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Jesse Monday, 19, Loses Hand in Attack on Plateau Farm

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

KEY SPIRITUAL TAKEAWAY

"Jesse Monday, a 19-year-old Christian farmer, lost his right hand on Monday afternoon when suspected Fulani herdsmen attacked him and two friends with machetes on their farmland in Rewienku village, Miango District, in Plateau State"

(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

Jesse Monday, a 19-year-old Christian farmer, lost his right hand on Monday afternoon when suspected Fulani herdsmen attacked him and two friends with machetes on their farmland in Rewienku village, Miango District, in Plateau State. His two companions escaped without physical injuries. Jesse was rushed to hospital with multiple cutlass wounds and his hand completely severed.

He was 19 years old, and he was doing the most ordinary thing in his world. He was working his own farm, in daylight, with friends beside him, in the village where he grew up. Then the afternoon turned violent in seconds, and a young man who feeds his family from the soil came home with one hand gone.

The attack happened at about 3 p.M. On 23 November, according to local reports, while the three young men were working on their farm. The assailants struck with machetes. Jesse took the worst of it. His hand was cut off entirely, and he suffered deep wounds to his chin and legs before the attackers left him bleeding in the field. Troops from Operation Enduring Peace responded to the scene, and Jesse was taken to hospital for emergency treatment.

The Rewienku Youth Development Association raised the alarm first. Its publicity secretary, Agara Weyi, warned that Rewienku and the villages around it were facing serious security problems, and advised residents travelling from Jos to their communities to take care and consider postponing their journeys untill 24 November. It was the kind of warning people in Miango have heard too many times before.

Rewienku sits in the Irigwe-speaking area of Bassa Local Government Area, in the central part of Plateau State. It is a farming community, and farming is not a job there. It is life itself. Families grow what they eat, and they sell what is left. When armed men drive farmers from their fields, they are not only wounding bodies. They are cutting off the food on the table.

That is why this attack landed so hard, even in a state that has seen so much bloodshed. A severed hand is not a statistic. It is a young man who will never hold a hoe the same way again, a family that must now find a new way to survive, and a village that must decide whether it is safe to go back to the fields in the morning.

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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