

Miraculous Intervention: Pastor's Prayer Spares Family from Tragedy

In a heartwarming testament to faith and divine intervention, Pastor Frederick Virtucio, alongside his wife Margie, experienced a miraculous event that reaffirmed their unwavering trust in God.

Their journey from entrepreneurship to pastoral ministry took an unexpected turn, culminating in a momentous night on Aug. 19, 2023.

For more than two decades, the Virtucios dedicated their lives to building assisted living programs in Virginia Beach. Despite their close collaboration with Pastor Tessie Casaul at Freedom Church Assembly of God, the couple had never considered leaving the business world for a pastoral role.

It was only after tragedy befell the Casauls that Pastor Casaul approached Frederick Virtucio about leading the congregation upon their departure. To equip himself for this spiritual calling, Virtucio enrolled in a spiritual formation class at Regent University. It was during this journey that he received a prophecy, drawing parallels between him and the biblical figure Nehemiah, tasked with rebuilding what was broken.

After keeping this revelation quiet from his wife, Margie, until he had more clarity, Virtucio sought her guidance. Her unwavering trust in him marked the beginning of their journey into pastoral ministry.

In January 2018, two years after their initial meeting with Pastor Casaul, the Virtucios officially assumed leadership at Freedom Church.

As their ministry grew, Frederick Virtucio became part of the Filipino American (Fil-Am) Assemblies of God Ethnic Fellowship. Under the guidance of Dennis Rivera, director of Ethnic Relations, this fellowship boasts more than 90 affiliated churches across the nation.

However, nothing could have prepared the Virtucios for that remarkable August night.

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During a regional conference on the East Coast, Pastor Virtucio was attending the Fil-Am's event without his wife and children, who remained behind to assist their youngest son's dorm move. As the evening service commenced, a powerful move of God during the praise and worship segment prompted the guest speaker to shift the agenda.

He sensed a spirit of death among the congregation and fervently encouraged everyone to intercede for those facing life-threatening situations. Virtucio began by praying for his own family, unaware of what was happening in Virginia Beach.

Amid the prayers, his daughter called, frantically reporting that their car had been struck. She sent photos depicting the accident, showing a vehicle had gone airborne and hit the passenger side of their car. Remarkably, his family had escaped serious injuries.

Pastor Virtucio, realizing the time stamp on the photos coincided with his prayers, was overwhelmed with gratitude and emotion. His wife, describing the accident, mentioned the car moving miraculously, as if guided by an unseen force.

The incident, now referred to as a time-stamped miracle, serves as a powerful reminder of being sensitive to the Holy Spirit, even when circumstances seem perplexing.

The Virtucios firmly believe that their experience reaffirms the age-old saying: "The will of God will not lead you to a place where His grace cannot sustain you." This miraculous event is a testament to their faith, unwavering trust in God and the power of prayer. {eoa}

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