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"I thought about suicide 24 hours a day, but nobody judged me when I came to this ministry." Nicole

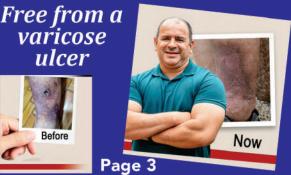




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## **OPINIONS**

## IN THIS EDITION Come as you are

We live in a world where prejudice, unfortunately, is all too common. People are quickly judged and treated differently based on appearance, economic status, gender, and ethnicity. Because of this, many suffer from insecurity, inferiority complexes, low self-esteem, and fear. Many are afraid to be honest, be themselves, confide in people, or ask for help because they fear they will be taken wrongly and judged.

But what if things could be different? What would you say if I told you people are willing to listen to you, who won't judge you for who you are or your past? That there is Someone who sees beyond the physical and sees who you are and what is deep within you. You may think, 'Do these types of people even exist?' Well, I have good news, they do. At the Universal Church, we have a saying, "We don't judge, we help!" All are welcome to join us regardless of background, gender, ethnicity, social class, complexion, or religious beliefs. You won't be judged, and our doors will always be open to you. Just come as you are. But why? Because God never rejects anyone.

God welcomes and accepts all who turn to Him and treats all with love and care. There is no discrimination with Him. He is always willing to listen and lend a hand to help. The world may say you are worthless, but before the eyes of God, you are worthy of the sacrifice. God believes in you and desires to make you whole and help you change your life for the better. But the question is: will you allow Him to? Continue reading and see how people just like you were able to transform their lives.

#### 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.

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!





### **Bishop Edir Macedo**



## Your life, your faith

hen you go to a restaurant, the waiter brings you a menu. Here, you are given several options and can order whatever you want. You are free to do so. The waiter will not force you to eat anything or bring something different than you requested. He will get what you asked for—in other words, what you want to eat, believing it will be your liking.

This scenario is akin to when you stand in the Presence of God. As you draw near to the Most High, He inquires about your desires, just as Jesus did in the past: "...What do you want Me to do for you?..." (Mark 10.51) However, unlike a menu with a finite number of choices, God grants you the boundless freedom to ask for what you want, for He has everything at His disposal, ready to be bestowed upon you. The possibilities are infinite, and your requests are a measure of your faith. This faith, in turn, determines the quality of vour life.

Your request shows your faith in the restaurant and the professionals there. You would not ask for a dish that requires specific attention if you didn't have faith in the zeal, hygiene, and quality of the restaurant. The same goes for your requests to God: they show your faith in His Word, how much you trust Him, and what you believe He can do.

If you ask for ordinary things, your faith is ordinary. If you ask for extraordinary things, your faith is extraordinary. If you only ask for earthly things, your faith is as fragile as they are. But, if you ask, prioritizing eternal things, your faith is as strong as they are.

Your faith corresponds and is proportionate to your requests because your requests express



your faith. Like the waiter, God respects your will and brings you exactly what you requested. He does not make you ask for something you do not want or something you do not have the faith to achieve. He only answers your request.

What you have faith to ask for, you have faith to receive and enjoy, and God grants it to you. But what you lack the faith to ask for, you lack the faith to receive or enjoy, and God withholds it from you. If the quality of your life is high, it's a testament to your high level of faith, as your requests are also high. Conversely, if the quality of your life is low, it indicates a low level of faith, as your requests are also low.

All of this boils down to a simple yet profound truth: you receive what you ask for. The level of your faith directly influences the quality of your life. This understanding empowers you to take charge of your faith and, consequently, your life.



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## "I hated how I looked."

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was there that my life took a positive turn. Instead of judgment, My desire for validation I was met with affirmations of my beauty and acceptance. This

Through engaging in in casual relationships. I value myself. My contentment now Seeing my mother's dis- comes from deep within, and I - Yonela.

## **BLESSED WATER**



## "Free from a varicose ulcer."

In 2021, my life took an unexpected turn; at this challenging time, I made a crucial decision to unite medicine with my faith.

Before

I was barely able to put my foot on the ground and ended up being diagnosed with a varicose ulcer. I was at risk of having my leg amputated. I had endured that wound for about three long years, but today, I'm free. -Emerson

## "Free from tumors in her thyroids."

At 36, Simone faced a significant challenge when she suffered a stroke. The following year, she had a heart attack and, at 38, was diagnosed with two thyroid tumors.

During her treatment to remove the tumors and chemotherapy sessions, Simone experienced deep fear. In addition to the physical pain, she felt deep anguish in her soul. At that moment, Simone turned to her faith and cried out to God in the hospital. On the same day, something remarkable happened: surprisingly, her health was restored, eliminating the need for surgery.

Simone's experience demonstrated how her faith played a significant role in her recovery.



## "Healed from cancer and HIV."

I smoked all kinds of drugs because I was trying to cope with my depression. It resulted in me being diagnosed with cancer, and my world fell apart right there. I felt alone, and to worsen my situation, I was also diagnosed with HIV. I had to be hospitalized and thought about killing myself because I didn't see a point in living anymore.

When I came to this ministry, I was welcomed and learned how to use my faith in the word of God for my healing. Today, my test results show that I am cancer and HIV-free.



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





"My son and I used to suffer from asthma."

My son and I suffered from asthma for about five years. I went to the doctor and got prescriptions and an inhaler, but nothing helped. I'VE SEEN MIRACLES IN EVERY AREA since I came here and drank the Divine water. Today, we are both healed! -Alisha



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## MESSAGE

#### Bishop Joshua

## WHAT "CLASS" DO YOU BELONG TO?



ow many times have you noticed different classes boarding the plane while traveling?

First class always boards first, then you get to the economy, etc. The point is there are different classes and different groups.

Many times, conflict arises because of this simple separation. Maybe you have someone in first class who feels like they are better than the person in the economy. Likewise, the person in the economy feels like they are less than the person in first class.

The funny thing is, regardless of the class system, everyone arrives at their destination at the very same time.

There is no class system in the Kingdom of God. And if you surrender and obey the voice of the Lord Jesus, you can enter into His Kingdom.

In the Kingdom of God, there are no distinctions based on gender, race, or social status. God sees souls, and when you become part of His Kingdom, your vision aligns with His. You are assured of all the blessings and benefits that emanate from Him.

That's why Jacob said,

"I will not let You go unless You bless me!" Genesis 32:26

He realized that his blessing did not depend on what class he was in but on what he received from God.

May the God of the Bible bless you!

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## "I FELT GUILTY AND ASHAMED BUT WHEN I CAME, NO ONE JUDGED ME"

s a teenager, I started attending services in the Universal Church. However, my spiritual life did not thrive during this time. I neglected reading the Bible and fasting as I should have. Though I attended church services regularly, I was not committed to God.

In high school, I yearned for attention, which led me to start dating. I became pregnant and made the difficult decision to have an abortion. Overwhelmed with guilt, I began to distance myself from the church, attending occasionally or not at all.



I felt empty and turned

to alcohol as a means of escape. I indulged in drinking and partying, trying to fill the void inside me. Unfortunately, this lifestyle resulted in another pregnancy. It was a challenging and isolating experience, and despite occasional visits from church members, I resisted returning to the church due to my guilt and the shame associated with my lifestyle.

I hit rock bottom, burdened by the pain caused by heavy drinking. At that moment, I realized I needed to return to the church. However, doubts and fears plagued my mind. I questioned whether my prayers were sincere and if God would truly listen. I sought guidance from the pastor, who advised me to participate in the chain of prayers for my deliverance.

Through this process, I realized I needed to receive the Holy Spirit because only He could transform me completely. I prayed and read the Bible every day. I participated in the 21-day Fast of Daniel and focused on deepening my understanding of scripture. I found great solace in the book In the Footsteps of Jesus.

Receiving the Holy Spirit was a profound and overwhelming experience. It eliminated my doubts and fears and assured me of my salvation and a deep sense of peace. I found joy in the presence of God, filling the void that had plagued me for so long. This encounter with the Holy Spirit renewed my commitment and strengthened my desire to serve God.

I no longer drink alcohol or go to parties. I no longer yearn for attention, and I live a peaceful life because the presence of God is inside of me. Mimi

## Come as you are!

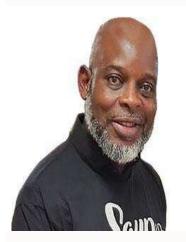
For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."



## **FAITH IN ACTION**

## What's happening at the Universal Church

## "What I saw when I came to see."



After an 18-year relationship and the joint responsibility of raising three children, Beniazeh Gorji-Dinka found grappling with overwhelming despairBeniazeh-Gorji-Dinka-main when his partner passed away. The intense pain led him to seclude himself, shutting out the world. However, encounters with friends and a single invitation to an event became the turning point of his transformation.

"My world came crashing down when I lost my partner. Friends, family, and members of the Universal Church attempted to reach me, offering support and comfort. Still, I rejected their efforts, choosing instead to face my grief alone.

Days turned into months, and I neglected my work, personal hygiene, and general well-being. I became consumed by sorrow. I lived in isolation so effectively that even my neighbors thought I had left the country. Suicidal thoughts bombarded my mind, but I resisted, determined not to give in to those dark thoughts.

It took an ultimatum from my brother to force me to confront the reality of my situation. Encouraged by his persistence and positive response after months of avoiding his calls, I took my first step outside in nearly two months.

In a series of unexpected encounters, I bumped into three individuals from the Universal Church. It led to an invitation to the Good Friday service. I believed God had seen my suffering and used them to reach out to me. Despite my initial concerns about how I would be received, I was welcomed with open arms.

This positive experience inspired me to return for Sunday's Come and See event. The message resonated with me so profoundly that I attended services regularly. I anointed myself daily with the Blessed Oil\* that I received at the event—an act of faith that helped me find the willpower to fight to overcome my situation.

After each meeting, I felt a little lighter. With the support, the teachings, and the use of my faith, I gradually began to speak to the advisors about my struggles. Only when I chose to be sincere about my situation did I find the help I so desperately needed. Today, I can gladly say that I am no longer in a state of sadness. I have found peace within myself and

with my family. While challenges still come my way, the difference now is that I can use my faith as a powerful tool to overcome them."

> Beniazeh Gorji-Dinka

## "I drank, smoked, and partied to fill my emptiness."



"Growing up, I was always an obedient daughter. I went to good schools and always avoided trouble. But during my teens, I was influenced by the negative friendships I had and started going out to parties, which is where I had my first encounter with drinks and cigarettes. I drank because I thought it was cool and smoked cigarettes to belong to the group, but in reality, I didn't really like it and even felt sick.

At 14, I started getting involved with boys and would go out every weekend. I finished school, went to college, and the party life continued. I graduated from college and moved to New York with my sister. With our independence and distance from

our parents, we were free Can you relate to these to do whatevtestimonies? Do you desire to er we wanted. experience a change? Visit a parties The Universal Church near you. No were now on matter your background, more gender, ethnicity, social class, just weekor religious beliefs, you are ends, welcome. You won't be judged. during also Find a location near you the week. My social media profile

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trayed the life of a happy person who enjoyed life in the best possible way, but it was all a lie. I still had that emptiness inside me.

I later got married, got an excellent job, and had a comfortable financial life, but something was still missing. I had gone to church many years ago and had even gotten baptized in water, but I drifted away as I got older. I decided to start going to the church again but without any commitment. I later received an invitation to join the youth group of the Universal Church. I was a little reluctant at first, but eventually, I accepted. On my first day, it felt so good; I felt like I belonged there.

The more I went and participated in the activities, the better I felt. I would count down the hours until Sunday because I wanted to spend the day with my new friends, learn new things, and feed off the Word. It was then that I heard about the Holy Spirit and that He could fill the void within anyone. During a Fast of Daniel, I sought Him with all my heart and strength, and by God's infinite mercy, I was baptized with the Holy Spirit. It was a glorious moment, and a change happened to me. I had peace even when everything all around me was falling apart. Happiness dwelt in me, and I no longer needed to look for anything or anyone to fill me. My joy is to speak to people of the God who can transform our lives and who fills us with peace and happiness. Today, I am thankful for all that God has done in my life, and my purpose is to serve Him and bring salvation to others as well."

- Evelyn Monteiro

## **Godllywood Self Help**

Most women spend the day balancing work, studies, health, and family while facing challenges, fears, ingratitude, and even rejection. There are days when everything that is already bad seems to get even worse, and all you want the most is someone to vent to. Someone who will not only listen to what you have to say but will also offer you the support you need. This is the reason why the Godllywood Self-Help was created. It is an exclusive meeting for women of all ages. Where you learn how to face and overcome your challenges, becoming the best version of yourself. No matter your age, origin, or belief - you will always be welcome!

Our meetings take place once every two months and the admission is free. Our next Self-help Meeting will be on Saturday, June 29th at 6pm (ET) at a Universal Church near you. For more information give us a call or visit a branch near you today



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## **COVER STORY**



# **COME AS YOU ARE**

feel rejected, helpless, Many forgotten, and believe that no one sees them. But the gaze of the Almighty is available to everyone. There are around 8 billion people on planet Earth, but among this significant number, there are many who feel helpless, rejected, and forgotten, as if they were not even part of this world. They believe that they are alone or that, when they are with someone, they are a nuisance or a leftover.

This generally happens after they have gone through negative experiences or, for example, being abandoned in childhood or during some phase of their life, ignored by those who should love them, abandoned by those who should protect them, or when they find themselves suffocated by the problems. In this way, they live their lives feeling invisible to other people and even to God.

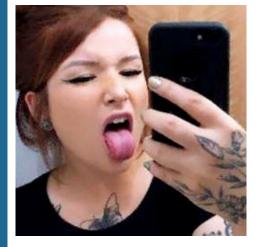
However, in Psalms 33:13, the psalmist states that the Lord looks and observes all the inhabitants of the Earth, regardless of who they are or how they have guided their lives. However, even though God always has his eyes on Humanity, it is necessary for man to also have his eyes on Him so that he can obtain His protection, His care, His love, and, above all, have his interior filled with His presence.

Perhaps, faced with so many to a pattern", she describes. problems and the suffering you have been through, you are feeling forgotten by God, but this does not mean that He has abandoned you, but that you are immersed in your problems, your past, your traumas, or seeking help somewhere, instead of seeking His Presence, which is the only one that can support you.

## **I THOUGHT ABOUT SUICIDE** 24 HOURS A DAY...

icole was a victim of abuse and, due to her temper and disobedience, she grew up being that "difficult to deal with" child. At school, Nicole also became a victim of bullying because of her weight.

"I even got beaten up and chased. The anguish started to be more frequent, I had anxiety attacks and I started to have eating disorders, because I went for a long time without eating and, when I ate, I started vomiting or took laxatives intending to adapt



It was at the age of 13 that she came into contact with cigarettes and drinks and, in her desire to have friends, she let herself be influenced by them, which culminated in the practice of petty theft. Because of constant arguments with her parents, she lived alone in her

room and took refuge on the Internet, which led to her addiction to pornography. But the more she tried to get out of the situation, the worse it got, and, at the age of 15, she mixed medicine with alcohol to kill herself.

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"I went to college and there I came into contact with prohibited drugs. I started with marijuana and I got drunk daily," she says. Later, she also tried to find comfort in relationships. "I started to relate to men and women. One night I had an intimate relationship with six people. I only knew their first names, but I didn't know if they were the real ones," she highlights.

Upon reaching adulthood, she began tattooing herself. "I thought about suicide 24 hours a day. The pain in my soul was so great that I wanted to feel it in my body. So, I spent all my salary to get the first tattoo and, after that, the desire to

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get more only increased, because at the time I felt that pain, it was also the time to inhibit the pain that was inside me. I didn't have an anxiety attack or anguish when I smelled my blood. That, then, was a pleasure", she reports. Her tattoos did not have a meaning but were inspired by the Wiccan religion, which she followed online.

Nicole's parents told her that she was the image and likeness of God and that her body was a temple of the Holy Spirit, but this only made Nicole angry, as she did not believe in God and blasphemed against Him. As a result, She was emphatic when she said: "I don't want to be like God and I'm going to disfigure myself. I'm going to change myself completely." So, she looked for a dental surgeon to twist her tongue and researched plastic surgeries that would make her ear pointy, as her intention, as she says, was "to look like a good witch".

That was when her family finally found faith and her mother invited her to join her at the Universal Church. Nicole, with the sole intention of rekindling



her relationship with her mother, accepted the invitation. She expected to be treated with indifference because of her appearance but says she was so well received at the church that she returned the following week to seek healing from her addictions.

Since then, she has freed herself from drugs and alcohol, renounced the relationship that was not good for her, and begun to obey God.

that she returned the following week Today, anyone who looks at Nicole to seek healing from her addictions. Can still see the 86 marks on her skin,

but the ones she carried internally no longer exist, which can be seen through her behavior, the sparkle in her eyes, and her peaceful relationship with people around her. She reports what promoted this change: "I was face to face with God". In other words, she received the Holy Spirit, and, if before she wanted to distort her image as much as possible, now what she most longs for is to be the image and likeness of God every day.

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Showdown of Faith TV

Join Bishop Joshua and a group of pastors and Bishops in the Journey of Faith from Monday to Friday at 3 AM ET. Use these platforms to tune in for the prayer.

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Since I was five, my dad used to tell me that I should have a lot of women when I grew up. So, I got married and had many addictions. Despite being married, I had many women on the side. We also had a lot of financial problems. We used to rent and we were evicted from that house. After that, our marriage was about to end. Then, I didn't want to live anymore. I wanted to give up on life. I received an invitation from a member of the Universal Church. I went and when I got back home, I was able to sleep. I didn't have those bad dreams anymore. I didn't have the desire to end my life. I believed that something was going to happen. I told God, "I wil do everything that the pastor tells me to do." I learned about the tithe, but it was hard for me to understand



at first.

It was not easy to take 10% of my income, but as I started doing it, I began seeing the results. From there, it gave me the courage to give more and do more. Then the Campaign of Israel came. I participated and gave my all. Back then, I needed transportation. So I told God, I



needed to buy a motorcycle. I got the money to buy it right after the campaign. After six months, I didn't meet other women anymore. Then I started going to Wednesday and Sunday services. The pastor talked a lot about the Holy Spirit, and I started to pay attention. I still had bad feelings against people. I had unforgiveness within me. But when I gave up on that and forgave them, and started praying for them; that was when I was open to receiving the Holy Spirit. That night I had inner peace from God. There was assurance that God was there. After receiving the Holy Spirit, I wanted to do more. I give and always receive it back. We go to church, we sacrifice to God daily.

Today, I am blessed. I have different businesses and different people working for me. I have a happy family. My wife, daughter, and I serve God. Everything I have is for the Altar. I gave my daughter to the altar. When she was born, my wife and I told God that she was for the altar. Now, my daughter has a desire to save souls and serve God. Today my purpose has changed. My purpose is to save souls and serve God. - Ceme Suaiden

You, too, can participate in the Campaign of Israel at Solomon's Temple in July. Bishops and pastors from many countries will take your prayer request to the Holy place and raise a cry of faith on your behalf. Visit the Universal Church near you and learn more about it.

## **UNIVERSAL BEYOND BARS**



## Universal Beyond Bars You are not Alone!

## The UBB Accepted me, and God saved me!

My name is Paulo, I am 47 years old.

I had a very disturbed childhood. My father drank a lot, and day and night, my father was always aggressive with my mother. It made me very upset, and this made me so angry with my father. I wanted to kill him because of what he put my mother and younger siblings through. I couldn't stand seeing them cry all the time. I didn't have the strength to kill my father, but I planned it a lot of times; it was always a thought in my mind to kill him.

There was a day that I saw my father going after my mother to hurt her, and she had nowhere to go. When I looked and saw them, I went and beat my father until I knocked the weapon out of his hand. I had such evil thoughts coming into my mind as I was beating him; at this time, I was about 13 years old.

By the age of 15, I became worse. I had already committed three homicides, and when I was 17, a man came to my house and told my mother, "Your son will not live to see 18 because I will kill him." My mom told me, "Please, son, if you love me, go to another city."

I moved, and I was involved in drug trafficking there; I had a friend who worked at a restaurant, but he was also in a life of crime, and he helped set up a robbery. When we arrived there that day to do the assault and theft, the owner showed up that day, which was not expected. Then I told myself I had to fight, and so I did. He was a tall and strong guy, but for me, I never accepted to be the one to lose. I was going back and forth with him until I got him down, and he said to me, "Please don't kill me." For me, I never won unless I saw blood; I had to see blood to know that I did what I was supposed to. Let's say I did what I was supposed to with him, but that was the day I got arrested. The following day, I went before the judge. I



was presented with the crime that the judge said I committed; the jury and the victim also said it was me. I told them I did not do it, but the judge sentenced me to 18 years to life. When I went to the cell, I planned and said, "I am going to kill this judge." I thought of a way even to dig a hole in the ground and find my way to kill him, but I did not accept him living.

One day, I heard the preaching of the UBB FROM MY CELL, AND THE WORD WAS, "In the time of life or death, what will YOU DO? THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY." I WAS A disturbed person; I had insomnia, I was ANGRY, AND I HAD NO PEACE. ONE DAY, ONE OF THE ASSISTANTS FROM THE UBB CAME TO say hi to me, and I became mad. Still, he WOULD ALWAYS COME TO SEE ME, ALWAYS HAD A WORD OF FAITH FOR ME, AND ASKED ME HOW I WAS DOING; MY RESPONSE WAS NEVER NICE, BUT I WAS SINCERE.

There was a particular day this assistant invited me to the service of the UBB, and although I had no care of the church, something in me could not resist, and I went to the service; I sat way at the back, but the preaching impacted me. Everything the pastor said that day, the word, was for me. The pastor said it did not matter where I was placed, but I could receive forgiveness, and I did not believe it. I said there was no way I would be forgiven. I made a decision and accepted the word of the man of God, and after that day, I slept; I was free from addictions and anger, and the following week, I I never wanted this for my life, but what other choice did I have?

The UBB is here for you! We do NOT judge, we HELP. Your ID # does not define you! Write your letter to Bishop Joshua, and request to be added to his E-Messaging List. He will personally read and reply to you! Be sure to include:

got baptized when the UBB came. After that, I evangelized inside the prison for the services of the UBB.



The pastor asked an interesting question that day during the service: "Who here knows Jesus?" I raised my hand, and he asked me, "How do you know?" I replied, "Because I am free from my addictions."

The pastor answered me and said, "Many people are free from addiction. But they do not know Jesus. What makes you know Jesus is when you receive peace within you. One day in the service, I started seeking Him, and I remember that day crying and laughing. After doing that, I felt huge happiness and peace. I went to the pastor and said, "I know I had my encounter with God. After that



day, my battles began strongly. I faced a lot of

condemnation but I had peace within. Today, I am freer behind bars than I was in this world. I thank God for His Spirit in me!



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# Jesus came to Save you.

The Word of God shows us that, once, the Lord Jesus said:

"For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost" (Matthew 18:11).

This message is for you who are lost. Perhaps you are revolted with yourself for the things you have already done and are doing, for the bad thoughts that are always in your mind, for the fear you have of death, for the lies you tell.

Know that the Lord Jesus has come to you. He wants to reach out to you. Perhaps you have done so many wrong things that no cleaning products can get this feeling of dirt out of you.



But the Lord Jesus said that the good shepherd goes after that sheep that was lost (Luke 15:4-7)

Maybe you grew up in the church and knew the Word, but you stayed away from it. The Lord Jesus is trying to rescue you. But He can't do His part. You need to grab His hand.

Ask for mercy, His help. He needs you to be humble, throw away the excuses, and say "yes" to Him. If you do that, He will forgive you and restore you.

It will not be overnight, but you will already feel relief, and things will start to change in you. And you mustn't return to who you were in this journey to change.

Know that evil wants to fill your head by saying that you are a person who will never change and who has no future. He put the word "always" inside you. "You will always be like that."

However, you need to resist the bad words in your head. Believe that the Son of Man came to save that which was lost. If He came to save the lost, it is because that which was lost has value.

Maybe you think your life has no value, but for Him, you have value.

He left Heaven to come into the world to save you, who was lost. He wouldn't waste His time if there were no better way.

Tell Him and come to the House of God if you accept this. Please focus on the message because it's what will help you. If you take this step, you will no longer be lost.

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## **REAP PROSPERITY TODAY**

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Society needs honest people who behave in a manner consistent with the values they preach.

example," "I demand a faithful partner for life," "I don't understand why I'm not promoted at my job," "I go to church, but God doesn't bless me." Many people want others to have a correct

behavior/position, but they act dishonestly in their own lives. We say the city is filthy, but who throws the trash on the street? According to psychiatrist Roberta Franca, people demand what they do not give from others.

It's that famous phrase "do as I say, but not as I do" being put into practice. The problem is that acting this way generates a lot of instability and unreliability. Society is fragile; we no longer believe in speeches because we are tired of seeing immoral behavior, adds teacher and behavior analyst Mariza Baumbach.

Acting contrary to what is required of others reveals signs of hypocrisy. The word hypocrisy originates in Latin and Greek; in both, the meaning speaks of representation, like what an actor does. In this sense, a person who judges another person for their behavior, action, or opinion when they are similar to their own is considered a hypocrite. The hypocrite pretends that he has values that he does not have, observes Mariza.

Another harmful behavior is linked to your professional life. Many employees complain a lot, demand too much, and could be more productive. Micropigmentation artist Neiane Santana says she held hypocritical thoughts that harmed her for years.

"'I hate working on weekends; I earn very little; my boss is annoying; I remember these phrases running through my head daily. I've already said bad things about the company to customers. I was never satisfied with the salary and working hours. I wanted to work little and earn a lot, but, in reality, I wasn't trying to be better or develop myself."

want a government that is honest and leads by In her last job, in 2017, Neiane didn't understand why she asked to be promoted and couldn't get it. "I demanded to have a better position, to leave the assistant position. She wanted to grow professionally but didn't show interest and had the wrong attitude. I was lazy, in a bad mood, disinterested, and I found everything tiring," she details.

> Furthermore, Neiane started meeting with other colleagues to criticize the company. "I remember once a client heard us complaining about our boss and reported us. She called

me in for a chat and was very disappointed. It wasn't long before I left the company," she recalls.

Unemployed, she began to search for other job opportunities, and that was when she started to reap the rewards of her actions. "Recruiters asked me for a



reference letter from other companies I worked in, but I couldn't get one. So, I started thinking that maybe the problem wasn't with the companies, but with me and my behavior," she says.

When Neiane recognized that she was demanding from others what she was not giving, she sought help. "I was very sad and asked God for forgiveness. A sincere prayer changed my life. I sought to know Him more and understand what I had to do to change. That's when I discovered that I acted this way since childhood. Each time I strengthened my relationship with the Almighty, the more I realized my inner transformation. Today, I am a new woman. I am dedicated to my work and try, before anything else, to be the best example because I know that is what God expects of me," she concludes.

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