaches put my through pays off and, every single time, it does.”

Noticing the American flag draped over Mensah-Stock’s shoulders, one reporter asked the gold medalist how it feels to represent her country.

The athlete—clearly honored to carry the American flag—said it feels “amazing” to represent the United States.

“It feels amazing,” she said. “I love representing the U.S. I ... love living here. I love it. And I’m so happy I get to represent USA!”

As she walked away, Mensah-Stock said she would try not to cry when she stood on the podium to receive her gold medal.

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