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Latest: Donnie Wahlberg Brought to Tears While Worshiping Jesus - "My Identity Is in Him"

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

KEY SPIRITUAL TAKEAWAY

"On a plane. The clip, filmed on 17 November 2026 and reported by CBN News on 20 November, shows the singer's eyes welling up as the lyrics land."

(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

New Kids on the Block star Donnie Wahlberg, 56, posted a video of himself in tears this week as he listened to SEU Worship's song "What A God" on a plane. The clip, filmed on 17 November 2026 and reported by CBN News on 20 November, shows the singer's eyes welling up as the lyrics land. "If you'd have told me, two years ago, what my playlist would look like today? Not sure I would have believed you," Wahlberg wrote alongside the video. "But when He has your heart, renewal happens."

It is a long way from the boy-band posters of the late 1980s. Wahlberg was a teenager when New Kids on the Block made him a global pop star, and he has spent most of his adult life in the spotlight. Now, at 56, he is posting worship music to millions of followers and telling them plainly that his identity is in Jesus.

That is what makes the clip hit so hard. There is no stage, no lighting rig, no crowd singing along. It is just a man on an airplane, headphones in, listening to a song about God, and letting the tears come. Millions of people have watched it, and thousands have left comments saying the same thing in different words: they know that feeling.

The video is not a one-off. It caps a year in which Wahlberg has talked about his faith more openly than ever before. In May 2026, he released a "JESUS IS ALIVE" remix with Christian artist Forrest Frank, putting his name on a worship track few mainstream stars would touch. Then in June, he told a concert crowd that giving his life to Christ was the most important thing he has ever done.

And in August 2026, he shared his baptism with his wife, Jenny McCarthy. The couple were baptised together, and Wahlberg posted about it publicly, the way he has posted about everything else in this season of his life. For a man famous since his teens, there is something striking about how unguarded he has been about all of it.

In a CBN interview, Wahlberg explained why. Despite the fame and the fortune, he said, he felt empty without Christ. "Everything to the outside, to everyone, looks perfect, and I was empty. I was empty without Him." It is the kind of sentence that only makes sense once you have heard it from someone who has actually lived it, and Wahlberg has lived the version of success that most people only dream about.

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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