

Benny Hinn Exposes the Truth: 'Worst 3 Years of My Life'

Benny Hinn says that the years 2010 to 2012 were the “worst three years of my life.” But, Hinn says, God knows exactly what He is doing and he used those tribulations to help mold him into a much better man today.

During a private event at Charisma Media Tuesday, Hinn said God helped him better understand the meaning of the anointing that is on both his life and his position as a minister of the gospel. There were lessons learned from previous years from his relationship with Oral Roberts that were brought to memory that helped him through the fiery trials of that three-year period.

Those lessons have led him to write a new book called *Mysteries of the Anointing*, which is due to publish in April 2022.

In January of 2010, Hinn and his wife of more than 30 years, Suzanne, officially separated and filed for a divorce in California. When the divorce became final, it was devastating to both him and his family.

“Divorce is harmful and destructive, not only to the couple but to the people around you,” Hinn says. “Those three years were not good at all, for anybody. During the day, I would always be on the phone with lawyers—my lawyer and Suzanne’s lawyers—and then I would go and preach at night. It was quite painful.

“Your prayer life begins to die because you’re simply in survival mode. I would walk off the platform feeling like I hadn’t preached well for obvious reasons. It’s a time when my spiritual life was in a very bad place. I still had the anointing on me to preach, but the anointing worked in a way

that I couldn't figure it out. The anointing that comes on me when I preach, however, has nothing to do with my life. The Holy Spirit gave me this truth, and everything started to come back together again and now I couldn't be happier."

Hinn said it took the end of his and Suzanne's marriage to wake him up and he believes the Lord used it to show him that as a man of God and a man he could not function properly without his wife and family. He says it's the best thing that could have happened to him because he came to a place where he humbled himself and realized his priorities were wrong.

Hinn and his wife began the reconciliation process Christmas in 2011. The two remarried in 2013 and Hinn says God brought healing and complete restoration to their marriage.

"God told me, 'I was just waiting for you to come back to me,'" Hinn says. "For me, it was like falling in love with Jesus all over again. I'm not the same Benny as I was before, that's for sure."

Hinn had always been known for his healing services and crusades. But that, he says, has taken to a back seat to something much more important in today's culture—saving souls.

He credits Franklin Graham for waking him to that reality.

"A few years back, I went to North Carolina and spoke with Franklin, and he began talking about the dangers of having a healing ministry," Hinn says. "When you look back on it, there are very few people whose main focus was on healing and had the healing gift that have survived. Not that it's not important, it is, very much so. Franklin told me don't focus on healing; focus on souls. If an evangelist focuses on winning souls, God will keep them around. We've got to get people saved first." {eo}

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