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INDIAN PASTOR BEATEN, THROWN INTO DITCHâ€“BUT PERSECUTORS SHOCKED BY WHAT GOD DOES NEXT
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One pastor's story of a faith that cost him everything in India, and a Savior that is faithful to the point of death. The Church in India is growing at an unprecedented rate, with village church pastors forging a burgeoning movement. In January 2015, more than 1 million people converted to Christianity at a single-tent revival event. Increasingly, the leaders of these churches are bearing the brunt of persecution in India, often finding themselves the first target of Hindu extremists, especially when extremists begin to see the impact of these leaders and their passion to share the gospel.

When Hindu nationalists learned Pastor Tilak's ministry had led 40 families to Christ, they urged the Naxalites, a communist insurgency group in India, to silence him. But no one, including the Naxalites and Hindu extremists, anticipated what God would do the night Tilak was attacked.

A BRUTAL CLIMB

"Will you leave your Christian faith or not?" shouted a Naxalite, one of India's communist insurgents.

"I cannot leave my faith." No.

Tilak's reply was slow but strong. As soon as he had completed his sentence, his attackers hurriedly tied his hands behind his back and bound his legs together. Grabbing a thick stick, they began to beat him, ordering him to climb the mountain. Amidst the blows, Tilak continued the slow ascent on his hands and knees, dragging himself through thorns and jagged rocks.

His body was bloody and mangled, the pain surreal. A vivid picture of his Lord on the way to Calvary kept him sane as he crawled on through the night, blow by blow, inch by inch. With each passing moment, he felt himself growing weaker, the struggle to move becoming more intense.

He could feel the hatred of these men, and to think it was all because his ministry had seen 40 families turn to Christ. As a believer, opposition towards Christ had become opposition towards him. His time had come.

A MERCILESS DEATH

When he could bear it no longer, Tilak collapsed, motionless. The Naxalites checked his pulse. Nothing. They called a village doctor just to be sure. Reassured that they had done their job, the men threw Tilak's body into a ditch without mercy, returning to the village with their heads held high.

Please read the rest of the account in the following link. It is too long to post here but well worth the read. this is our God!

REJOICE! =)

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