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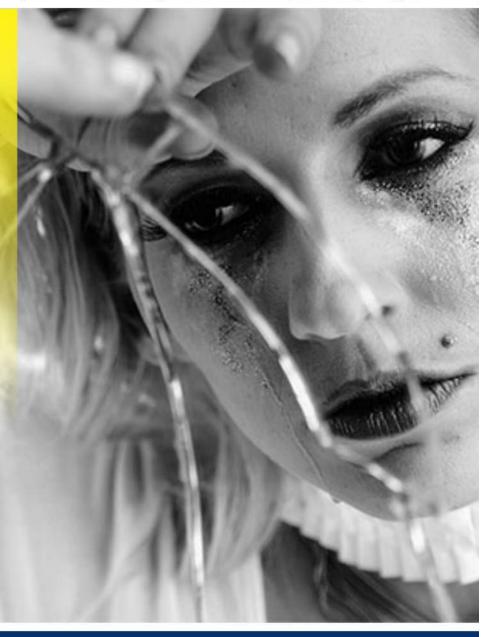
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How to fix a broken life?

Have you ever wished you could go back in time and do things differently? To undo a mistake or a bad decision? Have you ever wanted to just start over again in life? Whether you believe it or not, you are not the only one who has felt that way. These feelings are more common than you might think.

At some point, we have all wished we could have done things differently, to erase our mistakes and begin again with a clean slate. Wouldn't life be so much easier if we

Everyone makes mistakes and poor decisions, and we all deal with the consequences. Some of us have even suffered because of the choices of others, whether family members, so called friends, or even strangers. Some mistakes are intentional, others not. But facing problems and setbacks is part of life. We are human, imperfect, and challenges are simply part of our daily journey.

Still, no matter how much damage a mistake might cause to your life, reputation, or family, sincere faith in God gives you the strength not only to rebuild but also to protect yourself from future harm.

No matter how bad things may seem, your life is never beyond repair in God's eyes. If you choose today to hand your broken life over to Him, let Him guide you, and move forward in faith, He will help you write a new story. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." 2 Corinthians 5:17

With faith and with God, all things are possible. I invite you to join us this Sunday at a Universal Church near you for our Gathering of Faith and Miracles. Come and trade the broken pieces of your past for the new life God has prepared for you. Services at 7 AM, 10 AM, 3 PM, and 6 PM.

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.

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Bishop Edir Macedo

Dry wellsprings

nfortunately, many people keep insisting on their mistakes, even after being shown the path to a changed life.

The prophet Elijah warned King Ahab about what would happen if he continued down the wrong road, one that was leading all of Israel to ruin. During the three and a half years without rain, everyone suffered from misery, famine, and great pain. Yet Ahab's pride and arrogance wouldn't allow him to turn to God and see the real cause of such hardship. Instead, he chose to look for other ways to solve the problem.

"And Ahab said to Obadiah, 'Go into the land to all the springs of water and to all the brooks; perhaps we may find grass to keep the horses and mules alive, so that we will not have to kill any livestock.' So they divided the land between them to explore it; Ahab went one way by himself, and Obadiah went another way by himself." 1 Kings 18:5–6

How many people today are searching for alternative sources and rivers that are already dry? They try to find happiness without a relationship with God. They move to another city or country in search of prosperity. They work themselves to exhaustion. They abandon their families because they have no time for them. Yet after all their efforts, they still feel empty.

Others, unhappy in their marriages, think a new spouse will bring them happiness. So they move on to a second or even third relationship, but the same problems remain. Some are patients who have visited countless specialists, even traveling abroad for treatment, but their incurable illness still consumes them.

Parties, drugs, alcohol, constant travel, and the pursuit of "enjoying life" — this has become a desperate search for a drop of water to quench the thirst of the soul. The



tragedy is that, with each passing day, these people feel even more empty and depressed, and many reach the point of not wanting to live anymore.

All this happens because they refuse to see and admit the real problem. The same spirit of pride that filled Ahab still controls many hearts today. They prefer to deceive themselves, looking for solutions in dry wells instead of surrendering to what the Living Water has to offer.

"Then Elijah said to all the people, 'Come near to me.' ... And he repaired the altar of the Lord that was broken down." 1 Kings 18:30

As long as your altar is in ruins, your life will be in ruins. As long as your altar is broken, you will remain broken. This is inevitable — there is no way around it. The altar represents communion with the Most High, a place of sacrifice, surrender, and dependence on Almighty God.

Change only comes when a person understands this truth and obeys it. Do not let pride and arrogance cause you to suffer any longer. Restore your altar, repent, and you will see the fire of God — the Holy Spirit — come down upon your life to restore everything that was once destroyed.



Suffering was nothing new to Feliciana. Since the age of ten, she had been the victim of one of the greatest traumas a child can experience.

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The atrocities

What can we call the act of a parent abusing, assaulting and holding their own daughter captive? However, this

One trauma after another

raped repeatedly, she conceived and continued to stalk and chase after gave birth to a son when she was only 14 years old. "In hope of a better life, I ran away from home with a friend with whom I later started a relationship with. But there were many betrayals as well as physical and verbal aggression in this relationship. I got pregnant and we had a daughter but not long after, my daughter's father ended up dying in an accident,"she recalls.

Destructive spiral

Feliciana received an invitation to The desire to enjoy everything life visit the Universal Church, which has to offer and live it to the fullest she began attending and soon realhas led millions into even deeper suf- ized how much it helped her face the problems in her life. "But one day I heard a misplaced word from someonce brought them peace and count- and led me to distance myself from the Church and, consequently, from and feel a pull they can't resist. That God. I was away from God for 34

During this time of drifting away, she entered another relationship in which she started a family and had four daughters. But just like the last one, she suffered abuse and betrayal at the tender age of 10. After being Although the relationship ended, he arms of God for good.

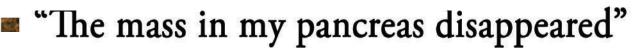
her. Feeling there was no way out, she even attempted suicide. "I felt as if my life was stuck in a cycle of pain and suffering that I just couldn't escape from," she recalls. "I didn't sleep for months, I cried a lot, ate and vomited. I felt a great emptiness and started going out to clubs with friends. I drank and smoked for years and even bought and used drugs, as well as did illegal things to feed my daughters. My life was completely destroyed," admits Feliciana.

Irresistible invitation

"One of my daughters, who was already attending the Universal Church, invited me to come back, and I immediately accepted! I went they know that being in the Church one that brought doubts to my faith through the whole process of deliverance and conversion until I received the Holy Spirit. It was a journey, but today I truly feel fulfilled and complete.

Today I am a happy woman, and I can say with full conviction that my life has been completely restored!" concludes Feliciana with an open smile, knowing that the path she has was the reality that Feliciana knew and eventually fell into depression. taken has brought her back to the

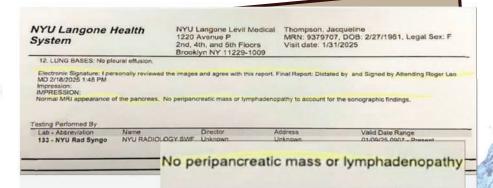
Use your faith and see God's Power this Sunday



Since January, I had been losing a lot of weight. I experienced severe abdominal pain and was throwing up something green and bitter. I went to the doctor and was sent for a sonogram. That is when I was told there was a mass in my pancreas. I then had to get an MRI to see more clearly what was happening.

Every morning and every night, I drank the blessed water and also applied some to my abdomen. When the MRI results came back, the doctors found no mass. They did not see anything wrong.

— Jacqueline



RECEIVE THE HEALING WATERS THIS SUNDAY

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"I do not need the cane to walk anymore"

My arthritis was so bad that I could barely walk. My foot was so stiff that when I went to the doctor, they recommended surgery, but I did not want to go through it. I could not walk without a cane.



Ms. Ann walking without the cane.

I took three sips of the blessed water every day, and today I am completely healed. I can walk on my own and no longer need the cane. — Ann Clark



Free from Every Addiction

I struggled with cigarettes, marijuana, and alcohol for more than 30 years. I tried everything I could to quit, including programs and asking for God's help, but I always went back to the same habits. My addictions caused me to lose my children, and I sank into depression.

Since I started coming to this ministry, I started using my faith and drink the blessed water. God has set me free from all addictions in less than two months. I also just got a new job after being unemployed since 2020.

God is great. - Natasha



You are not broken beyond repair



ome things in life, once broken, cannot be replaced or put back together. Think of a favorite childhood toy or a fragile ornament from a special occasion that shattered beyond repair. You probably wished more than anything that it could be restored.

Life can feel the same way. Sometimes it hits us so hard that we feel as though we cannot be pieced back together.

Yet the Word of God reminds us that no matter how broken we feel, He can make us new.

"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you..." Ezekiel 36:26

Maybe your spirit has been crushed, weighed down by oppression, depression, or anxiety.

God promises to remove that heavy burden and replace it with His Spirit of renewal and peace.

A new spirit means a new you, and with it comes a new life. This life begins when you surrender your broken pieces to God and allow Him to restore you.

May the God of the Bible bless you richly.

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When God rewrites a story

uliana Carvalho, a 24-year-old physical education student, says she paid a high price for living a life focused on her own desires.

The daughter of devoted church members, Juliana grew up hearing about God's love. "I was

raised in His presence, but I still wanted to experience what the world had to offer. As a teenager, I got involved with an older man who used drugs. I started hanging out with the wrong crowd and stopped respecting my parents," she recalls. At that time, she often had nightmares and was afraid to be alone.

By the age of 15, Juliana was already in her second relationship. She thought friendships and parties could fill the

felt inside. "From then on, things just worse," she admits. "I started doing things I never imagined would—first drinking, then smoking. heartbreaking for my parents. They completely lost control of me. I would spend nights and days at funk parties, clubs, other events."

emptiness she

As time went on, her life spiraled further out of control. She became consumed by parties, drinking, an obsession with her appearance, and even prostitution. "My priority was how I looked on the outside. I wanted everyone to think I was happy and confident and that I had the perfect body. But prostitution and short-lived relationships were my rock bottom. I kept trying to fill my emptiness with alcohol and new romances, but it always ended badly. I even went to cemeteries to make



offerings to spirits, yet my relationships still fell apart. Deep down, I knew it was all the result of my own choices."

Eventually, Juliana became angry with God and sought help from a spiritist center, but things only got worse. "After that, I couldn't sleep, I heard voices, and I had no peace. I kept a knife under my bed because I didn't want to live anymore. At the same time, I was afraid to take my own life because I knew God's Word,"

she says. "I even came to hate my own father."

Juliana admits she put her parents through a lot, but they never gave up on

Haunted by addiction and despair,

Juliana thought there was no way

back. But through her parents'

prayers and God's mercy, she found

freedom and a new beginning.

her. "I remember my mother once told me that I would become a woman of God and have a blessed marriage. I told her she was wasting her time hoping for that," she recalls.

A new life

In 2019, Juliana accepted another invitation from her parents to attend a service at the Universal

Church. This time, she was ready for change. She decided to take everything she heard seriously. Before long, she was free from her addictions and inner turmoil. "I started walking with Jesus. I left my past and old friendships behind and was baptized. Today, I am a happy person. I have peace. I am married to a man of God. I love my family, I get along wonderfully with my father, and I want to live to honor the Lord Jesus for transforming my life."

FAITH IN ACTION

What's happening at Universal

Micronesian community

Mega Help Event debuts in St. Joseph

The first Mega Help Event took place in St. Joseph, Missouri, this September, bringing hope and unity to the community. Organized by the Universal Church, the event went beyond sports, focusing on encouragement and support for those facing depression, anxiety, and other emotional struggles.







The day featured a lively volleyball tournament with 70 young partic-

ipants from St. Joseph and Kansas City. Between matches, they received an uplifting message about faith and overcoming challenges, followed by a prayer for strength and renewal.



The Universal Church continues its mission every Sunday at 10 AM at the Stoney Creek Hotel in St. Joseph. For more information, call (816) 226-7318.



From a shattered life to a successful businesswoman



In the midst of the chaos her life had become, Gabriela discovered the secret to true happiness. Keep reading to find out how.

"When I arrived at the Universal Church, my marriage was on the verge of ending. As a result, my entire life was in shambles, unstable and unbalanced. Financially, I was going from bad to worse. Even though I had studied and taken many courses, it still was not enough for me to progress.

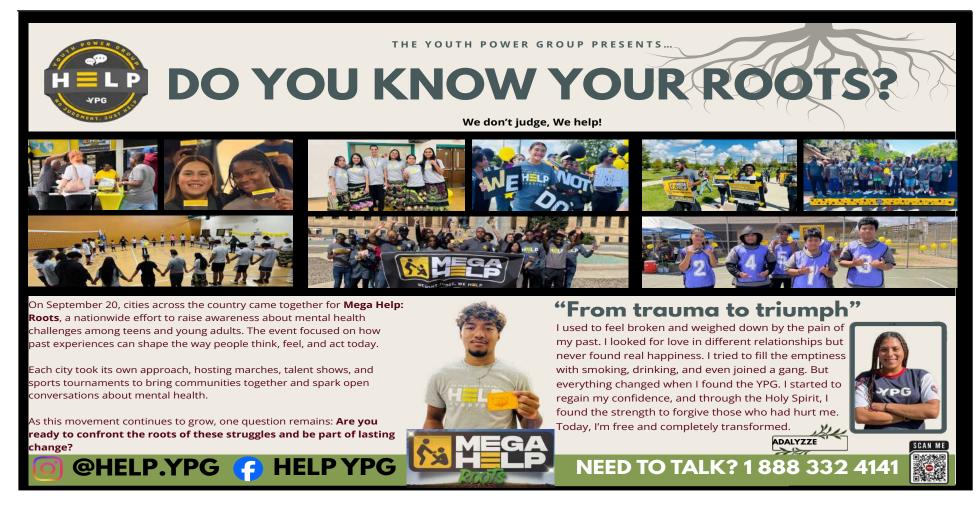
As I kept coming to church and started applying what I was learning from the Word of God and during the meetings, little by little, God began to restore my life. I surrendered my life to Him and was baptized in water. My marriage was restored, and I had an encounter with God. I received the baptism with the Holy Spirit, and He not only gave me strength and peace but also direction to continue in my profession."

Faith in Action "God gave me the vision to start a

business in the field of aesthetics and beauty, and my husband encouraged me to go for it. Even while I was still studying and taking courses, I decided to start working from home. I began serving some friends, gained clients, and over time started offering more services. That is how things began to happen. Step by step, I transformed a small space into a beauty salon. God gave me direction, and I put into practice everything I was learning in the Monday meetings at the church. From a completely miserable life, my family and I now have a blessed one."

"We later decided to move abroad, and I had to start again from scratch. But because I already had God's direction and knew how to use my faith, I worked hard and did my best. Today, I have my own space abroad, much larger and with a team of five people. Now I have more freedom to spend quality time with my loved ones and take care of myself and my family."

Gabriela Fiuza



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While mistakes and problems shatter a person, repentance and faith in God have the power to rebuild them. How many times have you wanted to start over? Believe me, this desire is more common than you might think. In a world with so many paths available, people often choose what pleases their eyes and, especially, their hearts. The big problem is that the heart is deceitful, as God warns us through the prophet Jeremiah, and the result of being guided by feelings and desires is destruction. It may seem that certain choices won't bring major consequences, but as the years pass, each wrong decision adds to a growing pile of failures and frustrations, leaving a person in pieces. Some suffer the effects of wrong decisions made by others—such as betrayal or abuse—and carry a pain that refuses to leave them alone. Living this kind of reality, many wish to turn the page and start over. But the big question is: where to begin?

In an attempt to change their lives, some try external transformations—changing their hair, investing in cosmetic procedures, or switching colleges, jobs, cities, even social circles or spouses—all in an effort to distance themselves from their old selves. Yet despite these efforts, something still feels missing. Strength, determination, perseverance, and even faith seem to fade away, while discouragement, weakness, and doubt take their place. When they reach this point, many give up and start living according to their own will, surrendering to feelings, addictions, debts, and the easy ways of the world without considering the consequences. The destruction becomes so deep that some can no longer see the light at the end of the tunnel.

The path to a new beginning

Even when someone believes their life is destroyed and beyond hope, God sees in that destruction the perfect setting for the creation of a new story. Once, the prophet Jeremiah was taken by God to the house of a potter—a craftsman who creates objects from clay. There, the prophet saw him working on his piece.

"And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter; so he made it again into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to make." (Jeremiah 18:4)

Faced with this scene, God Himself spoke to the prophet: "O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter?" says the Lord. "Look, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel." (Jeremiah 18:6)

Clay represents the human being in all its fragility. On its own, it is nothing more than damp earth. But when it is in the potter's hands and molded by him, it takes on a new form and gains value. Clay cannot mold itself—it depends entirely on the work of a



craftsman. In the same way, human beings cannot shape their lives alone; they depend on God. Recognizing this is the first step toward true transformation.

Regarding this biblical passage, Bishop Edir Macedo explains that "the prophet should observe the way the potter cleans the clay, for in its original state this raw material can never be molded. He would also observe the ideal moisture content needed to preserve the clay, as well as the skill and strength employed in the potter's hands to give the piece the desired shape."

Through patience and dedication, "God wanted to show that He has a perfect purpose for His children, but He fulfills it only when they are submissive to Him," the Bishop emphasizes.

Just as molding clay requires the right amount of moisture, for a human being to be molded by God, they must repent, set aside pride, and submit to the transformations God proposes—changes that begin from the inside out. His purpose is not merely to mend a broken life, but to create a new being. From what was once sin and dishonor, from what led to destruction, God forms a new vessel for His glory. Where there was once no value, His grace and divine nature begin to exist.



"I thought I was a lost cause."

his phrase sums up how Paul Robert saw himself. He grew up in a dysfunctional home and got involved in crime as a teenager.

"When I was 16, I shot a boy because of a rivalry, and when my mother found out, she told me she wouldn't live with a murderer," he says. From that moment on, Paul started using and selling drugs, and to support his habit, he turned to robberies.

He was arrested, but prison only made the hatred inside him grow stronger. "I thought, 'I'm going to hell, but I'll take someone with me.' Back then, killing or dying made no difference to me," he recalls.

After his release, things got even worse. "I committed other crimes and tried to fill my emptiness with prostitution and drugs. I even tried to go back to my family, but it was too late. I was already in deep trouble with the law, and that's when I got a ten-year prison sentence. I became desperate."

Behind bars, Paul's only hope came from the meetings held inside the prison. "I used to listen to Bishop Macedo on the radio. The Word of God touched me, and something inside me began to change. The hatred, the thirst for revenge, and the resentment toward those who hurt me started to disappear. I began to repent and wanted to live a life that would please God," he says.

Those changes became visible, and he was granted his first temporary release. But instead of going back to prison, Paul decided to stay free and rebuild his life. He started attending the Universal Church, found a job, and began to change—but he was still a fugitive.

"I was living under pressure, and the Holy Spirit spoke to me, telling me that even though I had changed, I wasn't right. That's when I decided to turn myself in," he remembers. He spent another eight years in prison, where he was baptized in water and continued attending church services inside the facility. "There, I grew stronger in faith and kept seeking God. In 2021, I was released on parole, and one Sunday while seeking the Holy Spirit, I was sure He was with me. He showed me all the times He had delivered me," Paul says.

That moment marked the beginning of the rebuilding God had planned for his life. With a new spirit, a new character, and a new vision, Paul began a new life to glorify God. Since then, the man once seen as a "lost cause" has reconnected with



his children, found a steady job, and now volunteers in a Universal Church social project. "I never believed this could happen to me, but God transformed me. He even gave me a wife. I met her

at church, and we've been married for six months. I'm a new man. I still have a lot to work on, but I know I'm safe in God's hands," he concludes.

"I tried to commit suicide three times, but God changed my life."

alvadora discovered Universal Church when she was going through a series of personal problems. However, because she devoted herself completely to the work of the church, she believed she was having a true experience with God. Within her, however, the Creator didn't take precedence over her, but rather her husband at the time.

"I had been married for 16 years and suspected someone was cheating. My then-husband would

come home in the middle of the night, reject me as a woman, and give numerous hints that he was seeing someone else. He said I was crazy, but I persisted until he confessed," she recalls. At that moment, a deep sadness overcame her. "I became depressed and weighed 77 lbs. I had no desire to work, became very ill, and tried to commit suicide three times. For me, he came first, not God," she says.

The separation was inevitable, but Salvadora didn't give up; she began acting on her feelings and making one

mistake after another. "I hired a hitman, but it didn't work. Then I tampered with his car so he and his lover would die in an accident, which also didn't work. Until I tried rituals to find a way to move the spirit world to bring him back. But things got worse," she emphasizes.

With her life destroyed, Salvadora listened to a suggestion from a supposed friend: to fake her own kidnapping. "He said he was going to play a joke, called my then-husband, asked for ransom money, and threatened to kill me. The police showed up and took me into custody along with my sister, my colleague, and his wife. That was my lowest point."

Salvadora says that, inside the cell, "the penny dropped" and she recognized the mistake she had made. "I never imagined I would be arrested one day. I was already plotting my death when God



I was released from prison, but I couldn't resume my walk with God. People pointed at me on the streets as 'the kidnapper,' and I manifested with spirits at church meetings. I was so ashamed," she says.

Because she hadn't made a true decision, she returned to drinking and using drugs. "I didn't have the strength to go to church; I only had thoughts of death, of evil eyes, and that God

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wasn't with me." According to her, overcoming harmful thoughts was only the first battle. "I had to let go of the hurt, of all the bad feelings, and surrender to God. I had to persevere, and I can say that I was rescued by God," she assures.

After renouncing what separated her from the Creator, the Holy Spirit filled her. "I left home with determination asked God to remove those handcuffs and give me the true freedom that only Jesus can give. That's when my transformation happened.

Shortly thereafter, my case was dismissed, and my life got back on track," she recalls.

She says she regained everything she lost over time. "Today, I have the Holy Spirit as my number one priority in my life. I'm free from depression, I have peace, my home, my job, and I've married a man of God. The Lord has given me twice as much as I lost. Today I can say I'm different because God is first in my life," she concludes.

reminded me of when I sought Him. Shortly after,

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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!

Congratulations Graduates - Memorial Unit "Overcoming Anger Course"



hat an incredible and meaningful day it was! It was truly special to witness the graduation of these determined men at the Memorial Unit.

The ceremony began with a powerful reminder: graduation is proof that you can do it. Bishop Taylor encouraged the men, reminding them that when someone is truly dedicated to their goals, success always follows. His words reinforced the message that they are capable of achieving anything they set their minds to.

The graduates were also reminded to never doubt themselves or say things like, "I can't do it" or "At least I tried." This day stood as living proof



of their commitment, discipline, and transformation. After Bishop Taylor's inspiring message, Bishop Bira Joshua



One graduate said he learned that feeling anger is natural, but what truly matters is how you handle it. He realized that he should never let people or situations control his

emotions and that it's up to him to stay in control of his reactions. Another graduate explained that the course helped him recognize his triggersspecific places, people, and situations that would often spark his anger.

graduates stepped forward to share their personal

stories and how the UBB Overcoming Anger

Course had made a difference in their lives.



The final speaker shared how the course helped him find the root of his anger, understand where it came from, and learn how to deal with it. He admitted that before, he often played the victim and blamed others for his actions. But through the course, he learned to take responsibility, stay calm, and practice selfcontrol. He also talked about discovering

led everyone in a heartfelt prayer. Then three the concept of the "Five Whys." One question that really changed his mindset was, "Why should I allow myself to be influenced by negativity?" That shift helped him turn negative thoughts into positive ones and completely transformed his outlook.

> After the speeches, the men proudly received their certificates, followed by a delicious meal prepared and served with joy and care by the UBB volunteers.







It was a beautiful day of celebration, reflection, and renewal—a reminder to keep pushing forward and becoming better every day. Once again, the UBB congratulates all the graduates of the Memorial Unit for their amazing achievement in completing the Overcoming Anger Course.







"I never imagined my life would turn out like this. Well... I didn't think I would get caught. I thought I could keep doing the same wrong things, and get away with it. I'm stuck in this place, and stuck in my thoughts, I NEED help. I can't do it anymore.... feel STUCK Stuck in my past, stuck in my thoughts, stuck with unforgiveness and grudge.

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et's be honest. Sometimes religion can actually get in the way of truly knowing God. It might sound strange at first, but it is true. Religion often teaches people how to act, what to say, and how to appear holy, but it does not always bring them closer to the One who changes lives from the inside out.

Every person has a deep desire to connect with something greater. It is built into us. We all want meaning, forgiveness, and peace. But when someone does not yet know the true and living God, they often try to fill that emptiness with religion, rules, traditions, or appearances, hoping it will satisfy what their soul is really longing for. How religion offends God

We see this in the story of Jesus and the religious leaders of His time. These men knew the Scriptures, prayed in public, and displayed all the outward signs of holiness. But when Jesus healed a man who had been blind since birth, instead of celebrating, they criticized Him.

They were so focused on their rules that they missed the miracle happening right in front of them. Religion had blinded them.

Instead of seeing God's love at work, they attacked Jesus and tried to silence the man who had just received his sight. Eventually, these same religious leaders pushed to crucify Jesus.

The same thing still happens today. When religion becomes all about rules, appearances, and traditions, it can push Jesus out of the center of people's lives.

Rituals, labels, and judgment replace Him, leaving people looking holy on the outside while

remaining empty and broken inside.

The difference between religion and relationship Religion says, "Do more. Try harder. Prove yourself." A relationship with God says, "Come as you are. Let Me change you."

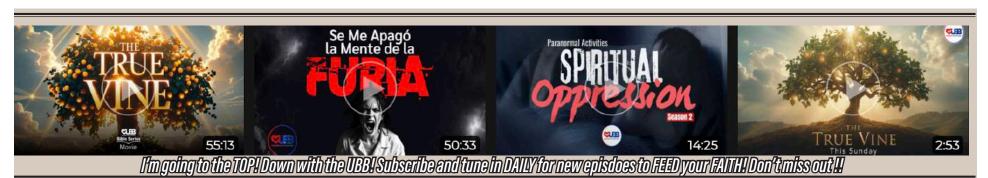
God is not interested in religion. He wants a real relationship with you. He is not looking for perfection. He is looking for sincerity. Even in a place surrounded by walls and fences, your heart can be free when you truly meet Him.



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Religious faith without God's presence is like a gun with no bullets. It looks powerful, but when you need it most, it fails. A real relationship with God is a source of power that never runs out. It brings peace, forgiveness, and strength that no one can take from you.

Do not settle for religion. Go after God Himself. He is not waiting for you to fix your life to start something new. He is ready to begin it with you right now, right where you are.



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who arcelo, is now a businessman, his spent childhood adolescence and listening to his family say he was the son of a single mother, and because of that, "he wouldn't be anyone in life." At 21, Marcelo got married, but he faced many disappointments in his financial life. "I was supposed to have the best to give to my wife, but I would get home, open the fridge, and have nothing to eat, which made me feel really bad. I lived on a property my wife's uncle lent us to build two rooms. I was experiencing many problems in my marriage, and I was unemployed," he says. Marcelo met a neighbor who was a member of The Universal Church, and she invited him to go to the Church, but he refused her help. The neighbor then didn't insist. "She said, 'If you don't want to go to church, it's because your situation is still good. You're not at rock bottom yet, and when you are, come back, look for me, and I'll take you there," she says.

What she didn't know was that Marcelo was already at rock bottom. A week later, he went to her and asked her to take him to a service. "I went to the church, sat in the back on a Sunday, and paid attention to the entire meeting. I remember the Pastor said, 'If you came here today looking for success



or money, you are in the wrong place. Here is the the Kingdom of Heaven first, and everything else you need will be added.'

When I heard that Word, I realized that something was different and I thought: 'That's what I want:

When the meeting ended, I went to the Altar, placed my hands there, and said, 'If the Lord is in this place, from today on, the Lord will change my because I will place it on Your Altar.' I left with a different mindset, and I no longer had that anguish," he says.

Three months after attending The Universal Church, Marcelo saw his marriage get back on track, and his situation began to change. It was then that he understood who he needed to have a permanent alliance with. "I focused on seeking the Holy Spirit because I wanted the One who would give me the strength to change my life. I didn't look for financial success transformation of my marriage but for the filling of my inner being. God, then, was wonderful, and on a Wednesday, He came upon me," he highlights.

place where you must seek By prioritizing the Presence of God, other things were indeed added to his life. His marriage changed; his wife, who couldn't have children, was healed, and they had a daughter, who is now married and has given them a granddaughter. He also opened a company and today can provide a good quality of life for his family. Year after year, Marcelo sees God providing for every area of his life. "I had no plans or expectations before, but today, I do make plans because I have the direction of the Holy Spirit. When things don't happen as planned, I don't worry, because God is in control, and if it didn't happen, it's because it wasn't His will," he concludes.

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