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Divine Justice

Every human being is born with a sense of justice. We instinctively know right from wrong, and we naturally feel outraged when we experience or witness unfairness. If you've ever gone through an unjust situation—or are facing one right now—you know just how frustrating and painful it can be.

When we strive to do what is right and live with integrity, we expect to be treated the same in return. Unfortunately, that's not always the case. Many people, despite doing their best to be fair and just, still find themselves facing injustice—in their homes, relationships, love life, or even at work. Some clear examples include:

- Working hard for years without recognition or reward
- Being falsely accused and paying the price for something you didn't do
- Being a loyal and faithful spouse, only to face betrayal
- Parents who poured their lives into their children, only to be abandoned by them

The list goes on. But here's something even deeper to consider: for those who believe in God, the greatest injustice is not seeing His Word fulfilled in their lives. It is an injustice to believe in a great and powerful God, and yet live a life that doesn't reflect the promises written in the Bible. Maybe this is where you find yourself right now. So, who's to blame? And more importantly—how can you see the fulfillment of God's Word in your life?

First, we need to understand something crucial: **God is not the author of injustice**—the devil is. God is just. He cannot do both good and evil. Once we grasp this truth, it becomes clear that we must not accept our unjust situation. We must revolt—not with hatred or anger—but with faith, perseverance, and clean hands. Justice is achieved not through emotions, but through action. It happens when we express our faith on the Altar of God. As it is written: "Now, will God not judge in favor of His own people who cry to Him day and night for help? Will He be slow to help them? I tell you, He will judge in their favor and do it quickly. But will the Son of Man find faith on earth when He comes?" Luke 18:7–8

God is looking for those who will stand in faith and trust in His justice. But justice will only come to those who claim it. **If you want to see justice in your life, you must take your case to the Divine Supreme Court, which is the Altar of God.** That's why every Universal Church is holding the Campaign of Justice. In this special campaign of faith, we are presenting our cases before God, believing that His justice will prevail.

As you continue reading, you'll learn more about this campaign and read the real-life stories of people who overcame injustice through their faith. Now it's your turn to do the same.

| BEATING DEPRESSION |

Depression is more than just feeling down—it's a heavy, overwhelming sadness that weighs on the soul. It brings a deep sense of hopelessness, drains your energy, and can make even the simplest tasks feel impossible. In its most severe form, it can even make life feel like it's not worth living. Depression isn't just in your mind—it affects your spirit. So, who can truly heal the soul? Only the Savior, the Lord Jesus, has the power to restore a heart that's hurting.

That's why every Sunday, **The Universal Church** opens its doors to anyone struggling with depression. If you're in need of help, we welcome you to visit the nearest location. Join the **Chain of Prayer**—a seven-week journey where you'll receive spiritual strength through powerful prayers, practical advice, and one-on-one support.

You're not alone in this fight. Thousands of people around the world have found hope and healing through faith, and many have shared how the Chain of Prayer changed their lives. You can be the next story of victory. You can overcome depression!



Bishop Edir Macedo



Who can ask for God's Justice?

"Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God." —Romans 8:7–8

It doesn't matter if you call yourself a Christian, belong to church A, B, or C, or serve as a pastor, assistant, or missionary—if you're living in the flesh (in sin), you're not pleasing God.

Only those who are born of God and baptized with the Holy Spirit live by the Spirit. But what does that really mean? To live by the Spirit means to walk in faith, to live a life of sacrifice and righteousness. As it says in Psalm 4:5: *"Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord."*

You can't offer righteous sacrifices while living in sin. If you enjoy what pleases the flesh, then you're feeding unrighteousness—because the flesh and its desires go against everything God stands for. How can someone claim to be of God, to live in truth, while still living in lies?

It simply doesn't work.

You can't mix light with darkness.

You can't combine unrighteousness with righteousness.

You can't blend lies with truth.

We're in the final stretch of the **Campaign for**



Justice. Every day, we're praying and crying out for God to act on our behalf. But here's the truth: if you live in righteousness, you have the right to ask for God's justice. You can take hold of what He promised. On the other hand, if you're living in unrighteousness, how will you stand before God's court?

If you truly want God's justice, then you need to live in righteousness. And that requires sacrifice. Let go of the lies. Let go of the things that please the flesh. Turn away from everything that's wrong. Cleanse yourself, purify your heart, and examine your life.

This Sunday, July 13, make sure you're ready to stand before God with boldness—able to call on Him for His justice with confidence and faith.



"I lost everything in just one day"

around her seemed to be collapsing, she didn't let her faith be shaken. Instead of giving in to fear, she turned to God—she turned to the Altar. She held on to God's promises and refused to accept defeat. She made a bold decision to challenge God on the Altar for justice.

around for the better." - Sheila



"I lost nearly half a million dollars when I suddenly lost my business and my home. It had taken me 17 years to build everything from the ground up, but in just one day, it was all gone—a flood hit my city and wiped everything out.

As if that weren't enough, during the chaos of the flood, I was also diagnosed with an aggressive type of breast cancer. When I first got the diagnosis in August, they found one lump. But when I went back for a follow-up in October, three more were found. That made four tumors in the same breast."

At the time all this happened, she was already attending services at The Universal Church. And even though everything

"I went to God's Altar and gave my all. After presenting my challenge, I came down with the certainty that my answer was on the way—and God honored my faith. In just six months, everything I had lost was restored and even better than what I had lost. I was able to restart my business, and it's doing very well. I was able to build and furnish another home. Financially, my family and I are stable—we don't lack anything.

God also healed my body. The cancer in my breast completely disappeared two months after I climbed the altar. Today, I am cancer-free, thanks to Him. Injustice came, yes—but God took up my case. He brought justice into my life and turned it all

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Experience the Power of God this Sunday



“I injured my left ankle.”

It was swollen and extremely painful, so I went to the doctor. After taking X-rays, the image came out very cloudy—you couldn't see the bone clearly—and it showed three fractures in my ankle. The doctor looked concerned and couldn't say when I'd fully recover. I was also worried because I needed to work.

I came to church and used the blessed water there and at home. The pastor also prayed for me. After that, I went back to the doctor for another X-ray. This time, the image was clear, the bone looked bright white, and there was no sign of any fractures. It was a miracle. The doctor was amazed, and I was overjoyed.

—Shandra



“I used to cry from the pain at night.”

The Sunday before last, I took two bottles of blessed water—one for myself and one for my husband. His doctor had just called with some worrying news: his blood sugar was 320, his cholesterol was 98, and his A1C was 9.5. The doctor said those numbers were dangerously high and told him to come in right away. My husband started drinking three sips of the blessed water every day, and little by little, his blood sugar started to go down. As for me, I drank the water, prayed in Jesus' name, and applied it to my face, asking God to heal the pain in my body and clear up the pimples on my skin.

Today, I'm completely pain-free—and God has also blessed me with a new job.

—Hazel

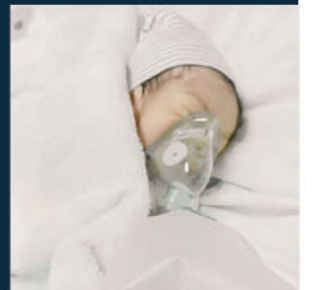
“My son's lung could burst at any moment.”



At just 24 days old, Gael was diagnosed with respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), a viral infection that affects the respiratory tract and is particularly dangerous for infants. “It all started with a severe cough.”

Joice says that in addition to labored breathing (due to excessive mucus production), Gael's oxygen saturation dropped to 75%, when the normal level should be above 92%. “That's when I panicked,” she recalls. Joice began using the blessed water from the Universal Church and prayed for her son's healing. “My mother-in-law would bring us the water every Sunday,” she says.

Five days after returning home, Gael was diagnosed with RSV again and had to be hospitalized for another 15 days. Joice shares how she reacted: “I didn't know what else to do. The only prayer I could say was, ‘My God, either You heal him or take him, because I know he is saved.’”



After that, tests showed that his lungs were clear and there were no lasting effects. “His recovery was remarkable, and he hasn't had any complications since his last hospitalization.” In total, Gael spent 65 days between hospital stays and emergency care. Today, he is healthy and not on any medication. “He's doing well with no issues at all. This is the answer to a mother's cry—exhausted, heartbroken, but who found strength in God,” Joice concludes.



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| MESSAGE |

Bishop Joshua

Living without lack



Ever felt like the weight of the world was yours to carry? Like if you don't hold everything together, it'll all fall apart? You try to anticipate every outcome, solve every problem, and stay ten steps ahead—but instead of peace, all you find is pressure. The truth is, that weight was never meant for your shoulders.

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."

— Psalm 23:1

This verse isn't just something nice to hang on a wall or post on social media.

It's not just comfort—it's courage. Not just words—it's surrender. If the Lord is your Shepherd—you're not lost in the noise. You're not forgotten in the mess. You're being led—even there.

"I shall not want." Not because life is perfect. Not because I have it all figured out. But because He's enough.

He doesn't promise we'll skip the storms—but He does promise to walk with us through them.

He provides when we don't know how the ends will meet. He protects us when we don't even see the danger. He leads when the path feels hidden. And when we're too weak to move, He doesn't push—He carries.

Maybe you're in a low place right now—stuck, unsure, waiting for something to finally go right. Nothing's moving. Nothing makes sense. But listen—really listen: You're not forgotten.

You have a Shepherd—not just any shepherd, but a good One. You don't need to chase, fight, or fear what's missing. You walk with the One who never runs out. Let go of the weight that was never yours to carry. You are not alone. Not for one moment.

May the God of the Bible bless you!

JULY BIBLE READING 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 GENESIS 15 ✓	2 GENESIS 22 ✓	3 GENESIS 37 ✓	4 GENESIS 39	5 GENESIS 40
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From drug mule to a new life with the Holy Spirit

Read Luiz Diego's journey



Luiz Diego once had everything going for him. He worked as a paramedic, saving lives and earning the respect of those around him. On the surface, his future looked bright. But life took a devastating turn when he suffered a painful heartbreak. That emotional blow sent him spiraling into a deep depression. For two long years, he shut himself away in a dark room, numbing the pain with alcohol and cocaine. The vibrant man he once was slowly disappeared.

He lost his job at the emergency medical service and with it, his sense of purpose. At his lowest, desperate for a way out, he accepted a dangerous offer from an ex-convict: to smuggle drugs across international borders. With nothing left to lose, Luiz stepped into a world he could never have imagined.

He began trafficking drugs in different countries. The money flowed, the lifestyle looked glamorous—but inside, Luiz felt emptier than ever. On his final trip, things took an even darker turn. The drug syndicate wouldn't let him see his family and locked him in a hotel room. Then the Federal Police arrested him at one of the airports.

But the real nightmare was just beginning. His final destination was meant to be the Philippines—a country where drug trafficking carries a mandatory death sentence. A federal officer, sensing something was wrong, intervened and detained him. That moment became Luiz's wake-up call. He was behind bars, alone, lost, and staring into the abyss.

While serving his sentence, something unexpected happened. Luiz had always felt bitterness toward the Universal Church. But when volun-

teers came to the prison and held a small service, curiosity got the better of him. He sat in the back, quietly watching. Slowly, the messages began to stir something inside him.

Then came a moment he would never forget. After being transferred to another facility, Luiz encountered a pastor who looked him in the eye and said, "If you don't have strength, I do. This fight is mine now." Those words pierced through the walls he'd built around his heart.

Not long after, he watched a televised service from the Temple of Solomon. Bishop Macedo read from 1 Corinthians 1:27–28, speaking of how God chooses the weak and despised to shame the strong. Luiz felt as if the words were meant just for him. With tears streaming down his face, he walked to the front of the prison chapel and surrendered his life to God.

But the story didn't end there. At the same time, without knowing

what was happening to her son, Luiz's mother—already strong in her faith—had taken his case to the altar during a special Campaign of Justice. Miraculously, not long after making his vow in prison, Luiz was granted temporary release. He

went straight to the altar and fulfilled his promise. There, he sought God with all his heart—and received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Then came the test. Luiz was arrested again, unjustly, due to an old warrant. But he was no longer the same man. Filled with a newfound peace, he used his time behind bars to preach to his fellow inmates. Denied visitors, he gathered them every day to watch services streamed into the prison. He didn't let the darkness of the prison consume him—instead, he brought the light of the Holy Spirit into it.

Today, Luiz Diego walks free. His record is clean. He works as an independent painter, living a simple, honest life. He has the respect of his family—and something he never found in his old life: peace.

"I'm not rich," he says, "but I have the Holy Spirit. I have peace. And that has no price."

Luiz's story is more than a personal triumph. It's a reminder that transformation is real. That no one is too far gone. That even in the darkest places, faith can break through. Luiz Diego is living proof.

"I'm not rich, but I have the Holy Spirit. I have peace. And that has no price."



What's happening at the Universal Church

Divine Justice: The choice that moved God's hand



When the altar becomes the only hope

Elisangela's condition seemed beyond saving. Diagnosed late with advanced Chagas disease, she weighed only 50 pounds, couldn't eat or walk, and relied on diapers and a feeding tube to survive. For two years, her family took her from hospital to hospital, but every doctor said the same thing: "There's nothing more we can do." The case was deemed hopeless. One specialist even refused to treat her, saying he didn't want to carry the burden of her imminent death.

Faced with this heartbreaking situation, the family decided to raise money for a funeral plan. To everyone, the end felt inevitable. But Camila, her daughter, made a different choice—she refused to help pay for her mother's coffin and chose instead to trust in the altar of God.

A decision that moved heaven

Her choice stirred anger among her relatives. "What do you mean you're not going to help pay for the funeral? You'd rather give money to the church?" they asked, outraged. But Camila stood firm. She chose to believe in what God's Word said—not in what her eyes saw, her ears heard, or her heart felt.

It was a bold act of faith—one that

caught the attention of the Righteous Judge. God didn't respond because Camila or her mother deserved it in any way, but because their faith showed that they were depending solely on Him.

By choosing the altar instead of the coffin, Camila gave a sign of faith that heaven could not ignore. Just like Abraham, who believed and was credited with righteousness, Camila believed—and God responded with justice.

God's Justice: The answer medicine couldn't give

Though she was extremely weak, Elisangela was brought to the altar. With great effort, she climbed the steps herself and placed her life in the hands of the Divine Court. Not long after, the signs of change began to show. To the doctors' surprise, she started gaining weight, eating again, and walking on her own.

Tests confirmed the miracle: the diagnosis of Chagas disease—once considered irreversible—had completely vanished. Doctors questioned the results and ordered more tests, but every single one came back the same: negative. The disease was gone, with no scientific explanation.

Today, Elisangela is fully healthy. "If I had agreed to the funeral plan, my mother would be dead. But I chose the altar, and God delivered justice," Camila declared.

Before



The impossible in love became reality through faith



Caio's story is a powerful example of what faith in the Altar can achieve. Born with a rare facial deformity, he endured numerous painful surgeries throughout his life. But the deepest wounds he carried weren't physical—they were emotional. Rejection, bullying, and childhood trauma led him to believe that love was something he would never experience.

"I had no hope of ever finding love. I was afraid of the world. In my early childhood, I was actually a happy kid, despite my condition. I was born with an extremely rare deformity—so rare, in fact, that only one other case like mine had ever been documented. But when I reached adolescence, everything changed. I started noticing how people looked at me. That's when I realized I was different. At school, I was bullied constantly. Because of that, I developed insecurities and complexes. I let my hair grow long to hide my ears and avoid standing out. I cried every day, asking God why He had let me be born like that. I felt deeply insecure. Then my parents separated, which only made things worse."

But everything began to change when his father invited him to attend a service at the Universal Church. There, for the first time, Caio heard the Word of God—and his self-image began to transform.

"My dad had found the Universal Church and invited me to come. The first time I walked in was on a Wednesday. I immediately felt a peace I had never known before. I decided to return the next day, to the

Love Therapy meeting on Thursday. That night, I heard the pastor say, 'Those who believe and are baptized will be saved.' I made my decision right then. I gave my life to God. I made a covenant with Him and began building a relationship. I started seeking the Holy Spirit. The day I received Him, I experienced a peace I had never felt. I felt joy, and I had the certainty that God was with me—that He was now my Father. From that moment on, I started to see myself as beautiful."

When someone receives the Holy Spirit, they begin to see themselves the way God sees them. That inner transformation is what makes them truly beautiful—and it's exactly what draws others to them. Even though Caio had been healed emotionally, he still dreamed of living a complete love life. So he began attending the Love Therapy meetings regularly, and he took his faith to the Altar during a special campaign.

"I refused to accept the injustice of never being loved. I believed God's voice and obeyed. I gave everything at the Altar and left with full assurance that my answer was on the way. Then I met Bianca. My first impression of her? She was beautiful—perfect. I took the first step to get to know her, and she was open to it. We started attending the Love Therapy together and began dating. At first, her family didn't approve, but through prayer and persistence, even that changed. After 1 year and 11 months of dating, we got married—on the altar. It was the happiest day of my life. Today, we've been married for two years, and we're truly happy. God honored my sacrifice and brought justice into my life." — Caio



WE DON'T JUDGE, WE HELP!
the sun comes out after the storm

Help YPG is a dedicated support group that empowers young adults facing mental health challenges—especially those who feel unheard or overlooked. Our mission is to create a safe, welcoming space where young people can speak freely, get the help they need, and feel truly supported. We're here to amplify the voices of those who feel silenced and to inspire hope, resilience, and healing through community.

Want to get involved or need someone to talk to? Give us a call at 1-888-332-4141 — we're here for you and would love to hear from you!



A NEW ME



My name is Faith

When I first started coming to YPG, I was struggling with anxiety, depression, and fear. I was living a double life—especially when it came to hiding relationships from my sister. Every time she asked me something, I felt anxious and kept lying because I was afraid of how she would see me. But YPG was different. It felt like family. Everyone had a story, and they shared it openly, without judgment. That made a huge difference for me. I decided to get baptized when I realized the life I was living was leading nowhere. I felt like I was sinking, and I knew I needed a fresh start. Baptism was my way of surrendering my life to God and choosing to walk in His direction. Today, I'm free from anxiety and depression. I don't live in fear or lies anymore, and I've found confidence in who I am.

Even if you're scared, speak up. Push past the fear—there's always someone ready to help you. Especially at YPG.

Are you facing injustice?

Learn how to present your case before God. The search for justice goes deeper than healing emotional wounds—it speaks to the very core of our existence. In our culture, justice is often tied to courtrooms, laws, and legal systems. But the hunger for justice starts in the soul. That's why, when life feels stuck, when evil seems to prosper without consequences, or when losses pile up until they feel normal, something inside us cries out: "Something needs to change." That's when faith rises—not as wishful thinking or blind optimism, but as a powerful force that brings into existence what doesn't yet exist (Hebrews 11:1). It's not a foolish faith, nor a naïve one, but a faith grounded in the very character of God.

The Bible reveals that God not only understands this longing for justice—He is just. His presence is marked by this defining attribute, and His justice is evident in countless biblical moments:

- When a third of the angels were cast out of heaven for rebelling against divine order (Revelation 12:4);
- When Abel's blood cried out from the ground after his brother Cain killed him (Genesis 4);
- When Noah was spared because of his righteousness in a corrupt generation (Genesis 6);
- When Abraham pleaded for Sodom—not by asking for mercy, but by appealing to God's justice:

"Will You really sweep away the righteous with the wicked?... Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is right?" (Genesis 18:23, 25)

These aren't just stories—they reveal a consistent truth: God's justice is part of who He is. His justice doesn't tolerate evil, yet it never abandons those who do what is right. It judges, but it also redeems.

"For the Lord is righteous; He loves justice. The upright will see His face." (Psalm 11:7) God expects to be sought. He invites the persistent prayer, the honest cry, the desperate voice of someone who has nowhere else to turn. He doesn't reject those who come to Him in their pain. When a person's faith rises in the face of injustice, something powerful happens—they come within reach of the Just Judge.

Divine justice only requires one thing: the willingness to seek it.

So ask yourself—how have you responded to the injustices in your life? Have you stayed silent, or have you pursued God's justice with faith and perseverance?

The Altar is where faith is tested—and honored. It's where we surrender everything and believe that no injustice goes unseen or unanswered by God.

This is the purpose of the Campaign of Justice—a call for those who believe that some stories only begin when faith takes action.

In the pages ahead, you'll read true stories of lives transformed through faith. Let them inspire you to take your case to the One who judges with righteousness and defends those who seek Him.



"The doctor told me this disease had no cure."

It started with painful blisters and sores on Mary Galdina's lips. The pain was so intense, she couldn't eat. Desperate for help, she went to the hospital, where doctors performed a biopsy. The diagnosis: pemphigus vulgaris—a rare, serious autoimmune disease.

"I had no idea what that even meant," Mary recalls. "But what scared me most was what the doctor said next: 'There's no cure for this disease. You'll need treatment for the rest of your life.' He also warned me that the medication could lead to other health issues, like high blood pressure and diabetes."

Mary began taking high doses of medication. While they helped ease some of the symptoms, they didn't offer a permanent solution. And the side effects were brutal. "I gained about 37 pounds," she says. "My body changed so much, I didn't even recognize myself. I stopped looking in the mirror—it hurt too much."

The lowest point

For about a year, Mary lived through constant pain. At the worst point, her mouth was completely covered in lesions that spread to her throat. When that happened, she lost her voice and couldn't eat for four days. "Even drinking water was painful," she remembers. "I had to use a straw, and even then, it burned."

Too weak to get out of bed, she was overwhelmed by pain and fatigue.



Her mouth was completely covered in lesions and she lost her voice.

Even basic daily tasks became impossible.

The practice of genuine faith

Though Mary was familiar with the faith taught at the Universal Church, she admits she hadn't fully lived it. But that changed. "At my breaking point, I made a decision," she says. "I turned to God in the

Campaign of Justice. I poured my pain onto the Altar."

The answer didn't come overnight, but Mary held onto her faith. "Every week I went back to the hospital for checkups," she says. "And each time, the doctors were amazed—the wounds were healing. No new sores were appearing."

The miracle

One year after taking her case to the Altar, Mary received the miracle she had believed for: complete healing. The medical team following her case was stunned.

"Today, I'm healthy, whole, and free. I have no scars, no pain, no dependence on medication," she shares. "Jesus gave me my life back. I was told there was no cure—but God had the final word."

"I threw alcohol on my body and set it on fire."

The Altar is where faith is both tested and honored. It challenges our limitations, asking only for one thing: the surrender of believing that every injustice will be made right. The faith that draws answers from Heaven is what the "Campaign of Justice" is all about. Some stories are only born when faith rises. On the following page, you'll read one of them. See how Victoria Amorim, a 25-year-old boarding assistant, experienced God's justice and achieved a complete life transformation.

"During my childhood, my mom worked and went to school, so my brother and I were mostly taken care of by my dad and grandmother. But then, both of them passed away. I was just 10 years old. After that, my mom started working two jobs, and during that time, I began to struggle with depression and started seeing psychologists."

Abuse and rejection left deep scars

"When I was 11, I met a boy at school who took me to a house where he and another guy assaulted me. I felt tricked, humiliated, and completely unprotected. When my mom found



out, she didn't believe me. She screamed at me, beat me badly, and told me I would become 'just another girl on the streets,' that no one would ever want me, and that I was worthless. One of the guys had recorded what happened and shared the video online. After that, I started drinking, smoking, and often blacked out. I was abused again. I began cutting myself and grew to hate my mother."

A downward spiral

"I later met another guy and thought we'd start a family. But he abused me and even cheated on me right in front of me. I was underage and pregnant when we broke up, and I moved back in with my mom. My son was born with severe allergies. While trying to support him, I met a young woman who made money through prostitution. At first, I

didn't have the courage to go through with it, so I drank to numb myself. I'd come home feeling filthy and used drugs just to sleep.

I did make money that way—but I lost it all to addiction and even overdosed. It was during one of those awful days that I met my husband. He had known the Universal Church but was no longer attending at the time."

"I tried to kill myself multiple times. In one attempt, I poured alcohol on myself and set my body on fire. I lost all my hair. I also jumped in front of a train, but someone rescued me. I saw my life as a huge mistake. I thought that if I had been born somewhere else, or if my husband understood my pain, I'd be happy. I didn't see that I was part of the problem—I thought everyone else was."

A new beginning

"In 2019, I went to the Universal Church with my husband. For a few months, I reconnected with God, but I didn't stay. I still couldn't forgive my mom—or myself. Even though I was married, I still longed for the world and everything it had to offer. After many


separations, I fell into depression again in 2024. That's when I made a decision: I chose to obey the Word of God.

Soon after, I received the Holy Spirit. When I met God and His justice, I also received the peace and love of a Father I never had—and discovered my identity as His daughter. I realized my worth, learned to forgive, and found how to love without expecting anything in return. God's Spirit filled the emptiness inside me and began to piece everything back together."

From chaos to peace

"My mom tried several times to slit her own throat. I saw it happen and wanted to help, but at the same time, I was terrified she'd hurt me too. I remember thinking, 'Should I step in? Should I tell her to stop?' But she was out of control. She'd take her anger out on me and hit me hard.

But everything changed when she started going to church. Now she prays, reads the Bible, and talks to us—something she never did before. Today, I finally feel at peace with my mom."




MONDAY TO FRIDAY
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JOURNEY TO THE ALTAR OF JUSTICE


**Join bishops and pastors
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So don't you think God will surely give
justice to his chosen people who cry
out to him day and night?
 Luke 18:7



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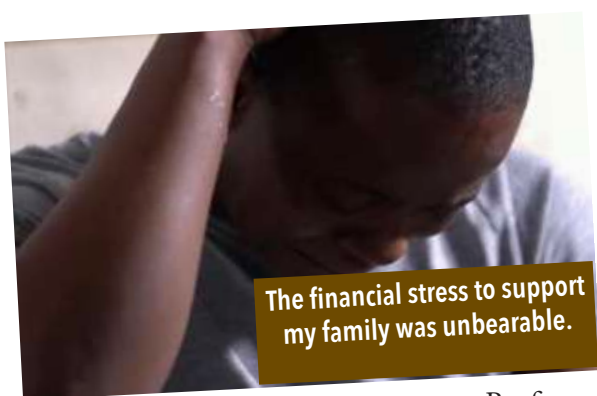
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The financial stress to support my family was unbearable.

Before I found out about the UBB (Universal Beyond Bars), my life was a mess. I used to drink, smoke, and jump from one relationship to another—even while I was married. I was making money, but it was never enough.

Eventually, I ended up behind bars, trying to

sometimes not even food to eat. I knew something had to change, or I'd end up in prison again—and this time, maybe for good. My family would be left all alone. Around that time, I met someone who went to the Universal Church. He invited my family and me to attend.

We accepted the invitation because, honestly, our lives were already falling apart. My wife and I figured it couldn't get any worse.

At church, we started learning how to have real faith and how to live in obedience to God. At first, it was hard for me to let go of my old ways—I was so used to that life.

But I came to understand that I couldn't truly walk with God while still choosing to live the way I did.

On top of that, I was hurting the people I loved the most, and I didn't want to do that anymore. Today, I don't drink. I don't smoke. I'm no longer caught up in multiple relationships. God set me free from all of that.

When I received the Holy Spirit, I received everything. He is my guide, my peace, my strength. He changed my mindset, gave me a new heart, and completely turned my life around. Now, in



MR. SIBANDA, AND HIS WIFE READING GOD'S WORD.



*I felt horrible,
I had left behind my
wife,
and my children to serve a
prison sentence,
it was the worst experience that I had
went through in my life.*

support my family the wrong way. When I got out of prison, I went right back to my old habits—partying, clubbing, and drinking. But one night, reality hit me. I saw that this lifestyle wasn't helping me or my family.

We had no money, and the little we did have, I wasted on myself—leaving them with nothing,

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**I REALIZED THAT GOD IS THE SOURCE OF MY STRENGTH,
AND I NEEDED TO SEEK HIM TO MAKE SURE THAT I
WOULDN'T GO BACK TO MY OLD WAYS.- Mr. Sibanda**



everything I do, God comes first. I look to Him for direction because I know what He's done for me. No material thing compares to the joy that comes from the Holy Spirit. My marriage, my family, and even my finances are blessed. God has filled every part of my life and more. My number one priority now is my salvation and the peace I've received from Him. When we seek Him first and find Him, everything else falls into place. It doesn't matter where you are—even if you're behind bars—God can meet you there.

He transformed my life, and I know He can do the same for you, if you're willing to seek Him like I did.

I'm counting down the days...It feels like forever. I want to go home." You don't understand.

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FLIP THE SCRIPT

they change their mind? What if they let you down?

Now you're left disappointed, feeling like they failed you. But the truth is, you failed yourself by putting your transformation in someone else's hands. So ask yourself:

How long am I going to keep living like this? How long will I keep making the same mistakes, telling the same story, stuck in the same

You've probably heard this phrase before—and if you haven't, well, now you have: "Flip the script." But maybe you're asking, "What does that have to do with my life?"

Stop and think for a second.

Okay—good. Maybe for some of you, it clicked right away. For others, you're still trying to connect the dots. So, let's break it down.

When something gets flipped, it's no longer the same. It changes. "Flip" is a verb—it means action. And action means movement. Change. A shift from where you were to where you could be.

So, to flip the script in your life means you're ready to stop living the same old story. You're choosing to change the narrative. But here's the real question: who's going to flip that script for you?

You might think, "Well, if I'm reading something, I could ask someone to turn the page for me." Sure, that might work. But what if they say no?

See, the truth is—the ball is in your court. Only you can decide to make that change.

Let's bring it closer to home. No one else can change your life for you. Maybe you're thinking, "Well, so-and-so promised they'd help me if I stopped doing this or that." But what happens if

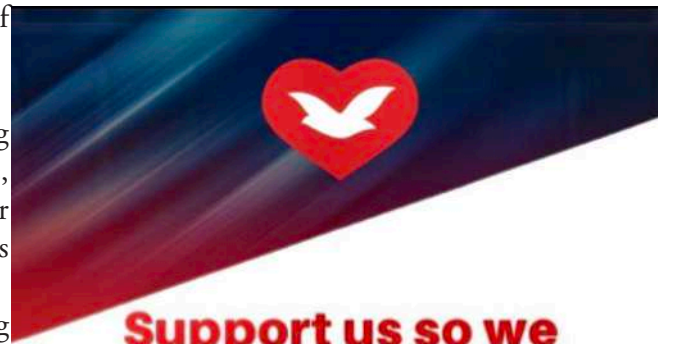
cycle?

If you don't decide to flip the script—to turn the page—how can you ever expect a new chapter to begin? Who's going to write your next story if you don't take the pen into your own hands? It's time to do something different. Be the difference in your own life. Stop settling. Stop saying, "This is all I know." Sometimes the only reason we stay stuck is because we're too comfortable. We're used to it. And comfort can be a dangerous trap—it keeps you from stepping into the life you were created for. Make the decision today to flip the script. You are more than capable. God gave you a brand-new opportunity the moment you opened your eyes this morning.

Don't stay stuck on the same page.

Move forward. Start a new story. Let go of the past—and step into your purpose.

You were following the ways of this world [influenced by this present age], in accordance with the prince of the power of the air (Satan), the spirit who is now at work in the disobedient [the unbelieving, who fight against the purposes of God]. Ephesians 2:1-2



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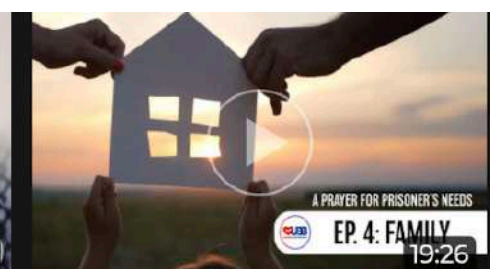
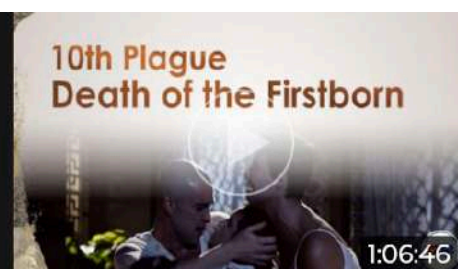
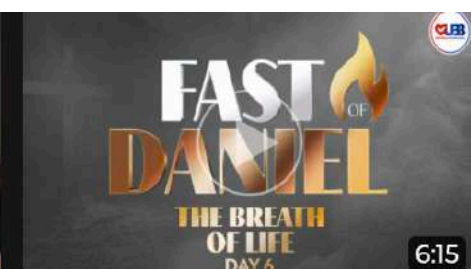
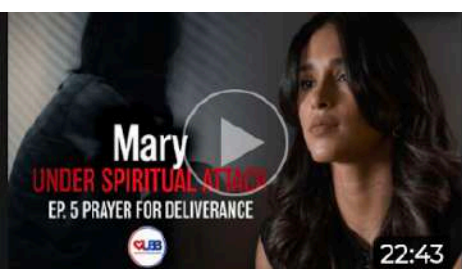
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Transforming Shame into Justice

A Story of Redemption: How Reginaldo's Faith Turned Humiliation Into a Renewed Life

Reginaldo, a 50-year-old businessman, knows what it means to be treated unfairly. From a young age, he faced injustice and hardship. With both of his parents out of work, he had no choice but to live with his aunt and rely on her charity. What should have been a safe place became a source of deep humiliation.

"Living off someone else's kindness isn't easy," he recalls. "I had to ask permission for everything—even just to open the fridge or get something to eat."

Over time, frustration, shame, and pride started to build up inside him. Trying to run from his pain, he fell into addiction. Drinking, partying, and surrounding himself with bad influences became his daily routine. "It was a fake kind of happiness," he says. "Because every time I got home, all I felt was sadness."

A turning point

Things got worse when he came home one day to find his clothes thrown out—he'd been kicked out. With nowhere to go, he found a small studio apartment and started living with

a friend who was caught up in the same destructive lifestyle. But something unexpected happened: that same friend invited Reginaldo to a service at the Universal Church.

"At first, I said no," Reginaldo admits. "But then I noticed he started changing. The same guy who used to party all night was now going to church, acting different."

Reginaldo agreed to give his friend a ride to church on his motorcycle but refused to go inside. "I'd drop him off and just wait outside. But I started noticing the people coming out of the service—smiling, at peace. That started to stir something in me." One day, he finally walked in. He approached the Altar and made



a bold, sincere vow. "I told God, 'If You're real, if You're here, I'm not leaving without an

answer. Either You change my life, or take it.'" That moment changed everything.

A new life

Reginaldo began attending services regularly. He listened. He practiced what he learned. And he felt God speak deep within him: "My son, you're not alone anymore. I'm with you." The man who once searched for peace in alcohol, parties, and fleeting friendships now says with certainty: **"Today, the source of peace lives inside me."**



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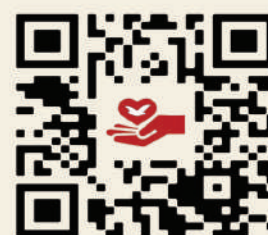
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