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Lainey Wilson Hosts 60th CMA Awards After Dove Win for 'The Jesus I Know Now'

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

KEY SPIRITUAL TAKEAWAY

"The Jesus I Know Now"

(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

Lainey Wilson hosted the 60th Annual CMA Awards on Wednesday 18 November 2026 at Bridgestone Arena in Nashville, her third consecutive year hosting country music's biggest night and her second consecutive year hosting solo. She is the first solo female host since Reba McEntire in 1991. She walked onto that stage as the reigning Entertainer of the Year - and as a woman who had just told the world about a Jesus she no longer fears.

Weeks earlier, at the 57th GMA Dove Awards on 6 October 2026, Wilson and Brandon Lake won Country/Roots Recorded Song of the Year for their collaboration "The Jesus I Know Now" - and performed it at the ceremony. Accepting the award, she told the audience the Jesus she knows now is not the one she grew up fearing.

"I feel like that Jesus that I know now is not the one that I grew up knowin', the one shakin' his fists and the one I was scared of... I feel like I am finally starting to have an authentic relationship with Jesus Christ."

CMA Awards 2026: Ella Langley Takes Entertainer Of The Year

The night belonged, in the end, to Ella Langley, who won Entertainer of the Year at the 2026 CMA Awards. Wilson was nominated in three categories - Entertainer of the Year, Female Vocalist of the Year, and Single of the Year for "Somewhere Over Laredo" - but did not win on the night.

That does not tell the whole story of her standing in country music. Wilson entered the evening as a 12-time CMA winner and the reigning Entertainer of the Year, and she carried the show itself. Hosting is a different kind of honour from winning, and the CMA trusted her with it for a third year running.

She also recieved the CMA International Artist Achievement Award in 2026, a recognition of how far her music has travelled beyond Nashville. From the small stages of Louisiana to the biggest night in country music, her rise has been steady, and the industry keeps finding new ways to say so.

The Jesus I Know Now: Lainey Wilson's Dove Award Win

The Dove Awards ceremony took place on 6 October 2026 at Bridgestone Arena, the same stage where Wilson would host the CMAs six weeks later. She and Brandon Lake won Country/Roots Recorded Song of the Year for "The Jesus I Know Now," a collaboration they also performed live at the ceremony.

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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