

‘You Have a Purpose’: Pastors Miraculously Save Man Seconds From Death

In a sobering scene that could have ended in tragedy, a California man stood on the edge of a highway overpass, prepared to take his own life. However, God would have the final say as supernatural intervention took place.

According to People magazine and originally reported by 23 ABC News, Robert Ochoa had been on the bridge for hours in March 2026, with a noose around his neck, as authorities worked urgently to de-escalate the situation.

Despite repeated attempts by law enforcement to help him, progress was limited. The situation appeared to be slipping toward a devastating outcome—until an unexpected duo shifted everything.

A Call for Help—and a Different Approach

The Kern County Sheriff’s Office reached out to two pastors from Valley Bible Fellowship, recognizing that they had a personal connection to Ochoa. Pastors John Tweed and Ron Vietti responded quickly, stepping into a moment where words carried life-or-death weight.

According to People, authorities had been trying to talk Ochoa down for several hours. But the pastors believed they could reach him in a different way—by speaking directly to his identity and purpose.

Words That Broke Through the Darkness

As the pastors approached, their message was simple but deeply personal. They reminded Ochoa that his life still carried

meaning.

“You got a purpose, brother,” they told him.

They also spoke of hope—of a comeback story—drawing a parallel to the message of Easter, a season centered on redemption and new life. Within minutes of hearing those words, something shifted.



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After hours of tension, Ochoa made the decision to step away from the edge. He climbed down to safety.

A Life Marked by Struggle

The breakthrough moment came against the backdrop of deep personal hardship. According to People, Ochoa had faced a series of crushing setbacks, including job loss in the oil and gas industry, eviction from a shelter and the theft of his personal belongings.

Yet in this critical moment, a message of purpose cut through the despair.

From Rescue to Restoration

The story did not end at the bridge. Following the rescue, the church community stepped in to support Ochoa in tangible ways. People reports that he was provided housing, mentorship and guidance as he began rebuilding his life.

He also secured full-time employment, marking a significant step forward.

Ochoa acknowledged that moving ahead would require leaving the past behind—an act of both courage and faith.

Hope Still Speaks

What unfolded on that overpass is more than a rescue story—it is a vivid picture of what happens when hope confronts despair head-on. In a culture increasingly marked by isolation, confusion and brokenness, the message that saved Ochoa's life remains timeless: you have a purpose.

Scripture reminds us that God is “close to the brokenhearted” (Ps. 34:18), and moments like this echo that truth in real time. When all seemed lost, hope didn't arrive through force—it came through relationship, truth and the willingness to speak life.

And perhaps that is the deeper takeaway: no matter how far someone feels they've fallen, Jesus is willing, with open arms, to accept each person just as they are. It doesn't matter what the past looked like. He wants to give each person a new life rooted deeply in Him.

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