

A Pastor's Darkest Hour Led to a Miracle from God

In 2006, Pastor Larry Ragland was on a spiritual high, preparing for what he believed would be the greatest year of his life. "I was preaching fire," Ragland shared in a recent interview with Charisma Media, recalling how he had been proclaiming that 2007 would be "the year of the Holy Spirit, the year of perfection, the year of completion."

But instead of entering a season of triumph, Ragland faced a personal and spiritual breakdown that shook him to his core.

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Ragland's world started to crumble during what seemed like a routine family dinner at Subway. After a successful ministry event, his wife, visibly distressed, broke her silence. "She just started crying," Ragland recalls. "She said, 'Larry, I can't stay silent anymore. I don't know who you've become.'" In that moment, Ragland learned his marriage was hanging by a thread. His wife confessed, "I love you, Larry, but I don't know if I'm in love with you anymore," giving him one year to turn things around or she would leave.

As the new year began, Ragland's health suddenly deteriorated. After experiencing severe pain on Jan. 7, 2007, just hours after preaching about the transformative year ahead, he was rushed to the hospital. "They did every test in the world on me," he said. What doctors initially thought was stomach acid turned out to be much worse—his appendix had ruptured, poisoning his body.