

CN Morning Rundown: Tearful Will Smith Reveals What Denzel Washington Told Him About 'The Devil' Moments After He Slugged Chris Rock at the Oscars

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Will Smith's decision to storm the Academy Awards stage Sunday night and slug comedian Chris Rock shocked the world, but in the aftermath came a piece of spiritual advice for Smith from fellow actor Denzel Washington.

"Denzel [Washington] said to me a few minutes ago, 'At your highest moment, be careful. That's when the devil comes for you,'" Smith revealed. "I want to be a vessel for love."

Smith, who ironically won the best actor Oscar for *King Richard* not long after hitting Rock, revealed Washington's comments during his acceptance speech.

Dominoes Continue to Fall as Hillsong Phoenix Announces Its Separation From Global Denomination

The dominoes in the Hillsong Church saga continue to fall. Days after co-founder Brian Houston resigned as Hillsong senior pastor, Hillsong Phoenix Senior Pastor Terry Crist announced Sunday that he and his congregation were pulling out of the Hillsong denomination. The timeline has yet to be

determined.

In speaking to his congregation, Crist says there were several reasons why it became apparent that Hillsong Phoenix, located in Mesa, Arizona, could no longer be a part of Hillsong Church's global family.

Over the past year, Hillsong global has seen a great deal of scandal rock the church, including Houston's resignation amidst sexual allegations as well as sexual allegations brought in 2020 against former New York City Hillsong senior pastor Carl Lentz. Last week, Hillsong Atlanta senior pastor Sam Collier announced his resignation from his post—but with no similar claims against him. Collier, 33, launched Hillsong Atlanta less than a year ago and became the global megachurch's first Black senior pastor.

Mandisa Opens Up About Suicide Attempt, Inspiring Story Behind 'Overcomer'

Grammy Award-winning Mandisa is known for her anthemic songs with soaring melodies and bold proclamations, but behind much of it is a difficult reality, one bookended by deep despair before ultimate redemption.

"The album released before she passed away, and I was really looking forward to being able to go back out on the road and bring her out and talk about how she overcame this battle with cancer," Mandisa told CBN's Faithwire. "So, when she passed away, it shook the foundation underneath me and I was angry. ... I was numb. And then I started to question God."

The 45-year-old singer was talking about her friend Keisha, whose fight with breast cancer inspired her hit song "Overcomer." Mandisa recalled feeling so certain her friend would survive and live to tell about her journey to recovery. {eoa}

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