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The Holy weekend Events starts on Good Friday, April 18 - The Last Word Event! Life can be tough, and we all face struggles that feel impossible to get through. But on Good Friday, God gets the final say in your life. Then, on Easter Sunday, April 20—Resurrection Day, God's power can bring new life to whatever feels lost or broken. This is your chance for a fresh start!

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Two events that changed the world

Holy Week marks two of the most significant events in human history: the crucifixion of our Lord Jesus on Good Friday, and His resurrection on Easter Sunday. These powerful events reveal God's ultimate purpose—salvation, love, and mercy for all of humanity.

Although most people around the world have heard of Jesus Christ, many still don't truly know who He is or understand what He did for us. His sacrifice on the cross gave us victory over our struggles. That's why we celebrate these two days—remembering what the Lord Jesus did by offering Himself as the sacrifice for our sake, so that we can live an abundant life here on Earth and receive eternal life after death:

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live..." (John 11:25)

The Lord Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection didn't just make history—they're still just as powerful today for anyone who accepts and believes in Him. His power continues to bring healing, transformation, and new life.

Join us this Holy Week, from April 13th to 20th, at a Universal Church near you—especially on Good Friday (April 18th) and Resurrection Sunday (April 20th). Throughout the week, we'll reflect on the life of Jesus and the lessons He left us: forgiveness, humility, service, and more. As we go deeper into His teachings in these special gatherings, you'll have the chance to experience His power in your own life and build a personal relationship with Him.

| BEATING DEPRESSION |

Depression is more than just feeling sad—it's a deep, overwhelming sorrow that weighs down the soul. It brings feelings of hopelessness, drains motivation, and makes even the simplest tasks feel impossible. In severe cases, it can even rob people of their will to live. Depression isn't just a state of mind—it's a sickness of the soul. But who can heal the soul? Only the Savior, the Lord Jesus, has the power to restore a troubled heart.

Every Sunday, The Universal Church opens its doors to those who are battling depression. If you need support, we invite you to visit a nearby branch. Join a Chain of Prayer—a seven-week commitment where you'll receive spiritual strength through powerful prayers, practical guidance, and one-on-one counseling.

You are not alone in this battle. Thousands around the world have found hope and transformation through faith, proving that a Chain of Prayer can truly make a difference. You can be the next success story.

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Bishop Edir Macedo

The peace of the Father through faith in the Son



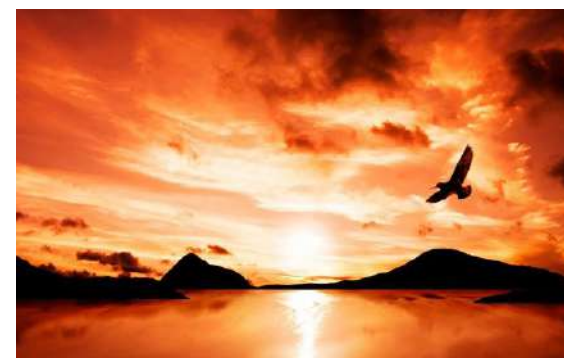
It's impossible to experience the peace of God the Father without practicing the rational faith shown by God the Son.

When someone claims to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ but still battles inner conflicts, depression, suicidal thoughts, a stagnant life, or general dissatisfaction, whether they realize it or not, their faith is dormant. In truth, they haven't yet come to know the One they say they believe in.

Sadly, this is the case for many churchgoers. They live by an emotional, irrational faith—one that doesn't obey God's Word. This kind of faith can be misleading and often leads to the rise of false Christians and believers. But why does this happen?

Because the Bible makes it clear: the kind of faith that justifies us—faith that wipes away sin—is intelligent. It listens to and follows God's Word, not the emotions of the heart. When someone practices this obedient kind of faith, they are using intelligent faith.

This very faith is what cleanses the sinner through the blood of the Lamb—offered by God the Father. And through it, God grants perfect peace. It's a peace so complete that not even life's toughest problems—broken relationships, family issues, death, sickness, envy, witchcraft, or even hell itself—can touch it.



"Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ..." (Romans 5:1)

The absence of this peace (which comes from the Holy Spirit) reveals a lack of rational, obedient faith. Instead, emotional and irrational faith has taken over—and with it, sin.

If this describes your current state—if you're living in sin—consider doing a "fast of sin" for one week. With Holy Week approaching, it's the perfect opportunity to turn away from all wrong behavior: lies, deceit, promiscuity, adultery, theft, addiction, toxic relationships, and places that go against your faith. Stay away from anything that even appears evil for seven days, and instead, apply God's Word to your life. You will experience firsthand the peace that flows straight from the Source. God bless you abundantly!



"I left a farewell letter for my children"

and fortune tellers, spending a lot of money, but nothing worked."

to be free from what was inside me.

PAIN

"I wanted to sleep, eat, and drink—but I couldn't because of the constant pain. I ended up losing 40 pounds during that time. I was on three different antidepressants, but even then, I could only sleep one or two hours a night. Suicidal thoughts haunted me. One night, I took half a bottle of antidepressants. Nothing happened, but the dark thoughts wouldn't go away: 'Why am I even here?', 'I'm worthless', 'I'm just a collection of diseases.'

Eventually, I wrote a farewell letter to my children, planning to take my own life. But that same day, a friend invited me to go to the Universal Church. I was so tired of suffering, I decided to go—I decided to give God a chance.

When I walked in and saw the words written above the Altar—Jesus Christ is Lord—something about them touched me deeply. I cried through the entire service. When I spoke with the pastor afterward, he told me I first needed

JOY OF LIVING

"I let go of the pain and the hurt from my past and chose to be baptized in water. From that moment on, I began seeking the Holy Spirit, because I realized only He could fill the emptiness inside me. I started meditating more on God's Word and attending church regularly. In time, I was baptized with the Holy Spirit—and it felt like my soul had been completely renewed. I was filled with joy and happiness.

Today, I'm healed and free. I have a blessed marriage, and my family has been restored. I once wrote a farewell letter to my children—but now, with the help of the Holy Spirit, I want to live more than ever." — Odete Antunes

For 14 years, Odete battled depression and attempted suicide twice

"At age 37, I started having serious health problems. It began with my spine—I was diagnosed with two herniated discs and suffered from recurring annual flare-ups. Surgery was an option, but the doctors said I was too young. If it didn't go well, I could end up in a wheelchair. So instead, I went through yearly treatments with three different types of injections, and I took daily medication to manage the pain.

The pain was intense. My left leg felt numb, and I struggled to walk. After about three years of dealing with that and other family problems, I began sinking into depression. I lived with it for 14 years. I even turned to witches

See what's happening on Sundays



"I came to the Universal Church in a wheelchair."

I came to the Universal Church in a wheelchair, completely dependent on my son. For two years, he had to care for me, and I felt terrible for holding him back. I was depressed, in constant pain, and unable to leave my apartment because there was no elevator.

Doctors said I needed surgery or I'd never walk again. I tried therapy, medications, and even stayed in four nursing homes—but nothing worked. I couldn't balance or stand, and one side of my body was too weak. Then I heard about the Universal Church. I went in hopeless but learned how to use my faith. I drank the Blessed Water and anointed my legs, asking God to heal me—and He did.



Now, I'm walking, pain-free, and no longer need the wheelchair. I'm healed, happy, and my son can finally live his life again. God gave me a second chance. —Ms. Melissa



"I had blood cancer, depression, and was suicidal."

I had leukemia. I was always sick, weak, and nauseous. I had no strength and constantly felt like throwing up. My white blood cell count was too high, my red blood cells were low, and I kept falling or almost passing out. It got so bad, I became depressed and suicidal.

I tried taking pills and even cutting my wrist, but nothing worked. I wanted to jump off a bridge. That day, as I was walking, a girl stopped me at a crosswalk and invited me to church. I tried to walk away, but a truck blocked my path—I had nowhere to go, so I listened.

I figured I had nothing to lose. I went to the Universal Church the next day. I started using the Blessed Water and learning about God, something I didn't know before. I kept going to my medical appointments, but none of the treatments were working. So I kept using my faith. Eventually, all my blood tests came back normal. I wasn't sick anymore. I was healed. I felt alive again. —Miss Leanne



Receive the healing waters
this Sunday at your nearest Universal Church

"The sores caused a constant heat radiating from my body"



Because of allergies, I developed eczema that covered my body with painful sores. It was unbearable—I couldn't sleep, bathe, or even sit without pain. Clothes stuck to my skin, so I often wore light clothing or nothing at all.

Doctors gave me different medications, but nothing worked. My body felt like it was burning, and I couldn't leave the house. Ice packs were the only relief—sometimes my daughter used frozen meat when we ran out. I had to stop working. I felt trapped.



Then I received the Blessed Water. I warmed it and sprinkled it over my body in the shower. I also drank it with faith, asking God to heal me. Little by little, the sores dried up. Today, they're completely gone. Only the scars remain as proof of the miracle God did in my life. —Noilani





| MESSAGE |

Bishop Joshua

The First and the Last



We all like to have the final say. Think about it: everyone wants to be the one who closes the deal, hits the winning shot, or delivers the last word in an argument. There's something about having control over how things begin and end that makes us feel secure.

But life has a way of reminding us that we're not always in control. Plans fall apart, people let us down, and unexpected situations knock us off track. That's when we start to feel lost, uncertain, or powerless.

That's why the Bible reminds us:

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last." (Revelation 22:13)

In other words—He started it all, and He will finish it

all. God saw your struggles before they even began, and He already has the solution. Your failures don't surprise Him, and He will never leave your story unfinished.

Maybe you feel stuck somewhere in the middle—too far from where you started, but still not close to where you want to be. Don't give up.

If God is the First and the Last, that means He's also present in every step in between. He's working out the details, writing a story far greater than anything you could imagine.

You don't need to fight for the final word—He already has it. And His final word over your life is victory. Trust Him. Keep moving forward. The One who began a good work in you will surely bring it to completion.

May the God of the Bible bless you!

You don't need to fight for the last word—He already has it.

APRIL 2025 BIBLE READING						
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No other option

In January of this year, after a family trip, 45-year-old Celia noticed unusual swelling in her feet. At first, she assumed it was from the long hours spent sitting during the journey. But when she went to the doctor, she was caught off guard.

"I was hospitalized for four days with suspected thrombosis," she recalls. "But that was ruled out, and I was sent home."

A few days later, new symptoms appeared—fatigue, a persistent cough, difficulty walking, and chest pain. She returned to the hospital, where tests revealed advanced-stage pneumonia. Despite starting antibiotics, her condition didn't improve. Still struggling to breathe and feeling worse, she sought medical help once more. That's when the worst chapter of her life began.

"My oxygen levels were low, and the fatigue just kept getting worse," she says. "I was admitted to the ICU with stained lungs and had to be fed through a tube."

No hope in sight

Despite ongoing treatments, Celia's condition continued to deteriorate.

She was intubated three times, with about ten days between each attempt—but none of it helped. Doctors then tried a myocardial puncture and later performed a tracheostomy, a surgical procedure that creates an opening in the windpipe to help with breathing.

Still, there was no sign of improvement.

"Nothing worked," Celia says. "My condition only got worse. The doctors and even some of my relatives in the medical field said my case was irreversible. They told me everything possible had already been done."

But her loved ones



ping."

Celia's husband, Alex, stood by her side throughout the ordeal. Even after receiving one grim update after another, he kept believing that God's power would heal her. Then, after nearly three months—and despite being written off by the medical team—Celia began to recover.

Her improvement was so significant that the tracheostomy was reversed, and the feeding tube was removed. She could speak and eat again. However, the battle wasn't over yet.

Due to her long hospital stay, Celia had lost movement in her legs. Still, her faith never wavered.

"I prayed and asked God to either take me safely to Him or heal me completely," she says. "I refused to accept spending the rest of my life in a wheelchair or using a walker."

Faith-fueled victory

Holding on to her faith and believing that her illness wouldn't lead to death—but instead bring glory to God (John 11:4)—Celia received her full healing. She went home and resumed her life.

"To this day, no one really knows what happened," she says. "Doctors suspected lupus, but it was never confirmed. The only thing they're sure of is that it all stemmed from severe pneumonia."

Months after her discharge, Celia now lives a healthy life and confidently declares:

"My healing was for the honor and glory of God. It happened through faith. I'm so grateful for the miracle and the spiritual support I received during that difficult time."

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hadn't given up.

"Family and friends who were already attending the Universal Church



brought me Blessed Water," she says. "They soaked gauze in it and placed it on my lips while praying without stop-

What's happening at the Universal Church

Good Friday – The Last Word



The last words Jesus spoke on the cross were: “It is finished.” He is the God of the Last Word!

Many people live in despair and hopelessness because they’ve listened to words filled with death, doubt, and discouragement. How many sick people have been told by their doctors that there’s no hope—so they went home and died? How many parents have tried everything to free their children from addiction, only to hear “there’s no hope” from family and friends? How many have lost everything—jobs, businesses, families, marriages—and now live in misery, with no answers or help?

But God has the last word! He can reverse any situation, restore what was lost, and bring life where there’s only destruction.

It doesn’t matter what you’re facing—whether you feel you were born to suffer, are on the verge of giving up, or believe there’s no way out of your pain, trauma, or disappointments. Maybe you’ve looked for help in countless places and found nothing. But hear this: God has the last word!

This Good Friday, He wants to speak the Last Word and completely transform your life story!

Here are some Bible verses showing extreme situations where Jesus had the last word and turned things around—even when it looked impossible:

1. Jairus’ daughter (Death and resurrection)

Luke 8:52-54 – Everyone was weeping and mourning for her. But He said, “Do not weep; she is not dead but asleep.” They laughed at Him, knowing she was dead. But He took her by the hand and said, “Child, arise!”
- The girl was already dead, but Jesus showed that death didn’t have the last word—He did.

2. The centurion’s servant (Severe illness and healing from a distance)

Matthew 8:7-8, 13 – Jesus said, “I will go and heal him.” The centurion replied, “Lord, I’m not worthy to have You come under my roof. Just say the word, and my servant

will be healed.” ...Then Jesus said, “Go! Let it be done just as you believed.” And his servant was healed at that very hour.

- Even though Jesus wasn’t physically present, His word alone changed everything.

3. The man born blind (Humanly impossible)

John 9:1-3, 6-7 – As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him.” ...After saying this, He spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. “Go,” He told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam.” So the man went, washed, and came home seeing.

- He was born blind with no hope of ever seeing—but Jesus had the final say.

4. The paralyzed man at the pool of Bethesda (38 years of suffering)

John 5:5-9 – One man there had been disabled for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and learned how long he’d been in that condition, He asked, “Do you want to get well?” “Sir,” the man replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I’m trying to get in, someone else always goes down ahead of me.” Then Jesus said, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” Right away, the man was healed. He picked up his mat and walked.

- After 38 years of waiting, one word from Jesus changed everything.

5. The paralyzed man lowered through the roof (Sin and sickness)

Mark 2:4-5, 10-12 – Since they couldn’t bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof and lowered the man on his mat. When Jesus saw their faith, He said, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” ...“But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So He told the man, “Get up, take your mat, and go home.” The man got up, took his mat, and walked out in full view of everyone.

- Jesus didn’t just heal his body—He showed He also has the last word over sin and forgiveness.

6. The miraculous catch of fish (When human effort isn’t enough)

Luke 5:5-6 – Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and caught nothing. But because You say so, I’ll let down the nets.” When they did, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.
- They had tried all night and failed, but one word from Jesus changed the outcome.

7. The resurrection of Lazarus (When death seems final)

John 11:43-44 – After He said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped in strips of linen, with a cloth around his face.

- Lazarus had been dead for four days, but Jesus showed that even death doesn’t have the last word.

8. The feeding of the five thousand (When there are no resources)

Matthew 14:19-20 – Taking the five loaves and two fish, Jesus looked up to heaven, gave thanks, and broke the loaves. He gave them to the disciples, and they gave them to the people. Everyone ate and was satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftovers.

- There wasn’t enough to go around—but Jesus proved He’s an unlimited source of provision.

9. Jesus calms the storm (When danger is imminent)

Mark 4:39 – He got up, rebuked the wind, and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down, and everything was completely calm.

- The disciples thought they were going to die, but Jesus showed He has authority over all creation.

These stories show that even in the most extreme circumstances, when all hope seems lost, God has the last word. Visit the Universal Church near you, and participate in this great event.

Time: 7 AM, 10 AM, 4 PM, 7PM

“I depended on drugs and alcohol to feel good”

– Jasmine



“Before coming to the Universal Church, I was completely immersed in alcohol for five years. On top of that, I used marijuana and LSD. The bad influences around me led me to experiment with these substances, and eventually, I became addicted. I began having constant hallucinations—even when I wasn’t using drugs.

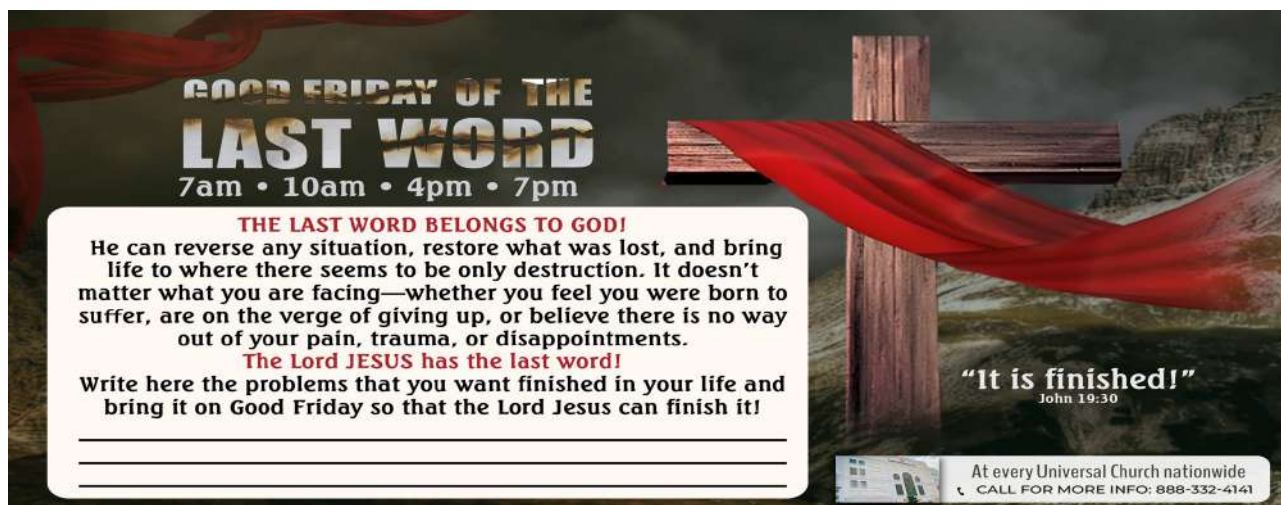
Nights were a nightmare for me because I also suffered from spiritual problems—night terrors. I couldn’t sleep. I’d feel something pressing against my bed, almost like the mattress was sinking—but when I looked, there was nothing there. I couldn’t get any rest.

Desperate for answers, I went to several doctors, but none of them could find anything physically wrong with me or explain what was happening. That only deepened my despair and pulled me further into depression. I started to feel like life had no meaning. Every day, I’d wake up wondering, ‘Why did I even wake up?’

My grandfather invited me to the Universal Church, and I decided to go. Through attending the meetings, I learned how to use my faith and fight for the transformation I so badly needed.

Today, I am completely free from spiritual torment and hallucinations. I have peace, and I can finally sleep at night. I no longer rely on drugs, alcohol, or even people around me to feel good. I’m truly happy—filled with the presence of God. Jesus set me free from everything that once oppressed me and filled the emptiness I carried for so long.

I can honestly say that my life is completely different now; it has been transformed.”



"I started taking sleeping pills and antidepressants."

Jessica shares that she came to the Universal Church six years ago, after going through a long "spiritual battle."

It all began in 2017 when she and her family lived in a different city. At the time, her mother, who was an alcoholic, was hit by a car while drunk. She suffered serious complications and ended up being hospitalized for several months in a psychiatric ward. "I stayed there with her, and I started having insomnia, seeing shadows, and having nightmares because it was a very spiritual place," she recalls.

Jessica's struggles worsened when her mother passed away in 2018. "I fell into depression, anxiety, panic attacks, and began dreaming about dead people and that hospital," she

says. Her family moved back to their hometown, but she stayed behind in the south. "I was in a relationship and went through a lot of verbal abuse from my partner. I became attached to him," she admits.

With all these challenges, Jessica sought psychiatric help. "I started taking sleeping pills and antidepressants, constantly medicated. I even quit my job. Every time I saw the psychiatrist, she prescribed stronger medications, but nothing seemed to work. I was also diagnosed with fibromyalgia, a condition that causes widespread pain throughout the body." One sleepless night, Jessica watched a Universal program and decided to attend a service. She explains what changed: "Little by little, I started to cleanse myself, obey the Word in search of the



Holy Spirit, and I began to feel better. Then, during a church campaign of faith in 2019, I decided to stop taking all my medications at the Altar. I received the Holy Spirit at the end of the Daniel Fast that began soon after."

As she participated in the meetings, Jessica realized that something was wrong in her relationship, especially since her partner didn't accept her newfound faith. "I started praying for God to show me what to do, until my sister called me and invited me to

come back home. She said, 'I don't want you living with this man because I know he's no good.' I accepted right away because I saw it as God's answer," she says.

She ended the relationship and moved back home. "God healed me, completed me, and filled the emptiness inside me with peace and joy. It was so powerful that I realized I no longer depended on anyone but God," she celebrates.



Camila and Pedro met when she was just 16. Their problems began right from the start of their relationship. "I had an inferiority complex, which made me very jealous. We fought a lot and even attacked each other in front of people," says Camila.

At the time, Pedro already knew about faith in God and attended the Universal Church with his family. However, Camila didn't agree with this and spent her time partying and drinking. Pedro admits that he changed his behavior because of her influence: "I stopped going to church to go with her to parties, and I started drinking alcohol. But that didn't stop me—I also started using cocaine."

Two years into their relationship, Camila got pregnant, and they moved in together. The couple's fights became more frequent and intense. "Our problems lasted for 16 years—addictions, fights, and physical and verbal abuse, all fueled by jealousy and resentment," says Pedro.

To cope with her pain, Camila turned to the faith Pedro had abandoned. "It helped me face my daily struggles, especially when I hit rock bottom. I was already going to church, trying to change him, but out of jealousy, he would chase me, attack me, and humiliate me, both in public and at church," she recalls.

By this point, the couple had their

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second child, and Pedro once said that when he came home, he would kill his family. Camila remembers the moment vividly: "I knelt on the bed, prayed, and spoke to God. As soon as I lay down, he came back, jumped over the wall, and started yelling, banging on the door. But he was so high that he punched the door, cut his wrist, and ended up in the hospital."

After being discharged, Pedro continued his destructive behavior and kept pursuing Camila until they separated. He was diagnosed with schizophrenia, which led to an emotional breakdown.

"I wouldn't get out of bed for anything,

but I would listen to Bishop Edir Macedo's messages. One day, angry at my situation, I took all my papers and test results, tore them up, and went back to church," Pedro shares.

Meanwhile, Camila had been attending church meetings to heal her inner self. After eight months of separation, she and Pedro spoke and decided to fight for their marriage.

"We didn't get back together immediately, but after three months of seeking God and seeing the changes He made in him, we decided to move back in together." In September 2015, Pedro and Camila went to the Altar at the Universal Church to receive their marriage blessing.

"The Altar transformed our lives and our marriage and taught us that everything can change with perseverance and sacrifice. Today, we have peace, joy, and we're always together," Pedro concludes.

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Easter Sunday

He is risen!

Easter Sunday – The miracle of resurrection in your life

Today, Easter means different things to different people. Some see it as just a bank holiday—a time to relax, unwind, or maybe sneak in a quick getaway before heading back to work. Others stick to their traditions and focus on religious observance. But isn't Easter meant to represent the pivotal moment in history when everything changed? It's the moment when the Son of God took on the sins of the world, died, and rose again, declaring victory for everyone who believes in Him. So, why does suffering still exist? Perhaps in all the commercial hype, many have forgotten the true meaning of this season—and in doing so, have also forgotten the great victory that was won for them.

At the height of His suffering, Jesus made sure to remember society's most rejected and despised. This serves as a reminder to us today: to God, no one is a lost cause. So, if you're feeling rejected, invisible, neglected, abandoned, or unimportant, we want you to know that God remembers you. On this day, you can receive the victory He conquered for you. Thanks to His sacrifice, today's Easter offers us complete freedom in every area of life. God is ready to forgive and help us in our weaknesses. His Word is filled with promises that show it's possible to experience more joy and honor than anything we had in our past, no matter how far we strayed.

So, it doesn't matter what you've done—Jesus is alive and ready to transform your life. All you need to do is repent, turn to Him, and seek Him with all your heart. Do you believe your life and dreams can come back to life? Get ready for the True Easter—the day Jesus comes into your life just like He rose from the dead, bringing a new beginning with Him.

This Easter Sunday, celebrate the One who rose from the dead and brings life and a new direction to all who believe. Visit the nearest Universal Church on Sunday, April 20th at 10 AM and experience a moment that will leave a mark on your life forever.



Eliane recalls the day her 13-year-old son, Antonio, was hit by a motorcycle while riding his bike. “The doctor told me not to panic and said his condition was critical. When I saw him, his hands and feet were tied to the bed. He was making a strange snoring noise and was completely unconscious,” she says. Antônio had suffered a severe head injury.

He was transferred to a second hospital in a deep coma. Two days after being admitted, his condition worsened, and he was moved to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU). “For me, the ICU meant the end, and I became desperate. That’s when God spoke to me: ‘Where is your trust in Me?’ I stopped crying right then and there and started trusting that God was in control. Antonio spent 38 days in the ICU. The doctors said that if he survived, he would remain in a vegetative state,” Eliane says.

Her greatest concern wasn’t just about

his physical condition—it was about his soul. “I was afraid my son would die without Salvation. He had been hanging out with the wrong crowd and had started using marijuana and alcohol. He was rebellious and disobedient. I cried out to God for his soul. I asked God to let him wake up so I could talk to him about Salvation, so he could be saved. But if he survived, I wouldn’t accept him being left in a vegetative state.”



“I went to the Altar, made my vows of faith, prayed, fasted, and anointed him every day with consecrated oil I secretly brought into the ICU, even though it wasn’t allowed. I also drank the blessed water in his name. I had already been doing faith purposes for him on Fridays, and I kept going. The doctors gave us the worst news—they said he would need surgery to open

his skull, another to insert a feeding tube near his stomach, and that he could die at any moment. Death was everywhere in the ICU; someone passed away every day. But I ignored what they said because I knew that everything is possible for those who believe.”

Antonio was hospitalized for 45 days—and he didn’t need a single surgery. Eliane says the healing didn’t happen overnight. It was a process. First, he was weaned off the machines, though he remained unconscious. Then, when he did wake up, he couldn’t speak or walk, and his gaze was blank.

He was discharged from the hospital still being fed through a tube and had to be tied down because he kept trying to remove it. “When we returned to the hospital 30 days later for a follow-up, the doctor was shocked by his progress. They called him ‘Miracle Antonio.’ And truly, he is living proof that nothing is impossible for God. He spent a year in a wheelchair and had to relearn everything—walking, talking, even breathing properly. He went through motor, respiratory, and speech therapy,” Eliane says. Today, Antonio has no complications. “He’s back in school and even became a state jiu-jitsu champion in 2022. He is a true blessing—for the honor and glory of the Lord Jesus,” she concludes.



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“I won’t do anything about it.”

“Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.” (John 5:18 NKJV)

In a powerful moment filled with compassion, Jesus healed a man who had been paralyzed for 38 years.

That incredible miracle should have sparked joy and celebration—the man’s long suffering had finally come to an end. You’d think people would have been asking who this Man was, maybe even following Him, recognizing that He just might be the promised Messiah.

And since Jesus was the one who told him to do it, they believed He deserved harsh punishment.

Just like that, a moment that should have brought hope and amazement was clouded by criticism and legalism. The miracle itself was dismissed, and all they could focus on

was a supposed rule being broken. It’s ironic: a man’s suffering ended after nearly four decades, but what made headlines among the

But instead, the reaction was quite different. Rather than celebrating the healing, the Pharisees were upset that the man was carrying his mat on the Sabbath—a technical violation of their interpretation of the law.

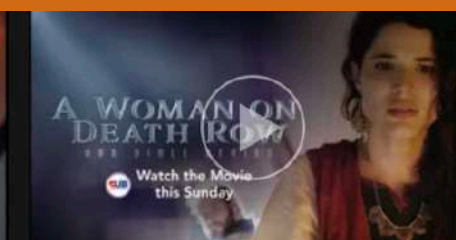
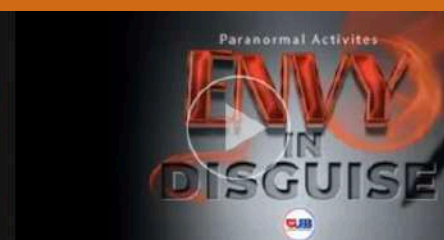
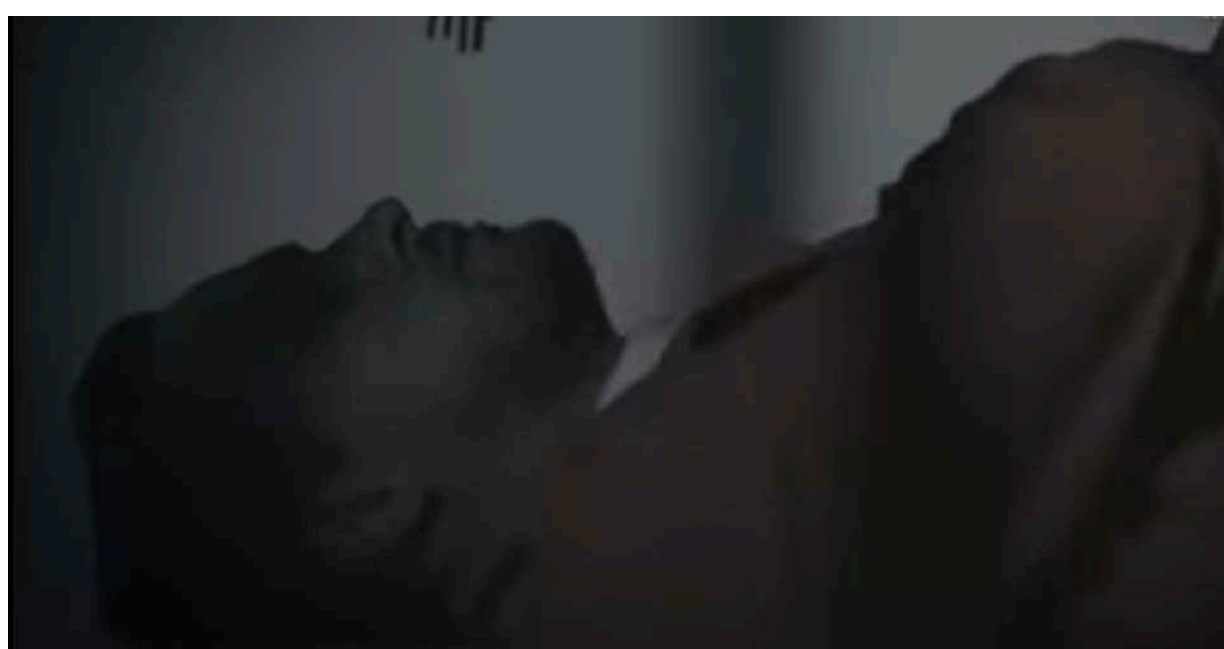
religious elite was that he carried his bed on the wrong day.

The lesson is pretty clear: even when you do something good—something truly meaningful—there will always be people who find a reason to criticize.

Some won’t look at the bigger picture or acknowledge the good.

Their focus will always be on something to pick apart. So, what’s the alternative? If you want to avoid all criticism, you’d have to do absolutely nothing.

But ask yourself: is that the kind of person you want to be?



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“At the age of five, I was expelled from school. That was the beginning of a life of crime.” – Mariana

From a very young age, I remember struggling with serious challenges—starting with a bad temper that only got worse over time. By the time I was just five years old, my behavior led to me getting expelled from my first elementary school.

My parents, desperate to find a solution, enrolled me in four more schools, but every time, the result was the same. Even though my teachers tried hard to help and support me, nothing seemed to work.

As I hit my teenage years, my behavior got even more out of control. I started living a wild and reckless life. Nights were especially rough—my parents often saw flashing lights outside our windows, knowing it meant the police were coming for me again.

I’ll never forget one night when there was a mass arrest in our neighborhood. It ended up on the news, and my parents were shocked to see me clearly shown among those being taken into custody.

In total, I was arrested and prosecuted four times. I even had several warrants out because I kept trying to run away from jail.

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Drugs became my escape from the harsh reality I was living. At first, I started with marijuana, but it was crack cocaine that really took hold of me. The high it gave me was nothing like what weed could offer. I became completely unreliable.

People around me were always tense, afraid I might steal from them at any moment. I was living dangerously, and it nearly cost me my life.

One day, right in my own neighborhood, a drug dealer set me up. They sent people to attack me,

and I ended up staring down the barrel of a rifle, frozen with fear.



Mariana in the trap house.

Thankfully, my father showed up just in time and pulled me out of that life-threatening situation. But even that didn’t stop me. I kept heading down the same destructive road and got arrested again.

At one point, a judge told my parents flat out to prepare for my death if I didn’t change. That shook them to the core. They actually started planning my funeral, convinced that nothing could save me.



But then something happened.

My parents invited me to attend a service at the Universal Church (UBB). For the first time, I felt like I had a real chance to turn my life around. I

accepted the invitation, realizing it might be my last shot.

That day, I made the decision to surrender my life to God. I cut ties with the people dragging me down, gave up drugs and crime, and truly committed myself to a new, spiritual path.

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It wasn’t easy. I had moments where I doubted if I could really stick with it. But my parents never gave up on me—their support and constant prayers kept me going. The teachings I received helped me push through the hardest times.



Mariana giving her testimony.

Today, I’m living proof that faith and redemption are real. I’m a woman who’s completely devoted to God, and my life is now filled with peace, happiness, and joy—things I never thought I’d experience. My spirit has been renewed, and every day, I’m thankful for this second chance to live a brand-new life.

“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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Faith that transforms: How Roberto turned debt into Divine blessings.

Like many people around the world, 56-year-old Roberto had heard about God and even believed He existed. But to Roberto, God seemed distant and indifferent to his pain. “I was drowning in debt and dealing with serious family problems. It got so bad that I even tried to take my own life. I didn’t value my life at all,” he shares. “I had heard a lot of negative things about the Universal Church and didn’t like it. But after listening to some testimonies, I decided to attend a meeting.”

Roberto wanted to change his financial situation and was willing to apply what he learned. “I got baptized in water and learned about being faithful to God. At that point, I wasn’t even faithful to my own family. I had a good income, but my money always seemed to disappear—I ended every month in overdraft. Even though things were tight, I made a challenge with God and started putting Him first,” he explains.

That act of faith, along with putting the teachings into practice, led to a complete turnaround in his life. “My mindset shifted. I no longer had suicidal thoughts or anxiety. I became more driven and started growing financially. I left my job and started my own business. It was tough at first, but I held on to God’s Word and believed it would work. In three months, I tripled my income, paid off all my debts, learned how to manage my finances, and things just started falling into place,” he says.

Even though Roberto was a faithful tither and attended church regularly, his focus was still more on the blessings than the One who blesses. His financial success exposed this imbalance. “As my business grew, my tithe grew too—but I started seeing it as just money. I stopped being faithful to God. Over time, things began to fall apart. Sales dropped, I stopped praying, I wasn’t evangelizing anymore, and God was no longer my priority,” he admits.

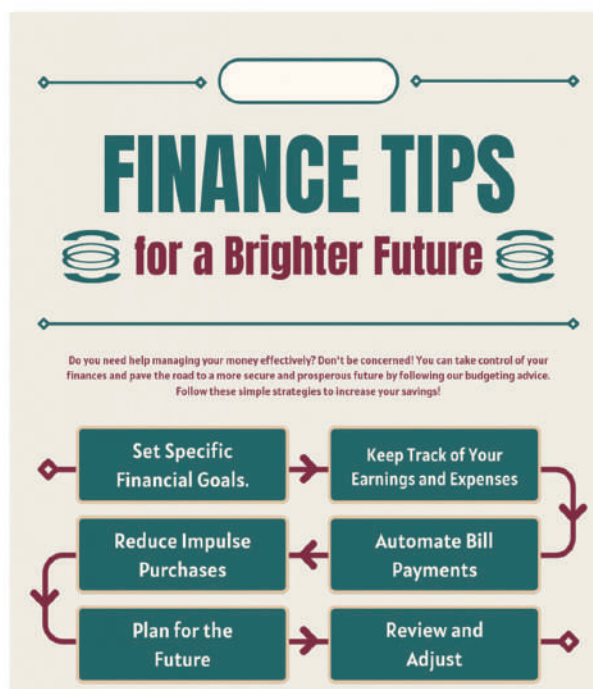
It took about three months in that state before he chose to realign his life. “I made a vow on the Altar and committed to giving my all to God—not just financially, but in every part of my life. I made Him my true priority again, and He honored that. My spiritual life was renewed, and I received the Holy Spirit. I learned to value marriage, met a woman of God, and got married. Professionally, I kept growing too,” he shares.



Roberto’s transformation began when he chose to truly prioritize God and live in obedience to His Word.

“I had nothing before, and I recognize that everything I have now came from Him.

Today, I’m faithful and I help sponsor God’s work so it can reach others,” he concludes.



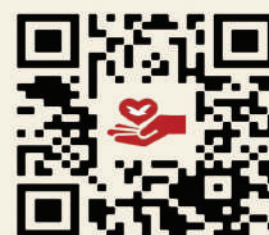
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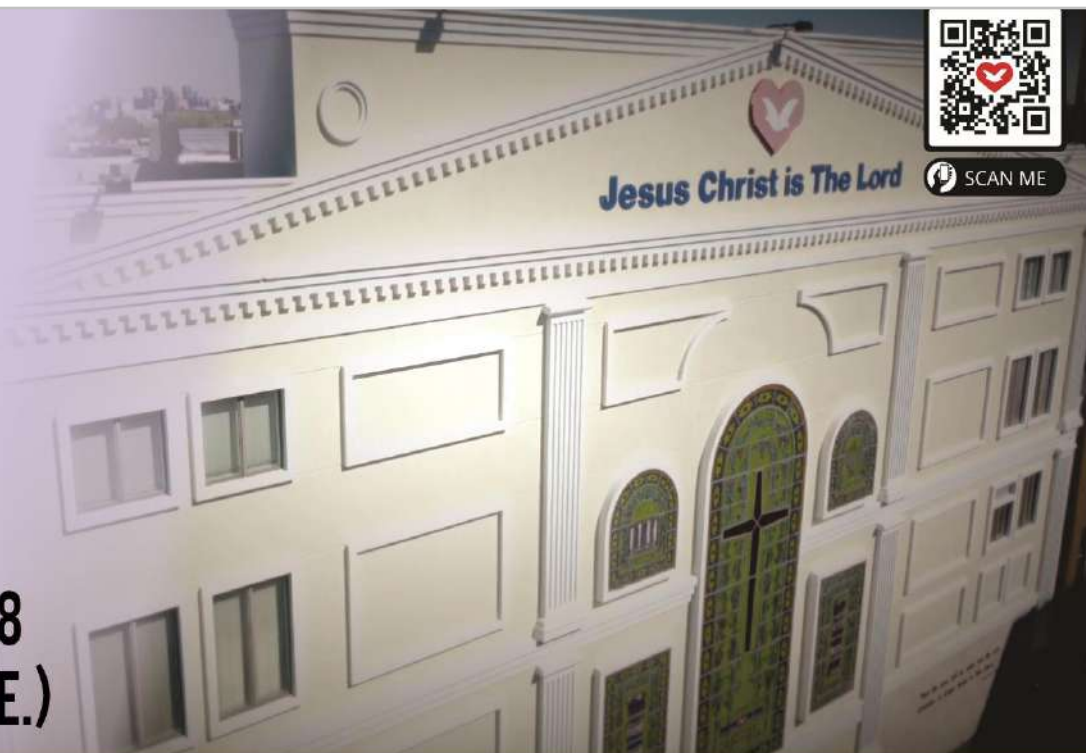
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