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How to Change Your Family

Everyone desires to see their family united and thriving. For Christians especially, our greatest desire is to see them in the presence of God. While for some, this dream has become a reality, for others, it has yet to happen. They have loved ones lost in addictions; there are couples on the verge of divorce, children who are rebelling and heading the wrong path, and the list goes on. Instead of their homes being a piece of heaven on earth, it has become a piece of hell, even to the point of families losing the desire to come home.

If this is your case, know there is a way for your family to change for the better. No matter what problems your family may be going through or how long it has been going on, it is not too late. With God's divine intervention, your family can be transformed and restored. Join us at a Universal Church near you this Sunday for the Family Prayer.

Continue reading and be inspired and encouraged by the testimonials of others who have witnessed a transformation within their families with the help of God. You will also learn about the three steps you can take today to put an end to the torment in your home

| BEATING DEPRESSION |

Depression is a sadness felt in the deepest part of one's soul. It causes a great sense of hopelessness and exhaustion, such 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.

There are thousands of testimonials worldwide that prove a Chain of Prayer works. You won't regret it. You, too, CAN defeat depression!



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Bishop Edir Macedo

Faith and Sacrifice



God is not a magician. Yet, most Christians insist on thinking, believing, and expecting Him to magically transform their lives overnight.

Usually, they expect to put in the minimum amount of effort in exchange for all of God's blessings. They can maintain this illusion for some time, but they become discouraged when the results are not as expected. Hence, many so-called Christians have fallen away, feeling disappointed with God.

Few understand that for a miracle to happen, a joint process must occur between the Creator and the creation. None of the miracles written in the Bible happened solely because of God's doing. If we look carefully, we can see that each miracle involved both man and God.

For example, Noah had to obey God's command and build the ark to save his family from the flood. The same happened with Abraham. To be the father of a great nation, he had to sacrifice his will and obey the Word of God by leaving his land, the home of his parents, and his relatives.

For the Lord Jesus to heal the blind man, he had to cry out to Him. Before Lazarus could be resurrected, the disciples had to remove the stone from the tomb. Now, we can conclude without a doubt that the miracle we hope to receive in our lives depends on our attitude of faith toward God.

If you are tired of suffering and want to

change your life, then you must call out to God. This change is only possible if you act by faith—completely surrender your life by faith to the Lord Jesus.

New life won't spring forth until your life is entirely surrendered on the altar. It's impossible to conquer a new life and try to maintain the old one simultaneously. Hence, there is an urgent need for a sacrifice of faith. Like the Lord said: "Turn to Me with all your heart ..." (Joel 2:12).

The miracle of the new birth or new life takes place in two stages:

First: humankind's attitude toward God – No one can be born of God without first turning from or abandoning their sins. Conversion requires a change in behavior towards Him. Lying, stealing, adultery, prostitution, and all the works of the flesh must be abandoned. Galatians 5:19. That is true conversion.

Second: God's attitude toward man—When the Holy Spirit sees your effort to replace your will with God's will, He descends

upon you and transforms your life, thus concluding His participation in the miracle of the new birth.

Whatever the miracle, the process remains the same. First, creation must take action toward the Creator; then, the Creator acts accordingly toward His creation. As you can see, this process has no magic; on the contrary, it results from a personal relationship between humankind and God.

May God bless you abundantly.



The suffering in her family ended through the power of faith

Some families have a home where love, understanding, union, and communication flow. But unfortunately, because of envy, several homes end in pain and suffering. All the positive characteristics mentioned previously turn into hatred, despair, disunity, and lack of communication. It was the case of Diana Rodríguez's family since happiness turned into suffering as a result of witchcraft work.

"When I was little, my mom found a dead animal hidden in the clothes of my father. She also found works of witchcraft at our front door. After this discovery, many problems arose in our home, especially in our

family relationship. We would yell at each other constantly, get into arguments, and hold resentment against each other. There was no communication at home. So I spent more time with friends and at parties."

This situation led Diana to fall into a depressive state. She became a young woman who preferred to be completely alone. Her internal pain grew in such a way that she aroused thoughts of suicide.

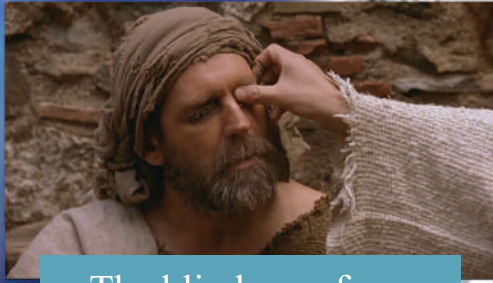
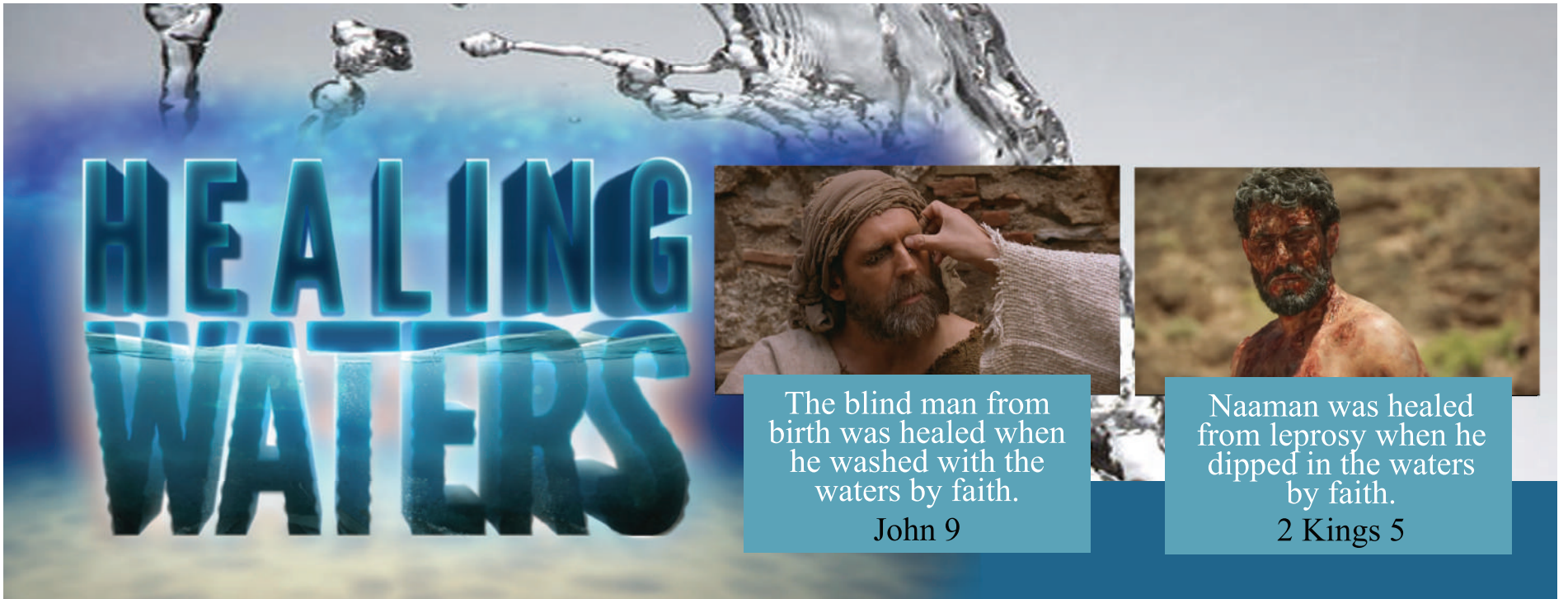
"I didn't spend much time with my mom because she would stay in her room most of the day because she was depressed. My father was also distant. Everyone in the family was being affected. I also became depressed. Every day, I would stay in my room and cry. I had thoughts of suicide because the sadness inside me was so great. I couldn't understand why all this was happening, which greatly affected me. I became

disrespectful. I didn't want to speak with my family or anyone. The worst moment for me was when my parents separated. I saw no hope for my family's future or myself; my family was everything to me."

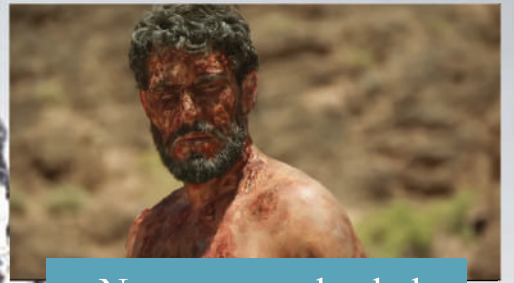
Her mom, who also suffered from insomnia, saw a sign of hope after seeing the Universal Church program on TV one night. She decided to attend and invited her daughters to join her two weeks later.

"After the first service I went to, I felt very good. I felt tranquil and began sleeping well at night. I felt at peace. Step by step, my family and life changed. Today, I am no longer depressed or sad; I don't cry anymore. I have a relationship with my mom and sister; my family was restored. But the greatest blessing I received was the Holy Spirit. He is my joy, my strength, and my everything."

- Diana Rodríguez



The blind man from birth was healed when he washed with the waters by faith.
John 9



Naaman was healed from leprosy when he dipped in the waters by faith.
2 Kings 5

Faith by itself if it does not have works, is dead. James 2:14



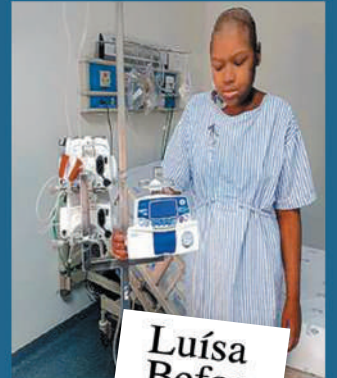
"Healed from Hodgkin's lymphoma cancer."

After observing a swelling on my neck, my mother took me to the emergency room. I did many tests and was admitted that same day because I was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma cancer. I fell deep into depression and cried a lot because of this news. I thought that I was going to die from this illness.

Luísa

RESULT OF FAITH

It's the purposes of faith that my mother and I made in this ministry that resulted in me being healed today. I don't have cancer anymore.



Luísa Before



"Healed from an incurable disease."

After I was born, I was diagnosed with an incurable disease called PKU (phenylketonuria). Whenever my blood level was high, I couldn't think.

I couldn't eat normally like everyone else; everything I ate had to be restricted to a diet. Whenever my family got together, I was the only one who couldn't eat anything. I wanted to kill myself; I was tired of that situation. My mother brought me to this ministry, and I received healing here. Through the power of my faith, I am healed completely, and I can do everything I was told I couldn't do. -Miguel Sanchez



"Healed from Cancer"

Carlos was diagnosed with a disease called Hodgkin's L y m p h o m a .

He also discovered that he had diabetes. All this led him to lose almost 30kg and failing eyesight - a desperate situation. Despite many adversities, Carlos and his wife, Suzane, decided to act on their faith. After almost three months in the hospital, one of the tests diagnosed that the cancer had stopped growing, and gradually, Carlos regained his health until he made a full recovery.



"The back pains are gone."

I had terrible back pains. I didn't know where the pains came from, so I even started telling others about them. I learned about the Blessed Water and decided to follow the instructions. Eventually, the back pains left my body. I can even see more properly today after using the Blessed Water.



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| MESSAGE |

Bishop Joshua

CAN'T OR WON'T



What do you think of a parent telling their child they can't help them?

The child asks for the new car that was promised.

The child asks for the latest iPhone that was promised.

The child asks to go on the trip that was promised.

The child asks for the financial help that was promised.

The child asks for the keys to the apartment that was promised.

Before you answer the question, I have one more for you.

Do you know the saying that goes like this:

There are two sides to every story.

Let us think as parents, not as the child asking. The first question is this: What conditions were given before the promised items/gifts?

Let's look at some probabilities:

I will give you what you want if you pass your final exams. Now, fill in all the promises above.

I will give you the balance if you come up with half of the rent.

Next question for you.

Can the parent fulfill the promise if the child didn't do their part?

No, they can't. Not that they don't want to do it, but they just can't.

Do you get the difference between can't and won't?

Now, this is the whole point of the matter.

What if you were told that Jesus can't forgive you? What would you do?

I don't know what you would do, but I can tell you what you should do: See who you need to forgive and do it because only you can release the promised blessing of His forgiveness.

“For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. (Matthew 6:14-15)

He desires to forgive you, but if you don't allow Him to do so, He can't!

What will you do?

May the God of the Bible bless you!

ALONE AND LOST

After her father murdered her mother, Amanda was lost. She walked the path of suffering, loneliness, and addictions, in addition to living in an abusive relationship. When God guided her to change her life, everything transformed.

I had a comfortable childhood with the constant presence of my parents. However, family problems were constant and complex. My parents had been married for 25 years, and the relationship between them was problematic. My father cheated on my mother and was addicted to drinking. Then, there came a time when she wanted to separate from him.

My father did not accept the separation, and in February 2011, he murdered my mother with seven stab wounds. Social services took me away from my father and mother. I was 13 years old then, and my world fell apart. These were very confusing moments for me, and at one point, I tried to take my own life.

I was living with my brother, and our relationship was not good. To escape this reality, I sought support and refuge outside our home. I started to have friends, and they influenced me to drink, smoke, and use drugs. My brother didn't know how to deal with my situation; he therefore changed the locks of the doors at home, and since I could not go back home, I started living in someone else's house.

In search of happiness and trying to hide the pain in my soul, I started looking for joy in parties. I even started going to places I could not because of my age. After the party was over, the emptiness remained inside. My life was like this for many years. I lived in pretense. I showed a smile that wasn't real because, inside me, everything was vague. I started having an inferiority complex and was full of hurt and anger at everything and everyone.

At the age of 16, I began to have symptoms of depression; I felt suffocated by longing and missing my mother. I started having sex with men without even knowing them: I felt like crap, devalued, but still, I continued with this behavior. I met a man and moved in with him less than a month into the relationship.

My partner was rude and had explosive reactions. I was attacked sever-



al times. We were together for almost eight years until one day, he beat me up badly and threw me out on the street. A girl saw my situation and spoke to me about Jesus. I received the Universal News, and when I read it, I felt hope that my life could change.

I returned home and, for the first time, prayed to God. I asked Him to help me get out of that life. The next day, my partner kicked me out of the house again. At that moment, I understood that Jesus wanted me to take action. I, therefore, went to one of my relatives' houses and started going to the Universal Church.

From that day on, at 23, my life started to change. Whatever I was learning at the church, I started to put into practice; I got baptized in the water and began to dedicate my thoughts, feelings, and choices to God.

I started the chain of prayer for deliverance because I knew that my insides needed to be healed and filled by the Holy Spirit, which happened after a while. The Holy Spirit came upon me and filled me with strength, inexplicable peace, and joy that I had never felt before.

My life has never been the same since that experience, and the change inside me was reflected outside. I now have the life I always dreamed of, including a successful love life. I have a wonderful husband, and we put God first. God does more than we think or imagine. Today, I know that true happiness is in God. The Holy Spirit is my most incredible wealth.

Amanda Lacerda

What's happening at the Universal Church

From one dysfunctional home to another



The quality of a child's childhood greatly influences their choices and what they will become in the future. It was no different with Vlamir; he grew up in a dysfunctional home, and as a result he also had a dysfunctional family.

"I grew up in a home where my parents and family drank a lot and were always at parties. Seeing this influenced me to follow the same path. In my youth, I started drinking, going to clubs, and using marijuana. I delved more and more into the word of addictions, and this caused many problems in my life. I remember going out to bars and drinking until I couldn't stand up. When I drank, I became an extremely jealous person to the point of attacking my girlfriend verbally and even physically." He recalls

"When beer no longer gave the effect I wanted, I started drinking stronger drinks. I was an embarrassment to my family and my girlfriend. I didn't know how to find the joy that I was looking for. Until one day, I received an invitation from a neighbor who saw my critical situation. She reached out to me and invited me to participate in a service at the Universal Church. I started doing the chain of prayers on Fridays for my deliverance. I under-

stood that my emptiness couldn't be filled with parties or drinks but could only be filled by God. I had to leave my old life behind and start a new life with the Lord Jesus, and that's what I did," he said.

The Holy Bible teaches us through the Lord Jesus that we must seek Him and seek His kingdom as a priority. Therefore, everything else in this life takes a backseat. This is the perfect order to fill the inner void, as only the Holy Spirit has the power to make us complete and truly happy. "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." Matthew 6:33

"I gave my life to God, I put aside bad friendships, I stopped going to those places that negatively influenced me and thanks to faith in God, I was freed and received the presence of God in my life. The Holy Spirit today is my reason for living; my total and complete joy is in my communion with Him. Today, I don't need to drink or smoke marijuana to have peace and joy, because the Lord Jesus has already filled. Today, I can say that I found true happiness", he concluded happily. - Vlamir Cardoso

If you are facing family problems and do not know what else to do, we extend a special invitation for Sunday, where prayer for the family will be held. The transformation in your family will be determined through faith, where faith, love, peace, tranquility, and happiness will flow. Don't miss Sunday at 7 am, 10 am mainly, 3 pm or 6 pm

My house felt like a battlefield



"My house felt more like a battlefield than 'home, sweet home.' The arguments were constant, and this created a lot of conflicting emotions within me. I was overwhelmed and stressed. Inside, I felt suffocated, but outside the house, I always seemed to be 'happy.' No one would ever have guessed that my smile was a mask to hide my suffering. I didn't think anyone would care if I lived or died, so nothing made sense to me anymore. But I was wrong.

God cared about me and wanted to change my life! I couldn't believe it when I heard these words on the Universal Church's TV program. People were sharing life-changing stories that, to me, seemed too good to be true. Despite this skepticism, I was intrigued. It took a while, but we got to know the church, and after a while, we started attending regularly. We always left feeling good.

However, I still found it difficult to accept that a total change could happen. My mind was filled with insecurities and doubts about God. I wondered why bad things happened to me, but I couldn't open up to the spiritual advisors. I felt helpless and couldn't trust anyone.

During this period, I reached my limit. I got tired of attending church, seeing the transformation in other people's lives, and hearing that God could also change my life, but I still felt the same

way. Finally, I decided to open up about everything. When I spoke to one of the counselors, it felt like an enormous weight had been lifted off my shoulders. I didn't feel judged, and that surprised me. The Deliverance meetings on Fridays helped me a lot. As I attended the meetings, it was as if my mind and heart were being cleansed of every negative thought and feeling I harbored within me.

The prayers and teachings were just what I needed. I learned to fight evil thoughts, put my emotions aside, and deal with the facts. I understood that emotions are often unpredictable and are fueled by the moment's circumstances. Confusion is inevitable when we make decisions on impulse based on our feelings. This conclusion made me understand that God does not make bad things happen to us. Usually, it is our own mistakes and bad decisions that get us into trouble.

It also made me understand what having an 'intelligent faith' means. I heard a lot about it during the meetings but didn't understand it at first. It means using faith with intelligence rather than emotions. Intelligent faith made me know that by holding grudges, I was only hurting myself, so I decided to leave behind the negative memories I had from the past. It was a big challenge, but I'm glad I persevered because my mindset changed, and I could forgive him. There have been many internal changes along this journey of self-discovery, and today, talking about my past no longer saddens me. I have a strong mindset. I have peace, a vision for my future, and a confidence that I didn't have before, and I believe I couldn't achieve all of this without God. My family has been transformed. Those stories that I thought were too good to be true were real because today I am the protagonist of one of them." - Monica da Silva



"I grew up with both my parents and two siblings. We were already Christians, but my father was not interested in attending church until he received an invitation to attend services in the

Universal Church." "He was given one of the church's newspapers and had invited us to attend services with him. We were so excited when my father spoke about attending church because we had never seen him doing this. Every Sunday, we went to church as a family."

When she got older, she built a family but grew distant from God, and things went downhill.

Three generations in the presence of God

"I got married in 2003 to a God-fearing man, and we were blessed with a daughter. We also managed to build our own house. Five years later, we had another daughter. But things went downhill in 2017 when my husband was retrenched (he was let go from his job), and in less than a year, my mother became blind. I also was very sick and depressed."

"I knew I had to commit my life to God. We engaged in the chains of prayers for the restoration of our family, especially on Sundays. God started

changing my life and my family's life. My sister, who had been married for ten years, had no child. Only after we used our faith in God by persevering in the chains of prayers did her situation change, and she has a child now."

"God has blessed us tremendously. My whole family is in the church now. We are happy, and we are all in good health. My children are in the youth group, and I am grateful to God because I have children who fear God and prefer going to the church rather than going out with friends" - Minkie



How often have you resorted to overtime or extra time so you don't have to go home early? It's the children who don't sit still, the wife who only complains, the brother who provokes, the parents who don't give peace, the mother-in-law who offends, among other situations. Every day is the same thing. Many people find themselves amid a challenging family life. Perhaps the conflicts haven't yet overshadowed the love, but they can sense the direction things are heading. If you're in this situation, taking a step back and reflecting on your role in the family dynamics is crucial. This self-awareness is the first step towards creating your desired harmonious family life. Let's explore the three steps to guide you on this journey.

1. Understand the math

Don't double the error. One mistake plus one mistake will always result in two mistakes and never one right. For something negative to be nullified, something positive must be added. Two mistakes have been made if your wife starts an argument out of unfounded jealousy and you curse her in front of the children. She argued, and you fought back, but neither solved the problem. If you talk calmly, everything can be resolved. "If you want to go from error to success, you must stop making mistakes. It doesn't matter what others do; you don't have to do the same", explains writer Renato Cardoso. "Do what

is right," he advises.

2. Stop complaining

Don't be tiresome! Behaving like a crybaby who complains, grumbles, and blames others doesn't help. On the contrary, it just gets in the way. And here's something that may sound new to you: yes, it is your fault. You are responsible for building your family; if there is a problem, you must stop complaining and look for a solution. Be a man, take action, do something that works. "Stop doing wrong and start doing right. Don't allow those who make mistakes to influence you to make mistakes, too," he advises.

3. Change

Your family is a reflection of who you are. It will never change if you don't try to change yourself. Some say you can lead your horse to water but can't force him to drink. But here's the thing: you can make your horse thirsty by adding salt to his food. That salt is your change. When you become a better person, it inspires those around you to do the same. When you become more balanced, responsible, and loving, your family members will notice and strive to change, too. So, don't lose hope. Try it. You can change someone else by changing yourself. "It's not by nagging, complaining, crying, insisting, and making mistakes that you will change it. It's by becoming a better version of yourself," he concludes.

HOW TO CHANGE YOUR FAMILY

A VOICE TOLD ME TO KILL THEM...

Since childhood, Charline da Silva heard a voice that assured her that she would die before reaching the age of 23.

Charline says that conflicts and deep trauma marked her childhood: "My father was an alcoholic. He was always drunk on the corner, and sometimes I had to pick him up when he was lying on the floor, something that hurt me a lot internally. I cried seeing him in that state. He was always dirty and picking up trash from the street. Because of this, there were a lot of fights and attacks at home, and my mother had to work so hard to make sure her four daughters didn't miss anything. I was a child who never had a home like my friends, and we never had a family sitting at the table to have a simple meal. It was just fights, cursing, and trauma."

As a child, Charline began to suffer abuse. "Family acquaintances committed them: I was a very vulnerable child, and I was always very open. The first time happened when I was 6 to 7 years old and then from 9 to 10, by different people." These situations made Charline, at the age of 8, want to throw herself off a bridge. "I remember being taken to the doctor because I was very nervous and aggressive. It was then that I started taking medication to calm myself down. As a teenager, I was quite rebellious. I

tried to fill myself with parties, drinks, and friendships, but at the age of 14, after a fight in the family, I put rat pellets in my mouth to kill myself." Since she was little, Charline heard a voice that assured her that she would die before she was 23, but something happened: at 15, she fell in love.

Romilsom is ten years older than Charline, and after nine months of dating, the couple decided to live together. "Shortly after, I became a mother, but that emptiness intensified. Childhood memories tormented me, and those scenes never left my head. I brought all this baggage into my love life and felt disgusted with myself. However, I had a child to take care of, and despite having my husband's support, it wasn't enough," he says.

After the birth of her son, Charline fell into depression. "I didn't sleep at night, even with medication. I started having outbursts, undergoing treatments with psychologists and psychiatrists, and taking several controlled medications. Still, nothing resolved it," she says. "People said it was just me, and I was putting things in my head. I even heard this from a psychologist."

That voice that said she wouldn't live past 23 became stronger. "I was terrified of everything, and I even hid



in the bathroom and under the bed with my baby, as I thought everyone wanted to kill me. I also lost my job because of depression and, for the same reason, numerous problems arose in the marriage, as all I thought about was dying," she says.

Charline reveals what her reality was like: "I broke everything at home, stabbed doors, and then took medication to kill myself. In these outbreaks, I even accelerated the car to throw it into a dam, but then I heard a voice asking me not to do that, as I didn't know what I would find after death."

Her most critical point of depression happened when she was 22 years old. During all these years, she faced several nervous crises, and on these occasions, even her face became deformed, and it was necessary to go to the hospital. "There, they gave me more controlled medicines. People were afraid of me. My husband had to hide the



house knives and the keys. Sometimes, I felt disgusted with my husband and my son. I couldn't bear to look at them, and a voice told me to kill them. At other times, I regretted having broken everything and for attacking my husband."

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The family moved from one city to another, searching for a way out. Despite moving to a quieter city, Charline was haunted by suffering. "I carried a lot of trauma. I felt sorry for my mother and couldn't accept that she had divorced my father. I also felt hurt towards my ex-stepfather and blamed him for my parents' separation. My son, five years old at the time, manifested with spirits in the house. I woke up at dawn, and

his hands were shaped like claws. He saw spirits and didn't sleep; his eyes were red like fire, and he said he was having heart attacks."

Charline and her family arrived on a Friday eight years ago at the Universal Church. That same day, she realized she had freed herself: "It was the first night I spent sleeping without medication. I believed in the Word of God and understood that the pain I carried was in my soul."

Charline began to seek her Salvation in the Holy Spirit and told Him that, much more than healing, she wanted to become His daughter.

"It was through Him that my life was transformed, my family and my marriage were restored, and my father overcame alcoholism. Charline before was a frustrated person and had a pain in her soul that nothing could help; she heard that voice that said she wouldn't live past 23 because she would die. That Charline died, yes, but to the world, to depression, to complexes, and emptiness.

Today, I live with Jesus. The Holy Spirit is everything in my life. Today, I am truly happy because my joy comes from Him."

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.



UNIVERSAL BEYOND BARS

You are Not Alone!

JESTER 3, “NOW I SEE!”

Jester Unit

The meeting took place last Thursday, 04/11. Together with the UBB volunteers, the YPG group was in the male prison. That day, the YPG group presented the rap “I Lost a Lot,” a song that says everyone can start over and rebuild their lives despite losing a lot. Bishop Bira had the opportunity to do the “Straight Talk” podcast with some inmates.



We had the open call service with approximately 250 inmates. At the meeting, the theme was “Now I See,” many had not seen the results in their lives because of spiritual blindness (John 9:1, 6-7, and 25)—prayer for the family. At the end of the meeting, the volunteers were at the disposal of those who would like to receive care and prayers. After the meeting, Bishop Bira visited those who were in segregation.

Jester 3 - Thursday, April 11th

On Thursday, April 11th, 2024, the Jester 3 Unit welcomed the UBB and Bishop Joshua for the long-awaited open call service. The line to enter the Chapel extended back to the main building as men were excited to participate in the service. One of the officers signing in the inmates said that they never had so many people in the Chapel before for a service.



The event started with the YPG dance and competitions. The 210 men in attendance were joyful and ready to be blessed. They participated in the dance and competitions presented by the YPG.



Bishop Joshua began the service with testimonies of blessed men participating in the classes and the monthly service held at the unit. After praying and drinking the divine water, one was healed from a black spot on his lungs. The other was blessed to go home after 39 years and seven months of incarceration.



The other was also blessed to go home by the end of the month after being incarcerated for 32 years. Bishop Joshua determines healing and deliverance based upon the word in John 9 (...though I was blind, now I see.”).

After this, a special prayer called the most extensive chain for the family was made so that the men could hear from and see their family again.

The word of salvation was given to open the eyes of the men about the danger of grudges and revenge and the blessings of peace that come with forgiveness. Bishop Joshua spent time seeking the Holy Spirit with the men and determined God’s peace upon their lives.



The band and choir of the Chapel had written and presented a song for the UBB and decided to give the music rights to the UBB.



The service ended, but the men did not want to leave the Chapel. They all enjoyed and were blessed from the beginning to the end of the service, and they are looking forward to the next event.



“ I WILL CLING TO THE OLD RUGGED CROSS, AND EXCHANGE IT SOMEDAY FOR A CROWN.”

STRINGFELLOW, "I DECIDED TO LET GO."

The meeting took place on Friday 04/12,

Together with the UBB volunteers, the YPG group was in the male prison. That day, the conference was held in the Chapel only for those who were in the G4 (prisoners who have a closed regime), and they had the opportunity to baptize themselves in the waters.



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THE MEETING HAD APPROXIMATELY 100 INMATES, AND THE MESSAGE THAT WAS SPOKEN WAS ABOUT ZACCHAEUS, WHO DECIDED TO CHANGE EVEN THOUGH HE WAS DISHONEST. JESUS BROUGHT SALVATION TO HIM, AND THE SAME COULD HAPPEN TO ANYONE WHO DECIDED TO CHANGE HIS LIFE.

”Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich.



And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way.



And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house.” So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. Jesus accepted in the same manner each one of these men that opened their heart to Him that day, whether through the baptism in waters, during the prayer the men had an opportunity to do just like Zacchaeus did and give their all to Him.



But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, “He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner.” Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold.”



And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham;” Luke 19:1-9.

STRINGFELLOW DAY 2

The meeting took place last Saturday, 04/13. Together with the UBB volunteers, the YPG group was in the male prison.



That day, the meeting was an open call with approximately 500 inmates. Bishop Bira had the opportunity to do the “Straight Talk” podcast with some inmates.

On that day, we also had the presence of the Stringfellow prisoner band and the YPG group. At the meeting, it was spoken about the parable of the Uncompassionate Servant, in Matthew 18:21-22.

The Bishop called forward, after the preaching, those who had difficulties to forgive and received a special prayer. We had the baptism in the waters for those who surrendered to the Lord Jesus.

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What defines the success or failure of your business?

Most people ask children, “What do you want to be when you grow up?” Most reveal what career they dream of following. Some individuals change their opinions over time, and others continue to have the same convictions.

In the autumn of 2023, the global economy appeared to be heading for a relatively “soft landing” after the tumult of previous years, with global GDP growth expected to fall from 3.5% in 2022 to just under 3% in 2023 and 2024. Interest rates had been creeping steadily upwards to combat inflation, with the latter expected to fall from nearly 9% in 2022 to 7% in 2023 and then 6% in 2024. In 2023, the global business environment achieved some stability after the turmoil of the pandemic and, subsequently, the effects of the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

However, the impacts of both events continue to disrupt the world economy. The pandemic led to new ways of working, interacting, and consuming. The Ukraine–Russia war has impacted inflation due to significant supply chain disruption. Like national economies, entrepreneurs have had to adjust to new circumstances each time. Economic turbulence always brings challenges and opportunities, and entrepreneurs have responded quickly to them. There are rising concerns about poverty and inclusion, especially given the impact of recent crises. These pressures are fully reflected in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are slowly but surely working themselves into the business environment and the consciousness of entrepreneurs and consumers.

God, and sign an Alliance with Him, his life changed. He learned that there is a big difference between natural prosperity and prosperity with God, especially during adversity.

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“Nothing happened before I turned to God.”



So, in addition to the sermons, I understood the importance of attending church on Wednesdays and Sundays, having the Holy Spirit, and having a Covenant with God. When everything was closed during the pandemic, it was the time of greatest achievements. I didn’t let any employees go, I managed to honor all my commitments, and we grew even more,” he says.

The pandemic affected everyone, but from what we read in this testimony when you have a covenant with God and remain firm and growing, others lose everything until they recognize that it was this covenant they were missing. This is the difference between those who have and those who do not have a Covenant with God: When a person truly has an Alliance with God, they go through any war, any hardship, any desert, the valley of shadow and death and prevail. When everything is going well, it’s easy; when the hard times come, only those who have a Covenant with God can prevail and overcome them. The world may collapse, but whoever has a covenant with God still stands.

MANY DIFFICULTIES, ONE SOLUTION

Embracing a covenant with God is a commitment and a transformative journey. It’s about taking responsibility, doing your part, and trusting that God will not fail. This covenant is not a prerequisite for entrepreneurship. Still, it certainly sets apart those who persevere from those who succumb to the specific difficulties or crises that affect everyone. Need proof? Let’s hear from them.

THE DIFFERENCE

Businessman Hugo Alves, 44 years old (photo below), arrived at the sermons for “The Strong Nation” with his financial life in shambles, several returned checks, and a judicial search and seizure warrant for his car. Initially, he just went to church without anything happening in his life. Still, the moment he decided to obey the Word, prioritize

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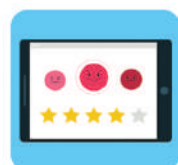
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