

‘Pray for Our Church’: Worship Leader’s Family Killed in Bombing of Pentecostal Church Building

President Trump has warned he will impose tariffs on buyers of Russian oil if Vladimir Putin does not seriously address the ongoing violence in Ukraine. So far, the Russian president has refused to accept a proposed partial ceasefire.

Meanwhile, Russian drones continue to strike Kyiv, recently hitting a Pentecostal church, which resulted in casualties among church members.

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On Sunday morning, March 23rd, a Russian drone approached the Emmanuel Church compound in Kyiv. It exploded 20 meters from a modular home housing Alexandra, her husband, Oleksandr, and their five-year-old daughter, Nicole.

Pasha Tupchyk, one of the church pastors, explained the house is used, “For people who need sleep and to stay in church. It’s for ministry and something like that. (There was) an explosion, big explosion (that) damaged this house in seconds.”

Oleksandr and Nicole died instantly, while praise team lead singer Alexandra miraculously survived the blast. “She was asleep on the mattress. (The) explosion (made) this mattress – and she’s on the mattress – fly away,” Tupchyk explained.

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Although Alexandra required surgery, the mattress protected her from shrapnel that could have caused more severe injuries or even death.

Just a few hours later, the Emmanuel congregation gathered for a worship service. With the congregation traumatized and grieving, one of the pastors, Vitaly Bondarenko, urged them to remain focused on eternity rather than their earthly losses.

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Is a Massive US-Israeli Attack Coming Soon on Iran's Nuclear Program?

In early March, President Donald J. Trump secretly sent a letter to the leaders of the Iranian regime, inviting them to come to the table and negotiate a deal with American officials to end the Iranian nuclear threat to the world once and for all.

On March 7, Trump told Fox News anchor Maria Bartiromo that he wants a diplomatic solution.

“The other alternative is you have to do something [militarily] because Iran can’t have a nuclear weapon,” Trump told Bartiromo.

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A few days later, Trump told reporters, “We are down to final strokes with Iran. We are down to the final moments. We can’t let them have a nuclear weapon. Something is going to happen very soon. I would rather have a peace deal than the other option, but the other option will solve the problem.”

Indeed, as more details have leaked out, we’re learning that the Trump letter was more than an invitation and an implied threat of U.S. and/or Israeli military force.

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The letter also included a deadline.

“President Trump’s letter to Iran’s Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei included a two-month deadline for reaching a new nuclear deal,” one American official and two additional diplomatic sources told the Axios news service in a report published on March 19.

In the days since, there are growing signs suggesting American and Israeli forces are preparing for a massive military strike against Iran’s nuclear program.

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Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth just extended the deployment of a U.S. nuclear-powered aircraft carrier in the Middle East – the USS Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group – and ordered another group, Carl Vinson Carrier Strike Group, to the Middle East.

Hegseth also reportedly ordered the deployment of additional fighter and bomber squadrons to the region.

What's more, it's now being reported by a former Israeli fighter pilot that "at least six U.S. B-2 bombers are now stationed at Diego Garcia air base in the Indian Ocean. This is important because the B-2 is the only aircraft that can deliver the massive GBU-57, one of the only bombs that can destroy Iran's nuclear sites at Natanz and Fordow."

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3-Year-Old Girl Stumbles Upon 3,800-Year-Old Biblical Artifact, Experts Are Stunned!

Sometimes, all it takes to make a world-shaking discovery is a pair of curious eyes—and a little bit of sand.

That's exactly what happened last month when 3-year-old Ziv Nitzan was out on a family walk and stumbled across a piece of biblical history. "We were walking along the path, and then Ziv bent down – and out of all the stones around her, she picked up this particular stone," said her sister, Omer Nitzan. "When she rubbed it and removed the sand from it, we saw something was different about it."

As reported by Fox News, the discovery turned out to be a 3,800-year-old scarab amulet from the Middle Bronze Age—right near the ancient town of Azekah in the Judaeen Foothills, a place mentioned in 1 Samuel 17:1 where David faced Goliath. The artifact was immediately turned over to the Israel Antiquities Authority, which confirmed the find and awarded young Ziv a certificate of appreciation.

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The scarab is shaped like a dung beetle, a sacred symbol in ancient Egyptian culture. According to the IAA, “It was a symbol of new life, because of the dung ball it created and then laid its eggs into it, from which new life would hatch.” The Egyptian word for scarab even comes from the verb meaning “to come into being” or “to be created.” These amulets were used as seals or symbols of religious belief and status, as explained by Dr. Daphna Ben-Tor.

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Tel Aviv University professor Oded Lipschits, who has led excavations at Tel Azekah for 15 years, called the city “one of the most important cities in the Judean Lowlands” during the Bronze Ages. He added, “The scarab found by Ziv joins a long list of Egyptian and Canaanite finds discovered here, which attest to the close ties and cultural influences between Canaan and Egypt during that period.”

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In honor of Passover, IAA Director Eli Escuido announced the artifact will be displayed at the Jay and Jeanie Schottenstein National Campus for the Archaeology of Israel, where the public can view it alongside other significant Egyptian and Canaanite items. “Thanks to her, everyone will be able to see

it and enjoy it," he said.

It's incredible, every time archaeologists search the soil, they uncover more evidence that affirms the truth of the Bible. History and archaeology continue to echo the pages of Scripture, reminding us that the stories passed down for generations are far more than myth—they're the very foundation of truth.

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WATCH: Son of Backstreet Boys Legend Breaks Hearts on 'American Idol' with Powerful Song About Jesus

Jesus just may have a new, unexpected spot for revival to break out: American Idol.

Baylee Littrell, son of Backstreet Boys' Brian Littrell, took the American Idol stage with a raw, emotional performance of his original song, "Hey Jesus."

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At just 22 years old, Baylee revealed his personal journey of faith and loss, opening up about the death of his beloved grandmother, who was not only his best friend but also his

support during difficult times while his dad was on tour.

The song, written during a season of profound grief, expresses Baylee's struggle with loss and his eventual reconciliation with his faith.

"I thought she was going to be around for moments like this. I never expected to lose her. So when I did, I questioned everything. And I had pushed away faith," he shared, reflecting on this devastating loss. Yet, it was through the very process of writing "Hey Jesus" that Baylee found his way back to God.

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His performance was not just a display of musical talent but a powerful testimony of surrender, faith and healing. The audience could feel his vulnerability as he sang about brokenness, surrendering everything to God, and finding hope in His light.

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What makes this moment even more profound is that Baylee's performance comes at the same time as Canaan James Hill's beautiful rendition of "I Need Your Glory." In a season where many are yearning for a revival, it seems that a new spiritual awakening might just be breaking out among the young in a truly uncanny spot—American Idol. Could this be the beginning of something greater? Only time will tell, but these performances are proof that God can move in the most unlikely venues.

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Astrology, Crystals and the Church: How New Age Lies Are Slowly Destroying Your Faith!

Now is the time for the body of Christ to be on high alert when it comes to honing in on listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit.

In a recent message, Richard Lorenzo Jr. urged the body of Christ to discern spiritual challenges and embrace God's process of refinement. "Some people are not discerning you spiritually, they're diagnosing your suffering," he says, emphasizing that God tests believers' faith to make it stronger. "The Bible says He takes our faith and puts it through a fire... so it comes out stronger than it was before."

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However, while many are being refined for greatness, the church today has become a breeding ground for people to question the success of others. In our current culture, it almost seems as though many would prefer to see believers fall into scandal and sin than to see them raised up and redeemed by God. This "Pharisee spirit," as Lorenzo explains, focuses on others' failures instead of their spiritual growth.

"The Pharisees were spiritual bounty hunters chasing failures and not souls," Lorenzo says. He encourages believers to focus on winning souls rather than engaging in competition. "When you start winning souls... there's going to be people as you're chasing souls, they're going to be chasing your failures."

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This Pharisee spirit is rooted in jealousy and competition. "Your destiny exposes their delay," he says. Lorenzo observes that some people might secretly be "waiting for your downfall" due to envy, especially when others seem to advance quickly in their spiritual journey. "When people see you moving quickly in Christ... people will try to latch on to eat from your fruit," he says.

However, these jealous spirits are opposite God's heart for redemption. "God is not looking for a reason to judge you. He's looking for a reason to redeem you," Lorenzo says.



To order Richard Lorenzo Jr.'s new book, What's the Purpose of Life? visit .

He stresses that God's grace and love are abundant, pointing out, "God is extremely gracious... He gives people time to repent because He loves and He is love." Lorenzo likens God's intentions to those of a loving father: "Think about a father who loves their son... they want to see their children win."

Just as God wants to see us win, the true heart of a disciple of Christ should be to see others flourish in their walk with God.

This is a powerful reminder for Christians to prioritize their spiritual growth, trust in God's redemptive process and rise above the distractions of jealousy and competition. It calls believers to stand firm in their faith, embrace God's testing and support one another in their journey toward fulfilling their destiny—always remembering that God's heart is for restoration, not condemnation.

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Is the Mark of the Beast Already Being Built? A Top General Says Yes

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Convicted Pastor Breaks Down in Court – Reads Entirety of Psalm 51

A youth pastor and father of five in Kansas convicted of attempting to murder his wife and children and setting his home on fire read from the Bible during a public apology.

Johnson County District Court Judge Jason Billam sentenced Matthew Lee Richards last week to 353 months in prison for two felony counts of attempted first-degree murder, according to a report from the Johnson County Post.

The sentence, which amounts to more than 29 years, came after a plea deal.

Richards was initially charged in September 2023 with five counts of attempted premeditated murder, as well as one count of aggravated arson with risk of bodily harm, the Post added.

Richards had stabbed his wife and five children.

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Three of the children, along with his wife, were hospitalized with severe injuries.

The couple's other two children, a 19-year-old son and one other child, were also hospitalized with less severe injuries.

The former youth pastor at Crossroads Christian Church in Shawnee, Kansas, admitted to police, "I stabbed my kids, detective. I stabbed my wife."

One of the children later told officers that the family members were all in bed when their father started stabbing them, according to a report from KCTV-TV.

Richards was taken to the hospital with injuries from smoke inhalation.

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Richards had been concealing financial troubles from his wife and family, who were unaware they were about to be evicted from their home.

"The defendant admitted to having the thought that it would be better if they all died rather than for his kids to have to deal with the trauma of finding out the truth and for his wife to find out the truth," an affidavit said, per the Post.

When asked in court to deliver a statement, Richards read from Psalm 51, which ancient Israel's King David wrote after sleeping with Bathsheba and facilitating the death of her husband, Uriah the Hittite.

The passage deals with mourning over sin and restoration after repentance.

Richards apologized to his family before reading the passage from the Bible.

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"Through my actions, I brought disgrace, shame, humiliation and dishonor on myself, our family, kids in classrooms and on the soccer field, trusted friends in my community," Richards said.

"This came from my own shame that kept me from revealing my faults and sins because I was afraid of the truth. I was afraid to ask for help," he continued.

"To my wife and kid and the rest of my family, I'm sorry for the multiple levels of destruction and pain," Richards said.

"While I do offer a short apology today, the most important words in apologies will one day – hopefully soon – be shared and should be shared in private moments. I need to make those apologies to the people I love and hurt the most in private and when they're ready."

Richards added that "I hope to be like David and choose to try and use the failures to continue to improve myself and then, help those I have disgraced to recover along with me."

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