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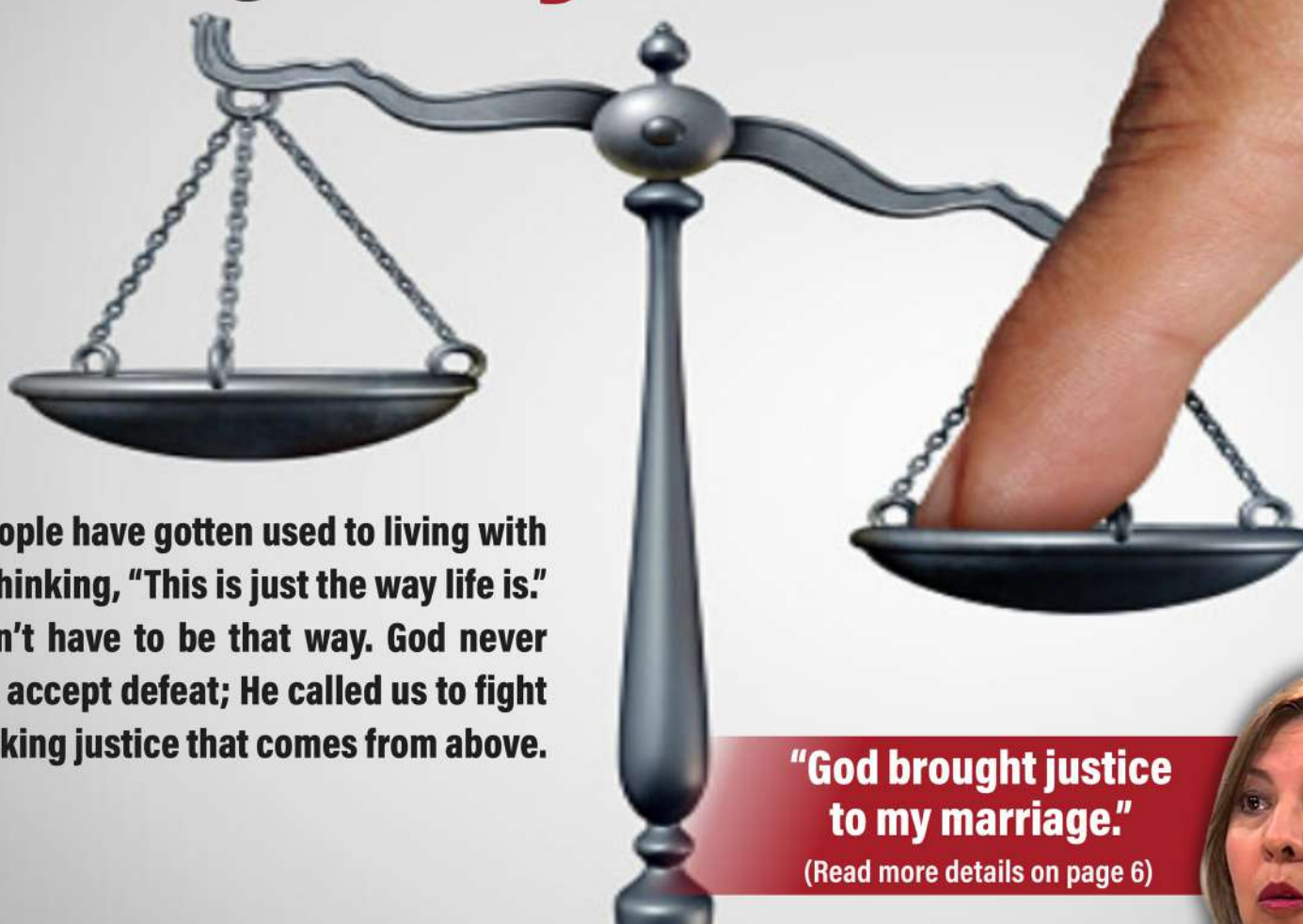
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Do you know how to fight **Injustice?**



So many people have gotten used to living with problems, thinking, "This is just the way life is." But it doesn't have to be that way. God never called us to accept defeat; He called us to fight back by seeking justice that comes from above.

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How can you deal with injustices that human laws can't fix?

Have you been getting what's fair? Are you receiving all your rights? Everyone wants justice, but not everyone goes after it. Even with so many human laws, there are injustices that no legal system can fix. What law can make a husband leave his mistress? What law can make a child walk away from drugs?

There are also many people who don't pursue justice simply because they don't know their rights. Others say that seeking justice is too expensive—you need to hire a good lawyer, invest time following the case, and then wait for a ruling. It takes time, money, and there's no guarantee of success.

Some people say they trust in God's justice—but believe it happens automatically. How many times have we heard someone say, "It's in God's hands," and yet, neither human nor divine justice comes without action. The Bible is clear in Isaiah 41:21:

"Present your case," says the Lord.

If you've been suffering injustice and don't know how to change your situation—God can rule in your favor. But you must seek Him.

You can learn more about Divine Justice at any Universal Church location. Visit the one closest to your home and start writing a new chapter in your story.

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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.

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Bishop Edir Macedo

God's justice



Over time, the constant repetition of injustice has numbed our society. Many people have become so used to it that they no longer feel bothered, nor do they turn to the Righteous Judge—God—for help. But the Holy Scriptures guide us clearly: "But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6:33)

This verse teaches us that divine justice isn't automatic—it must be sought after with faith, surrender, perseverance, and trust. So, here's the real question: are you willing to seek God's justice, or would you rather just keep complaining about the injustices you've been facing?

To speak to this, Jesus told a parable about a persistent widow and an unjust judge (Luke 18). He wanted to show us that God brings justice to those who cry out to Him day and night. Even if the answer seems delayed, it will come. Just like that widow refused to give up, even when the judge ignored her, we must keep praying and trusting. God sees everything. He knows the truth. He acts at the right time. Human justice may fail—but God's justice is perfect.

In biblical times, widows were often marginalized and lacked the rights and support others had. Although Mosaic Law offered them protection, most widows lived without help, many in extreme poverty. So when a widow had a legal issue, she usually wouldn't even bother seeking justice, knowing society didn't value her voice.

But this particular widow didn't let her condition stop her. She kept pushing until the unjust judge finally gave in. Through this story, Jesus



shows us that if even a corrupt judge can deliver justice because of persistence, how much more will God act on behalf of those who seek Him? After all, He is the very definition of true justice.

So the real issue isn't whether God's justice will come—it's who it will come to. Not everyone is willing to pursue it with perseverance.

True justice starts from the inside out. Human courts can make mistakes, but God's court never does. He rules in favor of those who trust Him. But there's something else: to receive His justice, we must also live justly in His eyes. Those who walk in righteousness can be confident that God is compassionate and attentive. He hears every prayer.

If you've been feeling consumed by injustice, it's time to let go of that weight. Make things right with God. Don't give up when challenges arise. Stand firm, and seek His justice with faith. After all,

"Will not God bring about justice for His chosen ones, who cry out to Him day and night? Will He keep putting them off?" (Luke 18:7)



"It was unfair to lose my son to addiction"

into K2. He would disappear for days, wandering the streets and coming back filthy.

As time went on, he began having violent episodes and even tried to hurt himself. One day, he attempted to take his own life. He threw himself against a metal door, broke his teeth, and was badly injured. His father and I spent the whole night trying to keep him from hurting himself. At one point, he started biting people. We had to tie him up several times just to keep everyone safe.

Instead of blaming God, I looked inward and realized I was the one who needed help first. I saw that I had to take care of my own spiritual life before I could truly help my son. So I shifted my focus and started working on my relationship with God. That gave me the strength to keep going, even when things looked like they were get-

ting worse. Deep down, I trusted that God would bring justice.

During that time, Alexander's father passed away. That loss sparked something in him—he began to want change. As soon as he was released from the psychiatric clinic, we went to church together. That day, he decided to give his life to God. He was baptized in water and fought to let go of everything that was destroying him. It didn't take long before he received the Holy Spirit.

It took five years of persistence. Today, my son serves God. I feel fulfilled as a mother, and our home is filled with peace. By seeking the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, He gave me so much more than I ever asked for.

— Cristina Quintiliano, 48, shares how her son Alexander, now 28, experienced transformation through faith.

Experience the Power of God this Sunday

In 2019, Patricia faced one of the most difficult moments of her life—she suddenly lost vision in one of her eyes.

After a series of tests, she received a frightening diagnosis: a brain tumor located in an extremely delicate area. The surgery would be high-risk and complex.

But one doctor accepted the challenge, and the tumor was completely removed.

Just when it seemed the battle was over, another scare hit: a serious pulmonary embolism. She couldn't receive conventional treatment, so her children turned to what they knew best—prayer and faith.

Then the miracle happened. Patricia was healed, with no lasting effects. Today, she stands strong, healthy, and full of faith, surrounded by her loving family. You, too, can turn to faith for healing—whether for yourself or someone you love.



“Free from a serious pulmonary embolism.”



“I should’ve been dead.”

I was dealing with an enlarged heart, an enlarged thyroid, constant bleeding issues, and crippling migraines. I was taking 17 pills a day and felt like I was on the edge of death.

Even after multiple blood tests, the doctors still couldn't figure out what was wrong with me.

My weight dropped from 205 to 145 pounds—my clothes were hanging off me.

Everywhere I went, people offered me a chair because I was always out of breath.

I tried everything, but nothing worked. That's when I decided to come to this ministry and put my faith in God.

Slowly but surely, my strength started to come back. My appetite returned. And for the first time in a long time, I wasn't depressed anymore. — Maxine



“I dealt with back pain for almost a year.”

Some days, I couldn't even get out of bed. I had to rely on my family just to move around, and there were times I had to call out of work. I couldn't do anything on my own. For several days, I even had to wear a back brace just to get by. When I finally saw a doctor, he told me I had a dislocated disc in my lower back. He referred me to a therapist, and although I started treatment, it didn't really help.

That's when I decided to lean even more on my faith. I drank the blessed water every day and prayed. I also applied some of the water directly to the spot where I felt the pain. Today, I'm completely healed!

— Farah



Receive the healing waters
this Sunday at your nearest Universal Church





| MESSAGE |

Bishop Joshua

Who can judge your case?

When you're facing a serious legal issue that needs to be resolved in court, there are a few things you naturally think about.

First, you'd want a fair judge to handle your case, right?

Someone who will consider every detail carefully and make a decision that's just and unbiased.

With that in mind, you'd do everything you could to present all the evidence that supports your case. And, ideally, the judge would have no choice but to rule in your favor.

Now, if human judges are capable of delivering justice, how much more will God—the ultimate Judge—grant justice to you?

That's exactly what this Bible verse is saying:

"And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them?"

—Luke 18:7 (NKJV)

It's unjust to live in poverty if



God's Word promises abundance.

It's unjust for your family to be broken, your marriage to fall apart, or for you to live in constant sickness.

And you can probably name more injustices that you're dealing with.

God is ready to judge your case—and rule in your favor.

God is ready to judge your case—and rule in your favor.

But you have a part to play: cry out to Him, day and night. Don't give up until you see His answer.

And don't worry—you won't offend Jesus by doing that.

He wants you to come to Him. He wants to hear your cry.

Jesus, the Just Judge, will never let you down.

May the God of the Bible bless you.

"Is the destruction of my family fair?"

I've always been a dedicated wife and mother. I made sure everything I did contributed to the well-being of our family. My husband, Vitor, and I had a relationship built on communication, respect, and companionship.

In 2008, we went through a major financial crisis, and that's when Vitor was introduced to the Universal Church. As he started attending the meetings, I noticed changes in his behavior—but I refused to go with him.

As time passed, Vitor started seeing improvements in his financial life, but he hadn't yet had a true encounter with God—and that showed in our relationship. I'll admit, my own lack of wisdom also played a part in the growing distance and conflict between us.

Eight years went by like this. Then one morning, everything changed. Vitor was blunt and cold: "I want a separation," he said. In that moment, it felt like the ground disappeared beneath my feet. He told me he was tired of me—and that he was already seeing someone else.

I was overwhelmed with pain. I couldn't eat. Gripped by anger and heartbreak, I followed him at times, and more than once, in my desperation, I wanted to throw myself into traffic.

Then a close relative suggested I go to church. I finally did. At the meetings, I was welcomed with open arms by the church workers, pastors, and bishops. No matter who I spoke to, they all told me the same thing:

"Take care of yourself, and let God take care of the rest."



So I did. I started praying more. I made vows. I sought to truly know God. I kept going, week after week.

One day, during prayer, I asked God a question that had been weighing heavily on me:

"Is the destruction of my family fair?"

That day, I surrendered my marriage to Him and trusted that His will would be perfect, whatever the outcome.

Then something changed in me. I felt peace. I went to my husband and said, "God will take care of me and our children." I remember the look on his face—it shifted. There was doubt, even concern, in his expression.

That was the moment we decided to face reality and fight for our marriage.

And God brought justice.

Over the next few months, we fought—together. God restored us from the inside out. He healed our marriage. He healed our family.

Today, we have peace at home. We trust each other. We walk in companionship. We're happy. And now, we share with other couples the lessons of intelligent love we practice every day.

Luciana Regina da Silva, 52
Married to Vitor Albuquerque, 53

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What's happening at the Universal Church

A mother's desire



This was the heartfelt request that store clerk Patricia Sanches, now 39, brought to the Altar a few years ago. Patricia first came to the Universal Church after suffering a miscarriage six months into her pregnancy. Becoming a mother had always been her dream, and she continued trying—but heartbreakingly, she experienced two more miscarriages.

She was already attending church when she decided to make a vow at the Altar, putting her faith into action. “I always wanted to have a child. I felt it was unfair that I couldn’t. The doctor told me that after so many miscarriages, I’d never be able to carry a baby again. But I chose to believe,” she recalls.

Patricia describes what she did next: “I got down on my knees before God and went all in—either it would happen, or it wouldn’t.” Not long after making that vow, she became pregnant with her first child, Letierri Sanches, who is now 18

years old.

Two years later, she gave birth to her daughter, Leticia Sanches, who is now 16. For Patrícia, this was the greatest justice God could have done in her life—especially after being told by doctors that she could never become a mother. She says her two children are among the biggest blessings she has ever received.

Patricia turned to the Righteous Judge—God Himself. The Bible says He is our judge, our advocate, our lawgiver, and our witness. Imagine bringing your case before a court where your Father is the judge, your older brother is the defense attorney, and your best friend is the key witness in your favor.

That’s how God works in our lives. In Luke 18:7–8, Jesus makes this promise clear:

“And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

Do you know how to fight injustice?

Many people have gotten used to living with their problems—but God calls us to break that cycle by seeking the justice that comes from above.

“I felt like a failure”



curse at it.

Then one day, I hit rock bottom. I sat down on the sidewalk and broke down in tears. When I got home, I ended up watching a Universal Church program on TV. I swallowed my pride, and together with my wife, we decided to go to a service.

That’s when everything started to change. Our eyes were opened to what true faith and God’s justice really meant.

We made a decision to trust in God. We made things right with Him, got baptized in water, became faithful with our tithes and offerings, and began to obey what was taught from the Altar. It wasn’t an easy road, but as we practiced justice and remained faithful, God gave us strength. It took ten years of perseverance before we saw a breakthrough in our finances—but we never doubted.

During that time, we always put our spiritual life first, and we were baptized with the Holy Spirit. Today, we’re living God’s promises. We have a blessed family, a happy marriage, and nine successful businesses. But our greatest treasure is knowing that we have the Holy Spirit—that He guarantees our salvation.”

— Testimony of Mr. Formaggio, 60, married to Mary Formaggio, 56



“I tried to change, but kept falling; I needed God’s justice.”

“I started using drugs when I was 16, beginning with marijuana. But over time, I wanted something stronger. That’s when addiction took over my life. I started using cocaine, ecstasy, and ‘lança-perfume’ (a kind of inhalant). These substances messed me up completely—both when I was high

and when I wasn’t. I couldn’t even tell right from wrong anymore.

For years, I tried to fill the emptiness I felt inside with the things of this world. But the more I tried to change, the worse things got. I kept falling into new problems. I sank into debt, destroyed relationships, lost jobs, lost my dignity—and nearly lost my life more than once. To keep feeding my addiction, I hurt a lot of people. I stole and lied to people who trusted me, just to get money. My life became a mess because of all the wrong I was doing.

After hitting my head against the wall so many times, I realized I was losing my family. That’s when I made a decision. I already knew about the work of the Universal Church, and I knew that was the place where I’d find the help I needed. I went to a service and accepted a challenge given by the man of God: meditate on God’s Word for seven days. That week was full of temptation, but I chose to submit to God and live in a way that was right before Him. To please Him, I let go of all the wrong I was doing.

That surrender led to my complete

freedom from addiction and a total change in who I was. I got baptized in water, had a real encounter with God, and the things of the world no longer appealed to me. I started to find joy in the things that are holy. My relationship with my family was restored, and today I have peace inside me. Now, I want to help other young people understand that only God can fill the emptiness in your soul and truly change your life.”

— Testimony of Augusto Peterson, 22

Where can you find true justice for your life?



A judge can order a man to pay child support—but he can't make him return to his wife's arms. Only God has the power to transform that man into a loving husband and father, and to restore that family completely. Human justice can release someone from prison, but only God's justice can set a person free from addiction, crime, and a broken character. It doesn't just bring physical freedom—it brings spiritual freedom and total transformation.

While earthly justice is limited and imperfect, Divine justice is limitless and perfect. Which one have you been seeking? Maybe you've already stood before earthly courts multiple times and still haven't received the full justice you were hoping for. And how could you? There's only one place where true justice can be found: at the Throne of God.

Seek the favor of the true judge

And you—what's been causing your pain, your bitterness, your unhappiness? What has been holding you back from truly succeeding in every area of your life? Where have you been placing your trust? In human justice—flawed and incomplete—or in Divine justice, which is perfect and whole?

You can make a request anywhere, but a complaint belongs in a courtroom. So where—and to whom—have you been presenting yours?

Job had a complaint, just like everyone who has ever suffered injustice. But he took time to realize that he could bring his case before God's Altar and finally receive the answer he longed for. Today, as Christians, we already know the way. Maybe up until now, you've turned to experts, lawyers, family, or friends—and none of them could truly help. But in the days ahead, you'll have the opportunity to take your case of injustice straight to the Throne of God: the Altar. In a human court, witnesses are required. But in God's court, what matters are proofs. Words can lie. Witnesses can be bribed. But evidence speaks for itself—it can't be denied. It doesn't need anyone to defend it.

So when you bring your complaint, will you come with just words—or with proof?

The proof you present at the Altar determines which court will hear your case—and who will judge it. Visit a Universal Church near you to learn more and take your case to the only court where justice is guaranteed.

“God brought Justice to my marriage.”

Discover Silvana Medeiros' story and see how her life was completely transformed. My name is Silvana Medeiros. I'm married. I grew up in a peaceful home. My parents had a beautiful, blessed marriage, and I dreamed of having the same kind of happiness when I got married. But things didn't turn out that way. I truly wanted to be a good wife. And honestly, I believe I was. I took care of the house, looked after the kids, and tried to always be present. But my husband preferred spending time with his friends at bars instead of being with his family. That made me feel incredibly alone.

When he did come home, it was usually early in the morning—and drunk. That's when the fights would start—both verbal and physical. And the worst part was that our children had to witness it. Then one day, I found out he was cheating on me. I didn't deserve that. I wasn't born to accept that kind of injustice. So I started searching for answers. Wherever someone said I could find peace or clarity, I went. I visited different spiritual groups, looked into Spiritism, tarot readings, anything—because I desperately wanted a solution. But none of those paths brought me any real change. That was the most painful part—knowing he chose to be with someone else instead of staying with me.

One night, I was home alone and turned on the TV. A woman was sharing her story, and everything she said sounded just like what I

was going through. She said her life had changed. Then a pastor started preaching about a new life—a life most people don't know because they don't know God. He said people who are suffering injustice often don't realize it's because they're far from God.

That message struck something deep in me. When I started learning about the Word of God, I began to understand what it meant to live in justice. I decided to get baptized, because I wanted to live a just life with God—and



to finally see His justice in mine. But my situation hadn't changed yet. I was still separated. Then came the “Purpose of Justice,” and I said to myself, Now it's my turn to surrender everything. I went up to the altar, took an envelope, and told God, What do You want me to put in this envelope? I didn't want it to be just a simple offering—I wanted it to be a real sacrifice, something that would grab God's attention. A vow of justice.

I prayed over that envelope, gave all I could, and when the time came, I placed it on the altar. The moment I stepped down from that altar, I knew—without a doubt—that the victory was already mine. God was with me. And I believed that on the



right day, He would bring justice into my life. One Sunday, I came home from church and was having lunch. I had learned something important: even if my husband wasn't there, I would still keep the house clean, set the table, and prepare meals with love. While I was clearing the table, the doorbell rang. My daughter looked out and said, “Mom, it's Dad. He wants to know if there's lunch.” I told her, “Yes—invite him in.”

After we ate, he sat down and asked if I would take him back.

From that moment on, everything changed. He started attending church services, got baptized, stopped drinking and smoking, and left his lovers behind. Now, he goes to work and can't wait to come home and be with us. We built a beautiful house together. Each of us has a car. We even traveled abroad earlier this year. If you're going through what I went through—if you're suffering—go to the altar. Seek God's justice. Be obedient, even if you don't fully understand at first. Be just. What He did for me, He can do for you too.

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POSITIVE CHANGES



"I used to struggle with depression and suicidal thoughts."

I battled depression, anxiety, and suicidal thoughts. Nothing brought me lasting peace—until I came to the Universal Church. Surrounded by an atmosphere of faith, I felt the presence of God. The weight I had carried for so long finally lifted, and for the first time, I experienced true joy. Reading the Bible and growing closer to Christ completely changed my life. I made the decision to get baptized because I chose to live for Him. Now, I have peace and happiness like never before.

— Nashalie Sanchez

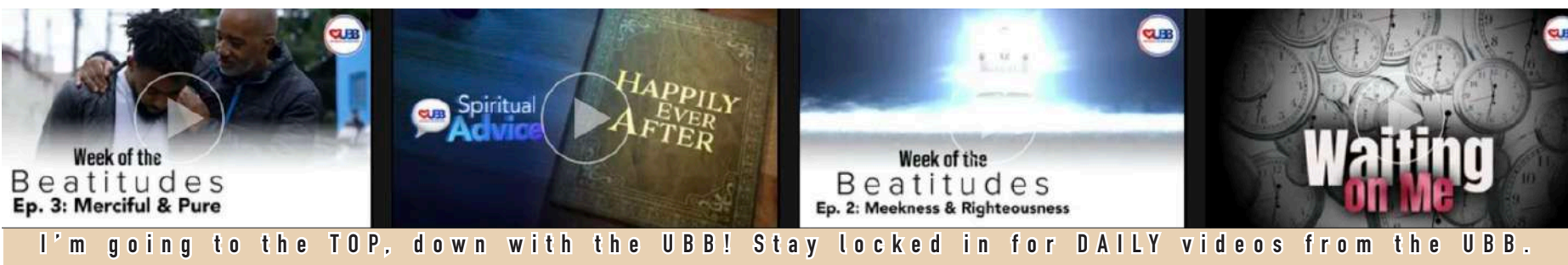


Mega Dance inspires youth nationwide

This June, the Youth Power Group hosted an unforgettable event that brought young people together from across the country. Mega Dance was a high-energy celebration of dance, music, and rap—showcasing the creativity, talent, and passion of youth from all walks of life. But it was more than just entertainment. The event carried a powerful message of faith, leaving everyone who attended feeling uplifted and inspired. It was a day filled with unity, purpose, and a strong sense of community—proving that faith and creativity can move a generation.



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Sixth Plague: Boils, “If you don’t listen, you will feel.”

We’re back with the sixth plague—boils that broke out on the skin of the Egyptians. Up until this point, the plagues had affected things around them: their water, their land, their animals. But now, they had to feel the pain directly on their own skin. It was no longer just a warning—it was personal.

How many times have you been given the same advice? Heard the same warning? Watched others make painful mistakes—and still went down the same path? There’s a saying: “If someone won’t listen, they’ll have



to feel.” What does that mean? It means if you don’t learn by hearing or observing, you’ll eventually learn through pain. Think about the child whose parent says, “Don’t touch the stove. It’s hot.” Some kids listen and avoid the pain. Others need to feel the burn before they believe the warning.

So... how stubborn have you been? Maybe you’re starting to realize it now. You thought you knew better—you ignored the signs, brushed off the advice—and it landed you right in the middle of the very thing you were warned about. Maybe your parents told

you, “Don’t go there. Don’t hang out with that person. Don’t make that decision.” But you didn’t listen. And now? You’re feeling the consequences. In Egypt, even some of those who once worshiped false gods turned to the God of Moses for help when things got unbearable. Sound familiar?

How many people turn to God only in moments of crisis—begging for relief—then turn their backs as soon as things get better? That’s not how it should be. God isn’t someone to be used or played with. “So the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, ‘Take handfuls of ashes from a furnace, and have Moses scatter them toward heaven in the presence of Pharaoh. It will become fine dust over the whole land of Egypt, and festering boils will break out on people and animals throughout the land.’” — Exodus 9:8-9

How long will you let yourself suffer? Will it take ten plagues of your own before you finally change? Or will you choose to listen today, so you don’t have to feel it tomorrow?





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**"FOR MORE THAN 10 YEARS,
DRUGS BECAME MY FAMILY."**

– JAMIE

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*I told myself
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I was addicted to drugs for a really long time, and it got bad. I started off smoking weed, but eventually, I moved on to PCP.

PCP—also known as “angel dust”—is a drug that causes intense hallucinations. It distorts how you think, how you see the world, and how you feel. You lose your sense of self, and even your connection to reality.

But it didn't start with PCP. I had been using drugs since I was 16 and stayed hooked until I was about 30. During that time, I started partying and hanging out with the wrong crowd. That's when I was introduced to PCP, and everything went downhill from there.

The drug stole my self-esteem, isolated me from my family, and left me completely alone. I was at rock bottom. I thought my family would always be there, but even they had reached their limit.

They told me, “If you choose drugs, you won't have a family anymore.”

I was desperate and had nowhere

to turn. I checked myself into a facility to get help. But even inside that room, I saw terrifying things—shadows, hallucinations, things that haunted me. Spiritually, I was broken. At that point, drugs still felt like the only thing that gave me any “relief”—or so I thought.

Eventually, I was arrested because of my behavior while high. My addiction had led me to jail. But after I was released, something unexpected happened. I was flipping through TV channels when I came across the UBB ministry.

Bishop Joshua was preaching, and I remember him saying, “Place your hand on the TV.” I did it. I prayed with him. Then I called the number on the screen.

I started attending the Friday services for deliverance, and that's when everything changed. My cravings for drugs disappeared.

I told myself, “If I want to be a woman of God, I have to live in a way that's right in His eyes.”

The deliverance prayers helped me shift my focus from addiction

to healing. They helped me find strength, purpose, and a new direction. Today, I am completely free from the darkness of addiction. I now walk in the light. I never imagined I'd be free—my life used to revolve around drugs. But through faith, God set me free.

So I'm telling you: give yourself a chance. Put God first. Anything is possible.

If you're struggling, I truly recommend reaching out to the UBB ministry. They care. They don't judge you. They listen, they guide you, and they walk with you every step of the way. “You won't be alone—because where the UBB is, God is present too.”



Jamie Today

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Jarilene Staque's story is one many people can relate to. Her family lived in poverty, and she was one of 16 siblings. As a teenager, she left school to work and help her parents make ends meet. She took on cleaning and ironing jobs to help pay the rent for the small house she shared with four others, located in the backyard of a relative's home.

She dreamed of moving to the "Big City" to build a better life. But those dreams were quickly put on hold. "I got pregnant, we decided to get married, and my mother-in-law let us stay in her backyard," she recalls. "That's when I felt like my dream of living in the big city had died."

For years, her husband was the only one working, and they struggled to get by. That's when Jarilene had a realization: she had always lived in someone else's home, never owning anything herself. "I felt like I was doomed to live a life of failure—and I got used to it," she says.

But everything began to change when she received an invitation to attend a service at The Universal Church. From her very first visit, she believed her life could turn around. Through the teachings at the church, she learned about the importance of honoring God through tithing—and doing it the right way.

"I didn't have a job, but whatever came into my hands, I separated the tithe. The problem was, I wasn't putting God first," she admits. "I received some blessings, but I wasn't giving the first 10 percent. Then I understood—God doesn't just want any part; He wants the first fruits, not just from my finances, but in everything I do. That's when everything started to change."

Jarilene had a small perfume shop at the time, but God



opened the door for her to start a larger store. Though she felt some fear about the expansion, her faith was stronger. Eventually, her business grew beyond cosmetics and expanded into the supermarket industry—with God as her only partner. This all began just before the pandemic in 2020. "I had no money, no experience—but God honored me," she says. Even during the challenges of the pandemic, another opportunity arose, and she opened a second store. Today, her business has grown to generate ten times the revenue it once did. She's also branching into new ventures and career opportunities. Despite having no formal education, Jarilene says she's not worried—because her trust is in God. "People ask me how I manage it all, and I simply say, 'Thanks be to God.' When I look back, I can see how much I've grown. God gave me wisdom and direction. What keeps me going is putting Him first—and myself second. Everything I do is to glorify Him. Tithing is nothing compared to what God gives me every day. It's all His," she says, smiling.



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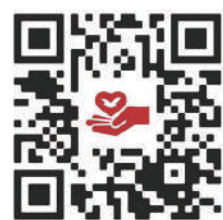
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