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Donovan Marx Farm Attack Survivor Walks Out of Hospital Singing Praise to God After 16 Days

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

KEY SPIRITUAL TAKEAWAY

"Met die krag van God"

(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

Donovan Marx walked out of Mediclinic Potchefstroom on Thursday 12 November singing praise to God, just 16 days after attackers shot him, stabbed him and cut off both his ears on his farm near Ventersdorp. The 50-year-old farmer left the hospital arm in arm with nursing staff and loved ones, his head still bandaged, and joined the nurses, family and church members gathered in the corridor as they sang the Afrikaans worship song "Met die krag van God" (With the Power of God).

The video of his discharge spread across South Africa within hours. Guitarists played while hands went up in worship, and Marx sang along, emotional but unbroken, a little over two weeks after doctors fought to save his life.

Donovan Marx Farm Attack: What Happened On 28 October

Attackers struck Marx's farm at Syferfontein, between Potchefstroom and Ventersdorp, on Wednesday 28 October. He was shot, stabbed and brutally assaulted, and his attackers cut off both his ears before fleeing.

He was rushed to Mediclinic Potchefstroom, where emergency surgeons removed part of his large intestine to save his life. They could not save his ears.

His wife Louise never left his side through the two weeks of treatment, and she called his survival "nothing less than a miracle and a testimony of God's grace."

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The family thanked God publicly for every day he pulled through, and asked South Africans to keep praying, first for his healing, then for the court case to come. Other believers have told similar stories of healing against the odds, as reported in Sara O'Meara: Given 3 Months to Live, Says God Healed Her and Inoperable Brain Tumor Dissolved: Evelyn Cartwright's Miracle Testimony.

Met Die Krag Van God: The Hymn Donovan Marx Sang On Leaving Hospital

The song that filled the hospital corridor was "Met die krag van God," a beloved Afrikaans worship song whose title means "With the Power of God." Its words say, "I sing Hallelujah, for I am stronger through God's power."

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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