

Pastor, Wife Robbed of More Than \$400,000 by Gun-Wielding Church Bandits

A New York City pastor was reportedly robbed in the middle of a church service Sunday, with bandits coming into his house of worship and taking more than \$400,000 in jewelry from him and his wife.

Video of the ordeal shows Bishop Lamor Whitehead, 44, getting on the ground in front of his pulpit as three armed thieves walked around Leaders of Tomorrow International Ministries in Brooklyn, New York.

The whole incident was caught on livestream.

The potentially dangerous scenario was captured around 11:15 a.m. on the church's live stream after the men burst into the sanctuary.

"Yo, all right, all right, all right," Whitehead said as he halted the service and lay on the ground.

Whitehead later took to Instagram to respond to the shocking scenario—an event he said left the congregation "traumatized."

"I was born without jewelry; jewelry don't make me," he said. "I ain't never scared, and I'm not up here being boastful or talking bad about nobody, but you have these women and children crying still."

Whitehead continued, "That's not gangster. That's a layup, like, 'Oh, I robbed a church.' You don't get no points for that."

He went on to address the robbers themselves, letting them know the cops are searching for them—and detailing the

negative impact they had on parishioners.