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Break free from all evil

Every problem has a starting point. Nothing just shows up out of nowhere or happens by chance. There's always a root.

When problems arise, it's natural to want to solve them right away. But here's where many people go wrong: instead of dealing with the root of the problem, they only deal with the surface. And as long as the root remains, the problem will always come back.

Have you ever stopped to think about the real roots behind your struggles? Some are physical, but many are spiritual. And spiritual roots can only be removed with the help of God. That's why every Friday at The Universal Church, we hold a special service for deliverance—to help you uncover the true cause of your problems and overcome them once and for all.

If you feel like you've been living under a curse, have been a victim of witchcraft, seen your family torn apart, gone through heartbreak after heartbreak, can't seem to get ahead in life, or if you struggle with depression or even suicidal thoughts—we invite you to join us this Friday. In this meeting, a prayer of faith will be made to break every chain of evil and remove the root of what's holding you back.

No matter what you're facing, freedom is possible through faith. Join us this Friday at 7 a.m., 10 a.m., 4 p.m., or 7 p.m.
(Times may vary by location. Please contact your nearest Universal Church for details.)



Bishop Edir Macedo

True freedom

Freedom is one of the most desired things in life, but often misunderstood. Many people, in their search for freedom, end up becoming prisoners of something or someone simply because they don't really know what freedom means.

True freedom doesn't mean doing whatever you want. It means living without the things you don't want in your life.

- A man who thinks freedom is drinking as much as he wants ends up a prisoner of addiction.
- A son who thinks freedom is disobeying his parents becomes a prisoner of the consequences of his poor choices.
- A husband who thinks freedom is being with many women becomes a prisoner of his endless search for satisfaction.
- A wife who thinks freedom is saying whatever she wants becomes a prisoner of loneliness.
- A young woman who thinks freedom is giving herself to anyone she chooses becomes a prisoner of an unwanted pregnancy.
- And those who believe freedom is living without God's laws become prisoners of the devil and of suffering.

Real freedom is essential to human life, and only the Lord Jesus can give it. He said it Himself: "Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed." (John 8:36)

Everything we don't want in our lives—pain, sick-



ness, setbacks, grief, tragedy, sadness, poverty—comes from the devil. He can only be stopped when we live under God's protection and obey His Word. Once we are free from those things, then we are truly free to enjoy what we do want: peace, health, joy, harmony, prosperity, and fulfillment.

True freedom comes with discipline. Discipline is what keeps us from unnecessary suffering and preserves order. That is why prisons exist, for those who live without discipline. And, in a way, those prisons are built by their own choices.

Obedying God is the only way to live free because it is the only way to protect yourself from everything you don't want in your life.

| 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.



me angry. I resented him, and that resentment consumed me.

My anger spilled into every part of my life. At home, if my mother or grandmother asked me to do something, I would lash out at them. I was rude, aggressive, and constantly fought with my siblings. I preferred being alone. I felt sad, angry, and convinced that no one understood or cared about me. The anger I carried toward my father eventually led me into depression. I became deeply miserable. I was alive, but I felt like a walking corpse. I didn't know who I was, what I wanted, or why I was even here.

That's when I started cutting

"I Was Alive but Felt Like a Walking Corpse"

My father was never really present in my life, and that made me angry. I resented him, and that resentment consumed me. myself, always in places no one would see. Watching the blood gave me a false sense of power and confidence, but deep down I was in unbearable pain. There was an emptiness inside me, a deep void I couldn't fill. Eventually, I decided I couldn't keep living this way. I attempted suicide several times by overdosing on pills, but nothing worked.

One morning, before school, I swallowed a handful of pills and cut myself badly. A friend noticed and called my mother. I was rushed to the hospital, where I stayed for seven days speaking with social workers and psychologists. But nothing changed. I came back home still angry, still wishing I had died. Every night, I cried out to God, asking why I was still alive.

I already knew about The Universal Church, so I decided to start attending services because I wanted a transformation. I remember one service when the

pastor read the verse: "If my people would only listen to me." That pierced my heart. I asked myself if I had truly been listening to God. That day, I prayed and told Him I was tired of living this way.

I surrendered my life to Him and made the decision to be baptized in water and start fresh. I began seeking the Holy Spirit wholeheartedly, and He filled me with His presence. My mind became calm, my heart was at peace, and I was free. The anger, depression, and emptiness were gone.

Today, I am joyful, surrounded by love, and no longer controlled by my past. I forgave my father and let go of all the hatred I once carried. I'm not aggressive or rude anymore, and I don't fight with my siblings. I'm no longer depressed, self-harming, or suicidal.

"God set me free," said Zanele.

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Use your faith and see God's Power this Sunday



“The skin issues disappeared”

Higor, a 24-year-old freelancer, had lived with a chronic condition called atopic dermatitis since he was six years old. “My family noticed something was wrong when I was a child because I developed severe skin irritation that caused itching and wounds all over my body. It was not hereditary, since no one else in my family had it. We went to both an allergist and a dermatologist and did all the necessary tests.

That’s when I was diagnosed with atopic dermatitis, which, according to medicine, is a condition with no cure—only treatment to relieve the symptoms, and the medication must be taken for life.”

Higor was introduced to the Universal Church at the age of 18 after accepting an invitation. “When I first attended a service, I noticed something different and began going regularly on Wednesdays and Sundays. But at the time, I did not have a true commitment to God. My only goal was to be healed. I would hear and see testimonies of healing through the use of the blessed water consecrated to God on Sundays, but I was not practicing faith or understanding the power of obeying His Word.”



It was only when he fully surrendered his life to God and trusted in His miracle that healing came. “After making a vow with God, I received the answer in seven months. Little by little, the irritation and inflammation on my skin began to disappear.”



“I said, that’s just water, until...”

At first, I didn’t believe the blessed water worked. I used to say, “It’s just water.” But after hearing the pastor encourage us to use our faith with the water, I decided to try. I prayed, “Lord Jesus, You have blessed this water.” Then I began to drink it with faith. I needed God to set me free in my heart because I was filled with anger and even had desires to harm someone. Because of that, my blood pressure was very high.

I prayed and forgave the person, just as the Lord Jesus taught. Now I feel so much better. I am happier, and He has touched my heart. My blood pressure has dropped, and the pain in my kidneys is gone. Before, I couldn’t even exercise, but now I can go for walks and work out, and I feel great.

– Rocío



**RECEIVE THE HEALING
WATERS THIS SUNDAY**
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“Free from a hiatal hernia.”

I was suffering from a hiatal hernia. The pain was constant, almost 24 hours a day, and I could not sleep at night. I went to the doctor, and they told me I needed surgery, but I did not go through with it because I had no insurance at the time.

I learned about this ministry through the Living Faith Network. I said to myself, “I need to find this church in my area.” When I did, I started coming almost every day. On Sundays, I would drink the blessed water with faith. Eventually, I was healed from the hernia. Now I am free.

– Kathleen



|Message|

BISHOP JOSHUA

The Word of Freedom



Words carry weight. The word of a judge can overturn a verdict. The word of a doctor can calm a troubled mind or fill it with fear. The word of a parent can shape the course of a child's life. Once spoken, every word is final; it cannot be taken back.

The Bible itself is a book of words: the words of men, the words of God, and even the words of the devil. Within its pages, we hear the testimonies of faithful men and women, the words of the Lord Jesus bringing truth and life, and the deceptive whispers of the enemy.

But unlike all others, the Word of God never fades, never weakens, and never fails. In moments of fear, failure, or disappointment, His Word still stands. Scripture declares that His Word never returns empty.

So if you are weary, whether physically, mentally, or spiritually, do not give up. Refuse the words of doubt, death, and despair. Instead, cling to the Word of God, where you will find hope, strength, and freedom.

"Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed." (John 8:36)

May the God of the Bible bless you!

AUGUST BIBLE READING 2025						
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How Mike escaped the grip of crack

At 25, businessman Mike began using Ecstasy on weekends. But over time, the drug stopped having any effect, and he turned to cocaine. "Eventually, I lost control. What had been just a weekend habit became part of my daily routine, just to feel a little relief," he recalls.

Mike says he tried to maintain a normal social life, but the addiction slowly took over his mind, and living peacefully was no longer possible. "Things got worse when I smoked crack mixed with cigarettes. That wasn't enough, so I started using pure crack," he admits.

The addiction soon began destroying every part of his life. At work, he started missing four or five days in a row, which led to his dismissal. "By then, I already felt worthless as a person, but I couldn't stop. I blew my entire severance package on hotels and drugs," he remembers.

Ashamed of his family and convinced he had hit rock bottom, Mike chose to live on the streets. He believed death was his only future. "I was in a pitiful state, but I still kept using drugs because I thought that was how it would all end. I used constantly, and to keep feeding the addiction, I even started stealing small things," he says.

He remained trapped in addiction for nearly two decades, and his family suffered alongside him. His sister, 38-year-old Neuma Santos, remembers it as a time of deep pain. "My brother was always hardworking, but we noticed he stopped taking care of himself. He was distant, absent. Then one day, I found a vial of drugs among his things and was in shock," she says.

As time went on, his condition only grew worse. He disappeared for days at a time, leaving the family panicked and fearing the worst. "He even stole my mom's and brother's bank cards to keep using. He had lost all control, and we were sinking with him," Neuma explains.

Watching him destroy himself was



unbearable. "He came home many times dirty, injured, and smelling terrible. It broke me emotionally. I had nightmares where I saw him dead. I'd wake up in tears and realize my mother was crying too," she recalls.

I felt worthless as a person, I was ashamed of my family and chose to live on the streets

Mike lived on the streets for three months. One day, he nearly overdosed. Alone and on the verge of death, he cried out to God. "I felt like my soul was leaving my body. I begged God to give me one more chance. When I came back, I went straight

to a Universal church. I was so high I don't even remember how I got there. It was a Sunday, during a service for Addiction Recovery," he recounts.

That day, he says, he realized the root of his problem and surrendered his life to God. From then on, everything began to change. "I started doing a chain of prayer for my total deliverance every Friday. The more I went to church, the stronger I became, and I realized I didn't need the drugs anymore. Through faith, I was healed and set free. The Holy Spirit gave me a new direction in life. Today I have peace, joy, and happiness. I've even been able to reclaim dreams that drugs had stolen from me," says Mike, now 44.

His family noticed the transformation immediately. "Seeing him rebuild his life has been a blessing for all of us," says Neuma. "Today, for the honor and glory of God, he helps people who are going through what he once went through."

What's happening at the Universal Church

A witchcraft was done to end her life



Claudia Zavala suffered from repeated attacks of jealousy from people who wanted to harm her. It all began the day she ate a plate of food that had been cursed.

"I was invited to dinner at someone's house and was given a plate of food that had been cursed. I could sense something was wrong, but I couldn't pinpoint what it was at the time. After eating that food, I started having health problems, and my condition quickly began to deteriorate."

"The attack was clearly meant to kill me. I began to suffer from intense bleeding that sometimes lasted for a full week, leaving me extremely weak. I lost the will to get out of bed. My spirits hit rock bottom because of the pain that tore at me inside. When I went to the doctor, I was told I had fibroids and that they might have to remove my womb."

"I was referred to people who claimed to do healings and invocations, spiritualists who performed rituals and made many promises. But instead of getting better, my health became worse. I lost a lot of money paying

for these consultations. Evil began to torment my thoughts as well. I felt hunted by a dark presence that whispered in my ears, 'Kill yourself,' and, 'No one loves you.' It even told me to take my own life along with my children."

Claudia sank deeper into despair. She locked herself in her dark room with the windows shut, refusing to eat or even care for herself. Hopelessness drove her to consider suicide as a way out of all the misery she was facing. One night, while trying to distract herself and escape her thoughts, she stumbled across a program from The Universal Church on TV.

"I saw the church on TV one night, and suddenly hope sparked inside me. During the program, the pastor invited viewers to come to the church, to the Temple of Miracles. I accepted the invitation and decided to go. From the very first day I stepped inside, I knew I had found the place where I could start over and build a new life. I had never felt what I felt that day—God received me. I had an encounter with Him and I found hope."

"I began participating in the chain of prayer for my deliverance. God set me free from the witchcraft that was done against me and restored my health. Even the doctors were surprised. The fibroids disappeared, and the bleeding stopped without surgery or the removal of my uterus. Today, I am completely healthy. I also received the Holy Spirit. God healed me both physically and spiritually."

— Claudia Zavala

"Envy ended my relationship"



Beatriz Hernández got married at just 17 years old. Her dream was to start a family and live a happy life, but personal problems with a relative soon threatened to destroy those dreams.

"I found evidence of witchcraft in my home. It was done using personal items that belonged to me and my husband—our photos and even our clothing were used in the ritual. Not long after, I started feeling unwell and began experiencing serious problems in my marriage. Later, I found out that the person behind the witchcraft had done it with the intention of destroying my dream of having a family, separating me from my husband, and driving me insane."

My marriage eventually fell apart, and I just wasn't myself anymore. People began to believe I was losing my mind. I started hanging out with the wrong crowd, spending time in nightclubs, and even exposing myself

to prostitution. I tried to fill the emptiness inside me by dating different men. I felt worthless and disgusted with myself. Depression took over, and I even thought about ending my life because I believed it had no meaning anymore.

My ex-husband took custody of our children because of my behavior. That was the moment I hit rock bottom. I felt I had lost everything, even my value as a person."

It was during this dark time that a friend invited Beatriz to The Universal Church.

"I went on a Friday, and for the first time I came into contact with the Word of God. After listening to the sermon, I felt free from the weight that had been crushing me. Something inside me changed that day. I decided to keep attending and began a chain of prayer for my deliverance."

"Today, I am free. I'm no longer depressed. I am happily married to a man of God, and our marriage is more than I ever dreamed of. I also regained the love of my children, rebuilt our relationship, and I am present in their lives. The days of living aimlessly, far from God, are gone. Now I am strong and I entrust my life and happiness to the protection of the Holy Spirit."

— Beatriz Hernandez



Micronesian Community Outreach in Missouri



The Universal Church in Missouri held its first service on Tuesday, March 25, 2024. The special event took place in St. Joseph, Missouri, in the conference room of the Stoney Creek Hotel. Many people, especially from the Micronesian community, came from different parts of the state to join this gathering of faith and miracles.

Pastors also visited homes, praying for those who were sick or struggling with depression, addiction, and other spiritual problems. We prayed for God's peace to fill their homes.

On Sunday, July 6, we returned to the same hotel for another Gathering of Faith and Miracles. More than a hundred people filled the conference room, leaving no empty seats. Some traveled for hours just to be part of the meeting and receive the Healing Water. After prayers for healing and deliverance, many stood up to share their testimonies of what God had done for them.

Since then, The Universal Church has been holding services every Sunday at 10 a.m., while pastors continue searching for a permanent place to establish our future church in Missouri.



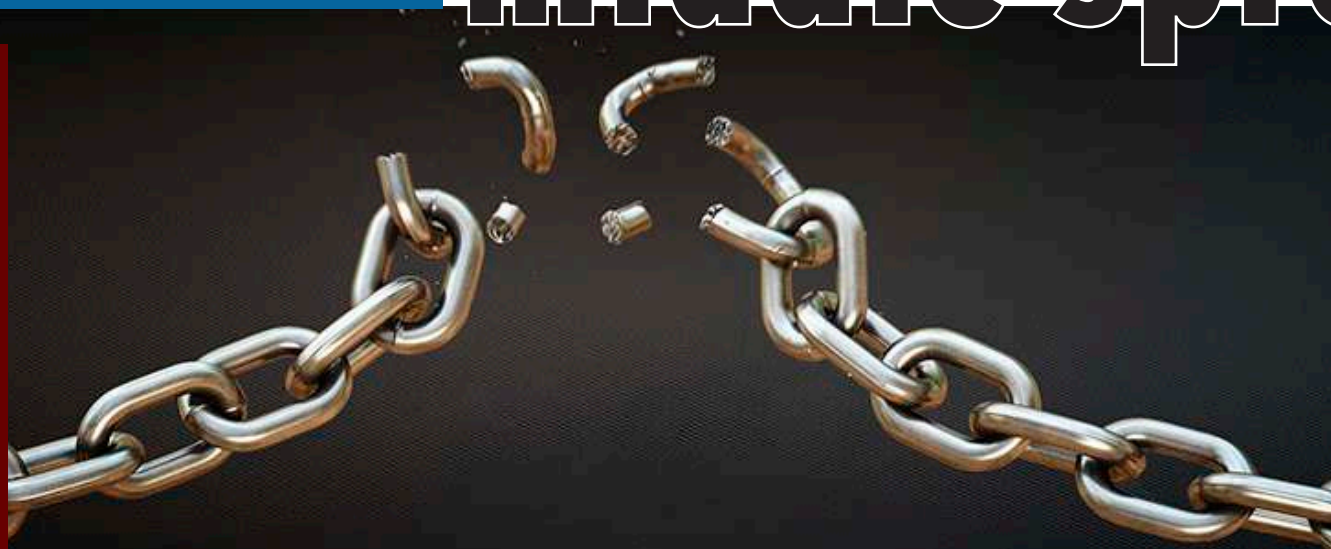
Cutting off the problems root cause Deliverance means being set free from what oppresses, steals peace and joy, and blocks growth in every area of life. A person can be physically imprisoned, like in jail, or symbolically, by debt or an abusive relationship. But the worst prison is the internal one. On the outside, someone may look free, yet inside their soul feels suffocated. This inner struggle eventually spills over into external problems. You may have tried to escape your suffering without success. Do you know why? Because some situations demand a stronger power to be defeated.

That is why Fridays at the Universal Church are dedicated to helping people experience spiritual deliverance. Deliverance becomes clear when someone notices things happening in their life without explanation, as if they are fighting against an invisible force. In these services, you will learn how to cut off the root cause of your problems through strong prayers and how to overcome them once and for all.

To understand the importance of these meetings, consider this: every life is a territory disputed by two kingdoms—God's and the kingdom of evil. Spiritual freedom happens when God's kingdom expels darkness and takes control of that territory. This is the first step to a new life with Him. First, a person is freed from evil, and then they can grow in a relationship with God, receiving His Spirit to dwell within them.

Every Friday at every Universal Church, strong prayers are offered. Service times: 7 AM, 10 AM, 4 PM, 7 PM

See the back page for locations.



BREAK FREE FROM ALL EVIL

“I just wanted some peace.”

Behind Evellyn Sereno's smile is a story of pain, trauma, and a turning point. Her childhood was anything but easy.

“I grew up surrounded by my parents fighting, blood on the floor, and hateful words carved into the walls with knives,” she recalls.

As a teenager, the effects of that broken home led her down dangerous paths. At fourteen, Evellyn entered an abusive relationship.

“I even started looking for drugs with my boyfriend at the time so we could resell them,” she says.

At seventeen, she became pregnant and decided to marry him, but her plans quickly unraveled.

“Two days before the wedding, I found out he had cheated on me and gotten another girl pregnant. My world collapsed, but I still went through with the wedding because I was emotionally dependent,” she explains.

Marriage turned out to be a prison. Isolation, arguments, and disappointment forced Evellyn to move back in with her parents. There, she faced old wounds and even deeper rejection, only this time while

holding her baby daughter. The accusations, arguments, and humiliations pushed her into an emotional breakdown.

“I just wanted some peace,” she remembers.

Escaping reality

Trying to numb the pain, she threw herself into partying, drinking, and short-lived relationships.

“I came home even more empty. I stopped sleeping, stopped eating, and cried nonstop because of depression. I lost my job and had constant suicidal thoughts.”

Exhausted and hopeless, she longed for peace. In 2018, during this desperate search, she remembered the Universal Church she had once attended with her father. She decided to go to a service but ended up sleeping through most of it. At the end, a young woman encouraged her to return.

“She told me that God would give me a chance to start over.”

A new beginning

Days later, Evellyn prayed a bold prayer. “God, if you really exist, if everything they say about you is true, I’ll go to church. But if nothing changes, I’ll never come back.”

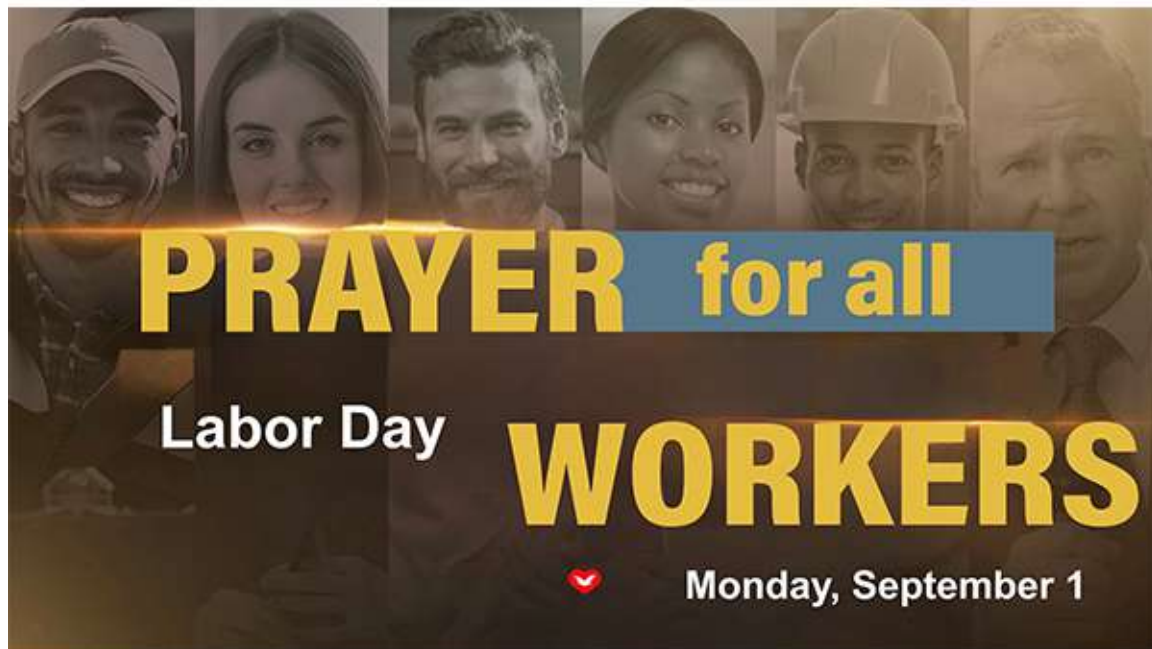


That day, the pastor spoke about a situation that felt exactly like hers. Evellyn went to the altar, poured out her heart, and cried as if her soul was being cleansed. For the first time in her life, she felt relief and peace.

“It was like God lifted a ton off my chest.” Through her journey of deliverance, she learned to forgive both herself and those who hurt her. “I realized what I needed most was Jesus,” she says. Later, during a campaign of faith, she experienced what she calls the most powerful moment of her life.

“I received the Holy Spirit and the conviction that God is with me.”

Today, Evellyn serves as a volunteer at the church. She is married to a man of faith who embraced her first daughter as his own, and together they have another child. “Everything changed when I put God first. He added everything else to my life,” she says with a smile.



Monday, September 1 – Labor Day:

A prayer for all workers

If you are a worker, this message is for you. What does a worker hope for in tomorrow?

What can someone expect when they spend their life fighting for daily bread and are not always appreciated for it? On stages, in classrooms, and in courtrooms, many claim to defend workers. But in the reality of everyday struggles, you often find yourself alone with no one to count on. This Monday, September 1, Labor Day, God wants to remind you of your true worth.

For those who serve God, work should never be just a way to survive. The Bible itself teaches that work should bring satisfaction.

“All hard work brings profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.” Proverbs 14:23

“A person can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in their own toil. This too, I see, is from the hand of God.” Ecclesiastes 2:24

That is why, this Labor Day, Monday, September 1, there will be a special gathering at the Universal Church near you. We will hold a special prayer for all workers. Service time: Main service at 10 AM (Also 4 PM, 7 PM)

MAKE A



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.

UNIVERSAL BEYOND BARS

You are NOT alone!

FROM BROKENNESS TO A New Beginning

Imagine growing up with everything you need, never worrying about food or where you would sleep at night. That was my life until my parents divorced. That is when everything changed. Suddenly, survival became a daily struggle.

We moved into a neighborhood full of drugs, crime, and violence. I felt lost. I did not understand what was happening around me, and I did not know how to adapt to this new reality.

Life became tough. I went from living in a place where people treated you kindly to a place where you had to fight just to keep what you had. My world flipped upside down. I started stealing cars. I knew it was wrong, but at the time, it felt like the only way to make money.

My mom was hardly ever home, so no one knew what I was doing. From stealing cars, I moved on to selling drugs and spending most of my time in the streets.

By the time I was 15 or 16, I was already getting arrested. Jail became routine, and eventually, I ended up in prison more than once. My life was



falling apart. I did not want to live that way anymore. I did not want to be feared or labeled a criminal, but I did not feel strong enough to leave it behind either.

Deep down, I was miserable. Money came and went. I had no control over my life. Even the women I was with claimed they loved me, but they betrayed me. My life was a mess.

One day, a friend invited me to a UBB service. Honestly, I went with a critical mindset. I mocked everything. During the service, I was not even paying attention.

I was planning my next move on the streets, thinking about the next car to steal or the next deal to make. But little by little, something started changing. I kept going back. I joined the chain of prayer and decided to obey, even though I still had doubts. That is when I began to notice God transforming my heart and mind.

I heard about the Holy Spirit, and something inside me said, "That is what I need." I spoke to the pastor, and he explained that with the Holy Spirit, God would be with me every day of my life. I made the choice to leave my old life behind completely.

Then, on a Wednesday, I received the Holy Spirit. That day, everything changed. My thoughts, my character, my reactions—everything was different. Before, I would have exploded in anger or even turned violent. But now, I had peace. Here is what I want you to know:

When you receive the Spirit of God, you truly



become a new person. Without Him, it is nearly impossible to stay on the right path.

But with the Holy Spirit, He gives you strength to overcome anything and peace that this world cannot give. Only through Him can you be truly free. – Mr. Anthony

Today, Mr. Anthony's life is completely restored. He is happy and filled with the presence of God.



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

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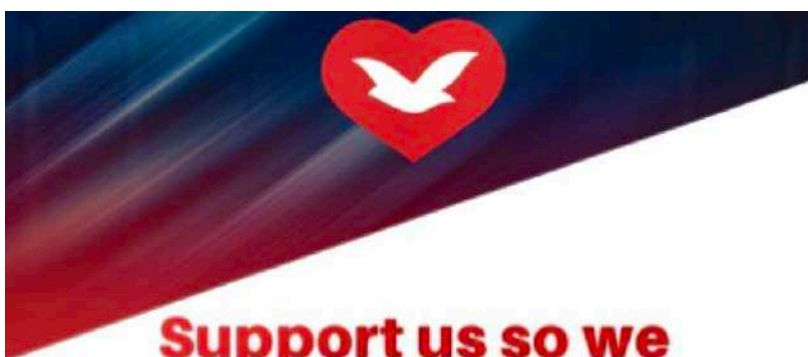




Every day the UBB has a new episode for you.

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

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What can I do to stop evil in my life?

Faith teaches us something important: there are things in life we can't change. One of those realities is that evil exists. We've all seen it, felt it, and maybe even taken part in it. But that doesn't mean we're stuck there. Many of us have asked hard questions:

“Why is life so unfair?”
“Why did this happen to me?”
“Where was God when things went wrong?”

These questions are real, and you're not alone in asking them. But it's important to understand: evil was never God's choice. It was ours.

Where evil came from

God created Lucifer as a beautiful angel, full of light. But Lucifer chose to rebel against God, and that choice turned him into the devil. In the same way, God gave us free will. He lets us choose, because real love can't be forced.

In the story of Adam and Eve, God told them not to eat from one tree—but they chose to disobey. That decision opened the door to sin and suffering. Ever since, people have continued to make the same choice: walking away from God.

But why do good people still suffer?

Here's the hard truth: even when we try to live right, we're still in a world where evil exists. Bad things happen. Innocent people get hurt. Life feels unfair.

Why? Because much of the world keeps pushing God away and going down the wrong path. That creates pain for everyone.

So even if you're doing your best to live by faith, you may still face trials. But that

doesn't mean God has forgotten you.

How can you stay strong and protected from evil?

God doesn't leave us defenseless. He gives us wisdom and tools to protect ourselves and fight back spiritually:

- Choose your circle wisely. The people around you can pull you down or lift you up. If someone is living in darkness, chances are it will affect you too.

- Be careful in relationships. If you want peace, don't tie yourself to someone who thrives in chaos. The Bible says light and darkness don't mix.

- Walk away from shady situations. If something doesn't feel right, don't test it. Don't play with fire.

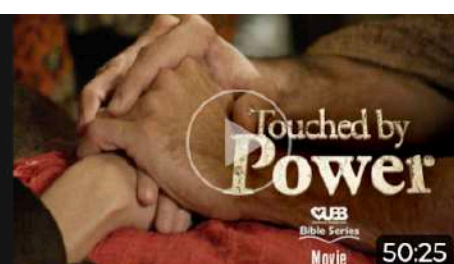
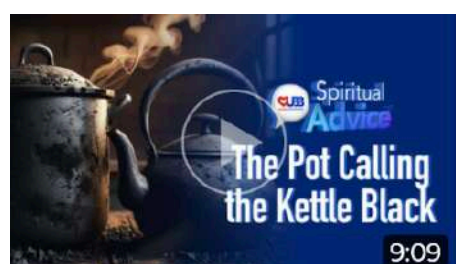
- Stay close to God. The Bible calls it “dwelling in the shelter of the Most High.” That means keeping a daily connection with Him. He protects those who remain near Him.

- Pray and stay alert. Jesus taught us to pray, “Deliver us from evil.” That's more than words—it's a lifeline. Prayer and obedience are your strongest weapons against the enemy.

You can overcome evil

No, we can't erase evil from the world. But we can choose not to let it control us. When you choose God and walk in faith—even if you've failed before—He gives you strength to resist temptation, stay steady, and move forward with peace.

Evil may exist, but it won't win against someone who takes shelter in God.



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Hoping for a more comfortable life and better opportunities, 54-year-old Joseph Arnold left his hometown determined to start fresh. But his expectations were quickly shattered. Without formal education or a clear profession, he found work in construction.

Since he had nowhere to live, Joseph stayed at the construction site, sharing the space with rats and fleas for three long months. “I cried many nights. Even though life back home was simple, at least I had comfort there,” he recalls.

Little by little, his situation improved, but the emptiness inside him remained. Believing that companionship would fill the void, he entered a relationship and moved in with his partner. Unfortunately, things only got worse, with constant arguments that often turned violent.

How can you lose what you don’t have?

During that time of struggle, Joseph often passed by a Universal Church near his home. Members would invite him for prayer and services, but he always refused.

One day, however, he realized something: his fear of “losing” didn’t make sense, because he truly had nothing to lose. That day, he decided to step into the Universal Church. There, he was warmly welcomed and

encouraged to return.

The pain and the turning point Just eight days after his first visit, tragedy struck. On the way to another service with his daughter, she was hit by a car during an illegal street race and died instantly.

The loss devastated him. “I was desperate. It was the lowest point of my life, and all I wanted was to kill the man who caused me that pain. But then I remembered what I had heard about Jesus. I decided to surrender my life and those feelings of revenge to Him,” Joseph explains.

Now he has something truly valuable By giving his life to God, Joseph’s heart was transformed. The anger and grief were replaced with peace. He received the

Holy Spirit, and both his life and family were restored.

“Through the Holy Spirit, I found peace and joy. I overcame my past, my failures, and the pain of loss. Even though I don’t have an education, I built a new life. Today, I run my own business, and through obedience, God has blessed my family,” he concludes.



Types of financial goals



Build an emergency fund
3–6 months of expenses



Pay off student loans
Refinance, make extra payments, enroll in autopay



Track your spending
Cut expenses and devote more where it matters



Contribute to a retirement fund
Take advantage of employer match



Pay down credit card debt
Balance transfer cards, personal loans, debt management plans



Save more money
Create a S.M.A.R.T. goal

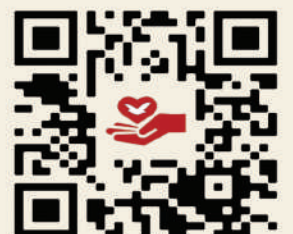


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