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**T**he Temple of Solomon is a place chosen by God. In the Garden of Olives lies the well with the blessed water. This is the same water you will have the opportunity to receive this Sunday in every Universal Church. Free distribution of the water from the Temple — Sunday at 10 AM. Do not miss this opportunity. One prayer made with faith can change your life forever.

## BLESSED WATER from the Temple of Solomon

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### The well of miracles

The Bible is filled with stories of people who, when faced with impossible situations, turned their faith to God and received an answer. But they didn't just say they believed; they took action that proved their faith. Both in the Bible and in our days, it is clear: when someone stands still, nothing changes. But when they cry out to God and put their faith into practice, results come.

That's why the doors of our church are open: to give you the chance to turn to God for help and put your faith into action.

Are you going through a difficult time with your health? Is someone you love suffering from a rare or serious illness? Have you been battling a chronic or medically incurable condition? If so, I have good news for you—don't lose heart. No matter how big the problem may seem in your life or family, nothing is impossible for God. He can change it, He can heal it, and He can set you free. All He asks is that you believe and have the courage to act on your faith.

If you or someone you love is facing sickness, join us this Sunday at a Universal Church near you for the [Gathering of Faith and Miracles](#). You will receive a free bottle of the blessed water from the Well of Miracles. This water comes from the Temple of Solomon and has been prayed over by Bishops and Pastors. Through it, countless people have shared powerful testimonies of healing. Whether you need physical, emotional, or spiritual healing, this invitation is for you.

Don't miss this special gathering of faith at Universal Churches nationwide.  
Service times: 7 AM, 10 AM, 3 PM, and 6 PM.  
(Times may vary by location. Please contact your nearest Universal Church for details.)

## | BEATING DEPRESSION |

Depression is more than just feeling sad. It is a deep, overwhelming sorrow that weighs down the soul. It brings hopelessness, drains motivation, and makes even the simplest tasks feel impossible. In severe cases, it can even take away a person's will to live. Depression is not only a state of mind, it is a sickness of the soul. But what 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 will receive spiritual strength through powerful prayers, practical guidance, and one-on-one counseling.

You are not alone in this fight. Thousands of people 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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BEATING DEPRESSION THROUGH THE POWER OF FAITH!

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### Bishop Edir Macedo

### The Faith That Moved Abraham



Abraham held on to his beliefs for a long time, even when there was no hope left of seeing his dream come true. Because of this, he became the father of faith and a friend of God. He was blessed not only with one son but with millions of descendants, just as he was promised:

*"So shall your descendants be. And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform." Romans 4:18-21*

Those who truly live by faith are guided by what they cannot see, not by what they can see. If Abraham had focused on his circumstances, he would certainly have been discouraged, just like anyone else would. In fact, he had plenty of reasons to feel that way. Outwardly, nothing was in his favor. He was not a young man married to a young woman who was unable to have children. He was an old man married to an old woman who was also unable to have children.

Those who have supernatural faith submit their natural plans to spiritual plans. Everything heavenly is above what is earthly, and the spiritual is above the material.

Abraham's secret was that his faith was completely anchored in the Word of God. That is why he never grew weak. The years of waiting did not defeat him, and the physical condition of him and his wife did not make him doubt what was most sublime and



precious: the Word that God had given him.

Nothing in the universe compares to the Word of Almighty God. It is sovereign in Heaven and on Earth. Nothing can stop it. No force or power can oppose it. It is God Himself. Wherever His Word goes, darkness disappears and the impossible becomes possible. Abraham knew this. He understood it and was fully convinced that the Almighty's promise would be fulfilled. The time it took did not matter. He believed, and that faith sustained him day after day, year after year.

Exchanging what is certain for what seems uncertain looks like madness to the world, but it is something only those who receive the revelation of supernatural faith can understand. Abraham was different. His faith made him stand out among his generation. Physical eyes look for physical evidence, but spiritual eyes, the eyes of faith, look to the invisible and persevere until the promise is fulfilled.



### "I Could Not Sleep at All"

I couldn't sleep properly for a long time. This was my biggest problem. There were days when I wouldn't sleep at all. On the days I did sleep, I only managed one or two hours. I just couldn't stay asleep.

My mind was always racing. Since I couldn't sleep, I would look for something to do. I worried about my children and grandchildren. I worried about what I had to do the next day, and how I was going to manage if I didn't get any rest. Would I be alert enough to handle the things I needed to

do? During the day, I dragged myself around just to complete simple chores because I was so tired. I could barely get through the day. But even though I felt exhausted, when I closed my eyes, I couldn't fall asleep. I even tried taking melatonin, but it didn't work.

When you can't sleep, it feels like a heavy weight is on you. In that state, you start to fall behind in many things because you don't have the energy. Doing chores becomes hard, cooking feels overwhelming, and even taking care of basic hygiene becomes a struggle. I just wanted to lay around all day. The lack of sleep led me into depression. Not wanting to clean up or take care of myself was a sign of that.

One day, a friend invited me to the Universal Church. When I

went, I simply listened. I wanted to understand what was so different about the Universal Church compared to other churches. From the very first day, I found myself returning every Sunday. I learned about the blessed water and began drinking it. I remember one service when the pastor prayed for those who could not sleep at night. He advised me to drink the blessed water three times a day, and I did. I kept it by my bed and drank some before lying down. Gradually, I began sleeping four or five hours. Then, all of a sudden, I realized I was sleeping through the entire night.

At first, I didn't even notice. But then, like a light bulb turning on, it hit me: I was finally sleeping. Now I sleep well every night, and I have ever since.

- Terrie Simpson



# Experience the Power of God this Sunday



**“All the tests came back negative”**

RETICULOCYTE COUNT	1.8%	0.5-1.5%	200
RETICULOCYTE COUNT, AUTOMATED			
RETICULOCYTE ABSOLUTE	34,000/mm <sup>3</sup>	10,000-150,000/mm <sup>3</sup>	200
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COLOUR	YELLOW		200
APPEARANCE	CLEAR		200
SPECIFIC GRAVITY	1.002	1.000-1.030	200
PH	7.0	5.0-8.0	200
GLUCOSE	NEGATIVE		200
BILIRUBIN	NEGATIVE		200
KETONES	NEGATIVE		200
BLOOD	NEGATIVE		200
PROTEIN	NEGATIVE		200
HAEMOGLOBIN	NEGATIVE		200
HAEMATOCRIT	34.0%	37.0-47.0%	200
HAEMATOCRIT CORRECTED	34.0%		200
WBC	10,000/mm <sup>3</sup>	4,000-11,000/mm <sup>3</sup>	200
DIFF	52% NEUT, 43% LYMPH, 5% MONO		200
SQUAMOUS EPITHELIAL CELLS	NONE SEEN HPP		200
BACTERIA	NONE SEEN HPP		200
YEASTS	NONE SEEN HPP		200
TRICHOMONADS	NONE SEEN HPP		200

A few years ago, I was diagnosed with diabetes. After that, I began drinking the blessed water from the Well. A few weeks ago, I went to the doctor for some tests, and they drew about eight bottles of blood.

When I returned last week for the results, every test came back negative. Today, I am healthy and free of that condition. —Mr. Allen

**“I have two testimonies, one from my mother and one from my brother.”**

Before my mom started watching the Universal Church, she could barely sleep. Since my dad passed away, she has been living alone, and we talked every day. She would call me to share her struggles, and it broke my heart knowing she had no one there with her. Her blood pressure kept rising, and even though she was taking her medication, nothing seemed to help. One day, while flipping through TV channels, she came across the Universal Church. She decided to start watching, and from that day on, for the past two years, her TV has been on that channel every day. She blesses her water and drinks it faithfully. When she went back for her checkup, all her blood work came back normal. She thanked God for the Universal Church, saying it has been a blessing in her life. Today, she sleeps peacefully and her life has been completely transformed.

Now, my second testimony is about my brother. After he lost his girlfriend, I traveled to Barbados to see him. When I heard his voice, I recognized it right away, but his face looked different, almost disfigured. That's when I learned something he had kept from us: for 13 years, he had not been able to breathe through his nose.

I spoke to the bishop, and then I brought him a bottle of the blessed water. I told him, “When you wake up in the morning, before you say anything or talk to anyone, use this water to wash your face.” He obeyed, and after 13 years of struggling to breathe, God healed him. Today, he can breathe freely. I thank God for blessing my family and for the power of faith that continues to transform our lives. —Ms. Liandra



**RECEIVE THE HEALING WATERS THIS SUNDAY**  
at your nearest  
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**“I don't need to stop to catch my breath anymore.”**

I faced many health problems. I had arthritis in my knees, eczema on my hands and feet, constant fatigue, and I would get tired very quickly. Walking long distances was almost impossible because I would always run out of strength. When I started drinking the blessed water, I treated it as if I were taking my medication. Soon, I began to notice changes. My energy came back. I can walk much longer now without having to stop to catch my breath. The eczema on my hands and feet is gone, and my skin looks completely normal. I thank God for restoring my health and giving me a new life. —Deborah



**“The tumor is gone.”**

I had a very large stomach, and I was so embarrassed. One young lady once told me, “You look like you're pregnant.” On one side of my stomach, there was a hard lump, about the size of a baby's head. I could hardly walk. One day, the pain became unbearable, and I called an ambulance to take me to the emergency room. After an MRI, the doctor diagnosed me with a large tumor on the right side of my stomach, the size of a baby's head.



The next day, the pain was so intense that I thought I was going to die. But even then, I still went to church. The pastor prayed for me,

and that same day I also drank the blessed water. The following day, something incredible happened. I went to the bathroom, and the tumor came out of me. It was shocking and unbelievable, but it was gone. Today, I no longer have fibroids, and I am completely free. —Carol





|Message|

**BISHOP JOSHUA**

## Speak to the storm



Some people get so used to the storm that they build a house inside it. They stop fighting. They stop believing. They simply try to survive. They say things like:

“Maybe this is how my life will always be.”

“Maybe I deserve this.”

“This is just my cross to carry.”

But Jesus never told us to accept the storm. He told us to rebuke it.

When the disciples were in the boat and the storm came, they panicked. But what did the Lord do? He stood up and spoke to the wind and the sea:

**“Peace! Be still!” (Mark 4:39)**

And the storm obeyed.

The storm may be around you, but do not let it get inside you. Do not make peace with pain. Do not get comfortable with fear. Stand up in faith and speak to that storm.

Say:

“This problem has an end.”

“This depression is not mine.”

“This situation will not define my future.”

Jesus did not panic in the storm, and neither should you. Use your faith and the storm will have to obey.

May the God of the Bible bless you!

AUGUST BIBLE READING 2025						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 LUKE 3 ✓	4 LUKE 4 ✓	5 LUKE 5 ✓	6 LUKE 6 ✓	7 LUKE 7 ✓	8 LUKE 8 ✓	9 LUKE 9 ✓
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## “Less than a 1% chance of cure,” the doctor said

*But Rosilea and her family’s faith defied the odds.*



Rosilea, 53, a public servant in the salt industry, lives with her husband Donato and their two sons: Thalles, 27, a mechanical engineer, and Kaiky, 15, a student.

In July 2021, their lives were shaken. After feeling unwell and noticing her abdomen swelling, Rosilea sought medical care. Initial tests suggested a liver condition that had caused ascites, a dangerous buildup of fluid in the abdomen. She underwent three procedures that drained a total of 15 liters of fluid. But the real diagnosis was far more serious: stage 3 ovarian cancer, already

advanced and spreading to her peritoneum, the large membrane lining the abdominal cavity.

Rosilea recalls one of her most painful moments: “The hardest part was telling my mother. She had already lost my father to cancer and my brother to leukemia. I could not bear the thought of her losing her only daughter too. But clinging to God, I told her: tears do not move Him, only faith in action does.”

Her eldest son, Thalles, was the first to hear the devastating verdict. After delivering her test results, the doctor told him bluntly:

“For medicine, there is no hope. On a scale of 0 to 100, her chance of survival is less than 1%. She has only a few months to live.”

Thalles chose not to share this with the rest of the family. Instead, he made a vow to God: he would only speak of the diagnosis after his mother’s healing testimony was complete.

The Moreira family had long been part of the Universal Church, and their faith had always been central. Faced with this crisis, they immersed themselves in prayer, vows, and trust in God while also following medical treatment.

“I did not want to dwell on the disease,” Rosilea says. “I told the doctors: I am here to undergo treatment, and I am here to use my faith. I went through 13 chemotherapy sessions. The first six did not work at all. But I never gave in to despair. One doctor even told me she could not understand how, with such an advanced illness, I was still eating and drinking normally.”



For Thalles, faith became their greatest weapon:

“We used water that had been blessed at Universal. She drank it even during chemo. We prayed together. She never missed the chain of healing prayers held on Tuesdays. We also climbed the Altar of sacrifice, putting everything in God’s hands.”

Their conviction was so strong that on January 25 of this year, the day of her surgery, Thalles recorded a video with his mother in the hospital. In it, they declared that they would soon

be standing on the Altar sharing her testimony of healing, a promise they believed was already sealed by the Holy Spirit.

The surgery removed her ovary, uterus, and fallopian tubes. But the greatest concern was the peritoneum. A biopsy would determine whether the cancer had spread further. To everyone’s astonishment, the results came back showing no trace of malignancy.

After a year and three months of treatment, medical tests confirmed what the family had believed all along: Rosilea was healed. Her tumor marker levels, once at a staggering 2,498 U/ml (normal is under 35), had dropped back to 23.7 U/ml, perfectly within the healthy range.

Only then did Thalles reveal to the rest of the family how dire the prognosis had truly been. He waited until they were standing at the church Altar, testifying of his mother’s recovery:

“It was not just about healing from cancer, it was about God proving His faithfulness. We always knew He would do it, but that day confirmed it is worth trusting Him with everything.”

Rosilea reflects on her journey:

“I overcame through faith. I once prayed: God, take me for any reason, but please not cancer. Break this curse. My son carried the weight of that grim diagnosis alone, but he never wavered. Only the Holy Spirit can explain such strength. I am here today for the honor and glory of God.”

Her husband, Donato, remembers one unforgettable exchange with her doctor at the height of her illness:

“We told her we would lean on our faith while fully respecting her role as a doctor, and as an angel sent to help us. She thought we were being naive. But a year and three months later, after seeing the results, she looked at us and said, ‘Your God is amazing. Your God is top.’”





# What's happening at the Universal Church

## Her test showed almost 3 million leukocytes



Kely Costa, 49, had no prior health problems when she suddenly began experiencing severe pain. "It all happened out of the blue. I wasn't feeling anything, and then I suddenly started feeling nauseous and had no desire to eat. I was constantly going to the bathroom, and I noticed my urine was very yellow, almost reddish in color. I also began to feel pain that reminded me of childbirth."

At first, Kely and her sister believed a tea made from medicinal herbs would solve the problem. But instead of helping, it delayed her from getting proper medical care. As the hours passed, the pain grew worse. "That was when my brother noticed my lips turning purple and rushed me to the hospital," Kely recalls, remembering the fear her family felt.

### Making faith an ally

The doctor immediately ordered a urine test. The results were so serious that Kely was admitted to the hospital right away. She describes the moment: "The doctor didn't tell me the results at first. He just asked me to sign the hospitalization papers. I didn't understand, but I imagined it was serious. Later, I found out the test showed almost three million white blood cells—a very high number for a urine test."

White blood cells, also called leukocytes,

are part of the immune system and defend the body. When they die, they are eliminated in the urine. A small amount is normal, but a very high count usually indicates infection. In most cases, a high number of white blood cells points to pyuria, or pus in the urine, which happens with a severe urinary tract infection. Patients with infections at this stage often require hospitalization and intravenous antibiotics, since the condition can become very dangerous if untreated. (Source: Pedro Hsieh, Hematologist)

Kely began treatment with antibiotics, but she wasn't given a discharge date, which increased her anxiety. "In that situation, I spoke to God. I told Him I couldn't accept it. One moment I was fine, and suddenly I was in a hospital bed. That same day, my brother visited me and brought a Bible and the blessed water from the church. I began to combine my faith with the medical treatment."

Her prayers gave her comfort and strengthened her conviction that God would restore her health. "I prayed like this: 'My God, when I drink this water, I believe it is You entering me to heal me.' I drank it with great faith."

More than asking to be healed, Kely determined she would not spend another day in the hospital. And that is exactly what happened. "I didn't know how God would do it, but I believed that the next day He would be the one to discharge me. The doctor came in with the new test results, showing my white blood cell count had dropped, and he cleared me to go home."

Since then, she has never faced the problem again. Today, her routine exams are always within the normal range.

## "In the eyes of humans, I was a living dead."



In 2010, 30-year-old wedding planner Sara started experiencing some discomfort, but little did she know it was caused by a serious illness.

"I started to feel changes in my abdomen, including bloating and shortness of breath while walking. I talked to my mother, Maria, about it, and we both thought it would go away on its own over time, but it didn't. Soon, speculation began that I was pregnant because of how distended my stomach was. I was calm within, but my mother, hearing all this, was not. We decided to go to the doctors, and I underwent some tests. It was discovered that I had ascites (abdominal swelling due to fluid accumulation, most often related to liver disease), but they said it wasn't possible to determine what was really happening through imaging alone," she explains.

Sara had to undergo several drainages to remove the fluid. "I had five to six liters of fluid removed in one week at the hospital. Through drainage and medication, the doctors were able to determine that there was a tumor in my ovary. A week before my 15th birthday, I found out I had cancer."

At first, despair arose, but the teachings she had learned as a child, when she discovered the faith through her mother (who had been with the Universal Church for over 30 years), awakened something different in Sara. "Of course, I felt fear. But as if a movie about the faith played in my head, I said to myself, I wouldn't accept dying of cancer. I felt fear like any human being, but I didn't panic. At times like this, when people receive news that seems like a death sentence, the words of experts, of people, any word at all, is like a seed sown, but it's up to each person to decide what fruit that seed will bear. Although I didn't know God's plans, I knew that from this situation would come a great testimony and a profound inner change."

After the discovery, chemotherapy sessions began. "I was completely bald, debilitated, and to

human eyes, I was an undead being," she says. "There were days when I couldn't eat anything. On the street, many people looked at me with pity." During treatment, an intestinal mass developed, preventing the chemotherapy from working. An umbilical hernia also developed, necessitating risky emergency surgery. "My mother had to sign a waiver. We were afraid, but our faith was stronger. Often, the ambulance would drop us off at the church door. I attended the meetings feeling nauseous, but my soul was strengthened by the Word. Throughout this process, we steadfastly used the blessed water and we never missed a Sunday. When I couldn't go, my mother would bring the water to me at the hospital," she explains.

Upon entering the operating room, Sara knew God was with her. During the procedure, the intestinal mass and hernia, along with part of her intestine, ovary, and uterus, were removed. The surgery lasted about three hours. "I believe it was God Himself who operated on me and that faith lifted me up, because everything I was experiencing was risky in human eyes, but today I am a living miracle," she shares.

### Before and after

After three days, Sara left the ICU and went to a room. "I started to recover, and my bowels started working. There was the possibility of using a colostomy bag, but it wasn't necessary. Once again, I used faith and the blessed water. I clung to God's Word, prayer, and purposes." In total, between the discovery and the end of my treatment, it was a four-year struggle. "God is sovereign in everything, and when something bad happens, we have to believe. Faith tells me that I have to believe that something good will come. It's easy to believe and trust when everything is going well, but faith is also for bad times. God was much more present with me in the desert."

There's a Sara before and after. She overcame the insecurity of having her uterus removed. "Today I'm a professional and am happily married. I'm happy, and my health and family are blessed," she concludes.



Philadelphia YPG had a wonderful outing at Franklin Square Park, where everyone came together to enjoy a beautiful day in the sun. The group shared meaningful conversations, prayed together outdoors, and expressed gratitude to God for His guidance and revelations. It was a refreshing and uplifting time that strengthened both faith and fellowship.



# GET REAL WITH THE YPG

## A New Start



YPG is like that one song that just hits different late at night, comforting, real, and quietly healing. It's not just a group, it's a feeling. Being around people who actually care, who pray with you and push you to grow, makes you realize that maybe you're not as lost as you thought. I learned that strength isn't always loud; sometimes it's simply showing up when you really don't want to. I used to think I had to go through everything alone, but now I know I have people who stand by me even when I can't stand by myself. I had never felt that before.

Leila Daghmoumi



**“For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.” Isaiah 56:7**

Since its inauguration in 2014, the Temple of Solomon has stood as a house of prayer for every nation and culture. With room for 10,000 people and four services each



day from Monday to Monday, 40,000 prayers rise daily from this sacred place. In just one month, more than 1.2 million prayers are lifted to God, prayers that are answered and cries that reach heaven.

Chosen by God, the Temple of Solomon also holds the well of blessed water in the



Garden of Olives. This same water will be shared this Sunday in every Universal Church. Many people have already experienced God's power through faith, attending the Gathering of Faith and Miracles, and drinking the blessed water.



What once seemed impossible became a miracle in their lives. Do not miss this opportunity, because one sincere prayer made in faith can change your life forever.



Chagas disease pushed Elisangela to the brink of death. When even doctors gave up, her daughter Camila believed faith was the only way to save her mother. Camila recalls how her mother's health declined. It started with stomach pain, then frequent vomiting. “She lost so much weight, really a lot. We went to several hospitals, but no one



## The family considered ordering a coffin for her.

could figure out what it was. When the doctors saw her, they thought it was HIV or syphilis,” Camila says.

At her weakest, Elisangela weighed only 50 pounds. For two years, the family went from hospital to hospital, searching for answers but finding none.

Eventually, a doctor suggested Chagas disease, and the diagnosis was confirmed through specific tests. She had been living with it for nearly ten years, and by then the condition had reached its most severe stage with dangerous complications. Her refusal to eat was linked to the dilation of her esophagus, which made swallowing almost impossible. This condition, known as Chagas megaesophagus, happens when the nerves in the organ are damaged.

The disease often progresses silently, without clear symptoms. “It was a hard time, especially

because my mother was the one providing for us back then. To stay strong, I would lock myself in the hospital bathroom and pray, crying and calling out to God for her. I couldn't imagine going through that, but I realized I had to put my faith into action,” Camila recalls. The diagnosis came in September 2020.

### Palliative treatment

Elisangela's condition grew worse each day. During her crises, she twisted in pain. “She couldn't walk anymore, she had to take bed baths, wear diapers, and use a feeding tube, which often didn't work properly and



only caused more suffering,” says Camila. Doctors offered only palliative care, meant to ease pain rather than cure. “The longer she stayed in hospitals, the more confused they seemed. They didn't know what else to do, and many times they just transferred her because they no longer had the resources,” Camila explains.

### Prepared for the worst

As her health deteriorated, doctors sent her home. “One of them told me, ‘I'm going to release your mother so she can be with her family, because there's nothing else we can do.’ Every day they said she wouldn't survive, but I kept encouraging her to use her faith. I told her only God could rescue her. The truth is, we had no one but Him,” Camila remembers.

Even the family had lost hope. “Some said they would pay for a funeral plan since she wouldn't last long,” Camila says. One doctor even refused to treat her:



“When he saw her get out of the car, he said she would die soon and he didn’t want to carry that guilt.”

### Nobody expected it

While relatives were preparing for the worst, Camila held on to her faith. “I used the blessed water. Since my mother couldn’t go to church, I drank it on her behalf and, by faith, declared her healing. I made personal vows and prayed for her,” she says.

Then the unthinkable happened. After her condition had reached its lowest point, new tests showed no trace of Chagas disease. The doctors were stunned. “I had no one else to turn to, and faith in God was my refuge,” Camila says.

“God healed me. Today I’m here, alive and strong,” Elisangela adds.

## “Our son was fighting for his life.”

**D**aiane Brito discovered she was pregnant unexpectedly. Despite the shock, she loved her baby from the start and continued her daily routine, as he was healthy and required no special care.

At 26 weeks, however, she experienced a placental abruption, a serious complication in which the placenta separates from the uterus. This required an emergency delivery and resulted in the premature birth of her son, John. John was born measuring 13 inches and weighing just 2 pounds. At only six months of development, he faced uncertainty about his survival and was immediately transferred to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. He battled several complications, including reflux, apnea, and a low platelet count, and had to remain isolated from other babies. After two months, he moved to a regular room but contracted COVID-19, which further threatened his fragile health.

While Daiane cared for John in the hospital, her family, who attended the Universal Church, prayed fervently for his recovery during services and at home. They also used the blessed water from church on Sundays as part of their prayers. These were days of intense worry for Daiane and her husband, Gutemberg.

He recalls: “I was very distressed by the situation, but I had to be strong, not just for myself, but especially for my wife. She was devastated seeing our son fighting for his life. I put my faith into



## John was born measuring 13 inches and weighing just two pounds.

action, persevered in prayer, and held tightly to God’s Word. That gave me hope.”

John’s condition worsened, and he returned to the neonatal intensive care unit, where he stayed on a ventilator until his lungs grew stronger. After a long and challenging journey, he was finally transferred to a regular room. After three months in the hospital and many prayers for a miracle, John went home.

Even after discharge, he still needed oxygen support to breathe. His parents applied what they had learned in church, trusting in God completely. They declared by faith that John would fully recover within a month, and their faith was rewarded. Before the month ended, the doctors confirmed his full recovery, and John began breathing normally on his own.

“Today, John is two years and four months old, healthy, and active. He has no after-effects, has been cleared by all specialists, and requires no ongoing monitoring. His life is a true miracle,” Daiane concludes.



## MAKE A CHAIN OF PRAYER IT WORKS!

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

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



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



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

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

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



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



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

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

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



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



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

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

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



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





Every day the UBB has a new episode for you.

There is something for everyone! Do you need guidance about faith, family, sexual orientation, curses, dealing with loss, addictions etc.?

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## Are you easily deceived?

Have you ever met someone who enjoys being played, tricked, or taken advantage of? Probably not. None of us like to be deceived, and yet lies and deception are everywhere. According to God's Word, in the end times, deception will get even worse. Even those who love and follow God will be tempted to fall for it (Matthew 24:24). That is why it is important to know the kinds of things that make people easier to deceive. Let's look at four types of people who are more likely to fall into traps and ask yourself honestly, "Have I ever been one of these?"

### 1. People chasing fast money

A lot of us know what it is like to want money, maybe to help family, to get out of a bad spot, or just to finally enjoy life. But when you start looking for quick and easy ways to get rich, it is easy to get burned. There is always someone promising a shortcut to success, just one "investment" or one "opportunity" away. But God warns us in 1 Timothy 6:9:

**"Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction."** It is not wrong to want to provide for yourself and your loved ones. But when money becomes your obsession, it blinds you, and that is when you get played. God is not against success, but He is against greed and cutting corners that lead to destruction.

### 2. The proud and know-it-alls

Let's be real. Pride has tripped up more people than we can count. Sometimes we do not want to admit we can be fooled. We think we have seen it all. We trust our own smarts too much. But the Bible says in Proverbs 16:18: **"Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall."**

If you always think you are the smartest in the room, you are not listening. And if you are

not listening, it is easy to miss the red flags. Pride can close your ears and your heart, and before you know it, boom, you are caught in something you thought you were too clever to fall for. Do not let pride be your blind spot.

### 3. People ruled by emotions

Some of us wear our hearts on our sleeves. We feel deeply, and sometimes we act based on those feelings, whether it is love, anger, loneliness, fear, or even hope. But here is the warning from God in Jeremiah 17:9: **"The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?"** That means even our own hearts can lie to us. How many people have fallen for scams or bad relationships because they followed feelings instead of truth? Emotions are not bad, but if we let them drive our lives, they can take us places we regret.

### 4. People who do not know God's Word

Here is the truth: you can be smart, streetwise, and experienced, but still not have the wisdom that comes from God. The Bible is not just a religious book. It is a guide that shows us how life really works. It talks about human nature, the traps of pride, the dangers of money, and how sin messes everything up. When you do not know God's Word, you are like someone walking through a dark alley with no light. But when you study the Bible, it is like flipping on a flashlight. Now you can see the truth. Psalm 119:105 says: **"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."**

So if you want to stop being tricked by lies, whether from people, your emotions, or the enemy, get into God's Word. Ask Him to teach you. Open that Bible like it is your daily bread, because it truly is food for your soul.

**Final thought:** No matter where you are or what you have been through, God wants to give you wisdom and open your eyes. You do not have to be fooled anymore. He offers truth, and that truth can set you free.

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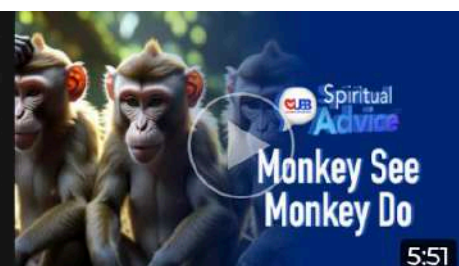
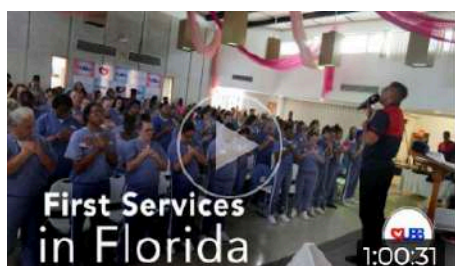
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## From Addiction and Anger to Freedom Through God



This addiction was very bad because I felt like everywhere I had to go I needed to go I needed some type of substance to act "natural" or for me to relax.



I could not function unless I was high...

I was 16 when I had my first girlfriend. But I was extremely jealous and overprotective. One day, my dad said something negative about her, and because of my jealousy and anger, I lost control. I actually pulled a knife on my own father.

That moment changed everything. I was arrested and sent to juvenile detention.



While I was there, I met people who introduced me to drugs. After I got out, I started experimenting myself. It began with alcohol and marijuana, but it didn't stop there. I tried harder drugs, and the addiction took over. I couldn't keep a job, and I couldn't focus in school. Things just kept getting worse.

**I reached a point where I felt like I needed something, some kind of substance, just to**

**feel normal or to relax. But instead of helping me, drugs and alcohol created more problems and pulled me deeper into addiction. When I didn't have money, I would sell my clothes or even steal from my parents just to get high.**

One of the lowest moments of my life happened after I had been drinking heavily. I got into a fight with my dad, stormed out into the streets, and was completely out of it. I stole alcohol from a store and sat in a park drinking by myself.

The next thing I knew, I woke up in a hospital bed. The doctors had pumped my stomach because of how much alcohol I drank. They even thought I had tried to take my own life. That's how bad things had gotten.

During this time, I heard about Universal Beyond Bars. My grandmother, who was a faithful member of the church, introduced me to the ministry.

At first, I didn't want to hear what the pastors had to say.

I kept thinking, "I can still smoke, drink, and go to church.

It's not a big deal." But little by little, something inside me began to change.

Eventually, I made the choice to

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truly give my life to God. That's when everything started to turn around.

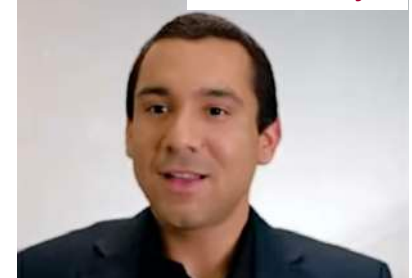
I began seeking deliverance in the church, and I realized my addiction wasn't just physical, it was spiritual. Only God could set me free. Once I received that deliverance, I started to desire more from Him. I wanted the Holy Spirit to live inside me. I didn't want to feel empty anymore, and I finally understood that only God's Spirit could fill that void.

Today, I can honestly say the Spirit of God lives inside me. I'm completely free. No more addictions, no more anger, no more chains holding me down. I'm a different person.

If you're battling addiction or going through any kind of struggle, my advice is simple:

Seek God. Open your heart to Him. He's the only one who can truly set you free. No matter how far gone you think you are, He has the power to change your life, just like He did for me.

Michael Today





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Many people dream of leaving a job as an employee and starting their own business. Photography can be an excellent option for those who want to launch a business, as there are many areas to work in. However, it is important to know that, in addition to having an entrepreneurial spirit, anyone entering this field must have strong technical skills, aptitude, and talent.

You probably know someone who enjoys taking pictures—a friend with a sharp eye for capturing remarkable moments, someone with a good sense of aesthetics. It could be someone who is already a professional but still works for a company. Some may be afraid to take the leap into running their own business, but deep down, the key to making that decision can be summed up in one word: preparation.

Photographer Silvino Jr. is a perfect example of someone facing a professional dilemma. For years, he struggled to provide for himself and his family. Other problems followed: “I had many debts, and because of several issues, my marriage began to fall apart. The fights were constant, and we thought separation would be the solution,” he recalls.

But when everything seemed lost, Silvino’s story took a turn. “I really wanted to change my life and have my own company. My wife started attending the Strong Nation meetings and returned motivated with many ideas. That inspired me to follow her,” he

says. Gradually, Silvino began developing new ideas, and his life started to change, especially in his marriage. “Each week, I received inspiration to grow my business, and over time, the clients increased,” he says.

Silvino realized that, in addition to technical knowledge and talent, focusing



on a specific area of photography was key to his business’s success. “We started specializing in baby photography, capturing unforgettable moments such as pregnancies and babies’ first photos, with respect, dedication, affection, and professionalism. We constantly search the internet for the best equipment on the market. I have been working in photography since 1992. I started as a technician, and today we are leaders in this field,” he concludes.



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### TRACK YOUR SPENDING



One of the hardest parts of creating a budget is sticking to it! Tracking every penny you spend is a great way to make sure no money spent is going under the radar. Accountability for what you spend and save will make all the difference.

### COOK AT HOME



You don't need to go out to eat every day! The cost of eating at restaurants or ordering delivery can affect your budget. Cook at home and save money. If you are not big on cooking, opt for healthier frozen meals or use a service like Hello Fresh that preps your meals.

### AUTOMATE YOUR SAVINGS



This tip will save you from ever missing a payment, which means you will not get behind and have to pull from your savings account. On the flip side, to ensure there is always money in your savings account, you can have a small percentage or dollar amount taken out of your paycheck each week and put into a savings account.

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