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Jon Jorgenson Forgives Wes Huff for Plagiarizing His Work

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

KEY SPIRITUAL TAKEAWAY

"The Wall: A Hopeless Situation"

(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

Jon Jorgenson has forgiven Wes Huff. The Chicago pastor said so plainly in a video published on Friday, November 20, after learning that Huff, a well-known Canadian apologist, had repeated his 2013 video "The Wall: A Hopeless Situation" nearly word for word in a convocation speech at Liberty University on April 4, 2025, without credit or permission.

He found out only last week. Someone sent him the Liberty speech, and as he listened, the words sounded familiar.

The lines about Lazarus. The lines about Timothy. The lines about Abraham and Jericho, in the same order he had written them twelve years earlier.

His own words, coming out of another man's mouth, in front of a packed hall, with no mention of his name at all.

The original video was made in 2013, when Jorgenson was a young creator telling a story about a wall that could not be climbed and a situation that looked hopeless. It was a spoken-word piece, the kind of thing that lives or dies on the exact order of its lines.

Huff's convocation speech followed that order so closely that anyone who knew the original could hear it. Jorgenson, an associate pastor at Soul City Church in Chicago, had never been asked for permission, and had never been told the speech was coming.

When he turned the camera on himself to answer, he could have chosen anger, and no one watching would have blamed him. Instead he said the hard thing first.

"What Wes did was wrong," Jorgenson said. "I am not going to drag Wes Huff."

"If there is forgiveness for me to give in this, I forgive Wes. I hold no ill will toward him."

He meant it as more than a line. "I do believe in grace," he said. "I do believe in transformation and I believe that humble repentance is a great starting point."

The words landed because they cost him something: he was the wronged party, and he was the one offering the way back. He praised Huff for owning up, and made it clear forgiveness was not pretending nothing had happened.

The wrong was real. The grace was real too.

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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