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329 Students Give Their Lives to Christ at Belmont University Revival

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

KEY SPIRITUAL TAKEAWAY

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(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

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One young woman baptized that night had a story that stopped the room. She said she had been an atheist her whole life, and she had walked into the Fisher Center that evening with no faith at all.

She walked out of the water a follower of Jesus. In a single night, a lifetime of unbelief gave way to something she had never expected to find.

Her story is the kind that explains why these gatherings keep drawing crowds. The numbers are striking, but numbers do not walk out of a baptism trough with tears on their face.

A person does. And when one person tells a room full of students that she came in an atheist and left a Christian, the room listens in a way no sermon alone could make it listen.

The service was led by Circuit Riders, with preaching from Tonya Prewett, the founder of UniteUS, and Grant Troutt. The pattern was the same one UniteUS has used all fall: worship, preaching, an invitation, and then baptisms on the spot for those who respond. At Belmont, the response kept coming, long after the formal service had ended.

The baptisms happened right there, in troughs set up for the night, with students still in their clothes, still catching their breath from the worship. People went under the water because they had just decided, minutes before, that their lives were going to change.

Belmont Was The Final Stop Of The UniteUS Fall Tour

Belmont was the fifth and final stop of UniteUS's fall tour, and the numbers from the earlier stops show that what happened in Nashville was not a one-off. The tour began at Pepperdine, then moved to the University of Miami, then to Appalachian State, where more than 700 students made decisions and around 100 were baptized on 13 October. Then came the University of South Alabama, where 596 decisions were reported and 52 people were baptized on 27 October.

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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