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# BREAKING



## Curses

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*A united and blessed family is such a precious gift. No money in the world can buy a happy and stable family. Sadly, unhappiness, conflicts, and family dysfunction have become a norm in families in today's society.*

Learn to break Family Curses. Read real life stories inside.



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### Breaking family curses Is your family under a curse?

A curse is like a spirit that acts as a relentless plague, destroying the lives of its victims until nothing is left. Sadly, many people mistake curses for bad luck or believe they're just a normal part of life. But if you've faced problems that persist no matter how hard you try to fix them, there might be a deeper, spiritual cause.

Have you or your family ever felt stuck, unable to move forward despite changing your location, career, or relationships? Do you struggle with constant, unexplained health issues, even after seeing the best doctors? Are financial setbacks a constant battle, or do you notice patterns of hardship repeating across generations? If these situations sound familiar, a curse could be the root cause of your family's struggles. These challenges often have a spiritual origin.

It's crucial to understand that the battles we face aren't against people but against spiritual forces at work behind the scenes. When we turn to God and address the spiritual side of these problems, we can experience real breakthroughs—freedom, healing, and deliverance.

The only way to overcome a curse is not by ignoring it or convincing yourself it's normal. It needs to be confronted head-on. That's why, at the Universal Church, we hold a powerful **Chain of Prayer for Deliverance** every Friday. Here, you'll learn how to break free from curses once and for all—for yourself and your family.

## | BEATING DEPRESSION |

Depression is more than just sadness—it's a deep, overwhelming sorrow that affects the very core of a person. It brings feelings of hopelessness and creates a heavy void that drains motivation and makes even the simplest of tasks seem impossible. In severe cases, depression has caused people to lose their will to live. It's a sickness of the soul. But who or what can heal the soul? Only the Savior, the Lord Jesus, has the power to heal and restore a troubled heart.

Every Sunday, The Universal Church opens its doors to those seeking to overcome depression. If you need support, we invite you to visit a nearby branch. Join a **Chain of Prayer**, where you attend prayer meetings for seven consecutive weeks, you'll find spiritual strength through powerful prayers, practical guidance, and personal counseling.

You are not alone in this battle. Thousands around the world have shared their stories, proving that a Chain of Prayer can truly make a difference. You can be the next success story. You can overcome depression!



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**Bishop Edir Macedo**



### Cursed

**W**ealth that's cursed or obtained dishonestly creates a legacy of trouble—resulting in a cursed inheritance and cursed heirs. When a curse is passed down, it doesn't just affect finances; it touches every part of life, including health, relationships, marriage, and family. No amount of money, gold, or worldly possessions can break this cycle because the curse stems from a spiritual authority tied to sin. The only way to break free is by making a covenant with God and living in obedience to His Word.

When anything connected to evil is brought into someone's life, the spirits of the curse take control of their circumstances. The Bible warns us about this:

*"Woe to him who dishonestly makes wealth for his house to place his nest on high to escape from the reach of disaster!"*  
(Habakkuk 2:9, HCSB)

This reminds me of the story of the rich man who, after becoming wealthy, said to himself:

*"I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink, and be merry.'" But God rebuked him, saying: "You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?"*  
(Luke 12:19-20)



No matter how much wealth someone acquires, if it's gained dishonestly or sinfully, it brings a curse. That curse can affect not just the individual but their entire family and future generations. This is the ripple effect of sin, starting with Adam and Eve, that has brought death to humanity ever since.

The spirit of a curse comes from sin, unrighteousness, and rebellion against God's Word. But the Spirit of Blessing comes from righteousness, submission, and obedience to Scripture. This obedience unlocks blessings and protection from evil.

*"Like a fluttering sparrow or a darting swallow, an undeserved curse does not come to rest."* (Proverbs 26:2)



### "Nothing was going right for me"

poverty, and I had no idea what to do.

On top of that, my family life was a disaster. I couldn't sleep at night because my mind was consumed with worry. My husband started drinking and using drugs to cope with our struggles, but that only made things worse for me.

It was such a difficult time. I couldn't understand why all of this was happening. When I started attending the church, I began a chain of prayer for deliverance. Through those prayers, I came to understand that I was a victim of witchcraft. Someone had given me a cursed check that had been used in

a ritual. After I touched that check, everything in my life began to go downhill.

But thanks to God, through the chain of prayer, that curse has been broken. My life has completely changed! My family is no longer in turmoil. My relationship with my husband and children is blessed. Financially, we're thriving—I was able to pay off my debts and even build a successful business. My children are doing well and have their own homes, and so do I.

Today, I can finally sleep peacefully at night. My life is truly a blessing.

—Albertina

# “His skin is restored”



My son had an allergy which resulted in his skin having many sores, and to worsen the matter, he was diagnosed with chickenpox.

Due to this, he spent seven days in isolation. Nevertheless, today, he is healed completely, and his skin is restored.

-Adriana

## “I woke up blind in one eye.”

All the doctors knew was that I couldn't see with my left eye. I went to bed and woke up like this. It was then discovered that I had bleeding in the back of my eye.

At first, I was in great fear, but through faith and coming to this ministry, I learned how to tackle this problem. Now, I am completely healed.

-Lauren Marshall



## “I had a bleeding problem.”



**Medication Cynthia used**

I was sick with bleeding issues. My life was a mess. I suffered from insomnia and spinal problems. Upon coming to this ministry and drinking the Blessed Water by faith, the first blessing I received was that the bleeding problem stopped.

Today, I am also free from insomnia, and I have been healed from the spinal problem. -Cynthia Williams

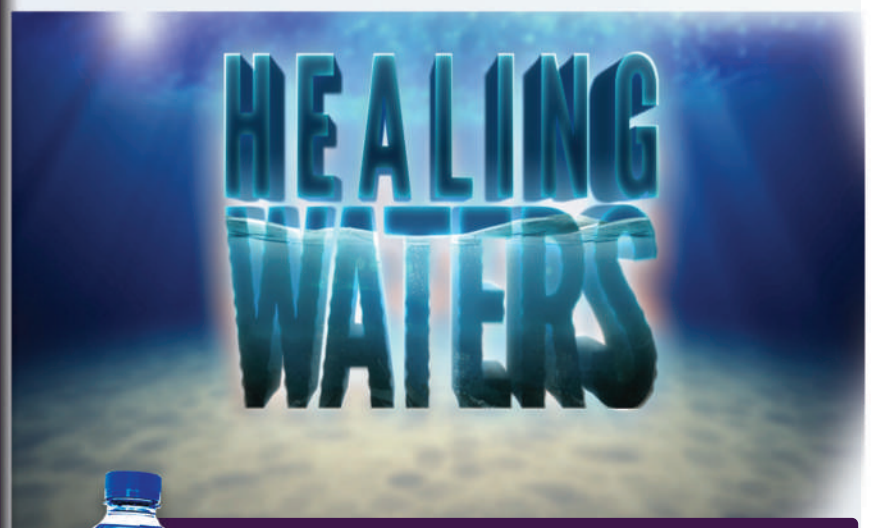


## “Free from cancer, fibroids, and lupus.”

Isabella was diagnosed with a bone tumor, seriously affecting her arm, which, weakened and could break at any moment. She underwent nine hospitalizations, and the use of strong medication.

Isabella's mother, Daiane, in the face of this situation, decided to act on her faith. While her daughter was undergoing medical treatment, she took part in the chain of prayer. Remarkably, Isabella's arm began to move. Shortly afterward, Isabella achieved what she had been looking for: the complete restoration of her health.

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



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Bishop Joshua

## TURN THIS CURSE INTO A BLESSING



We all have those days when we wake up on the “wrong side of the bed.” You know the kind: when things start off on the wrong foot, and before you know it, everything seems to spiral out of control. Imagine waking up late for work, spilling your coffee on your shirt, and then walking into a mountain of tasks waiting for you, only to realize you’ve forgotten your lunch. In just a few hours, the day has gone from bad to worse.

For many, life can feel like a series of never-ending bad days. One problem after another, like a constant cycle of struggle. You might relate to the feeling of having a tough childhood, battling with addiction and depression, and facing a daily burden that seems unmanageable. But what if things didn’t have to stay this way? What if today could be the day everything changes?

The Word of God says, “...However, our God turned the curse into a blessing.” (Nehemiah 13:2)

This is what God desires for your life. Perhaps you’ve been walking around feeling as though you’re cursed—like nothing ever goes right. But let me tell you: God can take the curse and turn it into a blessing. The struggles you face, the obstacles that feel impossible, God has the power to transform them into something good.

What has been a curse in your life? Turn it over to God. Ask Him to take what has been holding you back and make it a blessing. Let His Word go beyond just words on a page—let it become a living reality in your life, every single day.

May the God of the Bible bless you and turn every curse into a blessing.

## “IT FELT LIKE A DEATH SENTENCE WAS HANGING OVER MY HEAD”

My nightmare began when I was around 12 years old. One of my older sisters fell ill with what seemed like a simple cold, but it quickly turned into pneumonia, and she passed away. Disaster struck again when my younger sister was taken by measles, a highly contagious disease that claimed her life in just a few weeks. The pain of losing loved ones seemed endless. It was as if my family was cursed, marked by tragedy. One relative after another fell ill—liver problems, heart attacks, unexplained swellings—and passed away.

Financially, things only got worse. My parents worked hard, but we never had enough. My siblings and I worked in the fields to pay off our boarding school fees. It was painful to see the other kids go home while we stayed behind, working. School was meant to be a place of learning, but it became a place of heartache, as I would often receive news of another family member’s passing. I began to believe that a curse had descended upon us.

The lack of electricity in our area only heightened my fear. I truly believed that if I ventured out at night, I might not come back alive. Death seemed to lurk around every corner, always waiting to strike. It felt like a death sentence was hanging over my head, and I couldn’t help but think that I would be the next one taken.

When my father died of cancer, it hit me hard. I had always been a daddy’s girl, and losing him was heart-wrenching. I couldn’t even put into words how I felt. I was bombarded with thoughts like, “Why don’t you just kill yourself? You’ll die anyway,” which made me want to give up on life altogether. But I didn’t dare go through with it. I didn’t want to live in fear anymore. I had to do something about this ‘death curse’—but what?

In desperation, I turned to witch doctors. I didn’t mind how far I had to travel to see them; I just hoped their rituals and ceremonies would protect me. For years, I clung to these practices, hoping they would break the curse, but they didn’t. I felt hopeless.

One day, on my way home, I found a leaflet on the ground with the words: “Stop Suffering.” Those words immediately caught my attention. They resonated with me deeply, and I decided to search for the Universal Church. I passed the building five times before I saw the dove sign, and that’s when I finally walked in.

The service had already started, so I sat at the back, left without speaking to any-



one, but I noticed something different—I wasn’t as afraid as I had been before. That change encouraged me to return the next day, and I kept coming back every day. For two months, I attended, sitting at the back and leaving right after the service. Although I felt good in the church, I was still the same outside. Then, during one of the services, something the pastor said struck me: “You need to be serious with God, or you’re wasting your time.” That was the moment I decided I could no longer waste time and had to do something about my situation.

I committed myself to the Chain of Prayer, a series of weekly prayers focused on overcoming specific challenges. I began attending the Friday deliverance services. I wanted God to free me from the negative thoughts and the curse that had haunted me. I refused to let fear dictate my life any longer.

Every week, I grew stronger in my faith. I felt more confident, as if I could achieve anything. With newfound hope, I embraced a new life in a different country. Although it took time to settle and establish myself, I did it. If I hadn’t found the Universal Church when I did, I don’t think I would have ever found the courage to live my life. Until then, I was a slave to fear, merely surviving.

Today, I’m happily married to my husband, Araya. We met at the Universal Church and have been together for 16 years. We are blessed with a beautiful daughter, a loving home, and a fulfilling career. Breaking free from the curse wasn’t just a personal victory—it showed me that, even in the face of seemingly insurmountable challenges, faith could rewrite my story.

My mother, who is now 86, and my uncle, who is 100 years old, stand as living testimonies to me that the curse is broken. I have truly stopped suffering, and it is a privilege to be a beacon of hope for others, showing them that there is always a way out—even in life’s bleakest moments.

Jestina Yohannes



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# What's happening at the Universal Church

## "I believed I was destined to suffer."



Claudia's life was consumed by pain, bitterness, and hopelessness after she lost her father at a young age. His death left a deep void in her heart, which resentment soon filled.

"When my father died in a car accident, I held on to so much anger toward the person who caused it. That bitterness stayed with me for many years," Claudia shared. "My father was the breadwinner for our family, and after he passed, we often didn't have enough to eat. We barely had the basics. Life felt completely miserable. During that time, I lost all interest in life because I truly believed I was destined to suffer."

When Claudia got married, she faced another devastating challenge—she couldn't conceive. The hurtful remarks from friends and family who mocked her inability to have children cut deeply. The strain of it all began to take a toll on her marriage, which started falling apart.

"Every day, I'd ask myself, 'Why me?'"

I thought about my father constantly and wished he were still alive. I grieved for the child I couldn't have, the marriage that was crumbling, and the people who mocked me. I was overwhelmed with distress and felt completely lost. Things got so bad that my husband told me he wanted to end his life because of all the problems we were facing."

But then something unexpected happened. "On the day my husband planned to take his life, he met a member of the Universal Church who invited him to attend a service. From that moment, he started going to the church, and I began to notice small, positive changes in him. He eventually invited me to attend with him, and I decided to go."

Claudia's life began to change after her first visit. "The day I attended my first service, the Word of God really touched my heart. I wanted my life to change so badly. I started attending regularly, praying, and reading my Bible often. Through my faith and perseverance, I saw God's power transform every area of my life. My marriage was restored. I was finally able to conceive and experience the joy of motherhood. Our finances are stable now, and we lack nothing.

But the greatest blessing of all isn't the things God has given me—it's the presence of the Holy Spirit in my life. I no longer carry the pain, resentment, or bitterness of the past. God has filled me with peace and joy," Claudia said.

## "I was the crack mother"



After Miriam lost her husband, her life spiraled out of control. Unable to pay rent or support her children, she had no choice but to move in with her sister. What she didn't expect was that her own sister would introduce her to crack.

"The first time I smoked crack, I completely lost control," Miriam recalled. "From that moment, I was hooked. Soon after, I started using other drugs like marijuana and cocaine and began drinking heavily."

Even though money was already tight, Miriam's addiction drove her to desperate measures. She once traded a 5kg bag of rice just to get drugs. Her addiction deeply affected her children. Fabiana, her daughter, struggled with insomnia, depression, and had trouble concentrating in school. "Instead of supporting and taking care of them, I was using drugs," Miriam said with regret. "I left my children alone for days. They went hungry because of me. I was a crack-addicted mother."

Fabiana had to step into the role of caregiver at a very young age. "I had to grow up quickly," Fabiana shared. "I started working to bring food home. My mom would send me to the drug den to get drugs on credit for her. I hated her for that. I kept asking myself, 'What kind of mother would do this?'"

We're used to hearing stories of mothers fighting for their children, but in the case of Miriam and Fabiana, the roles were reversed.

One day, after hearing her daughter tell her she hated her, Miriam decided her children would be better off without her. She attempted suicide by overdosing and ingesting poison but woke up in the hospital. At that time, Fabiana had started listening to the Universal Church on the radio. One day, she heard a pastor challenge listeners to come to church, promising they wouldn't leave the same. "I took my younger brother and went to church that day," Fabiana said. "I started doing the chain of prayer for my mom's deliverance and my family's healing. God began working in her while she was still in the hospital. He also healed me. He took away the hatred, depression, and sadness I carried and gave me peace and strength."

Meanwhile, in the hospital, Miriam prayed for a second chance. "I told God that if He got me out of that situation, I would go to church," Miriam said. "When I left the hospital, I went straight to the Universal Church. I started seeking God, and He healed me from all the pain and sadness inside me. I gave my all on the Altar, and that's when the Holy Spirit filled me." Today, Miriam is a completely transformed woman. "I'm no longer an addict. I've rebuilt my relationship with my children. My family is now in God's presence. He did the impossible for us. I'm proof that there's hope, even in the darkest moments," Miriam said with gratitude.



## SUCCESS STORY

"This was the most powerful BFA I've ever attended. I've been impacted by every one of them, but in the past, the fire would fade when I'd go back home and fall into the same old habits. This time, God opened my eyes. He showed me clearly that I'd been trying to hide my sins from everyone—but He could always see them, and so could the devil. I had given up vaping and smoking weed when I first got baptized a year ago, but I let discouragement and frustration with family and school become my excuse to go back to them. And the whole time, I was still going to church, attending YPG meetings, praying, rebuking the devil—knowing deep down that I wasn't right with God. During the vigil, the Holy Spirit convicted me so strongly that I knew I couldn't keep living this double life. Right then and there, I made the decision to kill my old self completely. I've left that life behind with no regrets. Now, I'm closer than ever to receiving the Holy Spirit because I've finally realized—I can't do this on my own. I need Him more than ever!"

Pray for our youth—they're fighting a daily battle against the spiritual forces of this world. Your prayers can make a huge difference in their lives!

The Portland YPG recently attended a University of Portland women's basketball game, and the experience was a powerful reminder of how faith and perseverance go hand in hand. Tiffany Barbosa, a Swedish college athlete and standout player, shared her inspiring story with the group. She spoke about how her dedication to basketball and her deep commitment to God have shaped her journey. Tiffany's ultimate dream of playing in the WNBA is fueled by her hard work, unwavering faith, and the support of her church family.

During the event, Bishop David delivered a message that deeply resonated with everyone in attendance. He spoke about the importance of discipline and faith, encouraging the group to pursue their goals with passion and determination. The YPG's enthusiasm and positive energy at the game were infectious, showcasing how faith can impact every aspect of life, from sports to personal growth. The event served as a powerful example of how belief in God and perseverance can help anyone overcome challenges and strive for greatness.

**REACH OUT TO US: 1 888 332 4141**



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**BE A PART OF SOMETHING GREAT!  
JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY AT 1PM**

## Breaking the hereditary curse

A hereditary curse can follow an entire family, passing from generation to generation, manifesting itself in areas such as health, relationships, and finances. It can feel like an unbreakable chain, affecting each member of the family in different ways. But there is one thing that can break this curse: The Word of God.

In Genesis 12:3, God made a powerful promise to Abraham and his descendants: "...and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Even if you and your family have felt the weight of this curse—whether in your health, relationships, or finances—God is both able and willing to break that curse and restore your life and your family completely.

Contrary to popular belief, the primary cause of a curse is not witchcraft, spells, or plagues (though these things can certainly influence). The real cause of a curse is disobedience to God's Word. In Deuteronomy 28:15-68, we see that disobedience brings curses upon a person's life. When we walk away from God's commands, we open the door to these curses.

But there's good news: If you make the decision today to obey God, the curse will be lifted from your life, and you will begin to experience God's blessing. Today, you have the opportunity to confront any curses in your life. Through faith in the Word of God, you can break these curses and begin to walk in the blessing He has promised you. Don't wait—take action today. See the back page for locations.

The large majority of people want to be happy in love, but nowadays, this dream seems more like a wish than anything else. Modern dating has introduced new ways of meeting people and starting relationships, such as online apps, but with an increase in separation and divorce, we're left with one question: How effective are these methods? Many rely on communicating behind a screen, which has led to an increase in feelings of loneliness. For couples, the online world has opened a door for unfaithfulness and betrayal to enter their marriages. The odds are stacked against a 'happily ever after' love story, but when this pattern seems to repeat in your family, is something more sinister at work?

"I think it's very possible because it happened to me!" says Dennis. "It wasn't that I was never able to start relationships; it's that they never lasted, no matter how hard I tried. It even made me wonder what was wrong with me. But when I noticed the same thing happening first in my parents, and then with my grandparents, I knew I needed more than luck to turn this story around.

Most people in my family were suffering, whether it was in their health, love life, or



## BREAKING FAMILY CURSES

## "No one was able to get married in his family."

finances. I didn't have anyone I could look up to as an example of joy or success. Many were educated but never progressed in their careers.



It seemed like no one was able to get married, and when they did, they were never happy in their marriage. I always did everything I could to be a good boyfriend: I was faithful, caring, and generous. But every girlfriend I had would suddenly leave. I'd give my best, but I was always confronted with the same words: 'You're a nice guy, Dennis, but I'm breaking up with you.'

I didn't understand why I was just never good enough. I lost the drive to fight for my life, so my daily routine turned into mundane tasks and chores at home since I wasn't working. This cycle continued for years, and I was never happy in my love life. I dealt with the pain by hiding away in my house every day for five years. I didn't do anything with myself during that whole time until I was invited to challenge my problem. My aunt, who attended the Universal Church, saw the suffering in our family and told everyone about the church she had found. We all agreed that no one would be left behind, and on our first Sunday morning service together, 47 of us came. We were all determined to break the curse we believed had been causing the persistent problems in our lives. However, only three of us continued attending.

When I came, I learned that in order to be happy in my love life, I first needed to heal from

my previous failed relationships. I started attending the Friday services, where I learned how to fight against my problems and, most importantly, how to remove the internal pain my past had caused. One of the first steps I took toward healing was to let go of unforgiveness and any hatred I was holding on to.

Shortly after, I noticed a change inside me. I was happier, and I found joy in smaller things, like breathing or waking up in the morning. I became determined to start a new life, and every message I received in the church drew me closer to that goal. So, I started attending the meetings every day, sometimes more than once a day. The messages taught me how to build healthy habits in my love life and prepare myself for marriage. That's when I met Chantal, my wife. She was already living here, but I met her in my home country, Kenya, when she visited her sister. I approached her, and we exchanged contact details and started talking. She soon returned home, so most of our dating experience was long-distance and online, but she visited me in Kenya twice a year.

Things were running smoothly. She was different from my previous relationships—she understood and accepted me. On the day of our wedding, which took place in Kenya, many smiling faces were there to witness the moment I finally said, ‘I do.’ I’ve been happily married for four years now, and I’m truly fulfilled in my love life, something I never thought I’d say.

Dennis and Chantal have continued investing in their relationship through attending events hosted by the Universal Church, specifically for love life. Chantal says, “Every year, our marriage grows. Events like the Love Walk have helped us learn more about each other

and how we can improve for one another. Dennis is a caring, understanding, and humble man. Above all, I admire him for his honesty and the relationship he has with God.”

“Although I found myself stuck in a cycle that seemed impossible to break, I was able to rewrite the story of my life. Today, I have everything I need. I am happy, and I find joy in using my experience to help others who are going through similar struggles.”

## "She feared that the same fate would happen to her."

**A**liane Gabriele Nascimento says her family faced a “hereditary curse.” Her mother gave birth for the first time at age 15, and Aliane was born a few years later. Her older sister also had a daughter at age 15. At 15 years old, Aliane sought out the Universal Church because she feared that the same fate would come true in her life. She prayed to God that early pregnancy wouldn’t happen to her because she wanted a different future than her mother.

Before coming to the church, Aliane says she was in love with a boy, but she knew that could mess up 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 began seeking to win souls. “I wanted to find someone to share my life with. I was needy and saw my friends the same age getting married. At the same time, I was afraid of relationships and possible disappointments,” she says. Aliane has never dated, but some guys tried to deceive her. “I was afraid to date because I believed that if I started a relationship, it would have to lead to marriage. I didn’t want to fall into the same trap that had imprisoned my family.”

Aliane found the support she needed in Love Therapy meetings. She learned to deal with her neediness, to be patient in finding the right man, and to acquire the knowledge she needed to have a successful relationship in the future. “I learned to value and love myself. The Holy Spirit showed me that no one was deceiving me. It was I who allowed people to play with my heart. When I decided this would no longer happen, I gave my heart into God’s hands,” she emphasizes.



Aliane met her husband at the church. Álvaro Gonçalves da Silva says that before having a healthy relationship with her, he suffered in all areas of his life. 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, which suffocated those around me. This made me inconvenient, but some people also took advantage of me.”

Disbelieving in life as a couple, Álvaro turned away from God and sought to fill the void with addictions. He began drinking excessively and tried marijuana, cocaine, and, eventually, 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 clutches of the devil.”

Through an invitation from a relative, Álvaro returned to the Universal Church and decided to never use drugs again. He was baptized in water and received the Presence of God. Over time, he began attending Love Therapy, and Aliane sent him a message expressing her desire to meet him. Since then, they’ve never been apart.

After a year and two months of dating and engagement, they got married. “After 13 years of struggling, I found the right person, and I would do it all over again because what comes from the Altar is for life. It’s not fleeting like the things of the world,” she says. “God introduced me to the love of my life and sealed our union,” concludes Aliane.

## MAKE A CHAIN OF PRAYER IT WORKS!

A Chain of Prayer is when you attend a prayer meeting for a certain number of weeks without interruption in order to see a breakthrough in your life. Whether it is healing, a financial breakthrough or spiritual deliverance that you need, a Chain of Prayer helps you develop the faith and determination to overcome.

**Monday - Strong Nation**  
7am, 10am, 4pm & 7pm



Learn the secrets to overcome financially. Receive direction to grow and become a successful person.



**Tuesday - Prayer for healing**  
7am, 10am, 4pm & 7pm

Receive prayers for your physical, mental and spiritual well-being.

**Wednesday - Night of Salvation**  
7am, 10am, 4pm & 7pm



A meeting will be held for those who want to invest in a genuine relationship with God.



**Thursday - Family & Love Therapy**  
7am, 10am, 4pm & 7pm

The goal of the family meeting is to bring families together. No family is perfect, but they can be free from any hate, separation and other underlying issues.

**Friday - Deliverance**  
7am, 10am, 4pm & 7pm



There is a root to every problem. No issue can be dealt with permanently without removing its root. Every Friday, strong prayers is provided for anyone who is facing a problem that is influenced by negativity.



**Saturday - Impossible Cases**  
8am & 12pm

Have you ever looked at a problem or situation and thought, ‘this is impossible, there is no solution to this?’ If you want to see the ‘impossible become possible’, join us every Saturday.

**Sunday - Gathering of Faith & Miracles**  
7am, 10am, 3pm & 6pm



These meetings aim to help people connect with God, to empower people and teach them how to use their faith to achieve what they want in their lives.



## Anger, homicide, repentance, new life. “This was my life.”

My suffering began at a young age. My mom carried a lot of baggage, and the man she married had his own burdens. My mother was an alcoholic, and so was he.

As a teenager, I wanted to help her, but I ended up making things worse. I began to rebel—getting involved in addictions and crime. I would leave the house early and return late. My mother would be furious, and one day, I snapped. I broke everything in the house and beat her badly.

I even told her, “I didn’t kill you because my gun wasn’t with me.” Two days later, my mother committed suicide. She had been drinking heavily, threw herself in front of a car, and died on the spot.

But I didn’t care. All I could think about was the money she left behind. I called my grandmother and said, “Send me the money she left for me. I want all of it.”

I blew through the money in less than a month, spending it on drugs, alcohol, and parties. Around that time, I met my girlfriend, now my wife. Back then, I was a troubled boy, and she came from a broken home.

Her mother’s boyfriend once robbed my house, and that was the last mistake he ever made. All the anger I’d carried since childhood came out, and I killed him.

In prison, things only got worse. I started using



more cocaine. I didn’t eat; I just wanted to keep smoking. I was depressed and ready to end my life. One day, I tied a sheet in my cell to hang myself.

But before I went through with it, I cried out, “Lord, I don’t know who You are, but if You give me one chance to get out of here, I’ll never touch a gun again.” A few weeks later, I was released.

But I hadn’t truly changed.

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**I fell right back into my old ways—drinking, using drugs, and committing more crimes. I was worse than ever. I began abusing my wife, something I had never done before.**

**I’d beat her in the streets, drag her home by her hair, and beat her again. She wanted to die and even considered taking her own life and that of our unborn child.**

One day, while using cocaine and watching TV, I saw the Universal Church program that sponsors the UBB. I couldn’t believe what I was hearing. I told my wife, “This preacher must be sleeping under our bed. How does he know what we’re going through?”

I said to her, “Let’s go there.” When we arrived at the church, a man of God greeted me. He was patient, caring, and checked on me regularly.

Desperate, I told him, “Just tell me what to do, and I’ll do it.” He prayed for me, and when he laid his hand on my head, it felt like a heavy weight was lifted off me. That week, I slept peacefully for the first time in years.

I woke up early and got ready for church, eager to return.



Soon, my wife joined me. Today, our lives are completely transformed.

We both have the Holy Spirit and serve as



assistants in the church. Our home is blessed, full of peace, and right next to the church.



I used to take lives and cause chaos, but now God uses me to restore lives and share His Word. All glory to Him.



*“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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# Quality not Quantity

“But Moses’ hands became heavy; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.” (Exodus 17:12)

Picture the scene: Moses was physically exhausted, his arms trembling under the weight of responsibility. Yet, what kept him going wasn't his strength alone. Two men, Aaron and Hur, stepped in.

They brought a stone for him to sit on and, most importantly, held his arms steady through the entire battle. Because of their support, Israel came out victorious.

This story raises an important question: Who do you have by your side? We're always surrounded by people—family, friends, coworkers, even strangers. But it's not about how many people are around you.

What really matters is who those people are. Are they the ones who will step up and hold you up when life feels too heavy to bear?

When you're too tired to stand on your own, do you have someone in your corner who'll be there to lift you? It's not about the size of your circle; it's about the quality of those in it.

Are your friends the kind of people who share your faith, who carry God's word in their hearts, and who will speak life into you when you're down?

What's the point of having a huge group of acquaintances if, when the tough moments come, there's no one you can truly rely on?

So, take stock of the people around you. Surround yourself with those who will strengthen you spiritually, encourage you in your faith, and stand by you no matter what.

Remember: when it comes to friends, quality always matters more than quantity.



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# THE MORE WE WORKED, THE FEWER BILLS WE WERE ABLE TO PAY.

**B**runo and his wife Patricia found themselves in a pit that had no end. They had a business that appeared to be going well, but suddenly it started to take a turn for the worst. Bruno didn't know what else to do to save his company and his marriage because they were at the point of divorce. It seemed like they lost all hope until Bruno decided to seek God's guidance, and his entire life changed. Let's read their story...

"We had a company that was operating fine, and financially it was sustaining itself, but at some point, the company started to crash. We accumulate a 30-million-dollar debt. We worked a lot to try to pay this debt off. We would wake up early and go to bed late, but the more we worked, the fewer bills we could pay.

We were behind on our payments. We were able to pay our employees, but we were not able to enjoy anything. We couldn't even spend money to eat a hot dog; I knew we were behind on bills, and our debt kept growing, which caused problems even in my marriage and our health, Bruno states."

"We owed our car payment. We had two cars at the time. One was for the company, and the other was for personal use. They were both financed. The bank repossessed one of the cars, and it did not repossess the other one because we were always moving to different locations. We didn't have money; we had nothing, even our marriage would end."

"We were ready to get divorced because of all our problems. So I told my wife we should go to The Universal Church to solve our problems and for God to guide us. I told her that if that didn't work, we would go separate ways, and each one would pay part of the debts."

"We decided to make a pact with God. In these two years, coming to the "Strong Nation" and putting what we learned into practice, we could pay off our debt of 30 Million. God gave us a new direction to get another company, and I knew if this idea had come from God, He would show us what we needed to do. In one month, we signed eight contracts, and God continued giving us ideas; we could purchase more cars for our companies and personal use, says Bruno." "Now we have a marriage, we have peace, and this is something we didn't have before," says Patricia.



"For someone who didn't have money to eat a hotdog, now we can eat out daily. We were able to travel to other countries;

we have four companies in total, and our marriage got restored," Bruno concludes.



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