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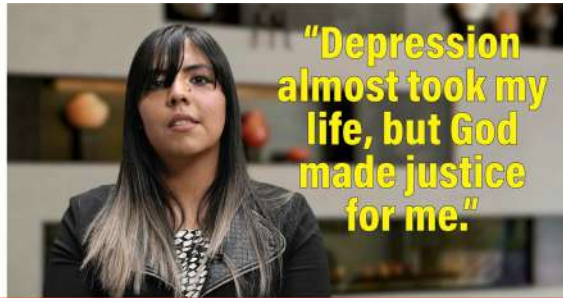
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What's been unjust in your life?

We live in a world full of injustice—being lied to, betrayed in a relationship, cheated in business, or robbed of something valuable. These aren't rare situations; they're everyday realities for many people.

But injustice isn't just about being taken advantage of. It's about carrying pain you were never meant to carry. Think about it:

- Is it fair to stay loyal in a relationship, doing everything you can to make it work, only to be cheated on?
- Is it fair to fight for change in your life, only for the past to keep showing up and holding you back?
- What about sickness that won't go away? A broken family? A marriage hanging by a thread? Constant insecurity that blocks your every effort to move forward, even when you're doing your best?

None of that is fair. But here's the truth: If you believe in God—the righteous Judge—you have the right to demand the abundant and blessed life He promised. It doesn't matter if your situation feels “normal” or if others are going through the same thing. Why accept something less than what God has promised you?

So how can you claim what's rightfully yours? Think about this: Would a thief be allowed to file a police report after someone stole a car he had already stolen? Of course not. It doesn't make sense. And yet, that's how many people approach God. They want Him to bring justice into their lives, but they ignore His guidance or even go against His will. It's not enough to want justice—you need to live in line with His Word.

God's justice comes by faith. And those who live by faith are considered righteous—not perfect, but obedient. When they turn to Him, He moves on their behalf. That's why we're starting the Campaign for Justice. We're inviting everyone who wants to see justice in their lives to visit the Universal Church near them and learn more. What injustice are you facing? Bring your case to the righteous Judge. He's ready to hear you.

| 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. **You can overcome depression!**

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Bishop Edir Macedo

Justice



God is filled with countless undeniable attributes and virtues. But above all, there is one that serves as the foundation for every other: **Justice**. Without justice, none of His other virtues—love, mercy, holiness, or truth—can truly stand. And because He is holy and righteous, He expects the same from us. He calls us to be holy, pure, faithful, respectful, and obedient. Why? Because without these qualities, it's impossible to have a true relationship with Him.

No matter how deep His love or how great His mercy, God's holiness and justice won't allow Him to bless those who refuse to walk in righteousness.

When we talk about justice, we're not talking about religious rituals or traditions. We're talking about practical faith—a living, active faith that justifies us before God and makes us right in His eyes. And here's the incredible part: the same God who demands justice from us gives us the faith we need to become righteous in the first place! That's powerful!

When we live by this faith, we simply can't accept the injustices that hell tries to impose on our lives. That same faith stirs up a holy anger within us, a refusal to accept what is wrong. It moves us. It pushes us to fight for what is right. That fight comes from God Himself—He is the One who encourages us to stand up and claim our rights.



God doesn't want us to live like spiritual beggars, silently suffering and putting up with injustice. No! He wants us to react. Just like Abraham did, He wants us to bring our problems to Him boldly. This is the faith of the Universal Church: we don't bow our heads to the devil or accept defeat.

Why? Because we are descendants of Abraham!

“Put Me in remembrance; let us contend together; State your case, that you may be acquitted.” Isaiah 43:26

This is the kind of faith we must have. It's the only faith that will allow us to see God's justice in action in our lives.



Vanessa shares how she overcame pain, depression, and cancer by trusting in God's justice.

My name is Vanessa, and I came to the Universal Church in 2015. At the time, I was deeply sad, depressed, and my marriage was falling apart. I came seeking a complete transformation in my life.

Through the messages I heard and the guidance I received, I learned how to use my faith. I fought for my marriage, for my life, and for my daughters. My husband and I rebuilt our relationship. I got baptized and had a real encounter with God. Later, I was baptized with the Holy Spirit.

But one day, everything changed. I started feeling pain throughout my body. At first, it was manageable—but over time, it got worse. I went to the doctor, had a biopsy done, and was diagnosed with cancer. It was a squamous cell carcinoma, and it caused ulcers to form on my vulva.

ended up bedridden for six months. I couldn't do anything—not even something as simple as brushing my daughters' hair. I needed help for everything, even just to get out of bed.

There were nights when I spent seven days straight on the couch because I was in so much pain that no one could even touch me to help me move. I lived on medication—my pain was unbearable. I couldn't eat. I couldn't go to the bathroom. I couldn't do anything on my own. The tumor had already ruptured and was open on my body, making it incredibly painful to walk.

But even in the middle of that pain, I believed in the Word. I refused to accept that disease in my body. So I turned to the Altar. I picked up my envelope, convinced that my miracle would happen through my faith—especially during the Justice Campaign. I told God that I would give my best—my everything—as a sacrifice of justice, because what I

“I beat cancer through my faith.”

Eventually, I had to undergo surgery, and they had to remove lymph nodes from both sides of my groin. I

was going through was simply not fair. It wasn't right for me to be living like that. My husband and I gave our all. We went to the Altar with complete certainty that God would work a miracle. That confidence burned inside of me. And that's exactly what happened.

My healing was total and complete. I didn't need chemotherapy or radiation. People who saw my struggle—who watched me suffer so much—witnessed the power of God in my life. Today, I take care of my daughters, my home, and I get to enjoy outings with my family and my husband. I live a peaceful and normal life, completely healed, thank God.

God's justice was fulfilled in my life—even the doctors were amazed by what happened. Now, I'm able to give my best and do God's work. I help others who, like me, come to church needing justice. I guide them to the Altar—because I know what it means to go there. I know what I lived through. I know the pain I felt. But I didn't ask God to take my life—I asked Him for justice for what I was going through.

I overcame cancer through my trust, my faith, and the Justice Campaign.



"No more depression or back pain."

Last year, I was in a car accident that injured my back. I couldn't walk, bend, or do anything. I became depressed because I wasn't able to do the things I loved—like playing with my grandchildren, working out, or even just enjoying life. It all pushed me into a deep depression.

When I went to the doctor, he prescribed medication for both the pain and the depression. But honestly, all I wanted was to stay in bed. One morning, I woke up and turned on the TV. That's when I came across the Showdown of Faith. I kept watching, and soon after, I started going to the Universal Church. I joined the chain of prayer, and little by little, things started to change.

Today, I'm completely healed. I'm no longer depressed. I go to the park, I play with my grandkids, and I feel amazing. —Martha



"My sister is finally home and feeling so much better."

For a long time, my sister struggled with severe swelling throughout her body. She was constantly in and out of the hospital—at least three times a year. It was painful to watch her suffer like that. But every Sunday, I went to church, drank the blessed water, and prayed for her healing with all my heart. Today, I'm so grateful to say that she's finally home and feeling so much better. I truly believe it was the power of faith and prayer that made the difference. —Ms. Marcia



**RECEIVE THE HEALING WATERS
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"Free from heart problems."

For years, driving trucks was how Luiz, now 50, provided for his family and lived with dignity. His wife, Adriana Belo, 51—his life partner and a woman of faith—stood by him through it all for more than two decades.

The illness

It all started back in 2019, when Luiz began fainting frequently. At first, doctors couldn't pinpoint the cause. "They said it was a heart issue, something about clogged arteries," Adriana recalls. "But the truth is, no one could tell us exactly what was wrong."

While Luiz was hospitalized, Adriana made prayer vows and brought consecrated water from the Universal Church every Sunday, giving it to him to drink. She also said their children joined her in praying for their father's healing. One of the most unforgettable moments came when Luiz returned to the same cardiologist who had initially diagnosed him.



Luiz remembers it clearly: "The doctor stared at my test results for nearly 20 minutes. He looked confused. Then he said, 'It's like you had a heart transplant. Your heart looks completely different—it's new.'"

For Adriana, there's no doubt what happened. "It doesn't just look like it, doctor," she told him. "This was the hand of God at work in my husband's life."





| MESSAGE |

Bishop Joshua

God is angry about this



God is a just Judge. There's no unrighteousness in His decisions. He's not like a regular judge—human judges have limitations. For example, a judge in New York can't issue rulings in Australia. But God's judgment knows no borders. It applies everywhere, all the time. And while human rulings can be overturned, God's verdict is final.

Many people have faced injustice and wondered why they've received evil in return for doing good. They ask themselves, "Does God see what's happening to me?"

The answer is yes—He sees it all. And no, He's not okay with it.

"God is a just judge, and God is angry with the wicked every day."

—Psalm 7:11

God is not the cause of your pain. On the contrary, the Bible makes it clear: He's angry when He sees evil. He doesn't play favorites. He's not swayed by influence or status. Everyone who comes before Him is guaranteed a fair hearing.

So stop thinking your situation is hopeless. Don't believe the lie that your case is lost. Bring it to the Just Judge, and let Him do more than you imagined.

May the God of the Bible bless you!

"I suffered injustice in my marriage"

Cosme and Rose share their story and explain how Divine Justice brought them back together.

Wife: My marriage was a mess—an absolute disaster. He had several women on the side, and he even left our home to live with my best friend. He betrayed me and abandoned me for someone I trusted completely. She was so close to me that when she came over, I would take him out of our bed, put him on the couch, and let her sleep comfortably in our bed. That's how much I trusted her. And at the first chance she got, she took him away from me. I gave everything to someone who stabbed me in the back. That pain lasted around eight or nine years.



with my best friend, and I ended up starving. I didn't even have basic food to eat.

Husband: I cheated on my wife with her best friend. I made her suffer a lot, and to this day, I feel deep regret for everything I did to her. We used to fight—physically—right there in the street or in front of anyone. Our life was miserable. The house was a wreck—dirty and falling apart. It even rained inside. It was hell.

Wife: I had nothing left in me. I fell into a deep depression. I remember lying on the bathroom floor after making a phone call to him. His mistress answered and said, "Your husband is mine now. Go find another man."

He was with her in the car when I called. She picked up and said, "He belongs to someone else now. Got it?" That moment was rock bottom for me. It was unbearable. But that pain pushed me to look for help.

Someone invited me to church—right at my gate while I was still lying on the bathroom floor. I accepted the invitation because I couldn't take the anguish anymore. Before I came to the Universal Church and discovered the power of God, I had nothing. I was ashamed. He had left me to live

Husband: She tried to kill me twice. Once, she threw alcohol on me and was ready to set me on fire—she couldn't take the pain anymore. Our life was a living hell.

Wife: Through that Campaign for Divine Justice, I saw God's justice in my marriage. Today, thank God, I'm completely changed. That shame is gone.

My husband has become the man I always dreamed of. I always asked God for a completely restored family, and now, my husband is my best friend. In him, I have everything I need—after God. There is no more misery in our home.

Husband: The change started with her. I saw how much she had changed, and through the campaign she joined, I felt moved to go to church too. That's when I started making my own vows, going to the altar, and letting God transform me.

Today, thank God, we're financially blessed—we have a beach house, an apartment, and multiple properties. But more important than all of that, we have peace. Peace and salvation—that's what really matters.

JUNE 2025 BIBLE READING



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What's happening at the Universal Church

"I was forced to make a life threatening decision"



It had been four years since Lucia's adoptive mother moved in with her new partner. At first, it felt like a perfect home—stability, a complete family, and a stepfather who treated her like his own daughter. But everything took a dark turn.

"The night before my mom was supposed to come home from the hospital after surgery, it was a very cold evening," Lucia recalls. "I was sitting in the living room, using the desktop computer, wearing jeans, a sweater, and my outdoor coat. My stepdad was nearby, slumped on the sofa, drinking wine and watching TV. But as I passed by him to head upstairs to my room, he grabbed me and threw me to the floor. He pinned me down with his full weight, his face inches from mine, and forcefully ripped open my coat, reaching for my clothes. Desperately, I clutched my clothes and fought back. His eyes looked black, like he was staring into my soul. I had learned to pray from a young age, so I whispered, 'God, please don't let this happen to me.' Just as I finished, he suddenly let go and laughed evilly.

I sprinted upstairs, frantically searching for a safe place to hide. Alone and terrified, I pushed my wardrobe against my bedroom door and curled into a fetal position, struggling to process what had just happened. My body ached, and I kept replaying the terrifying moment. I felt ashamed. Eventually, I had to face him. When I did, he acted like nothing had happened. But he threatened me, saying that if I told anyone, especially because of my mom's surgery, she would die. I believed him. So, I kept silent, but something inside me changed. My anger turned into a dark emptiness I can't even describe. I began to rebel and became aggressive.

Three months later, Lucia confided in a friend. It didn't take long for the secret to reach her mother. Filled with guilt and finally understanding Lucia's sudden change, her mother confronted the stepfather and asked him to leave. But things were never the same. About a year later, her mother met someone new, and they moved to France. She then arranged for Lucia to visit her biological father in Namibia. But what Lucia thought was a visit turned out to be permanent. Her mother stayed in France. "I couldn't believe it. I felt completely betrayed. My father didn't want me, but he thought my studies were important, so he kept me. After four years at university, my biological mother reached out, and I jumped at the chance to be with her. But our relationship was a disaster. We constantly argued and couldn't see eye to eye."

Later, Lucia entered a relationship with a married coworker who was 20 years older. "Honestly, I wasn't attracted to him at all. It was my lowest point. Trying to fill the void inside me, I threw myself back into my studies. The man financed my move abroad and paid for my degree. While abroad, Lucia found the Universal Church and began attending services three times a week. But she still struggled to change her life. "Inside, I was a mess. I would laugh and smile, but I felt empty. At night, I cried myself to sleep. I had no peace. I even planned my own funeral because death seemed like the only way out. I pretended everything was fine, posted happy photos, and kept telling people I was okay, hoping it would eventually be true. I drank heavily and smoked to numb the pain.

"During one church service, the pastor said, 'For your life to change, you need to exchange your burden for a new one.' That day, it finally clicked. My life hadn't changed because I hadn't truly applied what I was being taught. I started practicing everything I learned and used my faith. I ended the relationship with the older man, but quitting alcohol was a huge battle. With support from the Universal Church, I gradually let go of all my bad habits and forgave my parents and everyone who had hurt me." Today, I've reconciled with my family and through faith, have completely turned my life around." -Lucia Morais

"Depression almost took my life, but God made justice for me."



My name is Mary. I'm 24 years old, and I'm a nurse. Ever since I was a little girl, my parents constantly argued. I witnessed a lot of abuse from my father toward my mom, and it deeply affected me. Growing up in that environment, I started to believe that happiness just wasn't meant for me. If my parents couldn't be happy, I thought I never would be either. By the time I was 12 or 13, I felt like I didn't even have a reason to live. I felt incredibly alone. I tried to make friends, thinking that would help, but it didn't. Eventually, I started isolating myself, staying locked in my room all the time. I didn't want to go out. I developed an eating disorder. I was anxious and constantly nervous, and I started eating a lot to cope.

Then things started getting even worse. I began hearing voices. I heard people calling my name when no one was there. I saw things moving—sheets, mirrors. I felt like I was going crazy. Suicidal thoughts took over. I thought, *If I'm already living scared, depressed, and hopeless, what's the point of going on?* The first time I tried to end my life, I took pills. Then, I actually threw myself in front of a car. I survived, but I broke my leg. After that, I told myself I had to follow through and end it. The voices in my head kept getting louder: "You don't deserve to live. No one loves you. No one will ever care about you."

Eventually, I decided to hang myself. I remember grabbing the rope and tying it up earlier that day. I stood on the table, put the rope around my neck, and kicked the table away. I couldn't breathe. I felt myself fading. But then the rope snapped. It

broke. I tried again—two or three times. Each time, something stopped it. Either the rope broke or something else went wrong. I ended up with a scar on my neck, but I was still alive.

I had already been attending church before that, but maybe I hadn't truly believed. After that final attempt, I made a decision: *If there's a way out, God, You have to show me. I didn't want to be religious. I just wanted a real solution.* I remember walking into the church, taking a deep breath at the door, and saying, "God, I'm here. I believe, and I want my life to change." And something shifted. I felt peace. Real peace. I could breathe again. That same night, I slept through the night without any fear, for the first time in years. The voices stopped. The visions stopped. The anxiety, depression, and fear—they all began to fade.

That moment was the start of a new chapter. I said, God, I want the Holy Spirit. I don't want to live by feelings or emotions anymore. I just want You. One day, during a service, the pastor invited those who truly wanted the Holy Spirit to come forward. I went up to the altar and poured out my heart. And I received the Holy Spirit. It's hard to explain what that felt like. I was already happy, already free from depression and fear, but receiving the Holy Spirit was something greater. It brought me complete peace. It was like I didn't need anything or anyone else. I knew, without a doubt, that God was with me—and that was enough.

I told God, *If You saved me, it's so I can help save others.* Today, my life is completely transformed. I have a beautiful, blessed marriage. My husband is in church with me, and he also received the Holy Spirit. We have two children, and we are truly happy. *If you're going through something and you're looking for a way out, I want to invite you to the Universal Church. I can honestly say, it was the best decision I ever made.* When you walk through those doors, you will receive God's Justice, you'll feel what I felt—a peace that words can't explain. And you'll know you've found the right place.

NEWS

YPG: GA CLEANS THE CITY



Community Give Back: Our Youth Group in Georgia hit the streets today to make a difference! Partnering with the City of Atlanta, we collected over 25 bags of trash helping to clean up and care for the community we call home. Giving back is a core value we teach our young adults, and today's effort was a great example of that in action. Even the City Commissioner expressed appreciation for our contribution to making Atlanta a better place for everyone.

Want to get involved? Give us a call at **1-888-332-4141** — we'd love to hear from you!



CLEANING UP MY LIFE!



Before joining YPG, I felt completely lost. I was depressed, isolated, and struggling with social anxiety. I was angry at God and didn't want to be around anyone. But after I started attending YPG, everything began to change. I slowly opened up and started becoming myself again. Now, helping young people and saving souls has become something I truly value and prioritize every day. Today, I'm a YPG Leader who loves being active in the community. I'm incredibly grateful for the direction YPG gave me.

Don't give up, God's not finished with you yet!

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Justice and its effects

What is justice? Simply put, it's giving each person what they rightfully deserve. But it's also about doing what is right and fair—that's where the name comes from. More and more, people are trying to overcome their problems, but the truth is, human justice alone isn't enough to solve them.

Let's look at a few examples. A father has a son who ends up in prison. Maybe he got involved with the wrong crowd or turned to crime—it doesn't matter how it happened. Desperate, the father spends everything he has on lawyers to get his son out. In many cases, the sentence is reduced, and the young man eventually walks free. But the chances of him going back to a life of crime are high. The legal system may be able to restore his freedom, but it can't change who he is. Now imagine if that father, instead of spending all his money on lawyers, had turned to the Righteous Judge. The chances of seeing his son truly transformed would have been much greater.

Another situation: someone receives a serious medical diagnosis. They run from doctor to doctor, desperately looking for a cure—until the doctors finally say there's nothing more they can do. Despite all the medical advancements, science still has limits. And in moments like this, people feel helpless, even wronged by life. But who could turn things around if not the Righteous Judge, the Doctor of all doctors? Human justice exists to defend our rights, and we should make good use of it. But it isn't perfect. In this world, if you can't afford a good lawyer—even if you're innocent—you may not have anyone to defend you. In divine justice, everyone who chooses the Lord Jesus has someone to defend them. That's where true Justice comes in—God's justice—which doesn't leave the gaps that human justice often does. There are countless stories, even in this very newspaper, of people who turned to divine justice and now live the life they once dreamed of. God's justice can be sought and obtained, but first, it must be practiced. That also means following human laws, which were originally based on the Ten Commandments. When we live in obedience to God, we bring His justice into the world.

As it is written: "I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and justice for the poor." Psalm 140:12

If you're in need of divine justice in your life, visit the nearest Universal Church and learn more about the power of justice.



"The Spirit of Justice made me happy."

Every human being longs to be happy. It's a constant pursuit. Whether in life's simplest gestures or the boldest dreams, people are always seeking fulfillment. Daisy, a woman who experienced God's Justice in her love life, and found the happiness she had been searching for. Read her story.

My name is Daisy, I used to dream of finding happiness in love. I met someone and truly believed he was the one. But he drank a lot—and since I came from a home where my father was an alcoholic, it brought back painful memories and trauma. Because of that, we fought constantly. Every single day. If he was five minutes late, it would ruin the entire evening, no matter what plans we had. And whenever he talked about breaking up, I'd threaten him—I'd say, "If you leave me, I'll kill myself. I'll kill you." I was aggressive, unstable. Eventually, he couldn't take it anymore and walked away. He stopped answering my calls. He left me.

That abandonment took me to the lowest point in my life. I thought I would never recover because he was the only man I had ever truly loved. I spent my nights wishing I wouldn't wake up. I didn't leave the house for three months. I shut myself in my bedroom, depressed, crying nonstop. I couldn't sleep. But during one of those sleepless nights, I started watching a TV program. I didn't even realize at first that it was from the Universal Church. I kept watching because the words comforted me. At the end, they invited viewers to attend a service—and I decided to

go. It was a Sunday. When the voice from the Altar said, "You can be happy. You can build a family. You can have a home," I clung to that hope. I said, "That's what I want for my life. If there's a just God, I want to know Him."

But I also realized that I had to change—because I wasn't easy to deal with either. I had a tough personality. So I said to myself, "I'll do whatever it takes to be happy."

I started making just and righteous decisions before God. I changed completely. I wanted to be different. I wanted to live a clean life. I wanted to be fair—because if I wanted God's justice, I needed to live justly before Him.

So I gave up the habits that didn't please Him. I changed my behavior, my friendships. I let go of my temper. I left behind the party life. I quit smoking and drinking—nobody told me to. I chose to do it because I wanted a serious life with God.

That's when I received the Spirit of Justice—the Holy Spirit. That became my greatest treasure. That's what truly changed my life. Not what I was hoping for in the future, but what transformed my present was encountering the Spirit of Justice.

Even though I had already made my sacrifice and received the Holy Spirit, I was still single. And I started to question God: "Lord, I want the rest of my justice. I want to be fulfilled in love too."

Then came the Campaign of Justice,



and I went all in. I made a vow. I said, "God, now I will be happy, because You are the Righteous Judge." I gave my best—my highest salary, not just any paycheck, but the best I had—and placed it in the envelope as my offering. I had complete certainty that God would answer me. And He did.

Not long after that, I noticed a man at church. He had been attending already, but something inside me—the Spirit of Justice—told me: "That's your future. That's your dream."

We started talking. We dated for just three months before he proposed. We got married, and today I'm completely fulfilled in my love life. We have two children. I'm not just married—I'm happy. There are many people who are married but still miserable. Not me.

The Spirit of Justice came into my life, and He made me happy. There's real love between us. He treats me so well, far better than I could have imagined. Every sacrifice I made on the Altar was worth it. Absolutely everything.

Fast of Daniel



The Fast of Daniel From June 22 to July 13

Many people use their energy and time on activities that pull them away from God. During this special period, the goal is to put distractions aside and focus on what matters most: the Holy Spirit.

These days, distractions are everywhere—news, videos, games, and social media are constantly stealing people's attention and time. We've never had access to so much information before, but the problem is that all of it competes for our focus and fills our minds with things that often don't matter.

Not only do these distractions take away time that could be spent with family or working on personal goals, but they also shift our attention away from what's most important: a close relationship with God and the pursuit of the Holy Spirit.

Many Christians spend hours watching videos online or flipping through TV channels, only to realize at the end of the day that they didn't invest in their relationship with God. That time could have been spent in prayer or reading the Bible. Little by little, they also drift away from their salvation.

Technology, of course, offers many benefits, but it can also be a tool used by the enemy to take our focus off of eternal life. As a result, people start living only for the moment. That's why Christians must stay alert and examine their priorities, just like the

young man Daniel did. Even while living in a foreign land surrounded by pagan culture, Daniel refused to let anything contaminate his faith or distance him from his relationship with the Creator. The Bible shows us that he set himself apart from the customs of the world around him. He was careful about what he ate, took care of his health, and prayed three times a day—morning, afternoon, and night—even when it became illegal to pray to anyone other than the god of that land.

Inspired by Daniel chapter 10, which describes the moment when he chose to fast for 21 days to seek favor, wisdom, and understanding from God, the Universal Church promotes the Fast of Daniel from June 22 to July 13.

During these 21 days, the goal is to abstain from secular information and entertainment and use that time to focus on things that truly matter.

This purpose is a way for people to reclaim the time they usually spend on distractions and instead use it to reflect on how they're living, explore new ways to grow closer to God, and strengthen their relationship with the Creator through fasting and prayer. A sacrifice for the Holy Spirit

These will be three weeks of daily sacrifice and spiritual growth—so the Holy Spirit can dwell in the lives of those who haven't yet received Him, and be renewed in those who already have. After all, what guarantees our salvation isn't just our works or actions, but living a righteous life before God and being filled with His Spirit, which

is the guarantee of eternal life.

As Jesus said in Matthew 7:21, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of My Father who is in heaven." And to do that, we must live according to His commandments.

Don't miss this opportunity

Don't let this opportunity pass you by. Take part in the Fast of Daniel and encourage your family and friends to join in as well. Embrace this time to grow closer to God, experience real transformation, and become a better version of yourself.



For years, Talita Teixeira lived with the pain that abuse caused her. "I was molested when I was 12 by someone close to me. I started to hate the person who had done this to me, and I became rebellious. I started to blame my family for not protecting me and to take out my pain on everyone at home. My nickname was 'the devil of the family'. I heard that if I didn't exist, no one else would have any problems. So I told myself that I would put an end to it and kill them. I grabbed a knife and thought about doing it while they were sleeping. However, when I came to my senses, I ran to the bathroom and started to hurt myself: I cut my wrists, thinking that I could relieve

the pain. The thoughts of suicide started to appear and increased. I thought that it was my fault and that, because I went through all that, God didn't exist," she says. As time went by, she sought relief from parties and addictions. "I was empty and needy, and I needed to be surrounded by people and acceptance. In addition, I suffered from insomnia constantly. I had complexes and imagined that I would never be happy."

"Eight years ago, my cousin wisely started inviting me to go to Universal Church and I accepted. I remember saying that I would sit in the back row and I was very arrogant. During prayer, I resisted closing my eyes, until I heard God Himself speak to me through the pastor. She says that night, she managed to sleep. After a month, I decided to be baptized in water, but it was difficult for me to forgive those who hurt me and to forgive myself. "When the Fast of Daniel came, the penny dropped. My thirst for God began to grow and I recognized that I needed help. I ate and slept thinking about the Holy Spirit. I began to express my need to Him and, soon, the Holy Spirit no longer seemed like a distant person, but someone close to me, but I needed Him within me. My thoughts changed and I asked for forgiveness from everyone I felt hatred for. It was on the last day of the Daniel Fast that I received Him. I felt such great peace and joy! I received the greatest wealth of my life," she says.

Today, Talita can speak of the transformation that only the Holy Spirit is capable of bringing about: Now, I am an example for my family. I am a different person."



7TH PLAGUE OF EGYPT

God's WRATH:

Many people know that God is merciful. In fact, most prefer to focus only on His mercy—because that part is comforting. But did you know the Bible also says that God is just? That He is a God of justice? This is the side of God many choose to ignore: His justice.

Yes, God is merciful—but His mercy is not endless for those who take it for granted. Eventually, if someone continues to reject His voice and mock His patience, that mercy runs out. So the question is: how long will it take for you to wake up?

Take Ramses, for example. He didn't believe God would actually send the plagues. I'm sure he had his doubts, especially after hearing how the Israelites talked about their God. But what Ramses didn't understand was that God's mercy was for

through His servant, but was mocked and ignored. Eventually, He had to act.

Maybe you've said things like, "My life is a living hell," or "Why do I always get the short end of the stick?" Maybe you've even wondered, "Am I cursed?" In some rare cases, a curse can come from something outside your control. But most of the time, the pain and suffering people experience come from their own stubbornness—from



repeatedly taking God's mercy for granted. So don't get mad at God when you see His wrath. Don't complain when your life is falling apart if you've been ignoring His voice. We reap what we sow. Ramses reaped destruction because of what he sowed. He didn't just provoke God—he mocked Moses, threatened him, and even when he was afraid, he never truly repented. That's why his heart stayed hardened.

Be careful. A hardened heart will lead you straight into God's wrath—and maybe you've already started to see it in your life. But there's still hope. Repent while there's still time. Turn back to God and you will find mercy—real mercy—for those who humble themselves before Him.



the obedient—those who humbled themselves and chose to serve Him. Now think with me: what kind of person would continue honoring someone who constantly disrespects them? Sooner or later, anyone's patience would wear thin. Now imagine God—perfect, holy, righteous. He kept speaking

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DAY WITH MOM: STRINGFELLOW AND LUTHER UNIT

The UBB hosted its “Day with Mom” event at the Stringfellow Unit and the Luther Unit on Saturday, May 10th and 17th, respectively.

At the Stringfellow Unit, the day began with a heartfelt prayer from Chaplain Leith, who warmly welcomed all the moms and their sons. Major Juarez also spoke on behalf of the Unit’s administration, welcoming everyone to the event. The inmates expressed their love and gratitude through songs, poetry, and sincere words from the



heart. Some of the mothers also shared words of encouragement with the group and thanked the Unit for the opportunity to spend precious time with their sons.

Several moms hadn’t seen their sons in over eleven years. Some hadn’t shared a meal with them in more than fourteen years. One 74-year-old mother traveled all the way from Seattle, Washington, just to be there with her son. The atmosphere was filled with emotions—tears and laughter, hugs and kisses, prayers, and moments of deep connection. It was a time to bond, to reconnect, and to simply enjoy being together.

Many mothers repeatedly thanked the UBB for



making the event possible. The sons served lunch to their moms and sat down to eat with them, taking time to talk and reconnect. After the meal, each son gave his mom a rose and shared a slow dance with her—a beautiful reminder of a mother’s love and warmth. Several moms had traveled for hours to attend, and many said the long journey was worth every mile.

Some left with faith that, by next year, their sons would be home with them. One of the UBB volunteers shared a powerful word of faith and prayed for the restoration of families, believing that these sons would one day be reunited with their mothers in the free world. The event ended with smiles, tears of joy, and hearts full of gratitude.

At the Luther Unit, the event was just as moving.



Sons escorted their mothers into the gym and even pulled out chairs for them—showing love and respect from the very start. Chaplain Barnes opened with a warm welcome and prayer. The Warden went above and beyond by personally decorating the space and staying for the entire event. She not only shared words of encouragement but also served meals to the moms.

She made sure that every inmate had a chance to hug and kiss their mom goodbye at the end of the day. The program was filled with touching

performances—songs, poems, and messages of love and appreciation for the mothers. Many moms shared how much they love their sons and how they’ve never given up on them, no matter what. They encouraged each other to keep trusting God, the One who always has the final word.



There was a moment of light-hearted laughter when moms were asked to share stories of when their sons used to get into trouble. One mother said her son would run from her, but she would wait until he was asleep to discipline him. Another said, “Boy, I’ll beat the devil out of you!”—a moment that brought smiles and chuckles to the room.

As at Stringfellow, the sons served meals to their moms with pride and joy, then presented them with a rose. A UBB volunteer shared an uplifting word and prayed for each mother to one day hold her son again in her arms at home. One mom hadn’t shared a meal with her son in over eighteen years. Another walked more than two miles just to be there, because she hadn’t seen her son in four years.

Both mothers and sons expressed deep gratitude to the Luther Unit and the UBB for hosting such a powerful, emotional, and unforgettable day.



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From holes in my shoes to owning nine businesses

What are you willing to do to see justice in your financial life? If you want to receive the answer you're looking for, you must be willing to give up what's unjust. Here's something you need to understand:

In a world filled with injustice and corruption, living a righteous and upright life takes sacrifice. And it gets even harder when your heart falls into the trap of comparison. It can feel like those who lie, cheat, and manipulate are the ones getting ahead—while those who try to do what's right are left behind. This illusion has misled many, causing them to focus only on short-term results and forget what they're sowing for the future.

"I FELT LIKE A FAILURE."

"I always believed in God, but my wife and I belonged to a religion that kept our minds closed to His greatness. After we got married, we moved to a small town, but we struggled just to pay rent. Even though we worked hard, we lived in deep poverty.

That situation brought a lot of other problems. I felt like a complete failure for not being able to give my family a better life—for wearing worn-out shoes to work and going hungry. At the same time, I was filled with pride. I had heard about the Universal Church, but I hated it. I would go out of my way just to pass by one of their buildings and shout insults.

But God's Word is clear: "...whatever a man sows, that he will also reap." Galatians 6:7

Injustice is the fruit of sin. Justice, on the other hand, is the very expression of God's character. That's why when someone repents, turns away from wrongdoing, and gives their life to the Lord Jesus, they begin a brand-new journey. In God's eyes, they are considered righteous—not because of what others do, but because of their own decision to live according to His will.

Those who choose righteousness resist sin and put God first in everything. This doesn't mean life gets easier—sometimes, it actually gets harder. But in the middle of



One day, I hit rock bottom. I sat on the sidewalk and started crying. When I got home, a program from the Universal Church was playing on the TV. I swallowed my pride, and together with my wife, we decided to go to a meeting.

That's when everything started to change. We began to understand what true faith and justice really are.

We chose to trust God—for real. We made things right with Him, got baptized in water, and became faithful with our tithes and offerings. We committed to obeying everything we learned from the Altar. It wasn't easy, but as we walked in righteousness, God gave us strength.



the battles, there's peace, because the foundation of the righteous is the Word of God, not their emotions. Even if the world mocks those who walk in obedience, God sees their faithfulness—and He honors them.

It took ten years of perseverance before we saw a breakthrough in our finances—but we never gave up. During that time, we made our spiritual life our number one priority. We were baptized with the Holy Spirit.

Today, we live in the blessings of God. We have a happy family, a strong marriage, and nine successful businesses. But our greatest treasure is the Holy Spirit—He is the One who guarantees our salvation."

—Silvio and Maria



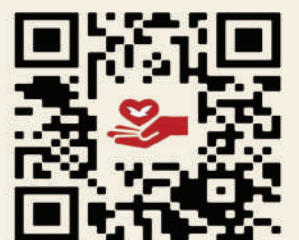
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