

‘Bishop Lazarus’: T.D. Jakes Returns to Ministry Following Health Scare

Bishop T.D. Jakes has returned to the pulpit at The Potter's House Dallas following a health scare in November. He considers his life nothing short of a miracle.

Jakes made his return during the New Year's Eve service at the Dallas megachurch.

"I cannot tell you how glad I am to be in the house of the Lord tonight," Jakes told the congregation. "I missed you. I thank you."

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Jakes says he experienced anxiety before heading back to the same spot where he almost lost his life.

"I had a fair amount of anxiety about walking out on this stage, standing in the same spot that I almost died in," Jakes says. "In fact, I think I did. But God in His infinite wisdom and His great grace brought me back to the same spot."

Jakes says while he was in the emergency room he asked the Lord why He allowed his health scare to happen in public, right on stage in front of everyone.

"And He said, 'I made a sign out of you,'" Jakes says. "If God be for you, no weapon formed against you shall be able to prosper."

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Jakes encouraged the congregation, asking them that they would let his return to the pulpit be a signal to them that God bring them into a comeback.

“I don’t know what you’re going through tonight, but let this be a signal to you that you’re on your way to a comeback. And if I’m talking directly to you, and if all the odds have been against you, and if they couldn’t hardly get a pulse on you, and if you couldn’t hardly recognize anybody and everybody said you weren’t going to make it, I’m standing here as a testimony. I don’t come as Bishop Jakes, I come as Bishop Lazarus to let you know that with God all things are possible.”

Jakes also said during the service that he would share more details on his experience at a later date. He stated that what he felt was different than what everyone else saw on the day of his health scare.

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