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What does the word faith mean to you? Have you ever placed your faith in something or someone? What was the end result?

If we look at the dictionary definition of faith, we understand that faith is to have a strong belief and complete trust and confidence in something or someone. If we look back at our lives one way or another, we all have placed our trust and confidence in something or someone. While some of us were satisfied with the end results many however were left in disappointment. But the fact is we have all used our faith in some way.

But did you know that if applied and used correctly, faith can serve as a game changer in the lives of those who have been suffering. But how you might ask. Well instead of placing your faith in things and people who can fail and disappoint, why not place your faith in One that is perfect, just and is not restricted to limitations. That is, God, the God of the Bible.

God is the only one who can guarantee success. He has the power to cause turnarounds in any and every situation, even impossible ones. But this requires us to have not just faith alone but faith accompanied with action. They work hand and hand. In James 2:14,17 it says, "What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works?... Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead." This is the secret to seeing your life change, Faith in Action. Continue reading to learn more about this faith and be inspired by the testimonials you will see. Until next time!

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Those who expect to receive a miracle as if God were a magician will never see it happen. Miracles do not depend solely on the action of the Spirit of God, but on a partnership with those who believe in Him and take action.

Since the creation of man, God never did a miracle on earth without participation from His creation. He created the animals, but it was Adam's job to give them names. This was a sign of the authority He gave Adam on the Earth. From then on, all other miracles required the Creator's partnership with the creation. This is why Paul affirms that we are God's fellow workers. (1 Corinthians 3.9)

Look at the partnership in dreams. When a desire is strictly according to the will of God, then that desire comes from God. And, just as He gives the dream, He also gives conditions for the person to make it a reality. Its realization begins on the inside with acts of faith.

When I want to materialize a dream, I need to take action in its direction. My acts of faith has to go as far as I can go. I have to exhaust my personal efforts to obtain it, never losing sight of it. It is the same as a marriage for instance. I have no one, my finances are in ruin, I don't have anything... I only have a great desire to get married. So I begin to buy things for my wedding. First I buy the inexpensive things. Every month, according to my condition, I buy something for my new house. This is practical faith!

In partnership with God, every hero of faith did his part:

1. Noah built the ark under the guidance of God. When he finished it, God sent the flood;
2. Abraham left his land under the direction of God. As a result, God made him into a great nation;
3. In response to the direction of God, Moses stretched out his staff and touched the Red Sea. God sent a wind



and separated it for His people to pass;

4. Inspired by God, Joshua prayed, and God made the entire solar system stop;

5. God told Gideon to surround the enemies with only three hundred men. The enemies were the Midianites, the Amalekites, and all the people of the East. They covered the valley as numerous as locusts... (Judges 7.12)

What Gideon saw with his physical eyes was dreadful, but spiritually speaking, it was glorious. God caused terror to come over the enemies and they killed one another;

6. The Lord anointed the eyes of a man who was blind from birth and sent him to wash in the pool of Siloam. When he did this, he immediately began to see.

If God has worked in you both to will and to do, according to His will, what have you done to fulfill your dream in partnership with God? (Philippians 2.13)



It's hard to forgive a betrayal and mistreatment suffered, but forgiveness helps one to move on and discover happiness

After living for 17 years with an abusive partner, Alexandra eventually discovered that she was being betrayed. Without the right to have her own opinion, her partner annulled her and even made her feel that she was the one to blame for being in that situation. She saw no way out. The only solution

Traumatic past, Happy present

she saw was to end her life .

"I was in an abusive relationship, where I suffered physical, psychological and verbal violence for 17 years. This made me a very sad and depressed person. I lost the desire to eat and was very thin. I didn't like myself and I thought the only solution was to die."

It was her mother who, seeing the marks of the violence her daughter suffered, who invited her to go to the Universal Church. "As soon as I arrived at the church, I felt an immediate peace. I decided to continue coming to the church. As I kept coming, in each meeting, my faith was awakened and my strength fed until, finally, I was able to get out of that relationship."

Through taking part in the chain of prayers, God strengthened her and she was able to forgive her previous partner. She heard about the Holy Spirit and its power to transform her life from the inside out. She began seeking for the Spirit of God until she was baptized with the Holy Spirit, who renewed her, erased the pains of her past, healed her depression and made the will to die completely disappear. Her life was made complete

"After receiving the Holy Spirit, I started to like myself again and enjoy a joy like I never imagined I would have. Not long after, I met my current husband and we have been married now for 16 years. Today, I'm truly happy!"

- Alexandra

Mount Sinai Water from the Rock



"Healed from Cancer."

After doing some tests, the doctors called me to do more tests because they saw cancer in my results. They took me to a surgery room and had a biopsy.

During that period, I was using my faith in the word of God as I learned in this ministry. The results came back in two days, stating that I don't have cancer. I am free! -Angel



"Free from high blood pressure."

I was taking four different medications for high blood pressure. Now the doctor told me I wouldn't need the medicines anymore.

Since I started coming here and using the Blessed Water, I feel good; God has healed my body. -Shirley



"Healed from a rare disease."

An unknown disease took over my body, making my belly grow mysteriously, causing unbearable pain, and taking away my appetite.

After five days of hospitalization and many tests, I was finally diagnosed with

peritoneal tuberculosis, a difficult time in my life.



The miracle happened.

The battle for my health was arduous; each day seemed endless, but I found an unshakable strength in my faith, and the miracle happened: my health was completely restored. Today, I am an example of overcoming and living proof that the time for miracles is not over yet! -Rosileide

"She only had a 10% chance of living."

I fainted several times, and my pressure dropped so much that I almost died. So I was taken to the intensive care unit. The situation was severe, and the doctors diagnosed me with bronchopulmonary thrombosis, a rare disease. It was an extreme case, as the chances of the patient dying were 90%. My family started exercising their faith on my behalf, and the doctors and nurses noticed that I had started to get better. Now my health is perfect. Doctors say that I escaped death. -Marisa



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| MESSAGE |

Bishop Joshua

INEVITABLE



What are some things in life that cannot be avoided?

You will not wake up every morning feeling on top of the world.

You cannot live in a busy, overpopulated city and never be stuck in a traffic jam.

You will never go through life without being disappointed at least once.

There is no way you can say you were never upset.

It is easy to identify with these simple, inevitable events, but what about the not-so-simple ones?

The word of God is our guide and prepares us for such things.

We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed. (2 Corinthians 4:8-9).

The great thing about the Word of God is this: it shows both ways. It shows that we will face problems, but it also shows that we can overcome them.

Be prepared to be:

Hard-pressed

Perplexed

Persecuted

Struck down

It is also inevitable that you will experience these in your lifetime, but remember you will not be crushed, you will not be in despair, you will not be forsaken, and you will not be destroyed IF you have the Holy Spirit inside you.

Do you have this guarantee? Then you know what I am talking about.

You don't?

Seek baptism in the Holy Spirit. You are welcome to join us in the service this Sunday and Wednesday and participate with all your might; you can receive the most incredible blessing, which is the Holy Spirit; oh, what a day this will be!

May the God of the Bible bless you!

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The abuse she suffered made Roseane a woman full of conflicts, hatred, sadness, heartache, depression, and the desire to end her life

I grew up in a home with ten siblings and an addicted and aggressive father; on top of that, I carried many open wounds due to the abuse I suffered from a relative as a child. I had no expectations of a promising future.

For years, this abuse was responsible for a deep pain in my soul, and I became a young woman full of conflicts, sadness, heartache, depression, and a desire to end my life to escape this uncomfortable feeling. The hatred I felt consumed me; I developed a hatred for men and got involved with girls my age. I was rebellious towards my mother and tried to fill my inner emptiness with friends, parties, and work, but the pain persisted.

My mother was the first in the family to become a member of the Universal Church, and more than that, she became the pillar of the family and the starting point for that story to change. She shared with everyone in the house the good she received from God, but the pain that I carried in my soul was so intense that I disregarded the faith that my mother presented to me.

One day, I was about to commit suicide, and my mother arrived in time and stopped me. That made me reflect on my life, and it was then that I realized that I had spent 12 years blaming myself and looking for someone to blame for my pain.



Tired of knocking on so many doors and not finding a way out, I accepted my mother's invitation and attended the Universal Church service. I heard this message for the first time from Matthew 11:28: "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." At that moment, my faith was awakened, and I understood the importance of giving my pain to God.

From that day on, I began my chain of prayer for my total deliverance. Despite feeling strengthened by Him daily, I still faced many internal conflicts. My biggest struggle was with my thoughts. It was hard to believe there would be change. I had a lot of difficulty forgiving because I thought that I didn't need to forgive the person who abused me but that he was the one who needed to ask me for forgiveness. It didn't take long before I understood I would achieve genuine change only with forgiveness. So, I let go of the hurts and bad friendships.

With the help of my mother, I got closer to God, and after two months, I understood the need for the Holy Spirit in my life. I began to realize that other young women also carried the same pain in their souls, but I was still unable to help them because my wounds were open, and only the Holy Spirit could heal them completely.

It was then that I participated in the Daniel Fast. I embraced this opportunity to disconnect from everything that prevented me from establishing communion with God.

I experienced a genuine spiritual transformation, abandoned harmful friendships, and dedicated myself more to reading and meditating on the Bible. On the last day of the Fast, while seeking the Holy Spirit, I felt God's love overflowing in my soul and marking a 'before' and 'after.' The transformation was so profound that those who knew me did not believe in the change, but, as a tree is known by its fruit, they could see the new birth in my life.

I only achieved this inner transformation because I dedicated myself daily and believed I would receive the Holy Spirit. There was no anxiety but the pleasure of pleasing Him in every detail and every moment of my life. Since then, I have participated in each Daniel Fast as if it were the first, and the renewal of the Holy Spirit has been constant in my life.

This new journey allowed me to heal the wounds of the past and replace hate with love. Today, I am a better daughter, I have patience with my family, and the change has been reflected in my work, school, and everywhere I go. I am happy and enjoy helping other people who have a painful past.

Roseane Silva

What's happening at the Universal Church

There is no viral load in my blood anymore!



The before and after exams leave no room for doubt, Anabela was diagnosed and cured of one of the most feared diseases ever and which to this day remains incurable...

"I found out I was HIV positive in 2021, when I went for prenatal exams, at 3 months pregnant. It was at that stage that I also caught a bacterium in my lungs. It was the virus that was already manifesting itself in my body. I got to the point where I weighed about 50kg."

"I continued the consultations, but the doctor told me right away that it was an incurable disease. Everyone who knows about this disease, knows that only by using faith can a diagnosis like this can be changed." The first test carried out detected the virus in Anabela's body, is dated April 2022, just over 2 years ago.

"In about 1 month I lost kilos drastically. In the space of 2 months I lost about 50kg. I was convinced I was going to die, and the worst thing is that I was pregnant and afraid of transmitting the virus to my daughter."

It was in Portugal, While continuing her treatment, that Anabela met Universal. "My family had been going to church for a long time and they invited me to

go...", She recounts

"I started attending the meetings, listened to the Pastor's instructions and saw testimonies from people who were going through similar situations. And if before I thought that my case had no cure and I had already resigned myself to that diagnosis, it was then that I began to use my faith and was completely healed! I went in search of the miracle, because I was sure that my case would be solved. For me, it would be all or nothing, and as a consequence, the virus disappeared from my blood."

The result is clearly visible in the exams performed by Anabela. In July 2022 the viral load in her body was 1 MILLION COPIES, in January of this year, it dropped practically TO 0. "The doctors keep repeating the tests, but the result kept the same, NEGATIVE, there is no viral load in my blood! Even the tests carried out on the liver, lungs and other organs show the result that everything is healthy, including my daughter."

"For me, the best moment of this whole journey was when I received the Holy Spirit at the Altar! When I gave my life to Jesus, I felt true peace, a joy, there was a transformation, from the inside out. At that moment, everything in my life changed and I am pleased to share my testimony and to be able to win souls to Jesus." - Anabela Fonseca

At the Universal Church, there are countless stories of people who have experienced life transformation through the power of faith. You can be the next! Give us a call or visit a branch near you today.

You would never be someone in life



The image we have of ourselves is created by the reflection we see in the mirror and the way others see us. Peter, every time he woke up and saw his image in the mirror, felt invaded by an avalanche of thoughts... "YOU'RE REALLY FAT! YOU'RE STUPID! YOU NEVER BE SOMEONE IN LIFE...", was what echoed most in his mind, like a constant attack on him, without any motivation.

Peter was a victim of bullying. He felt deeply affected by the insult he heard and from there the suicidal tendencies began. The complexes were many, because not only did the image he had of himself become negative, but his family life did not help either, due to the separation of his parents in childhood. He was a magnet to misfortune.

"I was always involved in conflicts and began vandalizing ...As I grew older, and started relationships, they were also affected and due to one of these relationships, I ended up going into depression. I started smoking and almost became a father when I was only 16 years old. I thought every day about ending my life...", recalls Peter

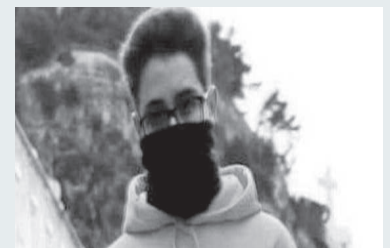
But as time passed he only became worse and in hopes of changing his life, he made one of his worst mistakes. "I gave my life to the devil and started to

do everything that was wrong, which led me to hit rock bottom."

Coming to Universal, he learned how to apply his faith the right way, and his life began to change. "I decided to start following the teachings of the Bible, and with the help of the church, I learned to value myself and discover my talents!" Complexes, addictions, the need to enter into conflicts and depression are now things of the past, because my inner self has been transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit. Today, my life is structured in all areas, including sentimental. I met Sara, my fiancée, who completes me and, together, we are very happy!"

- Peter

Before



After



The death sentence has been canceled



No one prepares to receive a death sentence, that's what happened to Ana Andrade. When she was surprised with the news of a tumor in her head, Ana was already attending the Universal Church and had already achieved other miracles such as deliverance,

healing of illnesses, seeing the restoration of her marriage and receiving the Holy Spirit, when she was faced with an even greater challenge.

"I started to feel very dizzy, I was feeling very sick and I decided to see a doctor. I underwent a series of tests, including an X-ray that diagnosed a tumor in my head," she says.

"Even in the face of everything that was happening, I had peace! I knew that this sickness would serve the glory of God in my life. Everything showed me the opposite, the doctor's words were not the best and my physical condition was not easy at all, but I

chose to believe that everything would be fine", she says.

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The moment was delicate, Ana set out for faith and with the use of the blessed water and the holy oil, she found strength and refuge to achieve the miracle. "I underwent surgery to remove the tumor and the doctors were scared by how big it was. I had to take medicine beforehand to help reduce it and they told me that it would be impossible for me not to have sequelae after the surgery. The doctors' diagnosis did not prevent me from acting on faith and achieving my miracle. I

remained steadfast in the faith, using the holy oil and drinking the water of the treatment with the drop of the miracle," she said.

Recently, Ana underwent tests to find out how she was after the surgery, as her case was considered serious and with a high chance of sequelae, "The miracle happened! My tests came back completely normal, I'm cured, I have nothing! I go about my normal life and work without any trouble. My health is perfect and I recognize that without the Holy Spirit this would not be possible, because it was He who gave me the strength to fight and achieve healing," she concluded.

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A "game changer" for those who are suffering



The Word of God confirms that for Him, nothing is impossible (Luke 1.37) and that He is the only One who is Omniscient, Omnipotent, Omnipresent, and, therefore, has complete power (Mark 10.27). Thus, with God, it is possible to achieve turnarounds "because God is the only being who is unlimited, and when human resources run out, only He can reverse the situation. What financial, intellectual, and physical resources can do, God can."

It is possible to confirm the manifestation of this power through the stories of countless people who experienced a "game changer" and are recorded in the pages of the Holy Scriptures. In the Old Testament, David, for example, despite being small and young, defeated a three-meter giant with a stone (1 Samuel 17). With the Lord Jesus, there are other examples considered impossible that confirm the reversals, such as the woman who lived with bleeding for 12 years and was healed when she touched the Messiah (Matthew 9.20-22) and the multiplication of five loaves and two fish who fed a multitude (Matthew 14.13-21), among others.

These miracles only happened because the protagonists

did not consider themselves victims of the situation they were experiencing but believed that God could do what they could not do alone and, thus, manifested faith. After all, the determining factor that prevents God's action is to ignore Him and live in doubt or pity. "God answers and can manifest His power when a person is sincere and expresses their faith in Him. God will have to do something with everything we give Him, and He has never stopped helping someone who was broken and acted on faith in His Word."

However, for this "game changer" to occur, it is necessary, in addition to expressing faith, to maintain it. Many people, for example, are considered to have faith. Still, they do not live by faith and, therefore, they believe for a moment. Still, when they are having difficulties or do not see God's immediate response, they stop believing in His character.

It is necessary to understand that only those who remain firm and persevering in faith see God complete His work, like those whose stories you can read in the following pages.

WE WERE HOPELESS

Adriane decided to join Joabe in an attempt to be happy and escape reality after seeing the problems in their parents' marriage, such as betrayal and verbal and physical aggression.

But, within a few years, Adriane began to see herself as the child who suffered in the past: She was despised by her husband. "I realized that I was doomed to suffer like my mother or to divorce. Joabe was away from the Universal Church, and one day, we went to a meeting with his family. It was then that, through the Word of God, I understood that I could change the situation", she declares.

Joabe did not continue to attend the meetings, but Adriane chose to look for a "game changer." He explains what he was doing then: "I wanted to be happy, I didn't think about anyone, and I was angry and disgusted with her because I thought she was bringing the problems. During this period, I left her without financial resources, as I spent everything on drugs, clubs, and friends. I wanted to kill her too."

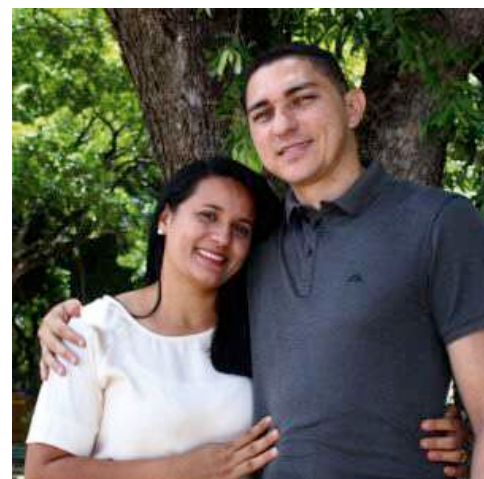
Adriane's situation was

challenging; however, she continued fighting for the transformation of her marriage and her story. "God was my hope, even in the face of his betrayals and when he spent the night away from home and arrived home drunk and drugged. I had no support from anyone, so my foundation was the Word of God and prayers," she reiterates.

"I spent everything on drugs, clubs, and friends. I wanted to kill her too."

Adriane states that she continued to exercise her faith despite not yet seeing results. Meanwhile, Joabe began to look different.

"When I got home, everything was upside down, sometimes even worse than before, but I was different; I had strength, even though I heard he wouldn't change," she says.



Adriane lived with Joabe in this situation for 11 years, between separations, betrayals, and humiliations, until he decided to turn to God in the same way as she did. "I was at rock bottom and didn't want to live like that anymore. With a lot of effort, I began to change internally, until I received the Holy Spirit and everything became different", highlights Joabe.

Since then, Adriane and Joabe have managed to restore their marriage together, and today, they live happily in the way they always wanted.

"People said that both me and our marriage were hopeless, but now we are references of faith and change for our families. We love each other and have peace and joy together", concludes Joabe.

I WAS ON THE VERGE OF DEATH

In 2022, Cedna felt severe abdominal pain and sought medical help. Initially, she was diagnosed with an intestinal infection and underwent treatment. After two months, she had already lost 103 lbs. "I no longer had the strength; I was just vomiting; I couldn't eat or even get out of bed," she remembers.

Because she couldn't bear the pain, Cedna decided to go to the hospital. She underwent some tests that revealed that her case was not typical. "I was hospitalized for four months, but the tests didn't identify anything until the doctors understood that it could be intestinal adhesion," she details. Therefore, she underwent surgery. "They 'disconnected' my intestine to perform the surgery, but after a week, there was a rupture, and a new surgical procedure was necessary," she says.



She remembers that because she was malnourished and anemic, it would not be possible, according to the doctors, to perform a third surgery. It was at that

moment, then, that faith was the foundation for her and her entire family: "I knew that only faith could reverse the situation and, as I was unable to go to the Universal Church, my husband went

to all the meetings and brought me the water consecrated to God."

Cedna's case was considered lost, and the doctor told her husband to "take it one day at a time"

The outlook was only going to get worse, even more so because I got an infection. The problem in the intestine now also affected the blood and lungs...

as he believed she would not survive. Thus, Cedna was sent to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU), where she stayed for three months and went through a decisive moment. "The



outlook was only going to get worse, even more so because I got an infection. The problem in the intestine now also affected the blood and lungs", she says, and once again turned to the Author of Life. On that occasion, she prayed and asked God to define her life. This is how the turnaround began.

Unlike before, the treatment had an effect. After 15 days, performing the third surgery and the bowel reconnection was possible.

"Everything started working again, and I got better. On October 5, 2023, I left the hospital," she reports.

Today, Cedna leads a normal life, peacefully and without consequences: "I was on the verge of death, and God brought me to life. He performed a complete miracle in my life," she says.

MAKE A CHAIN OF PRAYER IT WORKS!

A Chain of Prayer is when you attend a prayer meeting for a certain number of weeks without interruption in order to see a breakthrough in your life. Whether it is healing, a financial breakthrough or spiritual deliverance that you need, a Chain of Prayer helps you develop the faith and determination to overcome.

Monday - Strong Nation
7am, 10am, 4pm & 7pm



Learn the secrets to overcome financially. Receive direction to grow and become a successful person.



Tuesday - Prayer for healing
7am, 10am, 4pm & 7pm

Receive prayers for your physical, mental and spiritual well-being.

Wednesday - Night of Salvation
7am, 10am, 4pm & 7pm



A meeting will be held for those who want to invest in a genuine relationship with God.



Thursday - Family & Love Therapy
7am, 10am, 4pm & 7pm

The goal of the family meeting is to bring families together. No family is perfect, but they can be free from any hate, separation and other underlying issues.

Friday - Deliverance
7am, 10am, 4pm & 7pm



There is a root to every problem. No issue can be dealt with permanently without removing its root. Every Friday, strong prayers is provided for anyone who is facing a problem that is influenced by negativity.



Saturday - Impossible Cases
8am & 12pm

Have you ever looked at a problem or situation and thought, 'this is impossible, there is no solution to this?' If you want to see the 'impossible become possible', join us every Saturday.

Sunday - Gathering of Faith & Miracles
7am, 10am, 3pm & 6pm



These meetings aim to help people connect with God, to empower people and teach them how to use their faith to achieve what they want in their lives.



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You are not Alone!

I WANTED TO BE FREE, BUT MY LIFE WAS TRAPPED.

I remember my mom running the streets from 5-6 years old. She was heavily addicted to crack cocaine and was never home. As I grew up, all I saw was drug dealers and killings on my street.



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At the age of 5 to 6 years old, my mom chose crack cocaine and life on the streets... Over me.

That was the only “example” I had to follow, so I started doing the same. In the beginning, I was only selling drugs for fast money, then I went to clubs and started drinking, and there was a point where I got addicted to pain pills because of an injury.

I took one for the pain; then one became two, and two became three until I found myself taking 10-15 pills per day. The addiction spiraled out of control. I started selling pills on the streets, and

this is when I caught my first drug charge in my neighborhood.



Seeing my mom’s lousy example growing up in the neighborhood that I did led me to the streets as well. I started selling drugs, became addicted, and ended up in and out of jail on several occasions...

I went to jail, came out, and went back to the same lifestyle, the same spot on my block.

The lowest point of my life was being convicted with a five-year probation sentence that I violated. I found myself in handcuffs again, being escorted to prison where I served one and a half years, and this was the worst experience of my life; at that point, I knew this was not the life I wanted to live anymore.

When I exited prison, a lady invited me to the Universal Church while walking on the street. When I went to the event,

I was high because it was hard for me to let go of the addiction that I had for so many years.

But I went, listened, and enjoyed the power in the church, the messages of faith; it’s like my soul had been brought back to life that day, something I hadn’t felt in a long time.

I began to come faithfully; I kept my prayer chain every Friday for my deliverance. I became free from the pills, and I no longer desired life on the streets.

I started seeking the Holy Spirit and received the presence of God inside of me, and that is when my life was truly transformed: my mind changed, my character became different, and I had love to help save souls.

My marriage is now a blessing, my wife and I used to have a hard time agreeing, but today, our marriage is at peace.



“I cry out to God; yes, I shout. Oh, that God would listen to me! When I was in deep trouble, I searched for the Lord.” Psalms 77:1-2

Speak out, I am all ears! If you want to be added to my E-Message list, send me a letter with the correct info to: 7075 SW. Fwy. Houston, TX 77074.

Include: Name/ID #, Facility, Complete Address, City/State, and the Zip code.



Don't be Idle before the Problems Take Action!

Most people do not see a significant change in their lives. Because they wait for things to improve or are afraid to take the necessary action to improve things, in both options, they do nothing; they are idle in the face of the situation.

Pay close attention; life will only change when you change your actions and do something different. More of the same will only bring more of the same result.

However, these two actions – the action of waiting for things to improve or the action of being afraid (you know what to do, but you are scared to do it or too lazy to do it) – are the most common attitudes of human beings.

As we are naturally creatures of habit, we tend to do the same things every day, don't we? Because you got into a routine. You have entered a Ferris wheel, and the wheel is turning. And you are there.

At the same time, you are at the wheel complaining about it. From time to time, things improve because, at the wheel, whoever is down there today will be up there in a little while. Tomorrow, they will have a better view.

YOU ARE BACK AT THE BOTTOM OF THE WHEEL IN A LITTLE WHILE. YOU COMPLAIN. IT'S ALWAYS THE SAME THING. BUT YOU'RE THE ONE ON THE FERRIS WHEEL. IT WAS YOU WHO ENTERED THE WHEEL. YOU DO THE SAME THINGS OVER AND OVER.

Or you're hoping that, for some random reason, your life will get better. Or God will do something for you, and things will get better.

But in Philippians, chapter 2, verse 13, it says that God is the one who works both to will and to do, according to His good pleasure.

See that God does not do things for us. He does things in us, through us. But God doesn't force anyone.



He puts the drive in us. He puts faith and availability. He often operates an intuition, which is "to will." You have the urge to do something different. But at the same time, God's drive comes, and so does human doubt. Then fear and laziness come.

When God puts the will, He also puts the "to do." In other words, the power to put that will into practice. The problem is that we want things ready and

done in our hands. We want a God who will come as a man with a red cape and rescue us in times of danger.

That's what we want: a superhero God. And God is not a superhero. God is a Father, God is a friend, He is a guide, God is a guide, He is a companion.

God gives strategy and faith to act. But He doesn't work for us; He works in us. So, if you are in this idleness of waiting for things to get better or afraid to take the necessary action to change, wake up now!

God is putting in you to will (desire) and to do according to His good pleasure. What are you going to do with it now with this information?

Will you turn the page and go about your day like yesterday, like every other day, or will you do something different today?



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Rodrigo Andrade says he worked for 13 years in a company, six of them as a manager. "I wore the company shirt, did my best, and didn't spare any effort. My salary was good, but the money went away as soon as I received it. I couldn't support myself.

It was challenging to understand what was happening", he says.

Rodrigo explains that his financial situation was so complicated that he could not pay the rent on his house. For this reason, he ended up living in a room at the company where he worked.

He mentions that he dreamed of changing his life and starting a family, but no matter how hard he tried, he didn't see positive results. As a result of this frustration, Rodrigo became dependent on alcohol. "I no longer had any morals because of the addiction. People recognized that I was a hard worker, but they saw that I had a failed life. It was shameful," he states.

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Upon seeing the failure in Rodrigo's life, his uncle invited him to participate in a seminar for financial success held every Monday at the Universal Church. After this seminar, Rodrigo guarantees that his life has changed since that day.

"I heard about having a relationship with God, partnering with Him, and being faithful to Him. It was all evident and quick for me. Just as I put

all my strength into work, I started to apply my strength to my faith. I made a pact with God. I soon freed myself from addiction and became faithful in my tithes. I never stop honoring God with everything I have. I can say that God built my life after I began to obey what I learned in the "Strong Nation," he reports.



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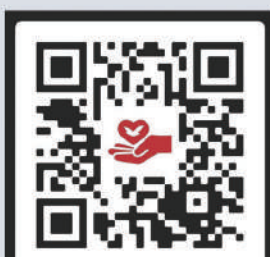
Rodrigo reveals that he was comfortable with the limited life he led. However, he began to have a different perspective when he learned the

importance of using his faith. He decided that he would no longer work for third parties, and in 2018, he set up his own business in the food industry. "I resigned from my job, and everyone criticized me, but I was confident that with God being my partner, I had nothing to fear. And so, I set up my first steakhouse. The result was rapid. Before, my life had many limitations, but today, I have houses, land, two steakhouses, and the car I wanted. Through a partnership with God, my life was transformed. I gained people's respect and formed my family. Today, I live happily with my wife", he celebrates.



"For those who partner with God, there is no mistake or crisis. Of all my achievements – and I know that many more will come – my biggest asset is my relationship with God, the Holy Spirit, who guides me and gives me peace. My haven is the Altar of the Lord", he concludes.

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