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Latest: Wendy Shay Says She Didn't Believe in Jesus Before Moving to Ghana

A true story of faith under pressure. Read the first half below, then continue online.

KEY SPIRITUAL TAKEAWAY

"Before I left Germany for Ghana, I wasn't worshipping God, and I didn't believe in Jesus Christ,"

(Transliterated from the original Hindi.)

They had gathered only to pray. When prayer itself becomes the target, faith is proved not by words but by staying.

The Story - Part One

Ghanaian singer Wendy Shay has said plainly what many stars would never admit: before she moved from Germany to Ghana, she did not believe in Jesus Christ.

"Before I left Germany for Ghana, I wasn't worshipping God, and I didn't believe in Jesus Christ," she told GhanaWeb News on Mother's FM on 19 November. "This shows that God has called me. If I am here talking about God today, you should know that God has revealed something to me."

The confession lands on a big night for her. Tonight, Saturday 21 November, she headlines the 2026 edition of her annual Shay Concert at West Hills Mall in Weija, Accra - the same stage where the woman who once walked away from faith will sing about the God she says found her again.

Shay was born Wendy Asiamah Addo in Accra on 20 February 1996. Her father died when she was four, and she moved with her siblings to Stuttgart, Germany, where she grew up, went to music school, and trained as a nurse and midwife. She was born into the Church of Christ - but Germany, she says, slowly changed her mind.

"I was born in Church of Christ, but because of the lifestyle abroad and my friends, my thinking gradually changed," she said. "The people I associated with did not believe in those things, and at a point, they influenced the way I thought."

The turning point has a name: Bullet. Ricky Nana Agyemang, known as Bullet, the founder of RuffTown Records, signed her in January 2018, weeks after the death of label mate Ebony Reigns. Shay says he introduced her to Jesus and took her to church - and stayed with her through the slow work of believing again.

"It was after I came to Ghana that I realised this is the only way. It was through Bullet that I started believing in God again," she said.

She has told parts of this story before. In 2021 she announced she had found the light, saying "Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the light," and spoke of removing 15 piercings as part of her new life. In a later interview she went further, saying she probably would have drifted into the occult if she had not met Bullet - and describing a church visit where, in her words, "the Holy Ghost just arrested me."

The Turning Point - What Happens Next

The story reaches a life-changing moment that changes everything -- and what seemed like the end is only the middle. Two reports disagree on the numbers, and one question is left unanswered: will the CCTV footage ever come out? Read the full story to find out what happens next.

PERSONAL REFLECTION & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When gathering to pray carries a real cost, what keeps a community coming together anyway -- and what would keep you coming?

2. The pastor's sister shielded him with her own body and fainted under the blows. What does costly, self-giving love look like in your own family or church?

3. When justice is delayed and a complaint is withdrawn under threat, how do believers hold on to truth without giving in to fear -- or to hatred?

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