

A Prophetic Warning for Pastors Worldwide

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In this vision, I saw a pastor as a boxer, sitting on a stool in a corner of a boxing ring inside a large arena, waiting for the fight to begin. It was then that the Lord asked, **“Who put him in that ring? Did he just get in the ring, or did I place him in the ring?”** I responded by answering the Lord, “I don’t know.”

I understood that, over many years of ministry, the pastor and his family had suffered devastating calamity.

The Lord then revealed, **“This pastor has been involved in a series of presumptuous acts leading him to fight against a strong adversary, the devil. The darkness he has encountered has been overwhelming.”** My eyes were then opened to the menacing darkness of evil in the opposite corner of the ring.

As the frail pastor sat in his corner, I saw that, in the darkness of the opposite corner, there were multiple very powerful demonic warriors. However, the darkness stretched beyond the ropes of the ring, extending for many yards in either direction to the opposite walls of the arena. What I was seeing was the enemy army’s frontline. I then became aware that this pastor had entered the ring without a clue about how to fight the enemy.

I then heard the Lord confirm the understanding I sensed in my heart concerning the situation, saying, **“He doesn’t have a clue. Decisions based upon presumption have been his path, and he has paid the price for it. This is where the Church is – practicing presumption, and they have paid the price for it. A greater disaster is coming for those who continue to move in the sin of presumption against the wicked one.”** The enemy is bent on taking out pastors, and they will take those out who are presumptuous to wage war upon spiritual darkness without following the Holy Spirit.

In the vision, the Lord then looked back at me and said, “Remember this.” In 2014, I wrote about a revelation from the Holy Spirit, in which He said, “The sin of presumption will be dangerous if not deadly in the days ahead.” The Bible has a great deal to teach us concerning this sin.

These are important precepts. ***A minister of the Gospel cannot take on the enemy in presumption.*** What is important to realize is that the Holy Spirit *was not* in the ring with the pastor; therefore, disaster, defeat, and even death are the only possible outcomes. In following the Holy Spirit, we must give Him room. In Joshua 3:3-4, the leaders commanded the people to follow the ark (a type of the Holy Spirit), but they were to follow behind it 2000 cubits, which is 10 football fields or 0.56 miles. The reason: “Do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you shall go, for you have not passed this way before” (Joshua 3:4 NASB95).

The people were being warned not to presume which way the ark of the covenant would take to cross the Jordan into the Promised Land. They were to watch at a distance and then follow. The Lord was making a path for them, and that path was precise.

I then sensed the Lord saying that many pastors are under judgment right now. I then saw the Lord Jesus with a very serious look on His face, standing on the path in front of the pastor. It was clear that this pastor wasn't going any further; he had come to the end of the line. I was deeply impressed that the pastor was under the Lord's serious judgment.

Seeing a balance in front of me, I knew the Holy Spirit was warning me that the pastor's future hung in the balance.

It was then that the Lord commanded me that I was not to hold back from what He reveals concerning pastors.

For pastors to move in a presumptive manner against spiritual darkness, the message is clear. Either repentance must come, coupled with surrendering to the Holy Spirit's leadership, or they will suffer dire consequences. One cannot see the kingdom advance without the Holy Spirit's revelation of His strategy and timing.

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