



SUPERNATURAL FAITH

IT MOVES MOUNTAINS

All these people have something in common. They experienced a change in their lives by their faith.



*"I used to:
Be sad
Have toxic
relationships
Be addicted"*

Carole Zuniga



*"I almost
took my life
because of
postpartum
depression"*

Joy Kitanga



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Supernatural Faith It moves mountains

When we think of the word "natural," we automatically think of something that occurs or exists without the need for force or much effort. But when we think of the word "supernatural," we immediately picture something out of the norm, miraculous, extraordinary. When it comes to faith, it is no different. There exists a natural faith and a supernatural faith.

When it comes to natural faith, it is something everyone has, even the most skeptical. It is honestly impossible to live without it. It is built into human nature; thus, all humans are born with it. When we take a breath, we don't question if we will breathe; we simply do. When we go to work, we believe we will get paid. We believe we will reap when we sow a seed in the ground. In short, natural faith only requires a little effort, and consequently, it brings about ordinary results.

In contrast to natural faith, which comes from birth, supernatural faith comes from up High. It is infinitely superior to natural faith and is the single direct channel between man and God. This channel between creation and its Creator demands the manifestation of our faith through obedience and total surrender. It causes the dreams of those who have it to materialize. We see this type of faith manifested in the heroes of faith in the Bible, such as Abraham and Hannah. A faith that moves mountains and makes the impossible possible. This is the faith the UCKG teaches. As you continue reading, you will find the testimonies of those who changed their lives through the manifestation of Supernatural faith. Keep reading and be inspired by the transformative power of supernatural faith.

| 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 Vow of Faith

The Lord of Hosts promises to make us once again discern between the just and the wicked, between those who serve Him and those who do not. **Every biblical promise is a prophecy, a vow from God.** Regardless of human belief, it will be fulfilled. It will be fulfilled in the lives of those who genuinely believe. What is needed for this difference to be seen in our lives? The clear and objective manifestation of faith.

Supernatural faith is the only channel of communication between creation and the Creator. This type of faith involves actions toward each of God's promises. Due to its divine nature, supernatural faith already demands the manifestation, disposition, surrender, and dedication of life. There is no way of manifesting this faith without concrete action.

When two blind men approached Jesus, He asked: "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith, let it be to you." Matthew 9:28-29. It shows that the manifestation of God's power is subject to each person's faith. Before healing them, Jesus first asked if they believed. He could heal them, but they had to answer Him with faith first. Otherwise, nothing could be done.

The promise's fulfillment is subject to each person's inner assurance. The blessings are free, but God demands materialized faith. Jesus forgives the sinner, but they have to abandon sin. That is, forgiveness is available, but its fulfillment depends on the person forgiven to sacrifice their sin. It is called repentance; That's how supernatural faith works. The Lord said: "Now the just shall live by faith; but if



anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him." Hebrews 10:38

If there were no need for practical faith, Christians would relax and lose their daily battles against hell. Therefore, we must present the demand, argue the reasons, ask, seek, knock, pray, fast, or, in short, develop our faith.

For Abraham to have lived a distinguished life, he had to obey day after day. The same is true of the other faith heroes of the past. Should it be any different today? Whoever wishes to have a life distinguished from the rest has to show a difference in their faith. The vow of faith is a requirement of faith itself.

"Then you shall again discern between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him." Malachi 3:18



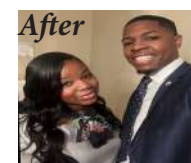
"I was going through a cycle of failure"

have anything, and the money that I brought was almost finished. We depended on my parents and had no income, house, car, or job. We were living in a trailer. We had to boil water from the pipe to drink because we didn't even have enough money to buy water. I remember sometimes I had to go outside and ask people for help. I was so stressed that I started having problems with my health- my lips became swollen, and my eyelids were drooping.

I didn't want to live like this anymore. We began attending services every day at Universal. And that is precisely during this time when the campaign of Israel came. My first thought was that I couldn't participate, but as I was going through all these problems, I understood that I had to use my faith; I had to trust in God, not 99%, but 100%. Our situation started changing once I decided to sacrifice my all and put it on the altar. In only six months, our situation became 100 times better.

My wife started a business, I found a job doing marketing for a financial wealth management company, and on the side, I also started my own business. What I used to make in a month in France, I now make in a week here; we're doing way better than ever.

We have our house, our car and a scooter. But the best thing that I received was spiritual. When I understood that I needed God and couldn't do it alone, I started seeking the Holy Spirit and surrendering to God. On the day I received the Holy Spirit, it wasn't a feeling but a confirmation that God was with me. I now can tell people what God did for me and what He can do for them if they decide to follow Him, obey Him, and give their lives to Him." Benjamin Giwlaume



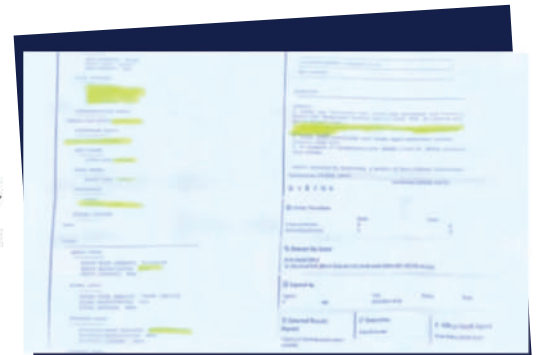
I was applying for jobs everywhere; I had sent over 3,000 applications but got no job offers. I even spoke face-to-face with more than 100 companies but was rejected. I didn't



“No more hole in my heart. Today, I am totally free.”

A couple of months ago, I started having pain in my chest. I thought it would just pass, but it kept getting worse. One night it was so bad, I couldn't take it anymore. So that next day, I went to Urgent Care for a check-up. I was referred to see a cardiologist, and after running some tests, I was diagnosed with a septal defect in the heart (a hole in the heart).

I used my faith by drinking the blessed water every morning. I said this water will close the hole in my heart by faith. Some days ago, I got new results that say there are no findings; everything is normal! -Benedicte



Results showing she's free.

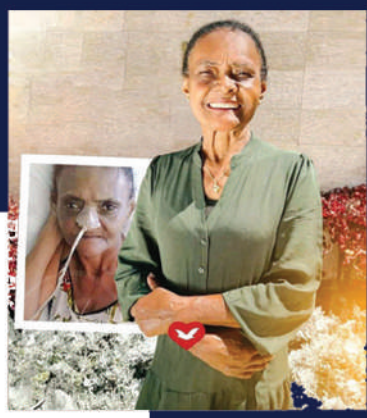


“I had bleeding issues; I was weak, I couldn't even walk properly...”

I had severe bleeding for four years. Every year I would go to the doctor three or four times because of this issue. The doctor would give me medications, and sometimes I would have to receive blood because I bled profusely.

I was in and out of the hospital. I was also in pain. I learned about this ministry by watching the Showdown of Faith on TV. When I came, I started to exercise my faith. I drank the blessed water every day. Today, I am healed; look at me now!

I couldn't even walk; I was weak, but now I can do all these things without any help from my family. -Nermala



“Free from cancer, fibroids, and lupus.”

Maria Zita faced terrible health issues. Initially, she was diagnosed with bowel cancer. Her situation worsened with the onset of fibroids and lupus. Suffering intense pain and the appearance of spots that turned into sores, she found herself confined to a bed, dependent on help for all her daily activities.

Despite the situation, her son, driven by faith, decided not to give up. It was at this point that Maria's body began to react.

Today, Maria is completely recovered, with no sign of the illness that afflicted her.

Faith by itself if it does not have works, is dead.

James 2:14



RECEIVE THE HEALING WATERS THIS SUNDAY
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“I couldn't stand the pain anymore.”

When I came to this ministry, I was experiencing so much pain that I couldn't stand it anymore. Since the church was open daily, I would also attend the service. I drank the blessed water with faith. The pain started to go away little by little.

I just got the news from the doctor that my heart is good, and there is no glaucoma in my eyes. I have no more pain! -Lisa



| MESSAGE |

Bishop Joshua

DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF YOUR FAITH



It's common to feel disheartened after facing a string of setbacks. Some people find themselves knocked down by life's challenges, unsure if they'll ever be able to stand tall again.

When life's challenges come our way, and we don't know how to react, it is time to awaken our faith.

Did you know we all have faith, but some don't even understand how faith works? It is like having a brand-new luxury car and a valid driver's license but never actually taking it out for a spin.

It may sound unbelievable, but this is happening to many people, and perhaps you are in that boat.

To understand how faith works, let's look at what happened with the faith of a man in the Bible.

In the Bible verse from John 9:11, the healed man says: **"He answered and said, 'A man called Je-sus made clay, anointed my eyes, and told me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went, washed, and received sight.'"**

The clay used by Jesus wasn't crucial for the miracle; it was a tool to ignite the man's belief.

Then, Jesus also instructed him to go to the pool of Siloam and wash. The man followed these instructions and received the miracle.

For faith to work, it must be alive — not hesitating but believing, obeying, and you will receive.

If you find yourself in need of a miracle, don't underestimate the power of your faith. God has given you the most incredible power one can have, and it can move mountains.

If you feel like your faith needs to be boosted, the Universal Church teaches you how to put your faith into action to overcome challenges and receive the required miracles.

May the God of the Bible bless you!

July 2024 Bible Reading						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Corinthians 1	2 Corinthians 2	3 Corinthians 3	4 Corinthians 4	5 Corinthians 5	6 Corinthians 6
7 Corinthians 7	8 Corinthians 8	9 Corinthians 9	10 Corinthians 10	11 Corinthians 11	12 Corinthians 12	13 Corinthians 13
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21 Corinthians 5	22 Corinthians 6	23 Corinthians 7	24 Corinthians 8	25 Corinthians 9	26 Corinthians 10	27 Corinthians 11
28 Corinthians 12	29 Corinthians 13	30 Philemon 1	31 Jude 1			

"I NEEDED TO SHOW GOD MY FAITH"



My brother-in-law called his aunt to come and help me, and when she came, she took me to the Universal Church, where she was a member. When I got there, the experience was different; the pastor welcomed me just as anyone else. I didn't have to introduce myself; they were ready to help me. I saw testimonies of people who received miracles at the church, which motivated me to continue. I would be in church every day, and the more I went, the better I felt. I told myself that I also had to give my testimony just as I saw the people sharing their testimony, knowing

I was watching the TV one day, and I was shocked to hear of a mother who committed suicide because of postpartum depression. I was so broken, and I couldn't understand it since I was a mother myself, and I had just given birth and had so much joy inside. I thought I could never do something like that, and little did I know I was heading on the same path.

I woke up one morning and asked my husband what day it was; I didn't realize that I had been sleeping the whole day and only woke up the next day at midday. That was the beginning of my life going downhill, the beginning of my postpartum depression. I woke up, took a bath, and went back to sleep. I could not take care of my kids anymore; my husband had to do everything for them, and I couldn't help it.

I used to visit a church close to my home, and when I saw that my life was going down day by day and that I didn't know what to believe in anymore, I told myself that I needed to seek help. I, therefore, went to the church to speak to the pastor but was told that the pastor only talked to the church members and that since I was not a member, they could not help me. I felt helpless and didn't know what to do since that was my only hope. I cried; I knew I needed to speak to someone, but it felt like suicide was the only option at that moment.

that many mothers out there were suffering from postpartum depression as I did. I wanted to show them a different story, not a sad one, as I did before. God set me free from the depression, I was no longer sad or suicidal, and I started to live, and I could take care of my family as I did before.



As I continued attending church, I was able to participate in the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. I decided to join because my husband and I had been looking to buy a house, but each time we saved, the savings would be used for something else. I asked God what He wanted from me, and He showed me that I needed to show Him my faith. I therefore decided to show my faith through my sacrifice by giving to Him something precious to me; after my husband and I presented it on

the altar, God made a way for us to get the house of our dreams; we didn't even have to pay for a deposit.



Much more than everything that God has given me, the peace of the Holy Spirit inside me is the best of all. I have been healed and delivered, I have a blessed family, and most of all, I have salvation of the soul. It's my greatest pleasure to share my testimony with those suffering just as I was so that they know there is hope for them.

Mrs Joy Kitanga

What's happening at the Universal Church

“I should have been dead by now”



I was very ill. I had an enlarged heart, enlarged thyroid, enlarged fibroids, bleeding problems, and migraine headaches, and I used to take 17 tablets per day. It made me feel like I was going to die when I took them. I used to go to the doctor every week and do blood work, and they couldn't find out what was causing the problems in my health; I was fading away daily. I used to weigh 205 pounds and went down to 145 pounds. When people saw me on the street, they would be offering me a chair to sit down on because I walked in baby steps and was gasping for air. I felt like my breathing would cut off at any minute.

I was depressed because I wasn't working, so I couldn't take care of myself or pay my bills. Everything was messed up. I was broken. One Sunday morning, I came across the church program on TV and saw people giving their testimonies. So I said, I will try that church; God, I will try you. Everything failed, so let me try you. And I tried Him with all my heart, soul, body, and mind put into it. When I went to the church, I couldn't even stand up straight. The Campaign of Israel was going on at the time, and I decided to participate in it with all my soul, body, and mind. I didn't fully understand everything, but I said, God, if you can't heal me, nobody can. I threw

my all into the campaign, and even before the Bishops and Pastors came off the mountain, I felt strength coming back into my body. I got back my appetite; I felt different. I just kept thanking God because I knew it had to be Him.

Today, I no longer have depression or sicknesses, and nothing bothers me. I remember every service, when the Pastors always told us about the importance of receiving the Holy Spirit and that we should prioritize it because when a person has the Holy Spirit, no matter what tribulations may come, the Holy Spirit will be there with them and help them.

It motivated me to seek Him more. Not only in the church, but when I was at home, I came out of my comfort zone and made my own prayer vigil from 12 midnight to 6 in the morning, praying, seeking God, and reading my Bible. The day that I received the Holy Spirit, we were having a night vigil at the church. I went up to the altar with all my heart, soul, body, and mind to seek God, and I received Him.

When I left the altar, I was overjoyed. It was an unexplainable feeling. My old demeanor changed; everything changed. Today, I am blessed. I am not on any medication. I am healed, delivered, set free, and rejoicing in God. To anyone out there who is sick and feeling that they're not going to make it, I would implore you to seek Jesus. Try your best to go to one of the Universal Churches. They teach you to use your faith. Your faith makes you whole; it did for me by reaching out and making the sacrifice to go to the church. It was hard for me then because I was sick. But I went to the church, and my life has been transformed entirely. Go for yourself, see for yourself, and have your own experience with God.

Maxine Jaguai

“Financial problems caused a strain on my marriage”



My husband and I always struggled to pay our bills. After buying groceries, the only thing we had left to spend was \$20. It was hard, and because of this, we had many fights.

While I was growing up, my dad would send me large amounts of money to spend. But when I married, and my husband and I moved away, my dad stopped sending me money. I had lived my life thinking it was easy to have money, and I would confront my husband when we didn't have anything. Knowing I had only \$20 to spend was hard, bringing problems into our marriage.

We would come to the finance services at the Universal Church. The pastor encouraged us to do a challenge with God. We decided to participate in the Campaign of Israel that was happening then. We decided to give it our all and trust that God would answer. We wanted to give our best on God's altar, so we went by faith. No one told us you have to do this or you have to do that. We just did it because of our faith.

As we honored God, we started to see the changes. My husband started to get bigger contracts. We took the leap of faith and started our own business from scratch. Of course, it was hard initially because we no longer had a set income

to lean on. I would help my husband with all the paperwork. We had to depend on those contracts and those clients. But through all of this, we were depending on God. God himself was the one who led us to work for ourselves.

Those clients started to recommend us to other clients. We can now afford to go to nice restaurants, get a new car, and get luxury things. So, if you're struggling with finances like I was, I tell you to take the challenge, to challenge God, and He will answer, just like He answered me. My life today is very blessed.

Before, I felt alone and sad, and I felt emptiness inside. But now, I no longer feel empty because the Holy Spirit lives inside me. He guides me in everything and is always there. I am happy and have peace. I know that God is with me at all times.

Alessandra Barajas



Do you desire a change in your situation? Visit a Universal Church near you to learn how to take an attitude of faith to change your story. It does not matter how long you have been suffering with the problem you have, change is possible for all who approach the Altar of God. Find a location near you on Page 12.

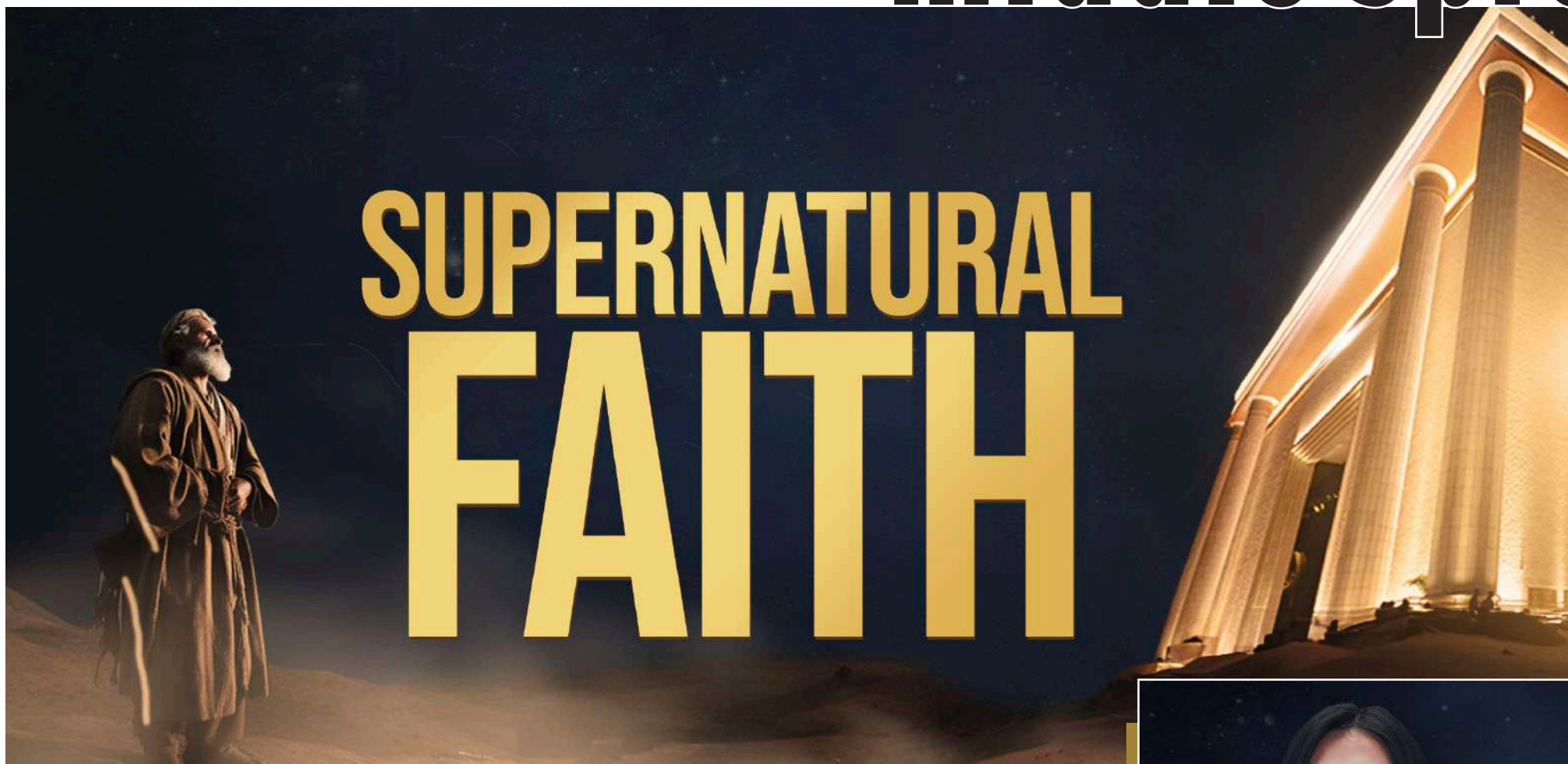
The Youth Power Group

Founded in the Universal Church, the Youth Power Group, better known as the YPG, exists to set young adults on an exciting, productive, and lifelong journey with God. It focuses on faith, family, education, talent, and community outreach to empower youths to become the best versions of themselves.

The YPG is open to youths between 14 and 28 years of age and is a safe haven for youths from all walks of life. On Sundays at 1 pm nationwide, the YPG has its Sunday Hangout meetings where youths not only take part in fun, character-building activities but receive a word of encouragement to face and overcome life's day-to-day challenges.

On Saturday, May 25th, the YPG teamed up with the TPG (Teen Power Group), the church's preteens, to host the Mega Dance event. Youths of all ages had the opportunity to showcase their dance talents and were encouraged to embrace and display their talents for the glory of God.





I WAS SAD AND DEPRESSED. I WAS NOT HAPPY. I WAS MISSING SOMETHING...

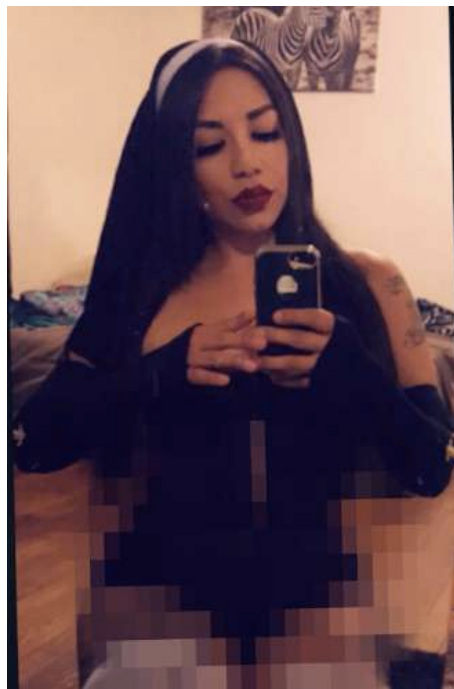
I started misbehaving at age 13 when I began to realize that my dad never really loved me, and I started holding grudges against my mom because my dad would tell me things about my mom. He never came to see me, so I started going to parties. I started smoking weed. I hung around with the wrong crowd. We did a beer run, and I was involved in it, and I got arrested a month later. I did my time in juvenile. I got released. I started going out more to parties, clubs, and bars. I always said that I would never be a stripper. I'd instead work cleaning toilets, but that was my lowest. I went to become a stripper. It got to a point where I was going out every weekend.

Carol's husband sought a change in his life and a church to attend. At that moment, Carol recalled the Universal Church, which she had frequented in her youth.

After that, my husband came around. I brought him to the Universal Church. I would always hear the pastors talk about the Holy Spirit and giving up everything, and I would always say, I'm too young. I still want to go out and have fun. But I started seeing my husband wanting to change more than he wanted.

He wanted to come more to church, and his way of being was changing. But I started realizing I needed to change because I would lose him because of me.

I went to become a stripper. It got to a point where I was going out every weekend.



I had my apartment. I had money. But I was not happy. My relationships were toxic. My heart was angry. I was sad and depressed. I was not happy. I was missing something. That's when I did the campaign for the Holy Spirit. I didn't ask for anything else. I started selling all my clothes. I sold whatever I had that was valuable to me. I started getting up at 3 in the morning. I would seek the Holy Spirit in my daughter's room since it was empty. I would go there on my knees daily, pray, read the Bible, and then start seeking Him. That's when I let everything out. And I truly forgave my husband. I truly forgave my mom and my dad.

After receiving the Holy Spirit, my character changed so much with my marriage, especially how I am towards people. I can honestly say that I'm really happy. I have peace in my heart.

The Holy Spirit has given me this strength, peace, and love that no one in this world, nothing in this world, can give me. My marriage has been amazing with my husband. We're able to communicate, work things out,



and fix things when they go wrong.

If you make a powerful vow, you will have a powerful testimony. I thank God for the Holy Spirit. I thank God for everything, and I'm grateful and happy. - Carole Zuniga



I DIDN'T EVEN HAVE A DIME TO GIVE MY DAUGHTER...



K: I was dating in secret, and nobody knew. But then afterward, when my daughter was born, that was it. He said, "Oh, she's born; I don't need to take care of you. I don't need to be with you." It was something very frustrating because he would treat me as if he didn't know me; he would treat me like a woman from the streets. My dad was always a father who always told my siblings and me that we had to study. You have to be someone in life. I'm going to work. You guys don't have to work. You guys have everything. But when I told my father that I was pregnant, my dad was devastated. He thought better of me. And I never forget this. My dad cried in front of me.

S: And I look at other people. I look at other dads. I didn't know the real reason why my dad left. I didn't know the real reason that my mom would cry.

K: My daughter would come up to me and tell me: "Mom, I want this doll, or I want this dress." And I couldn't look her in the eyes because I didn't have even a dime to give her. She would ask me, oh, mom, let's at least go to eat at McDonald's, not even that.

At her lowest point, her sister, who attended the Universal Church, encouraged her to seek help from the only one who could fill that void and change her situation.

K: Because the devil put so many things, so many evil thoughts in my mind that I was never going to be able to succeed. Evil spirits manifested in

me many times, but then I always remembered when there was a sacrifice, the campaign of faith to the Temple of Solomon, I gave everything. I was going to buy a new car. God told me, I want that. And in my head, I thought, I hope I'm doing the right thing. I'm giving what God is asking from me.

S: I remember my mom used to have so many purses because she was obsessed with them.

K: If you imagine a big box, it was bigger than that. I have every purse out there, including expensive purses. What did I do? I sold them all.

S: There were few purses every day. And that was hard because she loved them.

K: The last time evil spirits manifested in me was the Wednesday before giving my sacrifice. I put the old Karen on the altar. And the new Karen walked down the altar that day.

S: When she came down from the altar, her face lit up; it was a very big change.

K: I made my sacrifice that Sunday for the Temple of Solomon, and then that Wednesday, I received the Holy Spirit.

S: And I saw that my mom's life and my life did a complete 180. I think that was the first time I saw my mom as a woman of God. And it was the first time that I wanted to be like her. She was the first role model I ever wanted to be.

K: Six months after my sacrifice, I met my husband. We got married two years later. We have a family that we both wanted. We opened our company, and it was life-changing because he had done this for 20 years. So he just needed somebody to administer it for him. I'm that administrator. I have a better car, which I wanted in the past. I have a better one now. I have a great job now apart from my husband's business. We have the most important, which is the Holy Spirit. The center of our family and marriage is God. I can honestly say that now I genuinely have a family. I have a family. I have a husband of God. I have a daughter of God.

S: Hopefully, through my mom's

example and my example and our family, other people can find the same happiness that we saw here and especially find a family. And you're not alone; most importantly, you're with God. And even if you're in your darkest place, like my mom and I were, you'll find somebody who will help you reach out: God.

- Karen (mother) & Serenity (daughter)



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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.

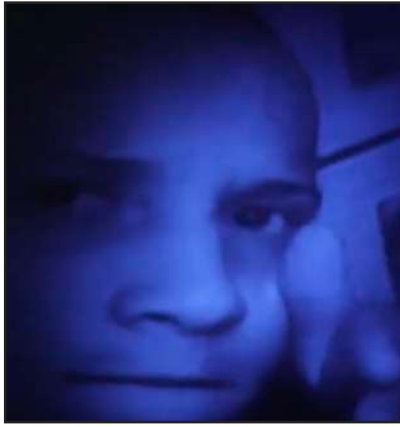
You, too, can participate in the Pilgrimage to the Temple of Solomon in July. Bishops and pastors from many countries will take your prayer request to the Holy place and raise a cry of faith on your behalf. Visit the Universal Church near you and learn more about it. See the back page for locations.



Universal Beyond Bars

You are not Alone!

My "Profession" was to Kill.



On one hand, this man's life was a series of wrong courses of actions, and consequences. When I was 10 years old, my father tried to kill me. He hung me from

a bridge and in his own words said, "you are a disgrace. I brought you into the world, I'll take you out." Then, when I was hanging, I said, "Dad, you can throw me down from here. If I fall and die, it's okay."

But if you throw me down and I don't die, I will become one of the worst criminals you have ever known." Those words felt like all hell entered me. I kept that hatred, that grudge, that hurt, everything inside. And I knew that one day it would come out.

That day came, at the age of 11, I killed the first person. I was still a child. I was arrested and in prison, in the social educational center. There was a school there, a real college of crime, where I could learn things, I didn't know. So, when I left, the first thing I did was put into practice everything I had learned there. This became Wallison's objective.



I ended up taking someone's life in front of my mom. I didn't see myself as a person, a human being. I saw myself as an animal because I had no pity or mercy on anyone. I didn't know what love was, let alone who God was. I was my own God.

In this car chase, I was exchanging fire while moving at 80 to 90 miles per hour. I took a .40 caliber shot to the head. That's when the car ended up flipping over. I was thrown out of the vehicle and hit my head on a road sign. The scene was devastating. They told me that I arrived there with my head open, covered in blood. They performed 5 surgeries on my head to try to remove a piece of the projectile that remained. My head became infected, and I lost 15-20% of my brain mass.

I wasn't cared for, not the nurse or doctor. Even without movement on my left side, when I looked at my right side, at my leg, I had handcuffs on my legs, arms, and armed guards at my side, as I had already been arrested. When I arrived at the prison, I couldn't move, I needed someone to clean me, to wash my diaper, feed me, I saw that I was nobody, I was not that person I thought I was. I was convicted and got 39 years in prison.



I had a void inside me that it crossed my mind to end my own life. The UBB came to the prison I was in. I didn't know how to talk to God. But that word from that servant said that God could change the situation I was living in. So, I said, "look, I don't know if You exist. I've never had access to You. I'm bad. And if I were in Your place, I wouldn't forgive myself." That day, I felt such a huge relief, God strengthened me. I wanted to know how to keep my promise.

Inside the prison, I got a Bible. and I read it. The time came and I was released, I went straight to church. I arrived in a wheelchair and went to the altar. Then I heard about the Holy Spirit. I already

had peace but didn't know what the Holy Spirit was. I sought intensely to find out. I started praying early in the morning, going outside in the rain, praying.

I told God, It's all for all. I started with nothing, and I won't stop for anything. I put everything together and I went to the altar. I remember that I went up to that altar with a crutch. I placed my sacrifice there. I told God, "look, my God, my life is here." At that moment, I had such peace. It wasn't a feeling.

At that moment, I felt loved. But He told me, "from today you are not alone." I am with you, my son. So, I said, "thank You, my Father." God was transforming my life with each step. I took a step and God walked with me. He blessed me with a woman of God. I had no reference to a father. Today, I am a father. I have a blessed marriage. Today, my mother is proud of me. My father wanted to kill me before. Today, he is proud of me.



Humanly speaking, I shouldn't even be here. Because the doctors said I would be in a vegetative state. I only have part of my head. I don't have the entire movement. But I don't care because I may have half a head, but I know that I gave myself completely. And to this day, through the word, I committed my word to God, and he has fulfilled his word in my life.



I NEVER WANTED THIS FOR MY LIFE, BUT WHAT OTHER CHOICE DID I HAVE?

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What is the UBB All About?

The UBB is about giving. That's right; we give without looking for anything in return because, sincerely, what will someone behind bars be able to offer? Right.

We are not here to receive but to do as Jesus did, to freely give what we have received. Whenever we go to prison, we spend the entire day, from early morning until late at night; sometimes, it is very hot, and sometimes extremely cold.

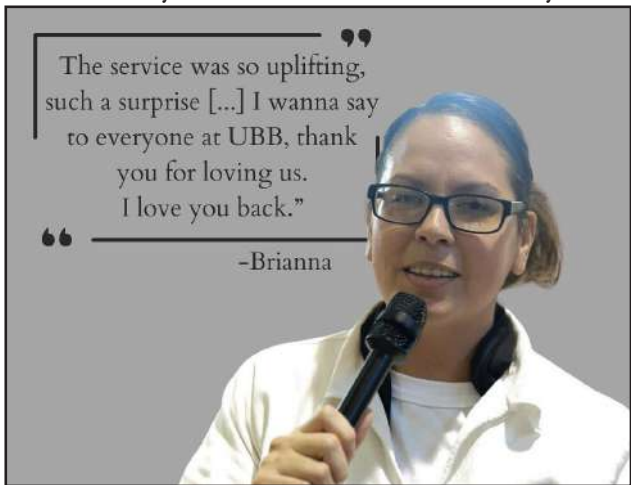
However, the Scripture says

**But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."
Matthew 15:24**

Isn't this special? Jesus was sent by His Father to save the lost sheep. That was and is His mission until today; what is the difference now? Now, Jesus works through the lives of those who receive His holy Spirit. So now, bringing it to our days, the Lord Jesus sent the UBB to save the lost sheep behind bars.

Look at the ripple effect and how God works. First, He sent His Son for the lost sheep, and now His Son has sent us to rescue those lost. You may be reading this article and have not yet been down with UBB; you see and laugh or criticize us.

We do not judge you for it because a person only does what they know. However, I want to ask you one



question: What do you have to lose? Take a chance, and let God in. It's not about UBB but about giving God an opportunity through the UBB. Let Him take

away the burden that has been inside of you. God wants to save you, you who recognize you can't do it on your own, but you need His help, surrender.



Make one sincere prayer, be authentic, keep it one hundred, and see if God will not do something great within you. It is not about an organization; it's about you receiving a new life. Have you ever stopped to



think about what that would look like? What would a life of peace be? True happiness? Love?

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The distinction that makes the difference



I.T (Information technology) manager Helcio Marques grew up hearing that happiness meant an abundant economic life. So, to achieve this, he needed to have a good education and a good job. Because of this understanding, his focus has always been on finances: "I made money the goal of my life." The constant search for financial stability generated excessive concern about everything. "I was afraid of failing as a husband and as the man of the house. It made me focus 100% of my strength on work and my financial life," he reveals.

However, despite all his efforts, he says he could not move forward: "Everything I started, I stopped halfway because I felt I wasn't capable. There was a huge void inside me that I couldn't fill."

Helcio was around 20 years old when his mother invited him to go to a meeting at the Universal Church. Shortly after, he participated in a campaign of faith that is held in the church twice a year. However, Helcio did not understand the campaign's objective, which was to lead people to surrender to God truly: "I did not understand the real meaning of what the pastor was preaching about 'Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Mount Moriah.'" I saw in it just the opportunity to solve the financial problem in my life. And that's what happened. After this purpose, I started to achieve a lot financially."

"It was almost ten years; I only focused on the blessings and not on the Blessor, the Lord Jesus." The fact that he only saw the material benefits did not allow Helcio to understand the spiritual side of the sacrifice, and consequently, the need for his soul still

needed to be met.

Until Helcio finally understood what was missing: "The pastor said that God does not accept 99% of our lives. We must give 100% of our lives to have 100% from God. It's all or nothing. There, I understood I was putting my strength in my financial life, not God. I wasted a lot of time looking for material things."

Soon came another purpose of faith and, with it, the opportunity for Helcio to change his focus to what really mattered: having the Spirit of God dwelling in him. "Besides the financial sacrifice, I gave up the past, preconceptions, feelings of

inferiority, and family traumas due to past debts. I didn't ask for anything material. I just wanted God's 100%. And that's what happened shortly afterward."

The first difference he noticed in himself was peace: "There was a fusion of God's mind with mine, and I began to have a different way of thinking, a spiritual vision of everything. God made a change in my life from the

inside out. When I received his Spirit, that old Helcio full of doubts, fear, and hurt died, and I was born again indeed. I became a more firm and confident man in my attitudes and decisions."

Helcio's wife, Flavia Helena, highlights that her husband's change inspired her: "After he received the Holy Spirit, he wasn't worried anymore. Even in the face of problems, he always trusted that everything was in God's hands. I saw that change and wanted the same. I began to seek the Holy Spirit until I was baptized. It was the most special day of my life."

Since then, Helcio understands that this campaign of faith "is a bridge that brings us closer to what is Sacred." Today, his concept of prosperity goes far beyond obtaining material goods: "A prosperous person is someone who has their life 100% in the hands of God and the certainty of Salvation, which only the Holy Spirit can give. All the wealth in this world is momentary. My joy is knowing that God has given me everything I achieve to enable His Word to reach other people."



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