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Miracles Exist

Have you ever come across a problem or situation and thought: 'This is impossible'? I'm sure you've been there before; you started your day full of strength and enthusiasm, but after hearing one negative word or receiving negative news, you instantly felt deflated and unmotivated. When a problem arises that, humanly speaking, is impossible to resolve, it is natural for a person to become discouraged. After all, you have no idea where to start to solve it. You have tried all that you can think of and have even tried the advice of others, but the problem still needs to be solved.

But don't lose hope just yet. I have some incredible news for you. What may seem impossible for us as humans is never impossible for God. It may sound too good to be true, but it's a truth we can hold onto. While we humans have our limits, God's power and ability are boundless. Consider what it says in Mark 10:27, "Jesus looked at them and said, 'With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible.'" Through our unwavering faith and God's assistance, we can conquer the challenges that lie before us.

Don't let the negativity of others shake your faith. Choose to trust in God, take a step forward, and ask Him for your miracle. He's still performing miracles today, just as He did in the past. All he asks is for us to trust Him and believe in His power. Keep reading and find inspiration in the stories of others who have witnessed the impossible become possible.

| 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

Open your Window



There's a stark contrast between faith and religious acts. Faith doesn't require seeing or feeling to believe, unlike religious acts that often demand tangible proof, like Thomas.

Faith is not about feelings but the unwavering assurance that God will fulfill His promises. Abraham, a beacon of faith, didn't rely on miracles to strengthen his belief. Despite the lack of extraordinary signs, his steadfast trust in God earned him the title of the father of faith. His faith was a testament to the power of reliance on God's promises, inspiring those who witnessed incredible miracles.

His faith did not depend on extraordinary deeds but on his daily perseverant dependency on the Almighty. The stars were the only sign Abraham received from God, confirming that he would be the father of many nations. From a human standpoint, everything was going against the Divine Promise:

- 1 – Old age – one hundred years old;
- 2 – Sarah, his wife, had passed the age of childbearing – ninety years old;
- 3 – She was sterile from birth.

Add to that the pilgrimages, the difficulties of walking in the desert, and the dangers.

Even in the face of seemingly insurmountable problems, like the one you might be experiencing now, Abraham's unwavering faith



stands as a testament to God's faithfulness. His story is not just a historical account but a living proof of God's enduring promises.

Just open your window at night and look up at the stars, the same ones Abraham saw. They remain steadfastly in heaven, not only to be admired but to witness that the Word of Abraham's God is being fulfilled today, just like it was in the past. Just as God spoke to Abraham through them, He will do to you, too, reaffirming His enduring promises.

They served as a sign to Abraham and continue serving as a sign to those who believe. May the Lord God of Abraham open your spiritual eyes so that you may see His signs!



Five years of constant suffering led Sandra to seek help in medicine. But it was through the power of her faith that a miracle occurred, and she was healed.

Sandra was diagnosed with Ulcerative Colitis of the intestine after a severe emotional shock.

"I had an irritated intestine full

She took 50 tablets a day.

of wounds that never healed, which caused me very severe pain and frequent diarrhea: I had to go to the restroom almost every 10 minutes. The doctor said that I would have to deal with this problem for the rest of my life and that if it wasn't treated in time, it could even cause cancer."

RIGHT ALLIANCE

"At the beginning of the disease, my body didn't adapt to the medication, and that's when the doctor gave me cortisone, which caused me to swell. At my worst point, I took up to 50 pills a day and was sick for five years. Year after year, I did not improve.

I did not accept the diagnosis; I opted for alternative medicine and decided to put my faith into practice. I began making a chain of prayer for my healing. For more than a year now, there have been many improvements, and the doctor has been reducing my medication little by little.

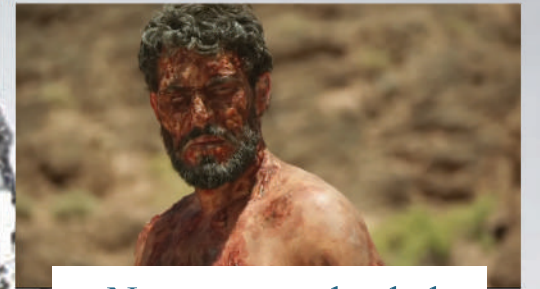
Combining medication with faith, today, I can now say that I am cured. I'm doing well today and only need to see the doctor for check-up examinations. I have a better quality of life and, most importantly, health."

- Sandra Araújo

HEALING WATERS



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*

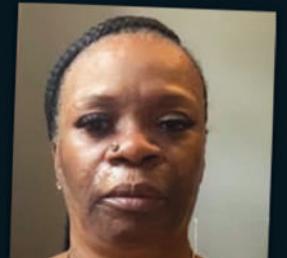


“She was healed from dermatitis.”

I was diagnosed with dermatitis by two different dermatologists. My face started turning very dark due to the disease, and doctors prescribed steroid and cortisone creams. They were actually making my face worse.

When I woke in the mornings, I'd wipe my face with the Blessed Water and drink it by faith. Now my face is healed and not discolored anymore.

-Loraine



Her face before with dermatitis



“Free from poor circulation and infection in her stomach.”

I went to the doctor for a check-up, and I was told that I had an infection in my stomach, and even after taking medications, the pain was still there. I also had poor circulation in my feet; I suffered a stroke that left me unable to move my arms or walk properly. I drank the Blessed Water by faith and bathed with it. Today, I am healed, totally free. I can move; I can walk.



“The lump in my breast disappeared.”

There was pain in my right breast, and it turned into a lump. The doctor confirmed that there was a lump in my breast, and I was scheduled for further tests. I didn't accept this problem with my health.

So I used the Blessed Water to sap my breast; I drank it and even bathed with it by my faith. When I went to do the tests, the results showed that the lump in my breast had disappeared. -Emily



“Sick and couldn't find a solution.”

Before coming to know this ministry, I was terribly sick. I went from one health center to another, and I even went to spiritual places for a solution, but that didn't help me either. After coming to this ministry, I received my healing through my faith. -Rubelyn



RECEIVE THE HEALING WATERS THIS SUNDAY

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| MESSAGE |

Bishop Joshua

ASK, SEEK AND KNOCK



As human beings, our actions are not just a reflection of who we are, but they also hold the power to shape our lives. Taking action, especially in the context of faith, requires certain attitudes and sometimes even courage. For instance, when we feel thirsty, we don't just wish for water; we actively seek it. Similarly, when we feel cold, we don't just hope for warmth; we take steps to warm ourselves up. Our needs, when coupled with action, guide our lives.

The Bible has a lot of wisdom to offer when it comes to taking action and is the crucial ingredient for those seeking God's blessings. It says:

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." (Matthew 7:7-8)

Take action of faith for the blessing you want to receive in life. When you ask, do so with unwavering confidence, knowing God hears your prayers and responds. Doors will open, but often they require us to knock. Don't be discouraged by silence or delay. Knocking requires faith and shows that we believe in God's timing and perfect answers.

Don't hesitate to take action because those who act with faith receive. Keep moving forward, ask with boldness, seek with purpose, and knock with unwavering persistence.

May the God of the Bible bless you!

May 2024 Bible Reading						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			Matthew 1 ✓	Matthew 2 ✓	Matthew 3 ✓	Matthew 4 ✓
Matthew 5 ✓	Matthew 6 ✓	Matthew 7 ✓	Matthew 8 ✓	Matthew 9 ✓	Matthew 10	Matthew 11
Matthew 12	Matthew 13	Matthew 14	Matthew 15	Matthew 16	Matthew 17	Matthew 18
Matthew 19	Matthew 20	Matthew 21	Matthew 22	Matthew 23	Matthew 24	Matthew 25
Matthew 26	Matthew 27	Matthew 28	Titus 1	Titus 2	Titus 3	

The sickness I had put my daughter at risk of death



At the age of 9, Renatta Vieira, now a 27-year-old prosecutor, felt her heartbeat accelerate for three hours, and, days later, her heart rhythm changed again, and, therefore, her family took her to the emergency room. "I was diagnosed with heart arrhythmia, but it wasn't a simple arrhythmia. The doctor explained that my heart reached 285 beats per minute, which would be 80 when normal. He said that the fact that my heart was racing like that was worrying, as it was as if I was having a cardiac arrest. From that day on, I started monitoring and treating with controlled medication.

I discovered that, even when sleeping, I was at risk of having tachycardia, as my heart had an extra vein. At the age of 18, I underwent surgery, and the procedure was unsuccessful: "The doctor said he was unable to solve the problem and that he would study more to try to perform a new surgery. That's when I started taking more medication, which was more potent and left my tongue numb.



I became pregnant at 21, and due to my health, the pregnancy was risky. I had to rest and use medication to allow the baby to develop. I was dependent on this disease, and I made my daughter dependent on it, too. When I reached the eighth month, the doctor told me to stop taking the medicine to hold the baby because a cesarean section would be risky for me.

I stopped using the medication, was hospitalized because I lost amniotic fluid, and, despite it not being the time doctors induced the birth. During the 28 hours of labor, my heart raced, and I did something that I never thought I'd do: I spoke to God.

My brother served God, and I remember that, in the face of all my crises and my rebellious behavior, he was at home serving God and never criticized me, but always said: "I believe that God will save Renatta, and she will serve my God with me. So, when my heart raced, I prayed and said, "I

beg you, Lord, help me. Help me because I know that You can'. The doctors didn't know what else to do. When I asked God for help, My daughter was born.

My daughter, Allana, was born prematurely and was taken to the ICU while I was fighting a bleeding that lasted five hours. I prayed again and said, "I make a vow with You, Lord, to save my life and that of my daughter, and I will serve You. I will serve You as my brother serves You. I don't know You, but I know who You are." After three days, I was discharged, and within a week, my daughter was out of the ICU.

To follow the recommendation not to expose her daughter to any risk, Renatta did not leave the house. However, within two months, Allana contracted bronchiolitis and spent 15 days in hospital. I thought to myself that, despite my staying at home for her sake, she still contracted the disease. At that moment, I decided to go to the Universal Church.

At Universal Church, I learned about the Holy Spirit, and before using my faith for healing, I prioritized my salvation. I made vows and chains of prayers and always obeyed what I was learning from the Word of God. I told God I didn't want only healing; I wanted the Holy Spirit. I didn't want only blessings; I wanted the Blesser. Within three months, I was baptized in water and received healing from the sickness. I no longer needed to see my cardiologist of 12 years or live on medication because I was completely healed. My daughter, who the doctor said would probably have asthma and would use a pump for the rest of her life, is six years old and completely healthy. Our health is perfect; our God, the doctor of doctors, did for me and my daughter what the doctors could not do, and much more than the healing; I am now serving God and have my salvation.

Renatta Vieira

What's happening at the Universal Church

"God made possible what doctors considered impossible."



Mary Magdalene faced breast cancer; through faith and the treatment of water with the drop of the miracle, she achieved healing.

"At a routine appointment, I went for a mammogram, and to my surprise, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. I felt no pain and had no symptoms, so I never imagined that cancer was there. For me, what seemed like a routine test became a fight for life.

Right away, I started the treatment recommended by the doctors. The chemotherapy was very painful. Anyone who has been through cancer knows precisely how difficult chemotherapy is. At the age of 64, I was doing this treatment, and I became very weak. I sometimes felt my body was faint; in human eyes, it was practically impossible to achieve a cure," she said.

The occurrence of the disease increases in women at the age of 40. Below this age group, the occurrence of the disease and its mortality are lower. In women 40 years and older, one in 23 women is likely to have this disease. Maria's hair began to fall out, and her

white blood cells were getting smaller as she continued the treatment.

"It was then that I used my faith. As I attended the church, I began to drink the blessed water every Sunday during the Sunday service. I never doubted the miracle God could do. While in the eyes of the doctors, I had no hope of surviving. I was sure that God was working on me. Despite all my struggles, I don't regret believing and trusting in God. It was through my faith and God's mercy that I was healed.

Today, I am happy to enjoy life with my family, and I am proof that what is impossible for men is possible for God," she concluded.

- Maria Magdalena Fortes



Maria's hair loss during treatment

If you are in need of a miracle, join us this Sunday at 10 AM at a Universal Church near you. We will pray for the healing of the soul, restoration of health and family, and doors to open financially. The same God of the Bible will touch and change your life! Give us a call or send us a text today to find a location near you.

"Walking in faith and without crutches"



Teuta Audyla suffered a tragic accident in which she got run over by a heavy-duty truck. She was left with devastating injuries to her leg that even doctors thought she would never fully recover. Doctors weren't sure if she would ever walk well again after the disastrous accident.

"Imagine how I felt when the nurse gasped at the sight of my leg and thought I would never walk again. My leg was a serious case, but when you believe in such a great God, nothing is impossible. Even as I lay on the ground while the paramedics tended to me, I never lost hope in God.

I had 12 hours of surgery and had a skin graft. Doctors removed a bone from my hip to put in my damaged leg. But then there was another problem: they were worried that this bone would lose its blood supply.

The pain and anguish were so intense; I was outraged and couldn't take it anymore. I asked God to put His hand on my life. But the word of God stayed with me. I didn't let my condition weaken my faith.

I attended the UCKG Sunday services with my leg in a cast. Whenever I attended, I told myself that one day, I would be able to wear my favorite heels again. I was so sure that God would lift me up again. With each service, my faith grew stronger, which allowed me to overcome difficult times. When you trust in God, He brings you peace.

It was a blessing that my husband and children saw me overcome such a tragic event. My leg recovered quickly, and today, I can walk well. There is no better place to stay than under God's wings. The peace and certainty I felt on the journey were beyond human comprehension.

I felt as if I had been planted and given a new life when, in reality, I could have locked myself away and lost my chance to live. In the process, I experienced spiritual maturity! My scar will remain to remind me of how much God loves me. Every scar tells a story; mine is the scar of faith. You may be exhausted, weak, tired, or frustrated with life, but hold on, make an effort, keep going, and never give up; if you can't run, walk; if you can't walk, crawl; God will never forsake you!"

-Teruta Audyla



Heliomar dos Santos faced death after suffering a stroke but was able to overcome the disease through faith.

"In 2016, I went through one of the

"I suffered a stroke and was in a coma for 18 days."

worst moments of my life. I had fainted at home and was taken to the hospital urgently.

I had suffered a stroke and was faced with death. I was in a coma for 18 days and hospitalized for three months. According to the doctor, my case was irreversible. Faced with this impossible situation, my wife went to seek the impossible from God," he said.

When faced with struggles and difficult moments, many rebel against God. But they fail to realize that God is not the cause of their problems but instead

holds the solution. They have to seek God's help to overcome their problems.

"My wife fought for me through faith, at the altar, and in the living God. She participated in the services at the Universal Church, always presenting photographs and articles of clothing, making resolutions with God because only the miracle would save me."

"Little by little, I got better. The doctors even admitted I would survive, but I would be in a vegetative state for the rest of my life. But my wife did not let that discourage her. She persevered with

her prayers and vows on the altar on Sundays for my healing, and the miracle happened!

As a result of the stroke, the whole right side of my body got paralyzed, and I couldn't walk. But everything God does is perfect, and the healing was complete to the glory of His name. I regained my movements, and today, I am completely healthy. One of the things I enjoy doing the most is my daily walks. I am living proof that the impossible, with God, is possible. God answered us, and today we live to honor Him," he concluded happily.

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Miracles can Happen

Are you currently facing problems in your life?
Is a family member or friend going through a difficult
time in their life because of an illness or addiction?

Or are you in a similar situation and can no longer bear the pain
and anguish? For God, nothing is impossible. All you need to do is
take the first steps towards healing through faith. This impossible is
called a miracle and happens when all human resources have already
been used and unsuccessful. For instance, a person recovering from a
terminal illness, a family reconciling after years of estrangement, or
an addict finding the strength to overcome their addiction. In other
words, supernatural faith, which depends on total trust in God's
power, must be practiced when natural faith no longer generates
effects. "Everything is possible to those who believe.

The meaning of believing, contextualized here, means having full
trust, accepting the Word of God as true, and giving oneself entirely
to the Lord in the certainty of achieving His promises."

But if the Creator can accomplish everything, why don't many
obtain the miracle? The answer is the faith they practice.
(Matthew 17:20).

Maria Elizangela decided, at the age of 35, to get pregnant for the second time. "I knew the risks, but my daughter, who was already nine years old, always asked for a little brother and had already chosen the name Samuel because of a song she had learned at the CBC (Children's Biblical Center) in the Universal Church," she says.

In the first month of pregnancy, Elizangela felt pain and went to the hospital. Upon arriving there, she was informed that she might be suffering from a miscarriage.

"I left the hospital and went straight to the Church Altar. A campaign of faith had started, and I decided to make a vow for that pregnancy. I spared no effort and put everything I had into the Altar. Almost every night, I was in the hospital, losing blood, but I stayed strong. The sacrifice on the Altar made me more certain that I would have the child."

Elizangela reports that she was eight days away from completing six months of pregnancy when she had to be rushed to the hospital. "At the hospital, they disappointed me and told

me that the baby would also die. They transferred me to the city, and on the way, the ambulance had to stop at each health unit so that I could be examined. I thought I would resolve that situation when I got there, but I was sent into the risk area. The doctors didn't want to see me, and when they showed up, they said I was going to die."

It was almost four days of severe pain. When Elizangela requested an examination because she felt that her child might be born, the doctor said that she would try to hold the pregnancy until seven months. Elizangela asked: "But if the baby

had just turned six months old that week, would I go through another 30 days of suffering?"

That's when she felt the contractions, and without medical help, she had the baby. "It was tough; he was weak, but he cried very loudly. The doctors were angry and said that I couldn't have had my son at that time because there was no incubator and he only had two hours to live," she recalls.

While the doctors told Elizangela that she and her son would die, she rebuked those words because she

believed that their lives were on the Altar. "The doctors said: 'Go see your son while he's alive because he's a fetus; he doesn't even look like a baby.' I determined: 'I will show you the size of my God. I'm only going to see my son tomorrow, and he's alive.'" And, to the surprise of the medical team, the child survived.

Elizangela and the child were transferred to another hospital with better care conditions. After 15 days there, she received the news that her son had died. "The doctor brought the death certificate for me to sign, and



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said I wouldn't sign it. I tore up the paper, and he said he would do the document again. So, I asked to see my son. I didn't shed any tears, and when I saw him, I put my hand on him and said a prayer. Then he came back to life, and the devices turned on. It happened again two more times, and on the last one, I said a powerful prayer and told God that if it was His Will, He could take him. That's when my son came back to life."

surgery, and the doctors said he was a miracle from God. He was fed little by little, using a syringe, and we celebrated each increase in the daily dose of milk. "As soon as I left the hospital, I went straight to Church. I placed Samuel on the Altar and said: 'Here, my Father, is the gift for the Lord. I will raise him, but he is Yours.'"

Since leaving the hospital, Elizangela and her son have led an everyday life. Today, at nine years old, Samuel is a healthy boy. He did not have

any other problems, but only the scar from the surgery.

"Today, he only does routine exams. Because of this miracle, my brothers and my mother turned to Jesus. As our city is small, everyone wanted to see the baby who was born prematurely, died, and was resurrected." Elizangela states that this miracle was possible only because she turned to the Altar at the beginning of her pregnancy.

The child underwent a new

Adailton Pereira dos Santos lost the movement of his legs due to a spinal cord injury. When he fell ill, he worked as an electrician and forklift operator. "I had a job where I lifted a lot of weight but was used to it. Until one day, I left home to work with back pain and came back paraplegic," he recalls.

While carrying out his routine activities, he felt tingling in his legs, quickly becoming paralyzed. "I was diagnosed with three herniated discs, and one of them compressed my spinal cord, which made

his case, doctors began procedures to improve his health quickly. In addition to drug treatment, surgery was necessary to repair the damage to the spine. "Six pins were placed in the back, and they partially solved the problem. The doctor diagnosed me with paraplegia and told me that I only had a 1% chance of walking again", he comments.

Despite having a report attesting to something so bad, Adailton clung to this thread of hope and continued undergoing a series of medical treatments. When the doctor told me that he had already done everything he could to reverse my condition, I knew that I had to combine medical treatment with my faith", he declares.

He started using his faith and participated in the chains of prayer for healing. "I had been in the Church for almost 26 years, so I knew exactly the path I had to follow to obtain my healing. Even though I was weak and in a wheelchair,



I didn't miss any meetings," he explains.

He explains that it was necessary to stop seeing that situation as normal: "There was a change in my mind and, when I understood that God works miracles and that I could benefit from this power, everything changed," he says.

"Today, my health is completely restored. I no longer depend on anyone and no longer need to wear diapers. I only had one aftereffect, which was the shortening of one of my legs. Still, I believe it remained to prove that I was once a paraplegic and that today I can walk. After everything I went through, I understood the true value of faith and learned, in practice, that I am the one who provokes the miracle," he assures.



me lose movement from the waist down," he says.

Due to the seriousness of

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!

I was set Free, in Prison.

My name is Fernando; I was incarcerated for ten years.

When I was a kid, I had an everyday life; I went to school and had the best attendance in class and with my classwork, but there came a time when I met up with the wrong people. I started experimenting with their lifestyle and was curious about what they had.

I tried marijuana for the first time. I also started robbing, and the more I would commit robberies, the more I wanted to get into trafficking as well. Each day, I got worse; people would call me "Fernando the monster" because my attitude spoke loudly through my actions.



I was the type of person that did what was needed to get done. I would go to parties and drink bottles of whiskey at a time; I was disturbed, very disturbed. I had so much anger towards the system; I didn't care what the authorities would say; I would do worse crimes; even inside my home, I did not respect my mother.



My mom was a woman of faith, but I would be there smoking weed inside the house and disrespecting my mother. Then I decided to move on my own with my friends. At the age of 18, I did an attempted robbery, and I was imprisoned for this.

When I went to prison, my mind was utterly distorted; at this point, I believed there was no other opportunity for me. I continued with the crime while behind bars; I was controlling what went on inside and outside of the prison, specific deals that were made, etc.



There was a point where I came to the recognition that I was empty, and there was a boy inside the prison with me, but he was converted; he came to know the UBB and was reading the newspaper. He spoke to me about God, and I told him, "Get away from me with this. My god is the devil."

The inmates called me the "disturbed man" because I was disturbed; I caused much confusion there. Many inmates would invite me to participate in the services of the UBB, but I was stubborn and said I was not going.

But from a distance, I watched, and I said to

myself, "Whoa, look at these volunteers out here in this heavy rain; they're crazy." I thought to myself. Eventually, I went to one of their meetings; I initially needed to be more consistent but became firm.

From participating in these meetings, I saw my changes; I was there helping the pastors and the other assistants who would help volunteer. I was excited. I enjoyed helping, but something was missing in me.

I said, "I am here doing all these things, and still, I don't know who God is." So, I took advantage of Daniel's Fast and gave everything of myself. I even cleaned the little "bathroom" in the cell and would put my face there by the toilet and seek God. Indeed, I received Him.

That day, I remember everyone's face was angry, a problem had occurred, and I started laughing there and the men said, "Boy, how can you be here laughing in a place like this?" I told them, "God exists." I had nothing physically speaking; I was a convict, an inmate, but inside of me, I had everything. Today, I have the greatest joy of serving God as one of the volunteers at UBB, and my life has been completely transformed.



"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.



Am I Godly, because I have seen Miracles in my Life?

Whoever believes in God believes in miracles. Whoever believes in Jesus, as the Bible says, believes that He does miracles today as He did in the past. After all, He promised it and said that miraculous signs would follow those who believe. In all the miracles of Jesus, we see only one condition for the recipient to receive it: faith.

Merit, holiness, being a religious person, being a Jew or a Gentile—none of that mattered. Whoever believed received. We see the mercy of God in that. The only condition anyone had to meet to receive a miracle was to believe in Him.

But we also see a fundamental truth in the Scriptures about miracles:

Not everyone who performed miracles was godly.

Judas performed miracles and cast out demons. He also stole from the offering bag, lied, betrayed Jesus, and committed suicide. Pharaoh's magicians in Egypt also turned their staffs into snakes, as Moses did. The Lord Jesus warned us about such miracle makers:

“Many will say to Me that day, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name? And then I will declare to them, I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!” Matthew 7:22-23.

We can see here that MANY people do MANY miracles in Jesus' name — but at the same time are doers of iniquity.

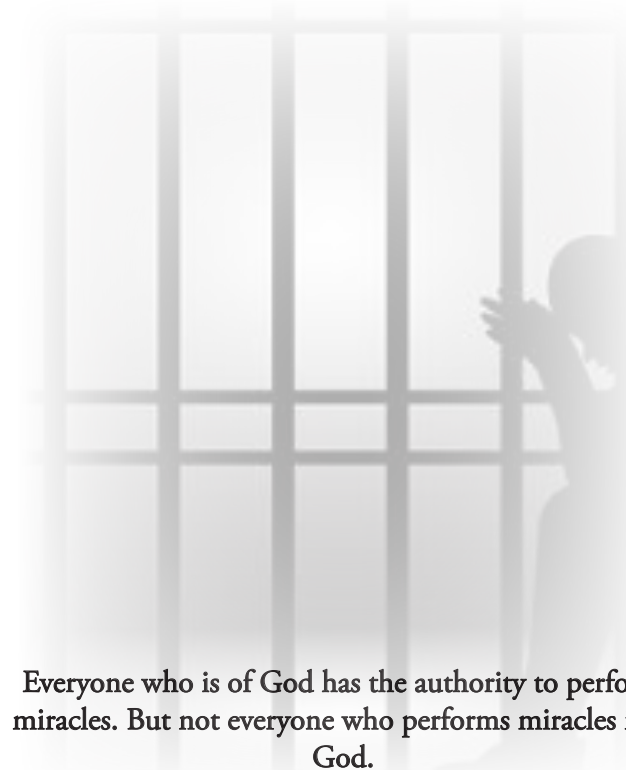
How can this be?

Yes, it is possible because God performs the miracle, not the so-called anointed man or woman of God. Once, God used a donkey to speak and even a witch doctor to bless!

God is God and uses whoever He wants to bless those who believe in Him! Remember, the only condition to receive a miracle is faith.



So, if I am the worst sinner, a criminal, a deceiver, and a liar, but I preach the Word of God to the afflicted (even if I care only for myself). The person believes in the Word, and the miracle happens. But notice: That miracle does not mean that my ministry is of God nor that I am of God.



Everyone who is of God has the authority to perform miracles. But not everyone who performs miracles is of God.



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HOW?



THE NEW CHALLENGE

Bruno received a proposal to work for a competing company with a higher salary and accepted the new job. Bruno wanted to start his own business and work alongside his wife.

Bruno Bello (photo below), aged 33, went through many difficulties growing up. Coming from a simple family without many financial resources, he started working at 13 to help his father at a street market. Despite their efforts and working hours that lasted all day, the family's economic situation was terrible. "It was a difficult life, and there were no perks. Sometimes, they cut off the electricity at home due to lack of payment." He felt like he was at a dead end. In search of an escape, he went to different churches but saw no difference.

Afterward, Bruno believed he could change his life through his studies. He completed the mechatronics engineering course with a lot of effort, but the result was different from what he expected. "I got my diploma at the end of 2008, after five years of studying. I worked at a company as an intern at the time, and they had a work opportunity for me. Still, the vacancy was cut because of the company's financial crisis, and I was unemployed. I was very disappointed and had to return to work at the street market. I became a laughing stock. People asked me: "Now, do you have to be an engineer to work in the market?"

THE DECISION

Bruno's situation changed after his father attended The Universal church seminars. "My father didn't sleep at night. After he went to the church, I started seeing changes in his behavior, which caught my attention." Therefore, Bruno decided to participate too. "I gave myself to Jesus. I used to be diligent in my studies and did the same with the Word of God: I obeyed the teachings. I asked God to heal my heart after the end of a romantic relationship and open doors for me. At the beginning of the following year, I was called for a job interview at the company I had worked for. It was an internal vacancy, and I was the only external candidate invited. I got the job. That represented a miracle for me."

THE ACHIEVEMENTS

Bruno gained a prominent position in the company. "I did an MBA in business strategy management and combined this with a career as an engineer. I worked on evaluating customers and products. I got opportunities and traveled outside the country representing the company."

Bruno attributes the achievements to the exercise of intelligent Faith. "I looked for answers at the Altar. I arrived at the church on my bicycle, and God opened the doors. I met my wife, Bruna, and strengthened my spiritual and financial life through Faith. Sacrifice is daily. We need to apply what we learn."



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I resigned even though I didn't know where to go. My boss thought it was crazy, but I knew God would show the way."

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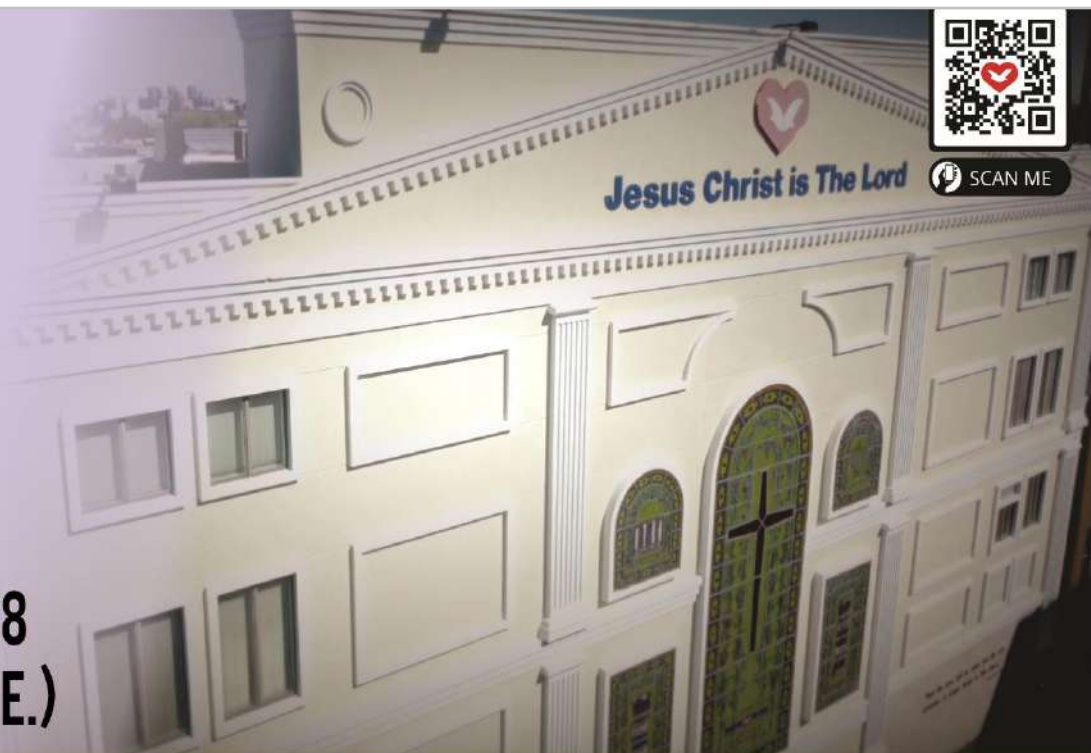
In April of this year, Bruno and Bruna opened a company. "We provide consultancy for the development of new products and businesses. We have a contract with a company in China, and we are responsible for the American market."

Today, the couple lives in a high-end condominium, has an office at home, and travels together to do new business. "We have the Holy Spirit, and our financial life bears witness to God being with us. However, to make our dreams come true, we had to take action and follow His teachings."

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