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When you think of the phrase "At the edge of Death," what is the first thing that comes to mind? Many people immediately think of danger, near-death experiences, and moments in which a person's life flashes before their eyes. While this is true, there are many who, without having these experiences, have been living at the edge of death. People who have been spiraling uncontrollably down the wrong path, people who are suffering from aggressive or advanced ailments, people who have been kept prisoner of depression, etc. Many people just like this are at the edge of death, on the verge of losing everything, including their lives, and have become so overwhelmed that they wish they would die so that their suffering would be over with.

Maybe this has been your case. You see no way out of the problems you are in. You feel like you're in a deep hole and can't climb it up. You have given up hope for a change and have come to believe that not even God will/can help you. But I have news for you, dear reader. There is no such thing as a life being too far gone for God to turn around. Your life of mistakes, suffering, and pain can be transformed. Jesus' act on the cross at Calvary made this possible and gives you this right. Look at the verse from *Colossians 1:13-14*, "He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins." Through the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus, we receive freedom and deliverance.

If you truly desire a change and want to know more about how this is possible, visit a Universal Church near you and join us for the Holy Week from March 24th to March 31st. A lot can happen in one week: lessons can be learned, wrongs can be made right, and your life can begin to change. The choice is yours. What do you have to lose?

| BEATING DEPRESSION |

Depression is a sadness felt in the deepest part of one's soul. It causes a great sense of hopelessness and exhaustion that a person loses the motivation to do anything, and some lose the desire to live at all. It is an illness of the soul. But who can heal the soul? No other than the Savior of Souls, the Lord Jesus, can heal a sick soul.

On Fridays, at every Universal Church, we have a service for Deliverance from Depression. Visit a branch near you today. Make a Chain of Prayer by attending a prayer meeting near you for seven consecutive weeks. You will receive practical steps, counseling, and spiritual help through prayers to beat depression once and for all.

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The pain of being separated from God



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Separation from God happens when there is the presence of sin and, consequently, the devil.

No one on earth can live with God and sin at the same time because it would be like wanting to live in the light and darkness at the same time or drinking fresh water and salt water at the same time.

Not even the Son of God, Jesus, who can do all things, could do this. Actually, this was the worst pain ever felt in humankind's history: He, the Son of God, was sent by His own Father to come into this world and be taken to Calvary as a sacrifice because of God's love for us.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life," John 3.16

We can not imagine the pain that the Lord had, giving His only begotten Son to this rotten world and going through everything He went through – being that He could have sent the angel Gabriel or Michael or another angel He confided in. But He tore out from within Himself the best He had and placed It (Jesus) on the altar at Calvary.

The question remains: Have you also torn your best from within and placed it on the altar? God gave His only Son

as a sacrificial offering and received an infinite number of children. And you, what have you done for love, faith, and obedience to this God?

What does this say about the Lord Jesus? His most brutal pain was not the nails that were hammered into His hands or feet, nor was it to bear the diseases of humankind, but to spend a few hours separated from the Father, for taking our sins upon Himself (Matthew 27:46). His despair, terror, and agony to be alone on that cross was so great that He sweated drops of blood.

"Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground." Luke 22.43-44

If God made this sacrifice, gave His only begotten Son on the cross, winning us as children, to be together with us forever, we must also make sacrifices to have His presence (Holy Spirit) constantly – of whom will be with us not only in this world but for all eternity.

Those who live without sacrifice have no light and nothing to offer others. This, in turn, reflects in their personal life. This is why we see many believers whose lives are bound without reflecting the glory of God.



"Marks of a troubled past imprisoned me"

There is a way to put an end to suffering. That's what Monique Duarte did. After facing a childhood trauma, she chose the worst paths to try to erase the marks of her past.

At the age of 7, a family member sexually abused her, which triggered feelings of hatred and anger. She began to hear voices and see shadows, and fear began to take hold of her. She couldn't be alone in her room or stay in the dark. "Because I had an emptiness inside me, I started to get involved with a lot of guys, especially those in the life of crime," she says.

None of these choices worked out. The emptiness only increased inside, and she plunged into drugs and alcohol. "I once drank so much that I fell into an alcoholic coma. And, as if that wasn't enough, not long after, I had an overdose. During that time, I was abused by a group of men who were with me, and they dumped me on the beach when finished," she recalls.

At the age of 16, she got involved with a drug dealer and became pregnant by him. The boy didn't accept the pregnancy and threatened to kill her. "I had to have the abortion, but I almost died in the procedure because I lost a lot of blood and became very weak."

Her family couldn't bear to see her the way she was and even wished for her death. She had no peace, as she was constantly being threatened, and she had to change her address sever-

al times. Monique became pregnant again by another boy but had to take care of the daughter on her own because he also didn't want to know about the child.

Amid all this suffering, an aunt invited her to attend a meeting at the Universal Church. That was when she realized she could start over. She dedicated herself to doing the chains of prayers for her deliverance, and with her dedication and perseverance, she was freed from drugs and alcohol. Monique applied all she learned at the meetings and was baptized in water.

After this decision to change her attitude, she could forgive the people who had wronged her. "Today, I am a completely different person. My life has been transformed. Instead of that fear, I now have peace and joy. God really rewrote my story."

Mount Sinai Water from the Rock



“MY LUNGS WERE BLOCKED.”

My lungs were blocked, which impeded me from breathing properly. I was hospitalized for six days after being rushed to the hospital because of asthma. I did some tests, and the results showed there was a problem in my heart. The doctors wanted to diagnose me with COPD, and they said all my organs were shutting down. This disease has three stages, and then the heart stops. I was coughing up blood, and blood was coming through my nose as well. The medication given to me wasn't helping, and the nurses didn't know what to do.



Kelda in hospital

After being discharged, I drank the Blessed Water and determined my healing. My results showed that I no longer have problems with my lungs. The doctors said that my result was unremarkable. -Kelda



“My medical test results were all negative.”

For over a year, I had been silently battling with depression because I spent six months taking different medical tests. I didn't even tell my children about my health battles, and I worried about the test results. I decided to use my faith in God with the Blessed Water; I declared my healing in Jesus' name. All my results came out negative and normal, and I am no longer depressed.



“The doctors didn't know what was wrong with my health.”

I was getting severely ill and had 12 doctors looking after me. Unfortunately, none of them knew what was wrong with my health. Things worsened when my heart stopped beating for about 4 minutes, and they struggled to get me back. I underwent surgery because the doctor said that was the only way to save my life. By drinking the Blessed Water, my health is restored completely. I can walk well, move about, and take care of myself. I overcame the health problems I had.



“I struggled with bleeding problems and had seven surgeries.”

I had a bleeding problem to the point where I had to wear diapers. I also had goiter and thyroid problems. By using the Blessed Water by faith and declaring my healing, I saw significant changes; even the doctor was surprised because my health miraculously improved. Today, I am healed completely. -Beverly



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A REAL-LIFE MIRACLE



Have you ever witnessed a miracle? The blind receiving sight, the lame walking—those magnificent miracles like the ones described in the Bible? Think about it.

Many people have received blessings from God, but only a tiny fraction of believers have experienced a real-life miracle; they dared to use their faith in ways that could turn the impossible into reality.

What impedes your real-life miracle if you are not part of the small percentage? Does God have favorites? Or has the power of the Lord Jesus dwindled over time?

No! Absolutely not! His power is as alive today as it was in biblical times. Even in one of His final acts on Earth, the Lord Jesus' power was evident.

“Then, behold, the temple’s veil was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split...” Matthew 27:51

For bystanders who did not believe, perhaps it was a moment of fear and shock, but for those who believed in Him, it was indeed a moment of immense power.

For those of you who believe today, I want to emphasize that real-life miracles still exist. Just as the Lord Jesus made the earthquake, He can restore your family, lift you out of this depression, renew your faith, prosper you, and more. You can witness the power of God in your life. Reach out to Him, use your faith, and dream big. You have the potential to be a real-life miracle.

May the God of the Bible bless you!

March 2024 Bible Reading

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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Hosea 3 ✓	Hosea 4 ✓	Hosea 5 ✓	Hosea 6 ✓	Hosea 7 ✓	Hosea 8 ✓	Hosea 9 ✓
Hosea 10 ✓	Hosea 11 ✓	Hosea 12 ✓	Hosea 13 ✓	Hosea 14 ✓	Joel 1 ✓	Joel 2 ✓
Joel 3 ✓	Zechariah 1 ✓	Zechariah 2 ✓	Zechariah 3 ✓	Zechariah 4 ✓	Zechariah 5 ✓	Zechariah 6 ✓
Zechariah 7 ✓	Zechariah 8 ✓	Zechariah 9 ✓	Zechariah 10 ✓	Zechariah 11 ✓	Zechariah 12 ✓	Zechariah 13 ✓
Zechariah 14 ✓						

“THE ATTACKS WERE CONSTANT; I FELT LIKE I’D DIE.”

Isuffered from anxiety and panic attacks for a long time. I would have these attacks frequently, and whenever they happened, I would feel like something was going to happen. I lived in constant fear, could not breathe, and felt like I was going to die.

I did not know how to overcome this problem; everything I tried failed. There was a deep emptiness inside of me. One day, someone invited me to the Universal Church, and when I decided to come, I was advised to start a chain of prayer. As I continued to come, I learned that the attacks were abnormal, a spiritual problem, and that only through the power of faith would I be able to be free.

I had a great wish to have a normal life and be free from anxiety and panic attacks, which motivated me to do the chain of prayer every Friday for my total deliverance. I also came on Sunday; the more I came, the better I felt.

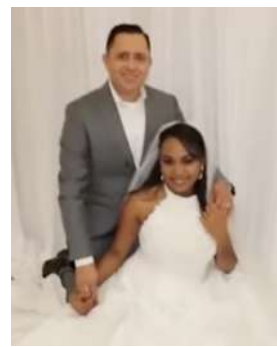
I received my total deliverance from the panic attacks; I was not living in fear anymore, and I started to seek the Holy Spirit as I learned that only He could fill the empty void inside of me. I sought Him with all my strength, and whatever I was learning at the church, I put it into practice.

God baptized me with His Spirit; I am



no longer empty; there’s peace and joy inside me. What I received is much more than a feeling

or a temporary relief; it is an assurance that everything will be okay; he is the One who guides my life now, and I have no reason to fear what will happen. I continue serving God, and He blessed me with a man of God. We serve God together, share the same faith, and encourage each other.



er. I am so grateful to have this new life. Much more than all the blessings that God has given me, the most important is that I have His Spirit in me and the assurance of my salvation.

Ms Marlen

March 24th at 10am

PALM SUNDAY

AT A UNIVERSAL CHURCH NEAR YOU

The 24th of March holds profound significance in the Universal Church’s calendar. This date marks the observance of “Palm Sunday,” a day when the Lord Jesus triumphantly entered Jerusalem before His ultimate sacrifice on the cross.

“The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! The King of Israel!” John 12:12-13

PEACE TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

The Lord Jesus desires to promote a complete transformation of life and Eternal Salvation of the soul to those who believe. Perhaps you are in the middle of financial debts, family fights, addictions, or depression. No matter what your problem is, you must seek the presence of the Almighty. It is a great opportunity for you to encounter the Author of Life. It will be the triumphal entry of Jesus Christ into your life.

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What's happening at the Universal Church

The Fast of Daniel

A time to focus on what matters



The Fast of Daniel began on March 11th and will end on Easter Sunday, March 31st. It is an opportunity to distance oneself from the distractions of everyday life in order to seek the Holy Spirit and strengthen one's faith.

Many people wait for the perfect moment to start a project or change something in their daily lives. However, this is also true regarding decisions about one's spiritual life. If this is your case, now is your chance; there's no excuse left: the Fast of Daniel, which began on March 11th, is a great opportunity for all those seeking to draw closer to God, strengthen their faith, and obtain the fullness of life.

The purpose lasts 21 days and will end on Easter Sunday, March 31st. This day refers to the journey of the Lord Jesus and His sacrifice. Therefore, these days will be days when we will walk like Him.

In an interview with Universal News, Bishop Adilson Silva, a Bishop here at the Universal Church, explained that this purpose of faith is intended for those who want to receive the Holy Spirit and those who already have Him but want to consecrate themselves to God.

Walking with Jesus

The Fast of Daniel will allow participants to draw inspiration from Jesus' lessons and words and strengthen their communion with the Father to prepare for life's challenges. The proposal is to do a different fasting: instead of depriving oneself of food, the person should detach himself from the excess of secular content, news, social networks, and everything that steals his peace and generates anxiety, stress, and worry. That way, they'll have more time to invest in their faith.

Bishop Adilson stated that the Fast of Daniel is a form of mental detox. "According to the Bible, the Holy Spirit is the mind of the Lord Jesus, and our spirit is our mind. So when we let go of secular information and distractions and devote ourselves to spiritual content, our thoughts are filled with His Spirit."

For Bishop Adilson, this purpose is unique, as it represents a moment in which the Holy Spirit finds greater receptivity in the human being and more freedom to speak to him. "The Fast of Daniel is essential for our spiritual life. And, of course, if someone is fading in faith, they will be revived by participating in this Fasting," he says.

He also says there is no excuse for not participating in the Fasting: "When someone says they can't do the Daniel Fast, the correct thing would be for them to say, 'I don't desire the Holy Spirit as much as I say I do.' After all, from the moment a person thirsts for Him, he will keep his focus on Fasting and, in this way, he will receive the Holy Spirit," he concluded.

This 21-day journey of the Fast of Daniel marked the life of the self-employed Karina Aires da Silva (pictured below), 41 years old. She says that after growing cold in her faith and turning away from God, she began to live and do everything that displeased Him. "I started going to all kinds of clubs, I had a lot of relationships, and I got addicted to drinking. Then I began to have insomnia, to hear voices, and to live in anguish and depression. I attempted suicide to take away the pain in my soul. I lost everything," she says.

Karina's situation deteriorated until she missed the church and communion with God and wanted to return to the faith. Then, she asked for help from a couple of church assistants and began the struggle to free herself from the evils that plagued her.

The transformation trajectory was long, and Karina confesses that she always thought about giving up everything. Still, the assistants prevented her from going backward. "One day, I decided to change, and it was during the purpose of the Fast of Daniel, so I decided to do what was right. I began to deepen my relationship with God, and each time the desires of the flesh came, I worked even harder on the things of God," she says.

"The Happiest Person"

Karina understood she needed to prepare herself to overcome her struggles and tribulations. So, she read more of the Bible and books that awakened her faith and began to pray and fast more. "At that moment, I wanted to have God Himself inside me more than anything. Sometimes, I thought I didn't deserve the Holy Spirit. Still, I didn't listen to it and continued investing in my relationship with Him. That's when, during a meeting, I had an experience with God and felt the happiest and most fulfilled person. I felt such pure and genuine love that I wanted to tell everyone that God's



mercy lasts forever," she concludes.

Tips for participating in this journey

- Before starting any activity, spend more time reading the Bible, preferably in the morning.
- Access content that contributes to the strengthening of your faith, such as those available on the Universalusa.org portal, Showdown of Faith TV on YouTube, and the Universal Online Radio in the app store
- Connect and participate in our program for the Fast of Daniel on the Living Faith Network with Bishop Joshua from Monday to Friday at 11 pm ET.

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11pm ET

Available to watch on:



- Avoid over-consuming secular news, browsing social networks, and wasting time on shopping sites.
- Try to go to church more often. It will strengthen your communion with God even more.
- Make resolutions of prayer and fasting with a focus on seeking the Holy Spirit or renewing your faith.
- Abstain from secular series and movies and invest your free time in productions based on God's Word. The Univer Video platform and the Universal Living Faith Network have options for the whole family.
- Read books that address faith to learn more about faith and receiving the Holy Spirit.

I sunk into depression



Angie Andrade sunk into depression after her marriage fell apart. She had lost the will to do anything, even to care for her hygiene and health; she just wanted to stay in her room all day.

"Depression had led me to neglect even my hygiene and to think about suicide. I was deteriorating. I only wanted to stay in bed and didn't have the desire to do anything. I had no desire to work, to eat; I didn't see a reason to live anymore."

For Angie, life had lost all meaning. She spent many nights unable to sleep with sadness, and the recurring idea of ending her life bombarded her mind. She believed that the rest of her days would continue in sorrow and suffering. But the love she still felt for her family held her back from falling into the temptation of suicide.

"I had suicidal thoughts constantly. I even planned to take pills to kill myself, but I thought about my family and the sadness it would cause them, and this made me even more sad, and I decided not to go through with it. But I would cry all day.

Tears consumed Angie's life, but one day, the opportunity to get to know the Universal Church appeared before her. She immediately went in search of relief from her sorrow. She was so relieved in the first days that she persevered and participated in the prayer chain until she became a new woman and regained her self-confidence and joy. "After my first visit to Universal, the suicidal thoughts left. I didn't feel like dying anymore. As I continued coming, I became a woman who was happier and more confident, a new woman. I was delivered from the depression. I found true and complete happiness through the Holy Spirit."

After being freed by the grace of the Holy Spirit, she felt ready to rebuild her life. God placed a new man on her path, whom she married, and she has rediscovered love and formed a family.

THE LIFE OF MISTAKES, SUFFERING AND PAIN THAT YOU HAVE LED CAN BE TRANSFORMED. JESUS' ACT ON THE CROSS OF CALVARY GIVES YOU THIS RIGHT. UNDERSTAND HOW THIS IS POSSIBLE.



GOOD FRIDAY

When we talk about the cross, many people immediately remember the act of the Lord Jesus, which is why it became one of the main symbols of Christianity, but they mistakenly associate it with death. The custom of using the cross in death executions is ancient. In Rome, Italy, the act of crucifying represented the humiliation of a condemned person, and, in Jesus' time, it was an instrument of torture that was characterized by curses and suffering. However, the cross stopped having this negative meaning when the Lord Jesus was nailed to it. "Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree") (Galatians 3.13).

When the Lord Jesus was crucified, He carried upon Himself every sentence of condemnation, every curse, and every suffering. With this, the Son of God, who had never committed any sin out of love for sinful Humanity, took its place, sacrificed His Own Life, and became Victor so that everyone could be free and saved (Isaiah 53:5-6).

The cross—the object in itself—does not emanate power and should not be worshipped. Its meaning, however, is that it was modified after that sacrifice. The two opposite sides of the cross represent the relationship between life and death, the spiritual and earthly worlds, and condemnation and redemption. Thus, through the blood of the Lord Jesus shed on the cross, all Humanity found forgiveness, the chance to start over after a past of mistakes, and the victory he provided.

However, only some people benefit from its meaning despite celebrating Good Friday and having a cross at home or among

personal objects. "Although it is a symbol of something so strong, as they are unaware of the real meaning of the cross, most people use this symbol only as an amulet. Many make the sign of the cross and carry a cross-shaped pendant but continue to live within the limits of pain, misery, and suffering."

From the moment people understand the true message of the cross, they begin to take possession of a right. "It is an acquired right that was given to us when Jesus died on the cross and paid the price for our spiritual freedom. Only when people understand this can they benefit from what Jesus did."

Thus, Jesus' sacrifice is related to life change. "Regardless of a person's past, no matter how great their mistakes or sins may have been, when they recognize them, accept what the Lord Jesus did for them, and receive Him as their Lord and Savior, all of their past is nullified.

I WAS SHOT FOUR TIMES, WAS RESCUED, AND THEN IMPRISONED...

Nobody believed in the change of Edimario. He, his parents, and his seven siblings moved to another city to escape their precarious life. As soon as they arrived in the big city, he says there were many difficulties, starting with the death of his father as a result of alcohol abuse. After a year, the family suffered another loss: that of Edimario's older brother, who was the victim of a hit-and-run. Edimario started working at a very young age, but simultaneously, he went down the wrong path. "At 14, I started working, and at 16, I started smoking marijuana. Soon, I was consuming cocaine, alcohol, and other drugs. My life

was limited to partying, drugs, and prostitution, and I had an emptiness that nothing could fill. Drugs and prescription medication covered up depression and anguish."

He was also unsuccessful in his love life. Not even the four children he had with different women sustained the relationships. His difficulties in staying at work led him to become a market vendor. Still, the initiative did not work out. Out of pride and shame, he abandoned his family and went to live in a community, and there, his downfall was greater.

He tells how he started to live: "I started dealing in drug trafficking and carrying out petty thefts and robberies in homes and cars, and, in one of them, I was caught in the act. Because it was the first time, I left the next day. Still, I continued to commit crimes and began to seek guidance from evil spirits for everything I intended to do. By supplying drugs, I made a lot of money and made a lot of enemies." He remembers a situation: "I was shot four times, was rescued, and then imprisoned for two months. However, I was released once again. I didn't listen to anyone's advice, and I went into drug trafficking again." Leading that life, he was an accomplice in a murder and, months later, killed someone. He was arrested for the third time, and his sentence was estimated at 30 years. He explains the consequences of this: "I was overcome by despair and the desire to escape, but I was transferred to another prison. There, after two weeks, I managed to escape with other prisoners. Then, I changed my house, my appearance, and my documents. Still, I was aware that I was a fugitive and that I was responsible for two homicides."

Thus, he delved deeper into crime. Sometime later, Edimario met

someone who invited him to the Universal Church. He went with her to a meeting on a Friday and remembered that a message stuck with him: "I heard from the pastor that, if I wanted to, my life could change. The other Friday, I went to church again until I decided to stop crime, and this girl and I started living together. People in crime asked me what I would live on and said I was hiding behind the Bible."

Edimario's money ran out as the days passed, and his partner abandoned him. People thought he would return to crime, but he continued attending Universal. The desire for change grew in him: "I got baptized in water and, in a purpose of faith, I sacrificed more. I wanted the Holy Spirit, but I knew I was a fugitive.

Then thoughts of accusation came into my mind, saying that I was a murderer, a thief and that Jesus didn't want me", he claims.

In the meetings, Edimario understood the real meaning of the cross and took possession of his right. "When I understood that on the cross the Lord Jesus had carried all my sins so that I could have life, everything changed.

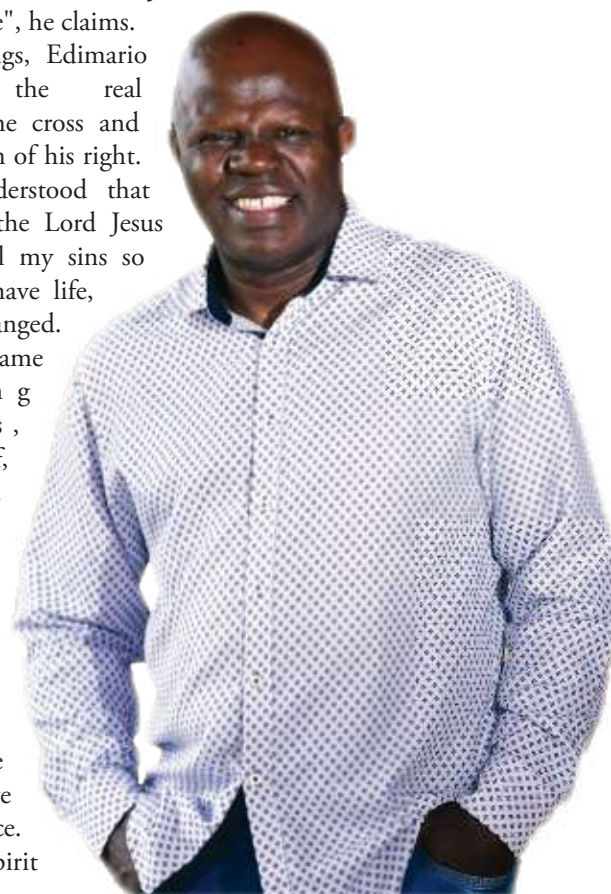
I overcame accusing thoughts, forgave myself, and received His Spirit."

Shortly afterward, God directed him to hand himself over to Justice and serve his sentence. "The Holy Spirit

showed me He was with me, and I did evangelistic work inside the prison. I confessed to my crime and was sentenced to 20 years and four months. When I was transferred to the state prison, I continued evangelizing there and was promoted to assistant. Two years later, I switched to the semi-open regime. That's when I met my wife, who is now an assistant."

After ten years of imprisonment, he gained freedom and married thanks to good behavior. He works with his wife today, and God has blessed him in all areas.

"I went back to studying, God restored my relationship with my children, I have two grandchildren and a happy marriage, but the most important thing I have is the Holy Spirit, who forgave me, supported me in prison, and changed my story," he says.



Easter Sunday

Come see the Lord

MARCH 31ST

Receive the Holy Oil blessed on Mount Sinai

Nowadays, Easter means different things to different people. Some take it as a time to relax, or choose to stick to their traditions.

But isn't this period supposed to stand for the penultimate moment in humanity when everything changed? The moment when the Son of God takes on the world's sin, dies, and rises again, declaring victory for all those who believe in Him? Why does the suffering continue to suffer?

Perhaps, amidst all the commercial hype, most still need to remember the true spirit of this period and, in

doing so, the great victory that Jesus conquered for them.

Thankfully, God does not forget!

At the pinnacle of His suffering, the Lord Jesus made it a point to remember society's most rejected and despised. So, suppose you're feeling rejected, invisible, neglected, abandoned, a lost case, or too unimportant to be fussed over. In that case, we want you to know that **GOD REMEMBERS YOU!**

Is there hope even for someone like me?

In today's society, we have become accustomed to bad news. Unfortunately, it happens

everywhere far too often; it's no longer surprising but tends to leave us confused and sad. But what if you could change that? What if you had control over being the bearer of good news?

We believe you can!

Yes, that very problem currently staring you in the face could be the same thing that turns into your long-awaited good news. From a broken home to a united family, from internal sadness to a sound mind, what would your before-and-after look like if you had control?

Well, look no further. We present to you the "Come and See event," where you can

witness real-life stories of those who have used their faith in the word of God and are living testimonies of astonishing results!

Can anything good come out of what is bad? We believe it can, and we challenge you to come and see it, too!

This Easter Sunday, March 31st, be our special guest, and you will receive powerful prayers, spiritual support, and guidance for all areas of your life.

You will also receive a bottle of holy oil consecrated on Mount Sinai free of charge. Many people find it challenging to use their faith in God because He

seems to be far away. On the other hand, the oil is something tangible, which helps people's faith in Him to be 'real.' Remember, it is your faith in God that prompts the miracle; the oil is merely a point of contact between you and Him. Simply place a small amount of the oil on the object, place, or whatever represents difficulties or challenges in your life, say a prayer, and determine the miracle in your life.



I had arthritis in both knees and osteoporosis. I used the Holy

Oil from Mount Sinai and was healed. I no longer have any problem walking running or bending over.



The doctors couldn't diagnose the pain in my back. I had

extreme pain until I used the Holy Oil from Mount Sinai. Today I have no pain in my back or spine!

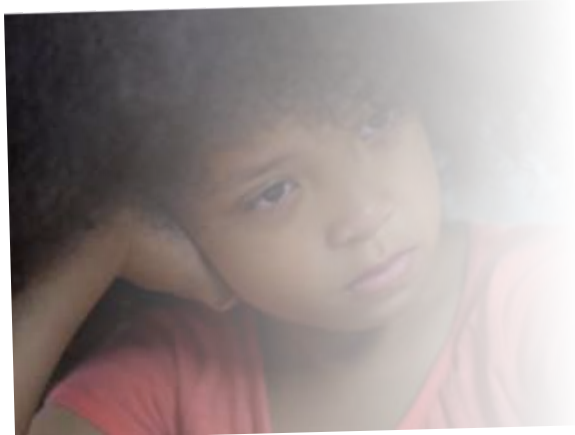


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You are not Alone!

RAPE AND NEGLECT CAUSED ME TO LOOK FOR FULFILLMENT ELSEWHERE

One of the earliest memories of my life was constantly feeling lonely and scared; I remember being in many arguments and fighting and being left with other family members. I was left with someone when I was about five years old whom I guess my parents had trusted, and that person had taken advantage of me.



I could remember that person's smell and anything that smelt like that or something similar made me very uncomfortable. I wanted my mom to be there, but she wasn't, and when she was, she was very abusive.

I would get dressed as if going to school and skip classes to the point where I needed to call home. Eventually, my mom told me to go back to where I came from, and they called the police, and I was taken to a children's home.

I ENDED UP MAKING AS MANY "FRIENDS" AS POSSIBLE THERE BECAUSE, FOR ME, THEY WERE THE ONLY FAMILY I HAD. WE WOULD RUN AWAY TOGETHER, SMOKE, AND STEAL TOGETHER.

One day, my friends and I arranged to meet at a party, and when I got there, my friends weren't there. It was a bunch of adults, and I remember these two men there saw me and took me into a bedroom and took turns raping me.

I was 14 years old at the time. I would drink and smoke, trying to fill the void in me and cope with all the pain I had been through. One day, I and these "friends" of mine saw a lady leaving from work.

She looked like a businesswoman, so we told one another, "Yeah, she looks like she has money," and we robbed her. It was a back-and-forth battle; she didn't want to release her purse until she finally gave in.

But for us? It was too late; by the time we got the purse, the police had already been at the scene, and we were arrested. We were charged with robbery and went on trial, and found guilty, and I received a one-year sentence.

After my release, I met a guy on the road and got into a relationship with Him, and he became controlling. The relationship made me feel so worthless to the point where I didn't want to live anymore.

I found some pills, took all the pills I could, and went to sit in the park. I had an overdose, and when I woke up, I was in the hospital. I went to see a psychiatrist, and they discharged me.

When I got out, I jumped on the bus, not knowing where it was going, but I just wanted to disappear from my problems. I questioned God

and asked why my life was like this. I hate my life so much.

When I had said this prayer, I had my head down, and when I looked up, I saw "Stop Suffering." I immediately rang the bell on the bus and got off, and something said go in there.

A service was going on when I walked inside, but I had a sense of amazement and shock and started crying. I went to the front and felt like God was telling me I was not alone.

I participated in the services. I learned how to change my life; people around me saw my changes. I no longer hate my life; I love myself; even when things get hard for me, I go down on my knees and pray.



CELESTE & HER FIANCE

My family is in the presence of God as well. I am blessed; I am now engaged, my son from a previous relationship is blessed, and he is growing up wonderfully. God has honored me, and I am thankful I found HIM.



CELESTE AND HER FAMILY

God has given me more than what I thought I needed!

"I'm tired of it here, I wish it would end, all of it..."

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WHEN WILL GOD SAY, “YES?”

At some point, we all thought or said the following sentence: “I’m doing everything right; why doesn’t God answer me?” But have you ever stopped to think that if we had a God who would serve us in everything, he would not be a God but a servant?

Many complain that God doesn’t answer them even though He does everything right. They go to church, pray, seek, and receive no answer to what they want. We’ve all said it, or at least we thought about it.

But understand, if He attended us in everything, He would not be God but our servant. Because He is God, He is Lord, endowed with wisdom, knowledge, goodness, power, and everything else we do not have.

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I am the Lord, that is My name; And My glory I will not give to another, Nor My praise to carved images.
Isaiah 42:8

When He says He’s Lord, many people don’t understand what that means. We use this Word so much daily that we forget its real meaning.

It comes from a time when there were masters and servants; masters who were owners of everything had the right to command, and the role of the servant was to obey.




When the Creator determines something, whoever understands and considers Him as God obeys His will. He understands that He is Lord, omnipotent, absolute. If you have doubts, if you think God is flawed in His will and actions, you are putting yourself in the position of being the authority to Him, switching roles.


Before God, it shows that you did not understand anything about Him, faith, the Word, or being a servant. If He did that, it would surely hurt you and many others. We have the habit of focusing on ourselves and too little on others. We are self-centered and end up acting like this with God Himself.


We think of Him as the One who blesses and answers us, not as the Lord who taught us to pray: His will to be done. Learn to treat God as Lord, trust Him, even when you do not receive an answer, and trust His character. You will see that His “no” was much better than if He had said “yes.”


Many times when God tells us “no” it is because He is protecting us from ourselves. Our timing is not always the right time, so, let’s be patient and trust the Master above.





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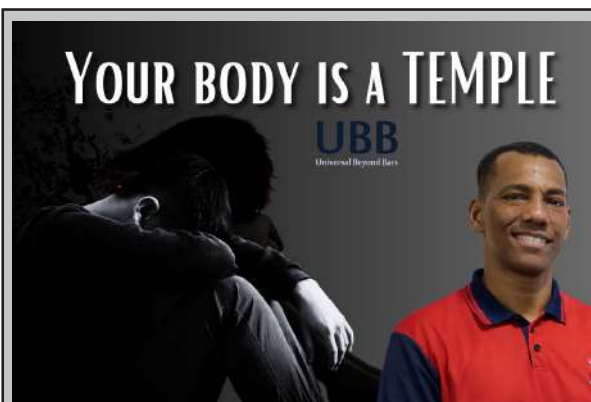

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“WE ATE SPOILED RICE BECAUSE THAT’S ALL WE HAD.”

Patricia is part of a family of four brothers. “I grew up in a motherless home with an alcoholic father, and I was five years old when my mother abandoned us. We went hungry because, although my father worked, he spent most of his salary in bars. We ate spoiled rice because that’s all we had,” she explains.



At the age of 10, Patricia started smoking secretly. At the age of 13, she started drinking and committing petty theft. At the age of 15, she became aware of the crime life, and many people wanted her dead. She talks about other problems she went through: “I hated my mother, and with that, I started to hate everyone around me. I became so aggressive that I no longer knew how to talk to anyone. I got into fights with armed men and didn’t care about my life. I just wanted them to see that I wouldn’t let anyone else make me suffer. At 17, I started using cocaine and had two overdoses. I lived in an abusive relationship, suffered betrayal, and was attacked.

With the death of my friend, with six shots to the face, I began to hate people more. I already had two daughters and considered giving them to a couple to raise. However, because my mother abandoned me, I wasn’t able to do that to them.”

Patricia had another child in another relationship, which did not work out either. “I used to beat my eldest daughter a lot, who was only five years old. I spent days and nights out drinking and using drugs and left her alone to take care of her little brothers. Sometimes, she would look for me at the bar. I started bringing people into the house and using drugs and having sex with them, and my daughter often witnessed everything. One Sunday night, when I was giving dinner to my middle daughter, she choked. I slapped her because I thought she was playing, but the next thing I knew, she was actually choking. She was

treated at the hospital, but the doctor delivered the news: she had passed away. She was six years old,” she describes.

Patricia highlights her feelings: “My world collapsed and, with it, all hope I had left in me. I always had the thought that life was very unfair to me and, therefore, I carried hatred, hurt, sadness, an inferiority complex, and a desire for revenge. Then, with the death of my daughter, I started to feel suicidal. I no longer ate or showered.”

Patricia’s sister invited her to go to The Universal Church. “When I saw the Name of the Lord Jesus, I asked Him to be the Lord of my life. That day, I felt such great peace! I hugged my daughter and promised that we would be happy. I knew how unfair I had been to my children, especially towards her. I freed myself from addictions and bad thoughts, but I couldn’t forgive myself. Until I understood that if He had forgiven me, I would have to forgive myself, too. Then, I encountered God and received the most precious thing: the Holy Spirit. Today, I have peace. I raise my children, and we lack nothing on our table. With my daughter’s death, I gained two more daughters. I am complete for having God in my life,” she concludes.

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