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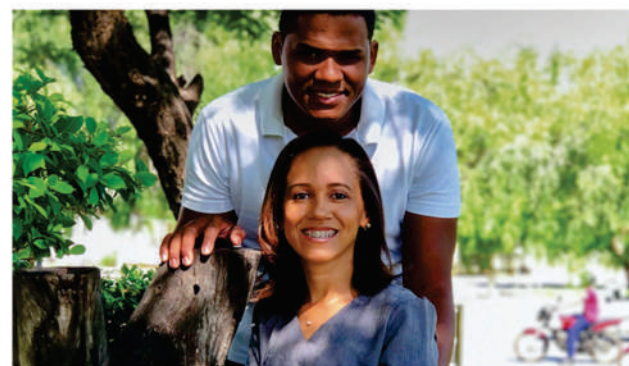
BREAKING ANCESTRAL CURSE



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How can an action of faith change your life?

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Breaking Generational Curses

There are many ways in which a family can connect across generations. Many families tend to pass down heirlooms, recipes, traditions, and stories so that the good things in the previous generation are not forgotten. But did you know that negative things can also be passed on from generation to generation? Although no one would intentionally do so, some families have fallen victim to generational curses.

A generational curse can follow an entire family from generation to generation, manifesting in a person's health, relationships, or finances. It is a curse that affects one generation to the following, causing misfortunes. Is your family under a curse? There is only one thing that can break a curse: that is the Word of God. If you and your family are under a generational curse, God is able and willing to turn that curse into a blessing and completely restore your life and your family.

God's promise to Abraham and his descendants was clear: '... and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed' (Genesis 12:3). But how does this blessing manifest? Through the power of faith, specifically, the faith to obey the word of God. It's important to understand that the primary cause of curses is not external forces like witchcraft or black magic, but our own disobedience to God's Word. When we choose to disobey, we invite the curses of disobedience, as outlined in Deuteronomy 28:15-68.

But here's the good news: if you make the decision to obey God today, the curse will be lifted from your life, and you will begin to experience God's abundant blessings, as promised in Deuteronomy 28: 1-14. You will receive the Abrahamic blessing we discussed earlier. So, I urge you to take the first step and visit a Universal Church near you. It's time to confront the curses that have plagued your family and open the door to God's transformative blessings.

| 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. 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.

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Bishop Edir Macedo



The curse of being cursed

Being cursed is a spirit. Like the plague, it does not relent as long as its victims are not yet completely destroyed. It came into existence in a place no one would have ever expected. The Garden of Eden, for example, was perfect—a true paradise. There was no hunger, disease, hatred, or any evil. Death did not even exist. Everything was majestic, perfect, and meant to last for eternity. There was a communion between the Creator, the people and animals He created, and nature. But with man's disobedience, sin's dominion was established in humanity's heart.

Any sin, however harmless it may seem, is an act of unrighteousness. "Would the Righteous Judge, whose throne's foundation are righteousness and justice, tolerate unrighteousness?" (Psalm 97.2) The unrighteous are immediately expelled from His presence.

The kingdom of unrighteousness replaced the kingdom of righteousness in man's heart; the kingdom of darkness replaced the Kingdom of Light; The kingdom of Satan replaced the Kingdom of God; And curses took the place of blessings.

Since the rebellion of our first forefathers, humanity has lived in this manner. The spirit of curses has been passed down from father to son, from generation to generation.

Sin is a curse. A sinner is a slave to this curse. For an enslaved person to get free, they must



leave; they must run away from their oppressor.

It is precisely what Abraham did. Abraham had to abandon everything to be freed from the curse of the domineering spirits of his country, his family, and his father's house. He separated himself from all that could negatively influence his obedience to God's voice. He sacrificed the life of sin. He left the curse to become a blessing.

But what about you? Have you been running away from the curse of sin? It is impossible to live in sin and to be blessed at the same time.



Both had grown up in dysfunctional families

Olivia and her husband had a tough time as parents and a couple. They both had grown up in dysfunctional families full of hatred and conflict where alcohol was a significant presence and the main cause of so much violence in their respective homes.

When they became adults, life brought them together as a couple. Although love was present, it was impos-

sible for their hereditary curses to intersect, causing significant damage to their family nucleus, and they lived dysfunctional lives. "I wavered in my duties as a husband and father. My constant drinking of alcohol made me a violent man. I abused his wife physically and verbally. Those who witnessed and suffered the most were my children from this environment."

Their children were cornered by the hereditary curse carried by their parents.

"My husband and I separated for a while, searching for a solution to change their family situations, to no avail. Then, one day, they had the opportunity to get to know the Universal Church."

"It was here in the church that I met God and experienced His power. Since we came to the church, our lives began to change for the better. My husband stopped drinking. God has restored my marriage and rebuilt my family. My husband now treats me with care and respect, and we communicate well. My home has peace. Because of the Holy Spirit, today, we are a happy family."



"He overcame cancer."

Marcelo saw an unexpected and stressful turn when he received a severe diagnosis: Bowel cancer. However, he never doubted that God could heal him. Along his recovery journey, Marcelo underwent several chemotherapy sessions and surgical procedures. Unfortunately, one of these procedures triggered severe complications, including infections, leading to a period of hospitalization that lasted 35 days, with four of them in the ICU.

The miracle happened!

At this point, Marcelo's wife combined medicine with her faith. She started attending the services and prayers at the Universal Church.

After much perseverance and determination, a real miracle happened, and Marcelo now enjoys his health wholly restored.



"Free from every addiction."

I was addicted to cigarettes, marijuana, and alcohol for more than 30 years. I tried everything I could to stop it, such as programs and God's help, but I would go back to the same thing. Due to the addictions, I lost my children, and I became depressed. Since I started coming to this ministry, in less than two months, God has set me free from all addictions. I just got a new job after being unemployed since 2020. God is great. – Natasha



"I was taking 18 medications; today, I am free."

I was in a vehicle accident in September 2022. After that, I had a tear in my shoulder; two discs slipped in my back. I had high blood pressure and cholesterol issues. I started to drink the Blessed Water. Whenever I felt any pain, I would drink it.



Last January, I did blood work, and everything came out fine. The doctor took me off the medications!



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



"My daughter is healed!"

A few years ago, I took my daughter for a routine follow-up. The doctor found out that her spine had a curvature of 8 percent. The situation would get worse as she grew older. She had a lot of pain whenever she ran or made certain movements.



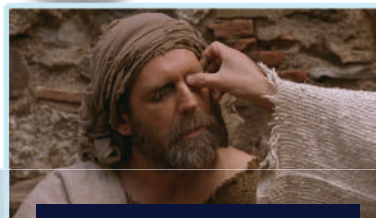
She had a lot of pain, any little movement or even walking would cause her pain. one morning I was watching the

Showdown of Faith TV program. I decided to come and use the Blessed Water and put it on her spine, too. Now she's healed from something the doctors had said she would have to live with for the rest of her life. The doctor even told me that the curvature is at zero percent!

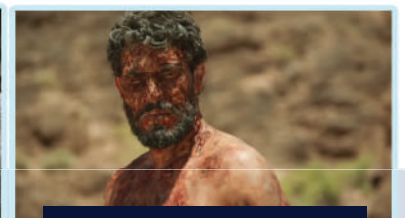
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The blind man from birth was healed when he washed with the waters by faith.
John 9



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



| MESSAGE |

Bishop Joshua

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON



“You look just like your mother.”

“Your laugh reminds me so much of your father.”

For some, these are sweet words to hear—memories of their parents.

On the other hand, you might have heard: “You are just like your father!”

These are words usually said to describe a negative trait in a child.

When you reflect on your parents, do you notice anything in you that was also in them? Perhaps they aren't good things. It isn't just the way you laugh or a phrase you use. It's deeper than that. As your mom failed in relationships, so do you. As your father struggled with addiction, so do you. The same disease your mom had, you now suffer with. Anger runs through your family. It's more than a coincidence or genetics; it's spiritual.

“The fathers have eaten sour grapes, And the children's teeth are set on edge.” Jeremiah 31:29

Perhaps your parents lived a sour life, and now it is affecting yours. This curse follows you, and perhaps you fear it will even follow your children.

God can deliver you from this generational curse. It no longer has to follow you. Place your life into God's hands. He is also a Father, and His legacy is an abundance of blessings.

May the God of the Bible bless you!

June 2024 Bible Reading						
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THE CURSE IS BROKEN

“I lost my father, an aunt and two uncles because of drugs... I refused to be next in line”



Receptionist Thiago Mateus Ferreira, 20, has many reasons to smile today. Still, he remembers that bad events and consequences that made him suffer marked his past.

As soon as he was born, he was deprived of living with his father, who was murdered due to his involvement with drugs and crime. In addition to him, other family members had their lives interrupted due to their involvement with crimes. “Today, I see that there was a hereditary curse in my family. I lost my father, an aunt, and two uncles in different situations, but always because of drugs. If it weren't for Jesus in my life, I would already be dead,” he reveals.

Thiago's paternal grandmother raised him. He grew up harboring hatred for his mother, as he thought she didn't love him, even though she was present in his life. Another reason for the revolt was the lack of a father figure he felt.

So, since childhood, Thiago demonstrated rebellious behavior and, as a child, committed petty theft. “At age 5, I was already stealing objects from school and the neighborhood. At 14, I tried drugs in the company of bad influences and became friends with drug dealers. Drugs were the beginning of my rock bottom. Marijuana, drugs, cigarettes, drinks, and funk dances were part of my routine.”

He committed theft until he was 17 years old. When he had an opportunity to steal, he didn't miss it. “My inside was filled with violence and anger,” he says.

Thiago declares that he carried a great sadness and that, even surrounded by several people, he felt alone. With this, he tried different ways to fill the emptiness that consumed him. One of his bitter memories is the day he had a gun pointed at his head in a “smoking hole” and his mother's disappointment when she found out he was using drugs.

Parties and clubs were frequent, but

at one of them, under the influence of drugs, he thought he was going to die. “I thought I would die in the club. I felt my heart race and a sense of death. The next day, I asked my mother, who was already attending the Universal Church, for help. She had already spoken to me about the Lord Jesus, but I didn't pay her any mind. That day, it was different. I wished I had a new life.”

On a Sunday, Thiago went to the Universal Church with his mother, and soon after, the curse that existed in his life and family was broken. “I broke that curse when I understood what I was facing and decided not to be the next to die. I made the chain of prayers with my mother to break the curse, and today, it is broken,” he says.

With his life completely transformed, Thiago says that everything negative he experienced and his mistakes are in the past. The bad events are only counted as part of his testimony, as he gave his life to God. “Today, I don't need partying, stealing, and drugs to feel happy. I gave my life to God, and my character has changed since then. I love my mother and family; I am a new man,” he concludes.



What's happening at the Universal Church

“We passed down the blessing to our future generations.”



Today, the Lopez family can say that happiness within a home does exist, but previously, it was not like that, they tell us:

Mr. Lopez comments: “Before I knew about Universal, I was sunk in alcohol addiction. I had a destroyed marriage, and when I separated, that led me to sink deeper into the vice of alcohol and to have more serious problems.”

Mrs. Lopez, for her part, was also suffering: “Before I met the Universal, I was a victim of witchcraft and black magic. A great pain would come into my life since my partner betrayed me with my best friend, which was devastating for my love life.

As a result of the witchcraft I was a victim of, I began to be tormented: I heard voices, saw lumps, and had insomnia, constant headaches, and nightmares. Economically, I didn't have a job, and my health wasn't

good at all. Medically, they only gave me three months to live. All of that led me to fall into a deep depression.”

Both Mr. and Mrs. Lopez knew about the Universal; both arrived with their lives destroyed. But, the step of faith they took would lead them to end the curse of destruction that each one had been carrying. They learned the importance of obedience to God and using their faith, which led to a transformed life.

Eventually, they met; today, they make up a happy family. Having cut off every curse through faith has allowed them to provide a different life for their daughter. Today, she can be in a place of harmony, communication, and peace with her parents.

Mrs. Lopez concludes: “When you manage to break the curses of your life, the same blessings we have also pass down to our future generations, our children, and that is gratifying.”

If you identify with these stories, God is speaking to you. It's time to start over. It doesn't matter what happened in the past, what you went through, what you did, or how long you were away from God. You can write a new story just like they have. Visit a Universal Church near you today.

Her parents turned to witchcraft to “improve” their lives.



Maria Morales had to receive a hereditary curse from her parents. Her parents used to take her with them to do witchcraft in hopes of improving and changing their lives. However, the results were always far from what they desired. They had an unhappy life. From the time she could remember, she was always a heavy drinker and would physically abuse her mom.

“When I got older, I left home, married my husband, and thought I would have a better life and that everything would change for the better, but when I had our oldest son, everything started to go downhill. I became ill and had all the symptoms of a person with cancer, but when I went to the doctors, they couldn't find out what was wrong with me. My husband used everything he earned to pay my medical bills and buy medicine. My son also started to become very sick, and his sickness was also something the doctors couldn't diagnose. To cope with the situation, I began drinking due to the problems.”

Both she and her son lived in a delicate state of health. Her husband, Mr. Mata, desperately searched for a solution and a more stable financial situation for his family, so he came to the U.S.A. He began to work to send money back home to cover the medi-

cal expenses and treatments.

Mata: “I worked and sent money back home, but everything I sent was spent on medicine and doctors. But nothing helped them. They couldn't find a cure. I began to drink, and lost myself to the habit and became addicted.”

Maria: “This is how it was for several years. My children went through the same thing that we went through as children. My oldest, who was still sick, became very depressed; the others were the same but were also very rebellious and distant. They also developed health issues.

Maria: “We visited a witch doctor at the suggestion of my mother, but afterward, I began not to be able to sleep at night and began to have a lot of hatred towards my husband. I started hearing voices; I couldn't stay in a dark room; I felt afraid and like something was approaching me. I saw the story of my parents repeating itself in my family. I found the Universal Church through an invitation. On the first day, I came with my son. After they prayed for us, the pain my son was experiencing went away immediately. When I took him to the doctor the next day, the bones that were broken were perfectly attached. I also no longer felt ill.”

Mata: “I started coming as well and began to see a change in my family; my wife was changing, my life was changing, and the lives of my children were changing.”

Today, they are happy, and their family is communicating well and united.

They have broken free from their addictions and have put an end to the hereditary curses in their family.



Barbara's family moved from the South to New York, hoping for a better life. Still, rather than their lives improving, things only went downhill when her mom got involved with bad influences.

“When we moved to New York, my mom

got involved with the wrong crowd of people. She started to use heavy drugs and would bring these types of people around my sisters and me: People who sold and used drugs. She began to use crack cocaine, which brushed off my sisters and me. As a result, we also began to use cocaine and marijuana. We even began to sell crack cocaine.”

Like mother, like daughter

Just like the phrase “Like mother, like daughter,” the image of her mother reflected on the whole family. What she did, her children and grandchildren began imitat-

ing as well.

“As we got older, my sisters and I would just sit around and sniff cocaine. It was like there was a generational curse upon us. My mom was using drugs, her daughters were using, and when she had grandchildren, they also began using drugs. It went from generation to generation.”

When Barbara came to the Universal Church, she learned to use her faith to change her family's situation. To have the image of God, she began practicing what she was learning. She also participated in the Campaign of Israel. Though it was not

an easy journey, today, her life is completely transformed from the inside out. She is now able to help others.

“I had to make an effort. I started going on Sunday and making my Chain of prayers on Monday for finances, Wednesday for my soul, and Friday for deliverance. I also got baptized. When I started coming to the church, I only weighed 85 pounds. I am clean now; since then, I have regained weight and look like my old self. I can smile. Internally, I feel a lot better, and I am happy. My family and household are more stable, and my children can see the change in me and are also changing. I feel joy! My mom has also come to the church, given her life to God, and gotten baptized. I came a long way from where I was.”

– Barbara Daniels

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BREAKING
ANCESTRAL CURSES

Do you believe it is normal to suffer from a hereditary curse? If your answer is yes, then believe me, you are mistaken.

It is not normal for you to suffer in the same way as your ancestors. Whether it's relationship issues, betrayal, divorce, unemployment, disappointments, or illnesses, these are not a part of your destiny. If these situations have persisted in your life or your family for generations, remember that they can be overcome through the power of faith.

However, when a hereditary curse causes a problem, no matter how much a person tries to overcome it, nothing they do can change that situation. Unfortunately, most of the time, people end up conforming because they believe it is their destiny, and they can't do anything about it. But that is not true. There is a way to break this curse and be happy and fulfilled in all aspects of your life.

Since the Bible says that the Lord Jesus became a curse, those who believed in Him would no longer suffer.

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. Galatians 3:13-14

Join us every Friday to break the curse in your life. See the back page for locations near you!



Mario Cesar has faced several problems since childhood. In addition to family difficulties, such as addictions, financial losses, and disagreements, he also suffered from spiritual disturbances daily. He states that he constantly had nightmares, seeing shadows and hearing voices: "Every night I had horrible nightmares." When he woke up, he felt fear and distress.

To try to escape his problems, at the age of 13, Mario started consuming alcohol and cigarettes, which turned him into an addict and brought him financial losses. He used these drugs to escape reality and avoid the suffering that anxiety caused him, but, as he reports, it was a hereditary curse: "My father also had the same problems and addictions. He was a successful merchant, but he lost everything due to addictions, and the same happened to me. I started working very early and spent everything I earned on the weekends."

Due to spiritual problems, Mario

I HAD HORRIBLE NIGHTMARES

sought help from a religion that considered seeing and hearing supernatural things a "gift." He started trying to develop this "gift." Still, his spiritual situation worsened, and other areas of his life also went downhill. "Nothing worked. I couldn't prosper; I sank even deeper into addictions, which also caused health problems, and I couldn't have a romantic relationship", he details. Mario confirms that the internal emptiness and anxiety attacks were his daily companions. But rock bottom came when he became unemployed and alone. "During that same period, I left the religion I attended, and everything became chaos in my life."

Mario wanted to find a "rope" to get out of the rock bottom he was in. So, to distract his mind from his afflictions, he turned on the radio

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to listen to music. When switching stations, he heard a pastor preaching about the salvation of the soul, which caught his attention.

The words spoken by the pastor on that radio program awakened Mario's curiosity to know Jesus, the Savior the pastor had talked about. "The pastor invited listeners to go to a Universal Church, and I went. I noticed the difference from the first day, especially inside me."

He arrived at the church and began to obey what he learned. He left the addictions that had been with him for eight years and also all the frustrations and problems that he carried internally. He noticed the difference in his life, including his professional growth, which occurred gradually.

After regularly attending Universal for a while, he heard about a faith campaign that takes place twice a year. By giving himself to the Altar, he participated and obtained results that allowed him to achieve other financial goals. "I made a vow to hand over my projects to God. The next day I started getting answers through sales and purchases," he says.

Upon seeing the results of his faith, Mario continued to seek God for direction to prosper. However, after participating in several faith campaigns and having great material achievements, he realized he still did not possess the greatest blessing: the Holy Spirit. "I realized that something was missing inside me. Material

goods no longer made sense. Once he conquered them, they no longer mattered. That's when I realized that the greatest thing wasn't in things or people," he says.

What was still missing in his life was a genuine experience with God. He had already tasted the Creator's

promises in his financial life but still did not know Him. So, to resolve this pending issue in his life, he returned to the Altar.

"I gave myself completely. I made a vow of life and everything started to be different. I began to have peace, unparalleled certainty, and

happiness. Today, God is tested in everything in my life. I have wisdom, and the Holy Spirit guides everything I do."

I WAS AFRAID OF RELATIONSHIPS

Aliane says that her family faced a "hereditary curse." Her mother gave birth for the first time at age 15, and a few years later, Aliane was born. Her older sister also had a daughter at age 15. Aliane sought out the Universal Church at precisely 15 years old, fearing the same destiny would occur in her life. She explains that she asked God that early pregnancy would not happen in her life, as she wanted to have a different future than her mother.

Before arriving at the church, Aliane says she was in love with a boy but knew this could disrupt her plans. So, she asked the Lord Jesus to remove that feeling from her heart. Aliane was baptized in water, received the Holy Spirit, dedicated her life to the Altar, and sought to win souls. "I wanted to find someone to share my life with; I was needy and saw my friends of the same age getting married. At the same time, I was afraid of relationships and possible disappointments," she says. Aliane didn't date, but some boys deceived her. "I was afraid of dating because I believed that if I started a relationship, he would have to lead me to marriage. I didn't want to fall into the same trap that trapped my family."

Aliane found the support she needed in the Love Therapy meetings to deal with her needs, learned to be patient and look for the right man, and acquired the necessary knowledge to live a successful future relationship. "I learned to value and love myself. The Holy Spirit showed that no one was deceiving me. I was the one who allowed people to play with my heart. When I decided this would no longer happen, I handed my heart into God's hands," she highlights.

Aliane met him in the Universal Church. Alvaro says that he suffered in all areas of his life before having a healthy relationship with her. He says he didn't believe in love because he didn't understand what it meant to have self-love. "In my relationships, I was clingy; I wanted to be with the person all the time, suffocating whoever was next to me. It made me problematic, but some people also exploited my goodwill."

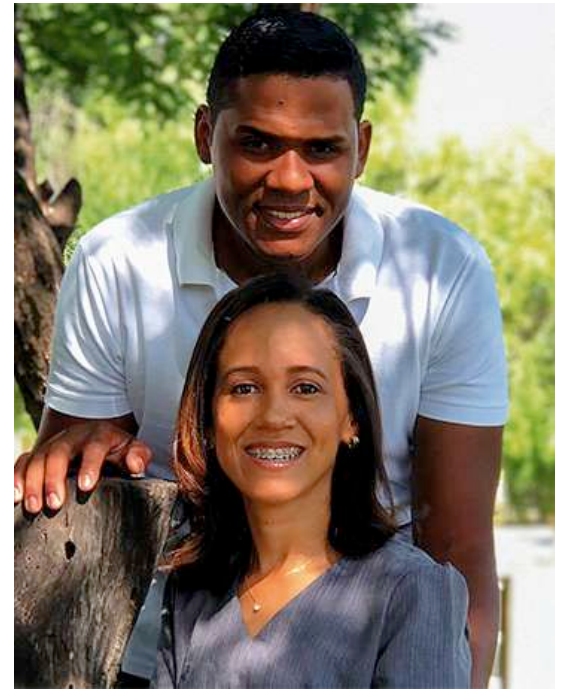
Disbelieving in life as a couple, Álvaro moved away from God and sought to fill the void with addictions. He began drinking excessively, experimenting with marijuana, cocaine, and, finally, synthetic drugs that almost took his life. "After a few months, I looked in the mirror and no longer recognized myself. My life was in the devil's clasp."

Upon an invitation from a relative, Álvaro returned to the church and decided never to use drugs again. He was baptized in water and received the Presence of God. As time passed, he started attending the Love Therapy meetings. Aliane sent him a message expressing her desire to meet him. Since then, they have never been separated.

They got married after a year and two months between dating and engagement.

"After 13 years of

fighting in Love Therapy, I found the right person, and I would do it all again because what comes from the Altar is for life; it is not fleeting like the things in the world," she says. "God introduced me to the love of my life and sealed our union," concludes Aliane.



SPECIAL INVITATION



Father's Day Service

June 16 at 10 AM

This Father's Day, we celebrate the strength, guidance, and love that fathers bring into our lives. Fathers embody resilience and provide a steadfast foundation for their families. Proverbs 20:7 reminds us, ***"The righteous who walks in his integrity—blessed are his children after him!"***

Join us in on Sunday, June 16 for Father's Day Blessing. We look forward to sharing this special day with you and your family. Let's come together to give thanks for the love, guidance, and strength that fathers provide.

At the Universal Church near you





UNIVERSAL BEYOND BARS

You are Not Alone!

My Father's Past became my Future

My name is Rodrigo, I am 39 years old. I had a very disturbed childhood my father was in a life of crime, and inevitably I ended up on the same path as him. I remember having to visit him behind bars, I grew up with this disturbed life, my mom was a single mother and visited my father in prison.

After I watched the film *Nothing to Lose*, I said to myself, there is no way that this man was a thief as they said when I watched this film, it opened my eyes and my faith because when the bishop was in prison people were praying for him, and fighting for him to be released so how could he be a deceiver or thief?

If he was this thief who would love a thief? Why would there be so many people praying for a thief to be released? There's no way.

From this film, I saw how Bishop had a dream that no one believed in him, his dream was to win souls for the kingdom of Heaven, and although despised, he did not let that stop him.

This became my motivation, to also expand my faith. I would participate in the services of the UBB I would persevere, I was delivered from the addictions I used to use cocaine and alcohol, and I decided to get baptized in water, I started to understand the importance of the Holy Spirit after I got baptized in water.

Everyone else was asleep there in the prison but I was there with my God, when I received Him I had the desire to tell everyone about the Holy Spirit.

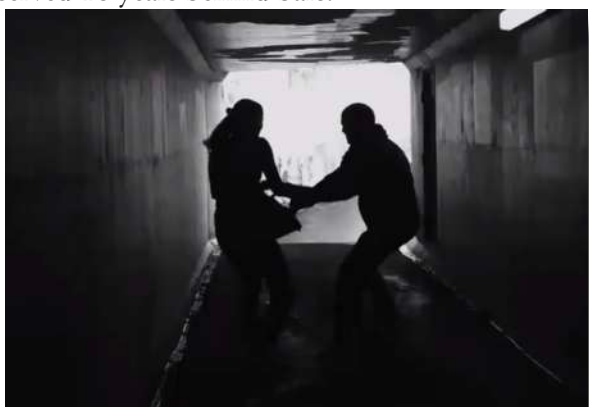
After I received the Holy Spirit I was still doing my time in prison, but it felt as though I was not in prison, because inside of me I was free, completely free, and I had my spiritual freedom.

I walked as a free person, I was laughing, walking with joy and the other inmates would ask me, "How are you so happy?" I would tell them, "If you receive what I have received you will laugh like no tomorrow."

Today, I am released from prison, I am a different Rodrigo. I am a good father son, and husband. Something I was not before today I am a volunteer of the UBB and I enjoy going to the prison to pass the same faith that I received while I was in prison, this is my desire today.

The Holy Spirit is my everything, I could lose it all, but He is more to me than anything in this world.

At 14 I committed my first crime which was an assault, and I was sentenced to 20-plus years and served 16 years behind bars.



While I was in prison, I came to know the UBB, I was invited one day by one of the volunteers of the UBB to watch the movie "Nothing to Lose," with the story of Bishop Edir Macedo.

"Honestly, I never liked the Universal Church (UBB) although I had no reason not to, because I only went by what I heard and did not get to know them for myself. For me, I had nothing to lose by watching this movie, so I went."

I realized that the Holy Spirit was needed, I would wake up early in the morning to pray, I fast, I would evangelize my fellow inmates to come to the service of the UBB, I did what I needed to serve God, and call His attention.

Until that special day, I was up early, at three o'clock in the morning, seeking the Holy Spirit.



"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

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How to Break Ancestral Curses?



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The children, impacted by something so negative, are expected to think: "I will do it differently. I'll never walk that same path. Look at the suffering this has brought to the whole family."

But it seems the person is under its control regarding a curse. Getúlio left a son, who became mayor of a city in. Almost at the end of his life, at 79, he also decided to take his own life by shooting himself in the chest.

He repeated his father's tragedy. And in 2017, Getúlio's grandson also committed suicide. He was found dead in the apartment with a bullet in his head at 61. Would you say that this is all a sad coincidence? Do you think Getúlio's son or grandson didn't suffer because of what happened?



The word "curse" deals with something evil someone has said against a life. Someone said words of condemnation, a sentence or destruction about that life at some point, someone with authority over that person. "Curse" comes from the power to determine evil in someone's life, and it's the power of the word.

"This makes us understand that the only way to cancel a curse is if someone with greater authority than the person who said the curse cancels it. It's like a judge saying, "This will no longer stand."

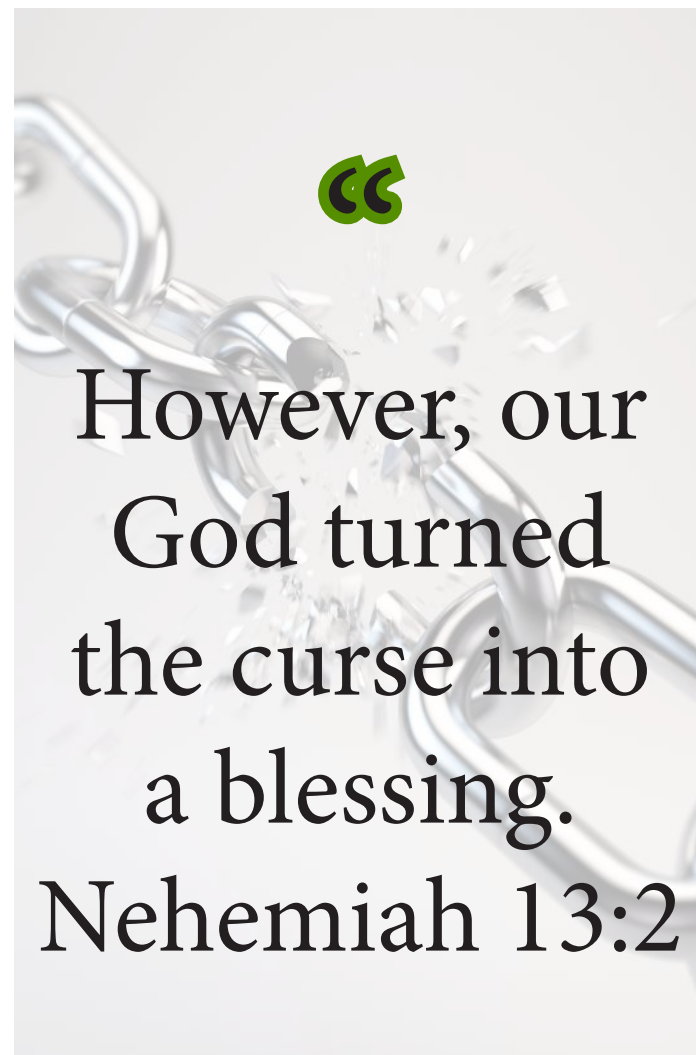
Thus, intelligence allied with faith tells us that God is the only one who can cancel a curse. He wants to rid human beings of the curses that arise from their disobedience.

Did you know that one of the reasons his Son, the Lord Jesus, came into the world to die on the cross was to become a curse in our place?

It was to absorb our curses upon Him so that we could get rid of them. Don't say that God doesn't do anything. He gave His own Son. But God will not impose His will on people.

The condition for people to be freed from curses is obedience to the Word of God. He is the greatest authority. In this way, you must subject your life to the Word of God, which will bring deliverance.

Automatically, His Word will cancel the curses said against you and your ancestors (parents, grandparents). You are under a new authority. And against this one, no one can stand.



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How can an action of faith change your life?

In our world, we are constantly faced with difficult situations: financial crises, unemployment, illnesses, fights, cheating, drugs, etc. These problems have existed since the beginning of humanity. But the good news is that we can choose whether or not to live with them.

When a person regrets, feels sorry for themselves and runs away from the situation, they cannot find a solution to the problem. On the contrary, the issues become even more complicated.

When you discover your strength within yourself, you get angry against what is causing you to suffer, and this causes a revolution in your life. That's all God needs to start acting in that person's life.



He studied up to the fourth grade and is now a business owner.

What is behind this authority is faith, which is capable of reversing any problem. Through this reaction, you demonstrate to God that you depend on Him to change your life; either He changes the situation, or there will be no way out for you. You have no other choice.

What do you need to transform into your story? You will see an example of someone who became indignant because of his problems. Still, he persevered in his objectives and was brave enough to take action. Check out his story.

Luis Fernando, 39 years old, worked as a bricklayer. He built and repaired walls, fireplaces, and other structures, but the little money he received did not meet the family's basic needs. "My daughter cried because she was hungry, and all I could give her was water with sugar instead of milk," he recalls.

With no job prospects, because he only studied up to the fourth grade, he saw no other way out than to resort to loans, getting deeper and deeper into debt. To alleviate his suffering, he would get drunk and fight his wife.

On one of these occasions, Luis saw a loan shark take almost all his furniture in exchange for a debt he acquired. Upset with this situation, he spent the night watching TV; it was the only thing he had left. While watching a program from The Universal Church, he heard a former beggar telling a similar story. "He was saying he had gotten out of poverty," he recalls.

Luis had no doubts: he went to The Universal Church the next day. There, he heard about a faith that could change his life. He understood that it was also an opportunity to change his life. Without hesitation, he handed his problems over to God, trusting He would solve them.

After 15 days, the first result came. "They approached me to build a huge building. Just the down payment was enough to pay my rent for two years," he highlights. He gradually began to prosper and acquired cars, houses, and apartments. He continued to persist and opened a construction company and a concrete company. "I didn't have an education, but now engineers and architects work for me," he celebrates.

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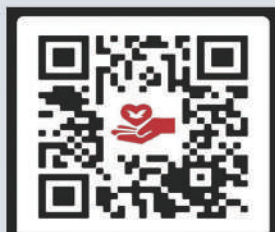
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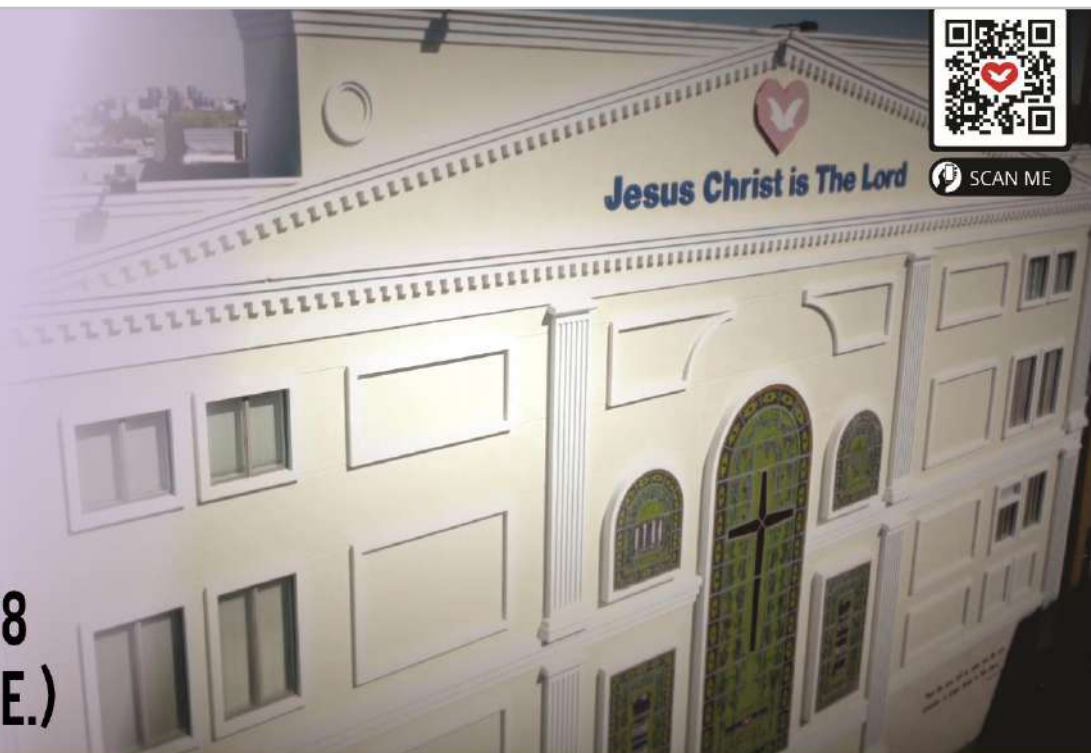
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