





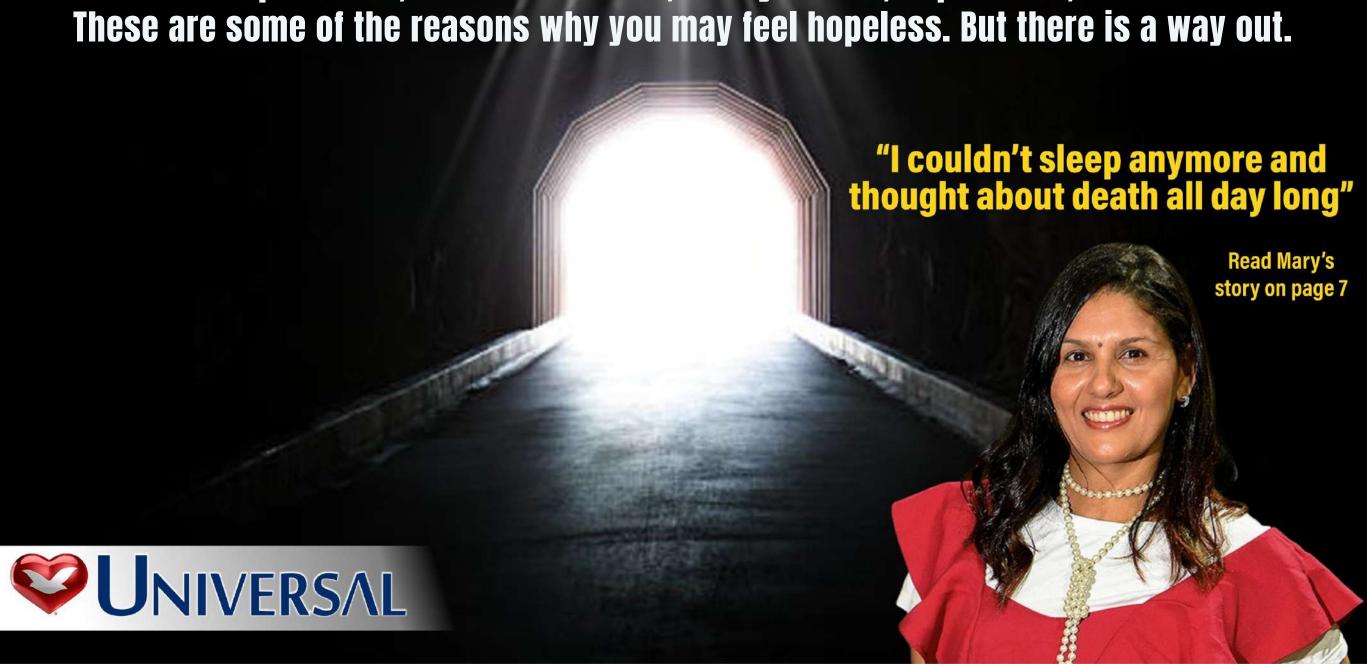


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# **OPINIONS**

#### IN THIS EDITION

### Light at the end of the tunnel

We are all familiar with the saying, there is light at the end of the tunnel. We read it in books, hear it from motivational speakers, and may have even said it ourselves at some point. But how many people truly believe it? Maybe right now you are going through a problem or a series of problems that have left you feeling completely hopeless. You cannot imagine a good outcome. Your future looks dark

You are not the only one who has ever felt this way. The good news is that when we cannot see a solution with our physical eyes, we can still find a way out through the eyes of faith. The Lord Jesus is the Light of the World, and He is also the light at the end of your darkest road. The peace, hope, and freedom you desire do not require you to die or take your own life to experience them. You can have them here and now if you turn to the Lord Jesus with all your heart, strength, and soul.

Many people do not realize that our hope and peace are directly connected to our relationship with God. This is why Jesus said in John 8:12, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." Jesus is the Light at the end of the dark road you are on. If you choose today to seek Him and look to Him, you will find the way out of the situation you face.

The hope and peace He offers are not temporary or dependent on circumstances. That is what the world offers us, quick temporary fixes. But what comes from God is everlasting and begins within. He is the missing piece in your life. With Him there is hope, and real change is possible.

Visit a Universal Church near you. Our doors are open 7 days a week, and there are always spiritual advisers ready to counsel you and pray with you. It is your time to step out of the darkness and find the Light.

#### Beating Depression

Depression is more than just feeling sad. It is a deep and 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 persons will to live. Depression is not only a state of mind, it is a sickness of the soul. And 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 fighting depression. If you need support, we invite you to visit a nearby branch. Join the 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 the Chain of Prayer can truly make a difference. You can be the next success story. You can overcome depression.



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### **Bishop Edir Macedo**



### When nothing is going well

Te are living in very difficult times, when many people have lost almost everything. They have lost their family, their health, their job, their business, their home, and so much more. Faced with so many problems and losses, many are becoming discouraged in their faith. Some are even giving up on their own lives.

It is easy to believe in God when everything is going well and there are no challenges. However, it is in the most difficult moments of life that we must use our faith the most. We must never let go of our faith, because faith is the bridge that connects us to God. If that bridge is broken, we lose our connection with Him. And when we lose that connection, we lose everything, including our salvation.

In 1 Samuel 30, we read about David returning with his men to Ziklag, only to find the city destroyed by the Amalekites. Their wives, sons, and daughters had been taken captive, and everything they owned was gone. They were devastated. They cried until they had no strength left to cry. Everyone was overwhelmed with sorrow, but David strengthened himself in the Lord his God.

It is natural for a person to cry when facing painful losses. Many people today feel exactly like that. But it is not normal to spend the rest of your life crying, frustrated, and depressed. At some point, it is necessary to take action through faith to change the situation. If nothing changes, life will continue the

David also cried, but he did not stay in that state. He strengthened himself in God and sought His guidance. It does no good to say we believe in God if we do not take positive action in life and instead allow



problems to defeat us. It is in the hardest times that we must put our faith into action. That is what David did. He was not only a man of faith. He was a man who acted, and that attitude made him a great leader.

Sadly, many people today abandon their faith and allow the battles of life to crush them. They give up and fall spiritually, and because of that, they never move forward. That is why we see many former believers and many people away from church who turn against God when they should be turning against the devil. Instead of strengthening themselves in God and seeking Him, they seek answers from people, psychics, horoscopes, and anything else the world offers.

We must do the opposite. We must strengthen ourselves in the Word of God. We must act in faith and seek help only from the Lord, because He is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. The decisions we make when facing problems today will shape our future. It is not enough to believe in God and say we have faith if we do not take action.



Abuse, addictions, and endless suffering led Carmen into the deepest

"It all started in my childhood, when my parents separated. My father sent my sibling and me to live with an aunt. While we were living venge only grew stronger. there, an older cousin abused my sister, and later began abusing me as well. The abuse lasted for two years. He was older and should have protected us, but instead he took advantage of us and made everything even worse.

Around the age of twelve or thirteen, my father sent me to live with family in France. I hoped things would improve, but they got worse. I could not sleep, I had panic at-

# Depression and the desire for revenge only increased

bitter, and very mean toward my family. There was a deep emptiness inside me. I tried to fill it and started stealing, until stealing became an

An invitation
"Depression took control of me. So I went to Portugal to live with my mother, hoping to find peace. But was rebellious toward her too. I went out every night with friends to steal. I was arrested several times, and the depression and desire for re-

Then one day, a young man who attion changed everything. At church, guides our lives." I found the way out of my pain and suffering.

#### Understanding

"I started attending the meetings and learned where my suffering came from and the mistakes I had made. I realized I did not have to tacks, and I even thought about carry hurt, resentment, or the desire

cutting myself. I became angry, for revenge. I did not have to accept a life of darkness.

So I fought for my deliverance. I went to church every day to receive the Word of God and fight for the transformation of my inner self. That is how I found true freedom and the peace I had always longed for. Through the Holy Spirit, I became a true daughter of God and began building a dignified life. Today, I am free from anger, depression, and addictions. God has blessed me with a beautiful family. I married the young man who invited me to church. I am now self-employed, and my entire family is in tended the Universal Church invit- the presence of God. Our greated me to go with him. That invita- est blessing is that the Holy Spirit



# \*With God all things are possible the power of God this Sunday.

# Victory over two tumors and four nodules

Patricia, 50, spent years dealing with uterine fibroids that gradually got worse. By 2022, the bleeding became so severe that she often fainted from weakness. One episode sent her to the hospital, where doctors warned that the constant fainting could even cause a heart attack. They recommended a hysterectomy. During the surgery, doctors unexpectedly found a tumor in her appendix and removed it. Afterward, she went to an oncology hospital for more tests, and they discovered an even larger tumor in her breast. The news crushed her. She had watched her mother suffer and die from cancer, and she feared the same thing would happen to her.

Patricia already attended the Universal Church, but she decided to grow stronger in her faith. She began participating in the Chain of Prayer, seeking healing and the strength to keep fighting. In January 2023, she had surgery to remove the breast tumor and continued regular follow ups with her doctors. Later tests showed nodules in her breasts and ovaries, which brought her fear and anxiety all over again.

Feeling desperate, Patricia prayed constantly, refusing to accept the same painful fate as her mother. To her relief, doctors later confirmed that the nodules were not malignant. That news brought her peace and renewed hope.

During another set of exams, a doctor looked at her and asked, "Do you believe in miracles" Then she learned that the nodules had disappeared completely. She no longer needed any treatment. Now fully healed and free of symptoms, Patricia has returned to her normal life. She is driving again, studying, and growing her business, grateful every day for her health and for the miracle she received.



# Free from arthritis

I was in an accident in 2022, and after that I had pain in my left hip

every day. Later, I was diagnosed with arthritis in that same hip.

When I started coming to the church, I began drinking the blessed



# No more bleeding

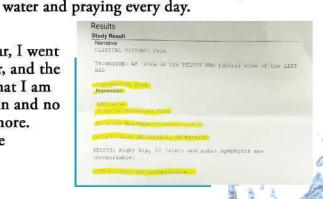
One day, I noticed that my bed was wet, but it was actually a vein in my leg that had burst. I called for help and was told to keep my foot elevated. When they checked me, they saw that my blood pressure was very high, which was unusual for me, so they gave me two pills to lower it.

I prayed to God and drank the blessed water. I also anointed myself with the holy oil and said, "God, I do not accept being stuck in a hospital bed."

Later, I took another test. This time, the results showed that everything was fine. No more bleeding.

In June of this year, I went back to the doctor, and the results showed that I am fine. I have no pain and no arthritis anymore.

Caroline





# RECEIVE THE BLESSED WATER THIS SUNDAY

at your nearest Universal Church





#### Light at the end of your tunnel



aveyouever experienced true darkness, the kind so complete that you cannot even see your own hand in front of your face We often associate darkness with loneliness, sadness, or emptiness. Perhaps you can relate. Maybe a darkness has been hovering over your life for some time, and you have been searching for even the smallest glimmer of light.

Maybe your darkness has been depression. You do not feel like socializing, and deep down you long for light. But the Word of God declares, "Let there be light."

"Then God said, Let there be light and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good, and God divided the light from the darkness." Genesis 1:3-4

This word is for you. You have searched again and again for light at the end of the tunnel, yet God has already prepared that light for you.

The Word of God is light, and when it dwells within you, it illuminates everything you touch. Begin to confess that there is light in your life, that the darkness that once overshadowed you is disappearing, and that the light of God is shining upon you.

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God's light is available, ready for you to take hold of it.

May the God of the Bible bless you.

# A childhood marked by pain

y story of transformation begins in a childhood marked by deep pain. Everything started to fall apart when I was only eight years old and my father abandoned our family. From that moment on, darkness seemed to surround me. I began seeing shadows and hearing voices. At home,

things were just as troubled. My mother was involved in spiritism, and often her aggression was directed toward us. She used to beat me, and the hatred I felt grew so strong that I would look at her and imagine killing her and even my own brother.

Anxiety and panic attacks became a constant part of my life. I wanted to die, yet at the same time I feared death. Confusion and hopelessness pushed me toward the wrong path. At eight years old, I began stealing. Whenever I went into a shop, I would take something and no one ever noticed. Soon after, I started using and selling drugs at school, all without my mother knowing. Eventually, I even began stealing drugs from the very dealer I worked for. When they found out, they threatened to kill me. I wanted to run away, but I knew that if I did, my family would pay the price.

In the midst of that chaos, God used someone to reach me.

One day a friend from school invited me to the Universal Church. Without thinking much of it, I went. But as soon as I stepped inside, I regretted it. I did not believe in God. Still, since I was already there, I decided to stay for the service.

During the message, the pastor quoted Psalm 126:5: "Those who sow

in tears shall reap in joy." Those words struck me deeply. For the first time, I opened my heart to God. I told Him everything I had been through, even things no one else knew, not even my mother. The more I spoke, the more I wanted to speak.

After that prayer, something changed inside me. I felt a relief I had never felt before, and God made me certain of His love. When



"I walked into church with doubts, but left with hope"

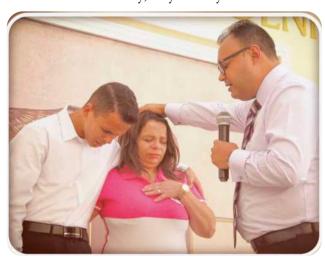
I went home, all I could

think about was returning to the church. That moment marked the beginning of my journey with God.

I began attending the chain of prayer for my total deliverance. The pastor taught me that if I truly wanted a transformed life, I needed to forgive my father. That was one of the hardest things for me to do. I had not spoken to him in years. But that day, I went home, called him, forgave him, and told him that I loved him.

I also told my mother that I wanted to be baptized in water. She did not accept it. She hit me on the head and forced me out of the house. I went straight to the church to speak with the pastor, who told me to invite my mother to attend the baptism. It sounded impossible, but I obeyed. To my surprise, she agreed to come. She participated in the service, witnessed my baptism, and that day marked the beginning of her transformation as well.

Today, my family and I serve



God together. I am free from drugs, and I no longer suffer from anxiety or panic attacks. I was baptized in the Holy Spirit, and since that day I have a certainty inside me that no one can take from me. I finally understand that the battles I faced were not just physical, they were spiritual. And through faith, I found the light at the end of the tunnel.

Leandro Guimaraes

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# **FAITH IN ACTION**

# What's happening at Universal

### Conquering what the world cannot offer



Dreams coming true, career success, and material goods are often presented as the path to tranquility, harmony, and happiness. This is the so-called peace that the world promises.

But how do you describe the absence of inner peace Many who have never experienced it think that a life of restlessness is normal. It becomes a constant inner chaos, a desire for calm that never arrives and always feels out of reach. It can feel like a personal hell that follows you day after day. For Miguel, the lack of peace turned into constant despair and a deep sense of being lost.

#### A Personal hell

After a twelve-year marriage ended in separation, Miguel felt completely directionless.

"I tried to fill the emptiness inside me by going out at night and having fun, but nothing filled me. I had debts, and I lacked commitment to several jobs. I failed at multiple business attempts and eventually had to file for bankruptcy."

#### Depressed and suicidal

"In desperation, I attempted suicide three times because I could not see an end to my problems. I believed there was no way out," Miguel says.

He sank into a deep depression. He only left home to eat and spent a full year avoiding contact with people. He felt completely alone, struggling with anxiety and insomnia. During that time, he began watching online videos where he learned more about God.

#### Beyond the taboo

Miguel met Andreia, who is now his wife, through work.

"She invited me to the Universal Church. I began listening to the Word of God and applying what I learned. I realized the church was nothing like the negative things I had heard. I surrendered my life to God and started seeking the Holy Spirit. I understood that only the Holy Spirit could give me the peace I was longing for."

"I received the Holy Spirit, and today I can say that I am fulfilled and full of life. I am free from depression and addictions. After I put God first, He restored everything that was missing in my life. Today I am happily married. My wife and I opened a company, and through faith we have achieved financial victories. We have a happy family. I owe everything to this God who is truly wonderful."

— Miguel

# He would have to undergo urgent surgery



It all started with a pain that gradually worsened, followed by a lump that turned out to be a tumor.

"In 2021, I felt a pain near my left groin, but I did not pay attention to it because I thought it was due to overexertion at work or because I had bumped into something. But a week later, a lump began growing in that same area. I went to a pharmacy, where

they prescribed medication for the pain, which did not go away. As time went on, the pain became stronger and more frequent, but no medication had any effect.

So, I went to the emergency room at my local hospital, where they examined me and, since it could be something serious, they urgently sent me with a sealed letter to another hospital. There I had to be examined again and undergo more specific tests in order to have urgent surgery, as I was diagnosed with a tumor in my groin. Although the doctors advised me to have surgery, I refused and did not agree to the operation. They then prescribed medication, but it had no effect. A few days later, the tumor had reached the size of an egg and made it difficult for me to walk, which left me bedridden."

#### Faith that heals

"I already had an idea and some understanding of what was happening, and that is when I used my faith. Through the water consecrated with the Miracle Drop, God healed me. I washed myself with that water and, whenever I felt pain, I drank it as if it were medication. At bedtime, I anointed myself with the Consecrated Oil. I participated in the healing services on Tuesdays and the Sunday services, always obeying the Word of God.

That is how everything improved. The pain subsided, and the tumor shrank. God healed me and spared me from having surgery."

- Dario



#### YOUTH POWER GROUP PRESENTS....

# YOUNG & TALENTED













#### "SPARK THE GIFT"

The YPG in Georgia recently visited a local high school to showcase the powerful and diverse talents within the group, from music and drama to spoken word and leadership. Their purpose went beyond performance. They came to inspire.

The youth shared a motivating word of encouragement, reminding students that their gifts have purpose and their future has value. They also extended an open invitation for the students to join YPG, a place where young people grow, express themselves, and strengthen their walk with God.



#### A NEW DISCOVERY

"Before attending the YPG, I felt lost, depressed, and isolated from everyone, including God.
Through the YPG, I found direction, overcame social anxiety, and rediscovered myself by helping and inspiring other youths. Today, as a YPG Leader, I'm grateful for the

transformation and the reminder that God is not finished with me."

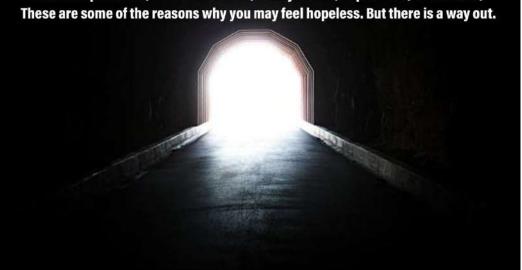
— YPG Member



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# Light at the end of the tunel

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Guilt from the past, uncertainty about the future, frustration in relationships and hidden bad habits can all bring darkness into our lives. When you are in darkness, you cannot see where you are going. You move slowly because you feel unsure of your next step. But the moment the light is turned on, everything becomes clear. You can see where you are and where you need to go.

When light shines in darkness, everything is revealed. The truth of a situation, your starting point and your direction become visible. Whatever this may be for you, it all begins when you choose to step out of the dark. Living in darkness leaves a person vulnerable, scared and uncertain. But there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

God's Word says: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined." Isaiah 9:2

If you are looking for answers, join us for a powerful service this Sunday at 10 am at your closest location. See the back page for locations.

becoming example of overcoming adversity alongside her husband, Amanda recalls going through many bad relationships during her adolescence. "I carried traumas from relationships filled with disagreements, physical and verbal violence, addictions, and betrayals," she says.

When she was eighteen, she believed everything would change after meeting Raphael. "In the beginning, we had a wonderful experience," she remembers. But the promising future she dreamed of began to fade when she discovered her pregnancy with their first daughter and faced Raphael's inappropriate behavior. "At the beginning of the pregnancy, he would leave me at home every weekend to go out. I found myself alone at the moment I needed him most."

#### Aggression and rock bottom

Little by little, the relationship took an unexpected turn with constant fights and, eventually, physical aggression. "We sank into drinking and often talked about ending the relationship, but we never actually did it. Over time, our connection began to fall apart. Things became even worse when I became pregnant with our second daughter. Before that, we were already hurting each other physically, but everything intensified. The fights became constant, happened in front of our daughters, and even included threats with a knife,"

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Amanda says that Raphael's brought relationship to its lowest point. "I was struggling with excessive drinking, while my husband, besides alcohol, was also dealing with addictions to pornography and drugs. At that moment, I felt lost, without a foundation," she recalls.

Light at the end of the tunnel Change only began when Raphael accepted an invitation from his brother and sought help at the Universal Church. Amanda, who at first was resistant, soon saw the transformation in her husband as a light at the end of the tunnel.

The Love Therapy meetings played a key role in helping couple understand the importance of respect, companionship, and healthy dialogue. "I was not taking responsibility as a father or husband. I neglected simple duties like shopping and other obligations. Instead, I spent my time and money in bars, gambling, and drugs. I was healed from addictions and traumas when I truly began to seek God," Raphael says.

Their relationship grew stronger, and they were married in the church. Today, after almost twelve years together and three years married, they celebrate a completely transformed love life. "Our life is very blessed and wonderful. The light of the Holy Spirit guides and leads us."

**Universal Church** 

pathy, isolation, sadness are some of the symptoms of depression. Although more common among adults, condition can appear in childhood, as it did with Mary Santana. "I was born into a very poor family. When I was seven years old, I went to live in the house of a couple where I worked as a nanny. I did not understand why I did not live with my parents, and I thought they did not love me. This created



# "I couldn't sleep anymore and thought about death all day long."

a deep sadness in me," she says.

Even while hiding her pain, she grew up depressed, feeling as if life had no color. worse and every area of my life was affected. I was very insecure and believed nobody transformation. She explains that through

liked me, which ruined all my relationships. To fill the emptiness inside me, I turned to alcohol, prostitution, and anything that could make me forget the pain I carried," she explains.

She attempted suicide three times before deciding to move to another city in search of a better life, but once again faced disappointment. "I went through a romantic that disappointment took me to rock bottom. I could not sleep and thought about death all day long. But since I had already tried to kill myself before, I thought I was not even good at that."

Lord Jesus."

"As time passed, the depression became This understanding became the first step toward inner healing and a complete

first day I understood that everything I was

doing would never make me happy. What I

needed to give meaning to my life was the

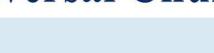
perseverance, she was able to rewrite her story. "It was a struggle for me to understand and begin to practice my faith. But by obeying the Word, I was freed, baptized, had my encounter with God, and received the Holy Spirit," she says.

From that moment on, the woman who lived depressed, traumatized, and full of doubts became certain that she would never be alone again. "My character was transformed. Today I have peace and true happiness. I have a blessed marriage, I work as a self-employed beauty professional, and my life reflects the power of God," she concludes.



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Even with all her attempts to find happiness, depression continued to follow her until, one day, a light appeared at the end of the tunnel. "I received an invitation to attend a meeting at the Universal Church, and on the







## 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

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**





# "¿Hablas español? En la aplicación de Pando puedes encontrar segmentos de la UBB ¡también en español!"

### "Your own will can be your biggest enemy."

he Bible tells us that Jesus shed His first drop of blood in the Garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22:44). His anguish was so intense that His body reacted by sweating blood, even before the whips, the crown of thorns, or the nails. In that moment of deep suffering, He spoke to the Father: "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me, yet not as I will, but as You will" (Matthew 26:39).

Notice these words: "not as I will." Jesus did not say this only once. His entire life was marked by doing the will of the Father. He never followed selfish desires. Jesus teaches us that many times our own wants are the very things that harm us. That is why we must learn to set aside our own will and embrace the will of God.

Here are some simple, real life examples:

You want to eat something the doctor told you to avoid. You ignore the warning, overindulge, and later deal with the consequences: discomfort, weight gain, and health problems. Your heart becomes attached to someone who is clearly not good for you, someone married, unstable, involved with addictions, or carrying a troubled past. Your emotions insist, you give in, and you end up hurt. Your own desire worked against you.

Or when someone does you wrong, you feel the urge to strike back. You react out of anger and, without thinking, make the situation worse, damaging relationships, your reputation, and sometimes even your freedom.

These examples show how difficult it is to let go of our own will, even in small decisions. We struggle to control our mouth, our eyes, and our reactions. This is why Jesus lived by the principle: "Not as I want." Even in the hardest moment of His life, facing the bitter cup of the cross, He chose the will of the Father over His own. He gave us the greatest example of obedience, and He reinforced it when He taught His disciples to pray: "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" (Luke 11:1 to 2).

Many people know this prayer, but few actually live it. Most of the time, we try to force our will on God, on others, and even on ourselves. When what we want clashes with what God wants, we almost always choose our own way and end up

suffering. The Bible says Jesus was obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Some may say, "But Jesus is Jesus. I am only human." Yet Jesus lived on earth as a human being, with the same limitations we have. He showed that it is possible to live for God when we empty ourselves of pride, stubbornness, and excuses.

Many people hide behind the phrase "I did wrong, but I am only human." Cheated? "I am only human." Took what was not yours? "I am only human." Lied? "I am only human." But the real question is: Does this line up with what God says is right? The Bible makes it clear that someone who keeps sinning on purpose, fully aware of what is wrong, is showing disrespect toward God, as if saying:

"I will keep doing wrong. What Jesus did does not matter. His example is not for me." If you make "not what I want" a daily mindset, you will begin to notice moments when your desires are actually leading you in the wrong direction. You will start to weigh your decisions and compare them with what God wants. And when the two clash, you will choose to deny yourself. If you practice this in everything, ask yourself: What do you think will happen?

Do you think God will allow you to lose? Never. His will is far greater and far better than ours. And when your life is aligned with His will, the result is blessing, protection, clarity, and peace, even in the hardest situations, even behind prison walls.



"To numb the immense pain, I began using Percocet, crack cocaine, and alcohol."



"I went to the courthouse and asked to be locked up. I was terrified that if I didn't, I would consume so many drugs and so much alcohol that I would overdose and die."



Growing up, sadness was a constant presence. My father was an alcoholic, and I frequently witnessed him physically abuse my mother. The situation escalated to the point where my mother was forced to move away, an event that had a profound impact

When I was 17, I was sexually assaulted by a cousin whom I

trusted deeply. This trauma plunged me into a severe depression. I was prescribed a combination of medications: antidepressants, sleeping pills, and anti-anxiety pills. However, the medicine offered no relief. To numb the immense pain, I began using Percocet, crack cocaine, and alcohol.



When I found the Universal Church (UBB), I felt an immediate and unconditional welcome. No one judged me or looked at me strangely; they were simply

No one judged me or looked at me strangely; they were simply there to help. Although I continued to attend the church, I was still drinking and getting high.

One day, I heard a message about the Holy Spirit, and a desire to receive It ignited within me. The Pastor told me, "The Holy Spirit cannot enter a dirty body, because the Holy Spirit is clean."



I persevered in my faith until the day I finally had my encounter with God. In that moment, everything in my life made sense, and it finally had meaning.

Today, my life is completely transformed. I am full of joy and peace, and my family has been restored.



# Miononesian Community in Action!



On Sunday, November 9, 2025, the Universal Church in Iowa, Colorado, and Washington State hosted an event titled "S A Y," which stands for "Save a Youth."

Sioux City,

In contemporary times, youth and young adults are grappling with significant mental health challenges, including high rates of depression and anxiety. They encounter various obstacles such as social and academic pressures, bullying, and substance abuse involving alcohol, marijuana, and misusing prescription pain medication.

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Additionally, they experience heightened stress due to family instability, discrimination, and the influence of social media. Many are also vulnerable to eating disorders and sexual violence, particularly teenage girls.

In the face of these challenges, many individuals attempt to avoid the issue altogether, fearing backlash or the perception of weakness. However, when a best friend, therapist, or prescribed medication fails to provide relief, it becomes crucial to explore alternative avenues for support.

If physical solutions prove elusive, we must turn to the spiritual realm, specifically the soul, which serves as the source of life and the fundamental essence of every being.

Regrettably, we observe a consistent rise in these and other pressing issues each year. Many individuals remain silent, their voices unheard. However, the Universal Church has emerged as a beacon of hope for the voiceless and the suffering. In a time marked by limited support, the youth received the spiritual assistance they desperately needed, which is the Word of God.



Denver, Colorado





This event reflects one of the many objectives

of the Universal Church, which has established a dedicated group called the Youth Power Group, also

known as the Y P G.

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The YPG focuses on guiding youth and young adults toward excellence through a wide range of activities and programs, while also emphasizing that the most

essential element for daily life is faith.

During the S A Y Event, participants received prayers for spiritual deliverance, support for family and health concerns, and guidance on how to overcome the pressures and struggles that affect youth today.

"How can a young person stay pure? By obeying Your Word." (Psalm 119.9 N L T)

In an increasingly impure world, they discovered the importance of applying the Word of God to every area of their lives, including their desires, thoughts, and actions. They also learned that they do not need to please everyone or conform to social media standards, because God has chosen them to rise above societal limitations and expectations.

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Most of the problems faced by youth and young adults today stem from a lack of a life with God and the influence of the modern world. In conclusion, they learned to avoid contamination by the world and maintain purity by obeying the word of God and by staying away from sin, negative influences, and fleshly tendencies.

At the end of the event, they received a gift donated by the members of the Universal Church. They were blessed with the Holy Bible, the greatest and most essential inheritance for youth and young adults, which is necessary for becoming an influence that shows the true meaning of a visionary leader.



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# The Universal Church.

# Helping people in need...

'n recent days, the Unisocial group, with the par-Lticipation of the members of the Universal Church and sponsors of the Living Faith Network, carried out a major charitable outreach across several communities in the state of Texas. With a spirit of service and compassion, volunteers dedicated their time, resources,



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dedicated assistance, ensuring that even the

youngest members of the community felt cared for and supportemotional burdens.

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to distribute food and offer a word of faith to those in need. Children also received



### <u>Houston, TX</u>

ed. Volunteers provided box food, sodas, snacks for the children, and other essential items. Through this initiative,

> more than 100 people were helped in Houston, receiving not only physical



nourishment but also comfort and hope through prayer and encouragement.

# **Unisocial - Dallas, TX**



and faith to support families who are

currently facing economic hardship and

Meanwhile, in Dallas, Unisocial held another impactful community action. Once again, more than 100 people received food, prayer, and a message of faith. Many expressed deep gratitude, sharing that this support arrived at exactly the right



moment, as they had been facing severe financial struggles. The heartfelt reactions of the residents forced the importance of the group's mission and the difference that





a simple act of kind-

ness can make in someone's life. Across the United

States, the Unisocial group remains committed to its purpose: to assist communities through both spiritual and physical support. Its mission is to bring the Word of God and essential resources to those who need them



showing compassion through service strengthening lives one outreach at a time.

Through each action, Unisocontinues to demonstrate that faith, unity,

and generosity have the power to transform communities and restore hope where it is needed most.





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