

I have called this press conference today to share with you four critical points:

- 1. Why I have been silent**
- 2. What events have led up to August 21st**
- 3. What happened on August 21st that I can legally disclose at this time**
- 4. What other key elements after August 21st have transpired**

Why I have kept silent

Though I have refrained from talking to the media, I have wanted to have an opportunity to address the people, our global church and the Christian body at large. For those who don't know my background, I have parents with 41 years and grandparents with 67 years of marriage. This combined 108 years of present living experience under them has taught me that marriage is sacred. Disputes between spouses are private matters resolved within the confines of the marriage. I have also learned from observing them that marriage can only function at an optimal level when it separates itself from the public and other hindrances that block the integrity of the union.

Therefore, due to the many discrepancies, dramatizations and untruths shared over the past three weeks and now an imminent divorce; I have requested my lawyers to release me to call this press conference today. I want to share my heart with the people. To inform all that will listen that there are two sides to every story.

What key events led up to the night in question

Sunday evening June 3, 2007 my wife announced to the global church that she was planning to leave our church never to return. It was the first time I knew she felt this way about our church family. This shock to the congregation was the start of many rumors. Past experiences have taught me that it would be wise to give her some time to reconsider her decision. Two days later, on June 5th, a fax communication was sent to my staff from her office canceling a major international event and noted the reason was due to our marital separation. I was then informed by my staff about the fax. It was the first time that I was made aware of our separation.

Next, we received a letter from her lawyer dated June 14th to cease and desist selling any of our church ministry products with her name, face, image, sound or likeness. Which meant that we were not allowed to say her name in our church, have any photos of her in the building or on church bulletins. According to the document, we were not legally allowed to mention her name even in prayer. Many people were offended by my removal of her image, as it appeared that it was of my own doing. The last thing I ever wanted to do was remove her from the church family as well as from my life. I did not share the letter from her lawyers' to the church family in an effort to cover and protect her from negative perceptions as I have done countless times over the past 5 years. And especially for the women of our churches and others that were preparing to support her upcoming Women of the Front Line conference two months away. Through all of this, I still believed in protecting our marriage by keeping our relationship issues a private matter.

Shockingly, on Friday August 3rd, a request was made from her office to have our duplication department to produce 5,000 DVD ministry sets totaling 50,000 DVD copies for her conference event 5 days away. These were the very same ministry DVDs that we were not supposed to allowed or provide to our own Global Destiny worldwide congregation from the cease and desist letter. The production team was in the process of beginning the 5-day duplication marathon when her ministry later emailed a cancellation of that request.

During the week prior to her conference, we did not have an opportunity to speak to each other. The next week I arrived to my wife's women on the frontline conference in an effort to support her. However, on the second day of the conference a third party informed me that she wanted me to leave.

To my surprise on August 16th, around 2 PM my wife arrived unannounced at my office, in hopes to reconcile the relationship. It was that day that I first began to believe that our marriage was moving in a positive direction. It was my understanding that the relationship was salvageable.

The things that I can share about what happened that night

I would like the people to know that I did not go to the hotel the night of August 21st to reconcile with my wife. I was with my wife the entire night before and felt that our love for each other was going to get us through these hard times. The next day, I came to answer her call that Juanita Bynum Ministries was in need of our church facility and member's support in order to raise monies through her upcoming mentorship classes for one of her personal project. She shared her urgency that we meet that night because she needed to solidify the location to make her commercials and promote the mentorship classes by the next morning. However, the cease and desist was still in effect and needed to be removed by her in order for Global Destiny to fully support her as we wished. This was my purpose for meeting her at the hotel restaurant that night.

In the last 5 years, I have always loved my wife and have been nothing but faithful to her. I want to be clear in saying I do not condone in any way, shape or form violence of any kind towards women. My role has always been to operate as a protector and not as an aggressor. I have walked away from many situations between the two of us, just like I walked away that night.

I respectfully honor the judicial system and due to the continuing investigation of that night, I have been advised my by legal counsel to provide these details only at the appropriate time as guided by my counsel. I am asking that everyone that has already judged me to take the time to consider other perspectives. I understand that my silence to date has given me the perception of guilt, but do understand that it was because of my belief in the sacredness of marriage and hopes of true and full reconciliation as to why I was silent.

What other key elements after August 21st have transpired

I have been grieved and very regretful at what this has done to and within the body of Christ and ask that all people of the faith continue to pray for spiritual healing for the body of Christ worldwide. I apologize to all Christians and especially Christian women

for what they have had to endure as a result. I ask that we be prayerful that this situation will not continue to damaged the faith, nor hinder the individuals seeking a greater relationship with the Father. My prayer is that this does not affect the historical integrity of the church body, and ask that the leaders and clergy come together and pray God's will be done during this difficult season.

Lastly, I would like for Juanita to know, that I respect but regret her decision for a divorce. My church family is fully aware that I have always supported her in every endeavor. I have never hindered her from pursuing her ministry vision or personal goals in life. As a husband in business and ministry, I never wanted her to feel stuck. Finally, I want her to know, that I am praying God's best for her and ask at this time for the Global Destiny churches, friends and partners to continue to pray for her and I during this transition in both of our lives. During this storm of life I'm staying encouraged. As with all things, the truth will eventually be known by all and will stand the test of time. In the end, God will always get the glory.

