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Latest: 19 Killed as Gunmen Attack Christian Village of Tafi-Gana in Plateau State

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

KEY SPIRITUAL TAKEAWAY

"We are tired of burying our people. These are farmers, women and children who did nothing to anyone."

(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

Nineteen people are dead after gunmen attacked Tafi-Gana, a Christian village in Jebbu Miango, Bassa Local Government Area of Plateau State, late on Wednesday 25 November. Sixteen bodies were recovered at the scene, and three more victims died after being taken to hospital. Four survivors were rushed to hospital with injuries.

It was about 11:30 at night when the shooting started. Families who had already gone to bed woke to gunfire, grabbed what they could, and ran into the bush in the dark.

Rita Joseph was one of them. She fled with her family as the attack went on into the early hours of Thursday, and when it was over she put the grief of her village into one sentence that has now travelled across Nigeria.

"We are tired of burying our people. These are farmers, women and children who did nothing to anyone."

Her words land hard because of who is on the list of the dead. The youngest was David Danladi, just 10 years old. The oldest was Zhime Ngaza, 75.

Between them were teenagers, mothers, and grandfathers - ordinary people from one small farming village.

Tafi-Gana Attack: The 16 Victims Named At The Scene

The Irigwe Development Association and the traditional council of Rigwe land confirmed the attack and published the names of the 16 victims found at the scene. They are Moses Oko, 70; Maingwa Zere Rangya, 60; Danladi Ishaku, 45; Luka Danladi, 21; Elisha Luka, 18; David Danladi, 10; Ishaya Goslow, 18; Lami Danladi, 30; Isi Ishaku, 18; Zhime Ngaza, 75; ThankGod Danladi, 18; Gideon Joseph, 25; Ladi Abba, 65; Ruth Istifanus, 20; Mary Keyi, 18; and Lazarus Musa, 13.

Three more people died in hospital after the attack, bringing the total to 19. A fourth survivor was still being treated, and reports do not say what happened to him afterwards - so the honest count stays at 19, not 20.

Resident Moses Monday, who helped count the dead at dawn, said the same thing in both of the first reports: 16 bodies lay at the scene, and three more died in hospital. He summed up the night in three words.

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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