

Top of the Week: Christian Pastor Shot for Refusing to Deny Jesus

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Christian Pastor Shot for Refusing to Deny Jesus

In a testament to unwavering faith amidst adversity, a Pakistani pastor was shot and injured by hardline Muslims in Jaranwala, Pakistan. The incident occurred just a week after Islamist slogans were scrawled on the walls of his church. The resilient pastor, Rev. Eleazar Sidhu, serves as the spiritual leader of a Presbyterian congregation in Kukranwala village. His ordeal serves as a poignant reminder of the enduring faith required to withstand persecution in the name of Jesus.

As Pastor Sidhu and his assistant were returning home after visiting church members, two bearded men intercepted their motorcycle near the Khanuwana bus stop. The assailants demanded that Pastor Sidhu recite the Islamic creed. However, the pastor courageously refused and instead began reciting the Apostles' Creed. In response, one of the attackers fired a gunshot, wounding Pastor Sidhu in the upper part of his chest.

The attackers fled the scene, leaving behind a wounded but resolute pastor. His refusal to renounce his faith, even in the face of danger, exemplifies the words of Jesus in Matthew 10:32-33: "Whoever will confess Me before men, him will I confess also before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever will deny Me before men, him will I also deny before My Father who is in heaven."

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Christian Music Legend Marlon LeFevre Dies at 78

Christian music legend and Gospel Music Hall of Fame inductee Mylon LeFevre, the front man for the popular band Broken Heart in the 1980s and 1990s, died Friday, Sept. 8, at the age of 78 after a long bout with cancer.

As a kid, LeFevre performed with his gospel-singing family. But after falling in love with secular rock 'n' roll, he went down a dark path that led to drug addiction. God retrieved him from that lifestyle and he began to make his mark in contemporary Christian music.

In 1980, LeFevre attended a concert by the CCM group 2nd Chapter of Acts. Buck Herring, the group's leader, led the people in prayer, and LeFevre prayed along and submitted to Jesus as the Lord of his life.

Pastor Tony Evans Embraces New Chapter With Engagement Announcement

Renowned pastor Dr. Tony Evans, the leader of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship (OCBF) in Dallas, has revealed his engagement to Dr. Carla Crummie, marking a significant chapter in his life nearly four years after the loss of his beloved wife, Lois.

This heartfelt announcement, made during a recent OCBF service, calls for the congregation's prayers during what Dr. Evans describes as a "sensitive time."

Dr. Evans, an influential figure in the Christian community, author and seasoned speaker, turned to his faith and the support of his family as he shared this deeply personal news. Addressing the congregation on September 10, he acknowledged the poignant milestone approaching the fourth anniversary of Lois's passing, his cherished wife of 49 years. His children,

Priscilla Shirer, Jonathan Evans, Anthony Evans Jr. and Crystal Evans Hurst, stood by their father's side as he made this heartfelt announcement.

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A Prophetic Message Concerning the 2024 Elections

What is the Spirit saying to the church concerning the 2024 elections? Based on the wisdom of the Word, based on practical experience and based on what I sense in my own heart, I would submit the following for your prayerful consideration.

1. Don't look to the prophets! I absolutely believe in prophetic ministry, both in biblical time and today. I believe there are prophetic voices through whom the Spirit speaks, right to this moment, and we do well to listen carefully when they speak, testing everything carefully by the Word of God.

But the last thing we need to do now is look to "the prophets" for election guidance. (I put the words in scare quotes because not everyone who calls himself or herself a prophet really is one.)

Prophetic Revelation: Russian Spacecraft Crash Fulfills Detailed Prophecy

In a recent and astonishing turn of events, a Russian spacecraft's crash into the moon has not only captured the world's attention but has also stirred the hearts of those who believe that God still speaks through prophecy.

Two months before this unprecedented incident, Troy Black, a Christian speaker, received a word from the Lord that remarkably foretold the crash with incredible accuracy.

On June 23, 2023, during a live-streamed message, Black shared his vision of a space shuttle orbiting the Earth, coupled with a message from God: "Rocket ship, a crash landing, an orbital wreck, an Orbiter dislodged and broken open, a shuttle in

pieces.” These words might have seemed cryptic at the time, but their significance would soon become clear. {eo}

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