
Supernatural Shift: Moving into God's new season

Supernatural: Departing from what is usual or normal, especially to appear to go beyond the laws of nature.

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As a church, we have been praying about moving into our own building for years. It seems we have been going from one temporary location to another. We have preached the Gospel and seen souls saved all over this valley.

Over the years, we have been in over eight different locations. We started in a tiny storefront on McDowell and 32nd St. From there, we moved to 16th and Brill, into an abandoned small Phoenix Boys and Girls Club. The building was stripped of everything, but God gave us favor, and we got the building for several years. I remember a super microburst storm ripping off half the roof and destroying everything we had. We could no longer use the building.

Pastor Yvonne was driving up 16th Street and saw a church with a lady walking out the front doors. Pastor Yvonne pulled into the parking lot and asked the lady about the church. The lady turned out to be the owner, and the last church had just left the day before. God opened the doors, and we moved into the church on 16th Street, just south of Thomas downtown. We were there for many years until we outgrew the building.

The Hilton at Squaw Peak

Eventually, the Hilton at Squaw Peak opened up to us, and we moved there. After a few years, I badly wanted to move into our own facility. I started a gathering in North Scottsdale on Saturday nights for business ministry. I saw an ad posted for a church at 35th Ave and Northern. It was in a strip center and had already been built for a church. It had a sanctuary, classrooms, offices, a bookstore, and a coffee shop. It felt so right until we moved in.

Challenges at 35th Ave and Northern

The owners and property managers were terrible. We fought for a few years, as they were constantly threatening to sue me and the church. One night, four days before Christmas, we had a men's meeting scheduled. When we arrived, we noticed that the property had been repossessed, and all the locks had been changed. We were locked out four days before Christmas.

We contacted the bank that had repossessed the whole property at 35th Ave and Northern. The company was Jewish-owned and gave us 24 hours to remove all our church belongings. We put our sound system and chairs in a storage unit called Pack Rat three days before Christmas. After some time, we sold the chairs to help out another church. We got rid of everything and gave it away. We held our Christmas church service in the parking lot because we had no place for DCI.

“No Home for the Holidays”

I did interviews with several news stations on Christmas Eve. The news stations called the story “No Home for the Holidays.” It was during the most significant real estate crash, and they said, “Even God lost His home.” Somehow, the Hilton Squaw Peak found out about it, and we were given favor again. We returned to the Hilton.

By this time, I was so tired, frustrated, and defeated. I told God I would not move until He did this and that because I was so tired. We stayed for another few years, but my heart was just so tired.

Prophetic Word and Moving Forward

I have always known and believed that I was called to pastor and preach the Gospel, to help people know the Jesus who saved and changed us. Prophet Kervin Smith came and ministered, saying these words to me: “You have become too comfortable here at the hotel, and God says your time is up. Move.” Well, I sure did not like that word, and I fought it.

I had a stroke in 2019, and a new management company took over the Hilton. When they saw what we were being charged, they began to increase our payments—first by 2x, then by 3x. No one wanted to tell me, but they had to. We were being forced out. The prophet had given the word, and I did not want to move.

Finding a New Home

We had nowhere to go, so Pastor Yvonne cried and prayed, eventually seeing a church for sale for 3.5 million dollars. She went to the church and sat on a little black couch outside the offices. An older lady greeted Yvonne and asked how she could help. Yvonne asked her to just listen and shared our dilemma. The older secretary explained that they didn’t have a full-time pastor. The one they had lived in Prescott, preached on Sunday, and then went back home.

All of a sudden, Pastor Bob showed up while Yvonne was there. She met him and shared our challenges. She gave him my number, and Pastor Bob said, “Let’s pray and see what God can do.” He called me, and we met. I found out the church was losing the building because they could not afford it at the time. We talked and made a deal. We decided to move in, but we had to change our service times to 1 p.m.

As soon as we signed the contract, COVID hit, and public gatherings were stopped. God told me to keep paying even though we were struggling with no in-house meetings. We did this, helping them not lose the building, and we now had a place to meet for DCI.

Adapting During COVID

Chris Estrada, my son-in-law, worked, studied, and put together our live streaming service. His wit and wisdom helped us continue to reach lives with the Gospel during COVID.

We tried to make a deal with creative financing to buy the building. However, the church voted out Pastor Bob when they found out what he was trying to do. The Methodist church got new pastors, and we did our best to work together. It has become so uncomfortable that we knew it was time to move.

Looking for a New Location

Pastor Felicity got the idea to contact movie theaters. We tried schools, but it was a lot more difficult and costly. Pastor Felicity contacted all the movie theaters in town, and only one could accommodate us now. She negotiated and had many conversations with them, and contracts were drawn up.

When God is preparing for a move, He allows things to get very uncomfortable. Some people are getting upset about the move and leaving, while others are promising to come when we move. Pastor Felicity shared a word with the team before last Sunday: “I was raised to stay, not raised to run.” People don’t like change, but change is the only way to grow. God leads people and assembles a team, but the trials, challenges, and changes will reveal things about us. This move means more work, more giving, more of everything. It is so easy to go sit in an established church—it costs you nothing. We are on the verge of a huge move of God.

The Core Message

I have shared all of this for one main point: **I never quit.** When others quit and left us, I never threw in the towel, even when given the opportunity. We have had a core group of people who have stood with us and stayed to continue preaching the Gospel and seeing souls saved for Jesus Christ.

The work has begun. We moved our storage closer to the mall. We are coming together in prayer, sharing ideas, and figuring out how to do this while maintaining our community and serving our children. The excitement is building as we prepare for the time change to 10 a.m.

Prophetic Confirmation

Prophet Kervin Smith, who spoke about leaving the Hilton, told me the other night two words: **“Fresh Start.”** God is giving us a fresh start. This is a **supernatural new beginning.**

We need people who are willing to work and help us. We need people who will give financially every week to support us. If everyone who calls DCI their church would give, we can do this. We need people who will show up early and stay late with us. We need people who want to see God reach others.

Key Date: October 6th, 2024

On October 6th, 2024, we will relocate and relaunch DCI at the AMC Movie Theaters at Arrowhead Mall.

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