

From Playing Teenage Witch to Waging Spiritual Warfare

Actress Melissa Joan Hart has been outspoken in recent years about the faith journey that has led her to find salvation in Jesus Christ. Now she's speaking out about the importance of prayer after she suddenly found herself drawn directly into the tragic school shooting in Nashville.

As CBN's Faithwire reports, Hart and her husband, Mark Wilkerson, were in their car on Monday when they noticed a group of kindergarteners running out of the woods, near The Covenant School, a private Christian school for Pre-K through sixth graders. The 46-year-old actor's three children—ages 10, 15 and 17—attend a school right next to Covenant.

"Luckily, we are all OK," the celebrity tearfully explained in an Instagram post. "But we did—my husband and I were on our way to school for conferences—and luckily our kids weren't in today. We helped a class of kindergartners across a busy highway,"

"So we helped all these tiny little, little kids cross the road and get their teachers over there, and we helped a mom reunite with her children," Hart continued. "I don't know what to say anymore. It is just—enough is enough and, just pray. Pray for the families."

Her Faith Journey to Christ

In a 2019 interview on "Journeys of Faith," Paula Faris's podcast for the ABC network, Hart revealed that she had started attending a Presbyterian church, studies the Bible and is always seeking to grow closer to God.

At the time of the interview, Hart took a lot of heat for it, with haters blasting her on social media, calling her names

and cursing her for her belief that all people need to know Christ. Apparently, a lot of people were angry that she believes Jesus is the path to heaven, which is the central belief of Christianity. She was even accused of being anti-Semitic because she believes what Christians believe.

Dealing with Spiritual Battles

Hart says she sometimes struggles with doubt like anyone, but, "Then I close my eyes and tap into the Holy Spirit and let Him speak to me. And you feel that warmth and you feel that change."

While she didn't discuss her prior acting role as a teenage witch, she did talk about how she sometimes senses fear and real spiritual darkness and engages in what the Bible calls spiritual warfare.

She talks about moments when she feels darkness around her in her home, and she recognizes she can make the darkness leave by speaking in faith out loud.

"When I'm in my house and I'm afraid if I'm by myself or my husband's asleep before me, and I get afraid and I'm walking the halls and you just get that creepy feeling like goosebumps up your back like something's not right, I just say out loud, you know, 'This is a Jesus home, Satan's not welcome here, get out, this is a home for Jesus,' she said.

"Immediately... you feel that darkness go away," she explained.

"One of the great things that I've learned is that darkness is just the absence of light and without Jesus you just have this darkness and then Jesus is the light... so not having Jesus in your life just leaves this void," she said.

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