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### The mysteries of Gethsemane

The Garden of Gethsemane is one of the most meaningful places in the Bible. More than a simple garden where olives were pressed to produce pure oil, it is a place of revelation and fulfilled prophecy. It was there that Jesus faced one of the greatest battles of His soul. In that sacred moment, He struggled between what His soul desired and what God was asking of Him. His example in Gethsemane shows us the true meaning of surrender.

#### What we learn from Gethsemane

Inside the church and in our daily walk with God, there are two situations we all face. There are moments when our soul asks, and moments when our soul is asked.

The soul is the center of our emotions and desires. Sometimes it wants what is good, and sometimes it desires what pulls us away from God's will. But the decision of whom we give our soul to always belongs to us. Both God and the devil seek our soul, but only we can choose whom we will follow.

The soul easily gives in to what it feels. It reacts to tiredness, fear, pain, and discouragement. The only way to overcome it is by surrender, by emptying ourselves before God. In Gethsemane, Jesus felt the full weight of the mission before Him. His soul was under such pressure that He prayed for the cup, the hardship ahead, to be taken from Him. Yet He overcame by praying the most difficult prayer anyone can pray: "Yet not as I will, but as You will" (Luke 22:42). If the soul of the Son of God was demanded of Him, will ours not be as well? That is why Gethsemane represents the moment we choose to whom our soul will belong. It is the place of surrender and transformation.

#### Campaign of Israel at Gethsemane

At every Universal Church across the nation, we will take part in the Campaign of Israel at Gethsemane. This campaign is for those who carry pain and tiredness in their soul, offering them the chance to find rest through total surrender on the altar. It is an opportunity to seek salvation of the soul and the seal of the peace and strength that come from the Holy Spirit.

For those who already have the Holy Spirit, the campaign is a chance to present the request of their soul according to God's will in a specific area of their life. Everyone is invited to take part in this purpose of faith. Visit your nearest Universal Church for more information and to join us in this journey of surrender and renewal.



## Bishop Edir Macedo

### Salvation of the soul



A person may achieve wonderful and extraordinary things through faith. They may receive healing that even surprises medical science, yet even this is not the greatest purpose of faith.

A person may rise from poverty to abundance through faith, to the point where someone who once had nothing becomes prosperous. Still, this is not the greatest purpose of faith.

Faith can open the doors to the most impossible dreams, but even the fulfillment of these dreams cannot compare to the supreme purpose for which faith was created.

The Lord Jesus Christ, the Author and Finisher of Faith, did not give us faith merely to conquer the temporary and corruptible glories of this world. The most extraordinary purpose of faith is to make possible the greatest and most difficult miracle of all: the salvation of the soul.

It was not easy for the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Almighty and Creator of Heaven and Earth, to endure scorn, humiliation, shame, and pain so that the souls of those who believe in Him could be saved.

In the same way, just as He left His Throne of Glory and submitted to the shame of the Cross, those who desire the salvation of their soul must be willing to sacrifice their own will and their attachment to this world. Only then can they receive eternal life.



The passage below reveals the greatness of faith as the power of God working in us for salvation. This is why faith is tested as gold is tested in fire, so that when it is approved, it results in praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you have been grieved by various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, which is much more precious than gold that perishes and is tested by fire, may be found to praise and honor and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen Him, you love Him. Though you do not see Him now, yet you believe in Him and rejoice with a joy that cannot be expressed and that is full of glory, receiving the end of your faith which is the salvation of your souls. 1Peter 1:5-9*



### "God rescued me from a life of pain and made everything new"

or beautiful trips I would be happy, but nothing changed. The relationship ended and I found myself alone again.

Later, I got into another relationship and became pregnant. The father pushed me to have an abortion. It was very difficult, and afterward I felt like a murderer. I cried constantly. I lived with sadness and guilt. I took fourteen pills a day to control stress and nervousness. The pain of depression and anxiety was unbearable. There is no greater pain than the pain of the soul. It corrodes you from the inside.

I did not want to die. I just wanted the suffering to stop. One day, overwhelmed by despair, I took all my medication at once. After suicide attempts and deep depression, I ended up in a psychiatric hospital. Despite all this, I tried to build an image for the world. I became an influencer. I even appeared on a television show. But everything was fake. My life was empty. Thirty years of suffering.

One day, I found my mother's Bible opened at Psalm ninety-one. In that moment, I remembered God. I knelt and prayed, crying out, saying, My God, I cannot take this anymore. Either You change my life or I cannot go on. I remembered that I had a sister in the faith and also a couple of assistants who had taken care of me before. I called one of them and asked her to come get me. She came, took me to the church, and I went straight to the altar. I knelt and poured out my soul. I arrived just before the Campaign of Israel began, and on the altar I left everything. Everything that represented my past. It was not about money. It was about my life. It was all for

all. I surrendered everything to receive everything from God. I only asked for the salvation of my soul.

When I returned to my country, I came with only a bag of documents and three pieces of clothing. I did not want anything from my past. I went back to my mother's house in a very remote place that did not even have a church. I had nothing except the church messages online that the assistant had sent to me. It became my support.

One Sunday morning, during a meeting at the Temple of Solomon streamed online, I participated in the Holy communion with my mother. I knew my life would truly change when I received the Holy Spirit. During that meeting, as I sought with all my heart, I was baptized with the Holy Spirit.

At that moment, peace came. Strength came. My entire life changed. I received a certainty inside me that nothing and no one could remove. My life began to move forward because I had the direction of the Holy Spirit. There is nothing in this world more important than having the Spirit of God. No money, no fame, nothing compares. To depend on the Holy Spirit is to receive God's own direction.

In these two years, everything became new. Today, I am a real estate broker. I have a profession. I am well. God restored everything.

The secret is to return to God. Leave your anguish, your pain, your fears, and surrender your life completely. When you give all, He gives you a new life. - Marilia

I came from an abusive relationship. After that, someone approached me with an offer. They said I could work in prostitution in Europe, and make a lot of money. I accepted because I wanted to escape, but I had no idea where I was actually going.

When I arrived in Europe, I realized I had fallen into a human trafficking mafia. I was taken to a club where I was told I had a debt to pay. Anyone who could not work was treated very badly. The only way I could face what I had to do was by drugging myself. Every night was the same thing. I would arrive, shower, and try to scrub myself clean, but what was dirty was not my body. It was my soul.

One day, I met a wealthy and influential man inside the club. He decided to take me out of that place. I thought that was the start of a dream. I started walking in the high society of Spain, staying in the best hotels and eating in the best restaurants. But even that life brought no happiness. I stopped being a prostitute for many men and became the prostitute of only one man. He did not value me. The emptiness was still there.

I tried to fill that emptiness with things. I thought that with expensive clothes

## | 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 person's 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.

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# “With God all things are possible”

Matthew 19:26

## “The prediction was that my leg would be amputated.”

At the end of 2023, fifty-seven-year-old taxi driver Renato was on vacation at the beach when he noticed severe swelling in his legs. With no history of chronic illness, he went to urgent care and was first told it was a repetitive strain injury.

Days later, the condition worsened. In early 2024, tests confirmed an erysipelas infection. “When the doctor looked at my leg, she did not give me good news. She said that if I had faith, I should pray to leave the hospital with my leg, because the expectation was that it would need to be amputated,” he recalls.



Personal images.

“I spent twenty-three days in the hospital and was diagnosed with diabetes and high blood pressure. At one point my kidneys stopped working,” he says. Renato was already attending The Universal Church, doing the chain of prayer, and using the blessed water every Sunday. “I never doubted the power of God. I held on even more strongly.” He endured the effects of erysipelas for five months, following both medical treatment and spiritual treatment with perseverance.

Today, one year and five months later, he is healed and back to his normal routine. “I am working again and even returned to running, which I had stopped because of the illness. Faith was essential in this entire process because when there is no alternative in medicine, God does the impossible.”



## “I can see better without the eyeglasses”

I struggled with dry eyes for a long time, and my vision slowly became blurry. Later I learned that I also had cataracts, which made everything even worse. One day, I grew tired of depending on eye drops and decided to use the blessed water from the church instead. I applied it every morning and again at night when the discomfort was strongest. Each time, I rubbed the blessed water on my eyes and prayed, asking God to restore my vision.

After a while, I noticed that the glasses the doctor prescribed no longer helped me. Today, I can see better without the eyeglasses.

— Mr. Edwin



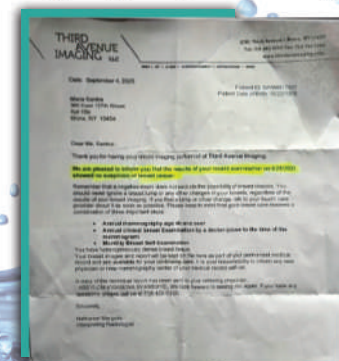
## The results showed no cancer or anything like it.”

In January, I received a letter from my doctor saying that a small mass, about the size of a pea, had been found in my left breast. The message was unexpected and frightening. The doctor asked me to schedule a mammogram as soon as possible so they could investigate it further. However, because of several issues with my insurance, the process took much longer than it should have. Month after month passed, and the worry stayed in my mind. I prayed and asked God to take care of the situation, but the waiting was still difficult. I was finally able to do the mammogram last August. A few weeks ago, another letter arrived from my doctor. This time the message was completely different. The results showed no cancer or anything like it. The mass that had caused so much fear and uncertainty was no longer a threat. Today, I can say with confidence that I am free. I thank God for His care and for giving me peace during a very stressful time.

— Maria



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Bishop Joshua

# The strength to carry it



There are days when the pressure feels heavy, the expectations overwhelming, and even the people closest to us cannot fully understand what we are carrying. In moments like these, we often try to push through on our own, forcing ourselves to be strong and composed. But the truth is simple: none of us were created to face our hardest battles

**Him.” (Luke 22:43)**  
Before the arrest, before the cross, before the victory, Jesus needed strength, and God provided it. God did not remove the situation. Instead, He empowered His Son to walk through it. God may not always take the burden away, but He will always give us the strength to carry it. Help is not always an escape. Sometimes, help is the power to endure. So when you feel

## God knows how to send exactly what you need at the moment you need it

alone.  
In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus revealed something profound. Even the Son of God sought strength from above. On that night His soul was “exceedingly sorrowful, even to death.” He was not ashamed of His anguish; instead, He prayed. And then something extraordinary happened:  
**“Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening**

overwhelmed, remember Gethsemane. Jesus, in His most painful hour, was not abandoned, and neither are you. God knows how to send exactly what you need at the moment you need it. Just as He strengthened Jesus, He will strengthen you. May the God of the Bible bless you.

BIBLE READING DECEMBER 2025						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 ISAIAH 31 ✓	2 ISAIAH 32 ✓	3 ISAIAH 33 ✓	4 ISAIAH 34 ✓	5 ISAIAH 35 ✓	6 ISAIAH 36 ✓
7 ISAIAH 37 ✓	8 ISAIAH 38	9 ISAIAH 39	10 ISAIAH 40	11 ISAIAH 41	12 ISAIAH 42	13 ISAIAH 43
14 ISAIAH 44	15 ISAIAH 45	16 ISAIAH 46	17 ISAIAH 47	18 ISAIAH 48	19 ISAIAH 49	20 ISAIAH 50
21 ISAIAH 51	22 ISAIAH 52	23 ISAIAH 53	24 ISAIAH 54	25 ISAIAH 55	26 ISAIAH 56	27 ISAIAH 57 & 58
28 ISAIAH 59 & 60	29 ISAIAH 61 & 62	30 ISAIAH 63 & 64	31 ISAIAH 65 & 66			



## “If he had given up on me, I would not be here today”

Monica grew up carrying a deep sadness. She was the result of an act of adultery and felt rejected even before she was born. That pain followed her for years. As an adult she went from one broken relationship to another, and when she finally had a son, she came to church only to seek that blessing, not the One who blesses.

Later she discovered that her partner had betrayed her, and that betrayal pushed her into a spiral of anger and destruction. She began destroying other relationships, then entered the world of prostitution, and remained there for ten years. She later got involved with esotericism, horoscopes, and even dedicated herself to a spiritual entity, giving her time, money, and body to it. She even tattooed its symbol, believing it was her twin soul.

All this time, her son never gave up on her. Even after she pulled away from the church, he remained firm in his faith. One day she told him she did not love him, and he still answered, “I love you, and I will fight for you.”

She spent two years without giving him a hug, but he kept praying for her.

Her involvement with the entity grew stronger. She wanted to progress spiritually in that world. But one day, during a ritual, the entity rejected her offering and demanded something else: the blood of the person she loved the most. “Bring me his blood,” it said, “and maybe I will accept you.”

Monica left that place believing she had no choice. She bought a dagger and went to the house where her son lived. She climbed the stairs and walked straight to his room, planning to attack him while he slept.

But when she opened the door, he was awake. She saw him kneeling

by the bed, praying, holding a picture of her in his hands.

She fell to her knees, crying, and he stood up and hugged her. He looked at her and said, “Go back to your Father’s house. There is still a way for you.”

Luis says that he kept praying for her every night because that was the sacrifice he could make for her soul. When he saw her at that moment, he felt the Holy Spirit tell him it was his chance to win her back to God.

The next day was Sunday. She went to church, and when the pastor talked about salvation, she surrendered. “I told God, I did everything trying to please the world, but I failed. If you accept me the way I am, dirty and unworthy, I will give you more than I ever gave out there.”

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She began a new life of faith. She was baptized and took part in the Campaign of Israel, deciding to give her all to receive the Spirit of God. When she went up to the Altar, she placed her whole life before Him. That day, she received a peace and joy she had never felt before. Later she called her son and said, “Now I am complete. I received the Spirit of God. I received the greatest wealth of my life.”

Luis says her transformation changed everything. “Her pain and rejection left. Even her way of being changed. Today she is loving. Today she hugs me and tells me she loves me.”

Monica says, “If he had given up on me, I would not be here with him today. I am grateful to God.”

Luis adds, “I never stopped praying for her. Never give up on your family. You may not see results right away, but the work of the Lord Jesus is different from ours. He transformed my life and my mother’s life, and He will do the same for yours.”

Monica and Luis





# What's happening at Universal

## “God healed what was broken inside of me”



When my mother passed away, I became angry. I felt confused because God said He loved me, yet He allowed my mother to be taken from me. That was my breaking point. On top of that, I was abused in my relationship and dealing with family problems.

I started taking a lot of pain medicine to stay calm, but it did not help. So I turned to drinking. I drank a lot. I smoked every day. I still went to work and kept my daily routine, but behind closed doors everything was falling apart.

One day, I was at a family member's house when my goddaughter found me crying in the bathroom. She looked at me and said, “auntie, why are you crying?” I could not answer because I did not even know why I was crying anymore. Then she said something I will never forget: “If you come to the church and let the pastor pray for you, you will not cry anymore.”

I came to the church that Sunday. I started my chain of prayer, and soon after, I was blessed with a new job. I returned on Friday for deliverance. That day, the first message I heard clearly was that I needed to forgive. I looked at the pastor and thought, “How can he tell me to forgive if he does not know what I went through, what people did to me?”

Even though I was coming to the church, doing my chain of prayer, attending on Wednesdays, Mondays, Fridays, and Sundays, there was still one thing blocking me from receiving the Holy Spirit. It was forgiveness. I wanted the Holy Spirit so much, but I knew I could not receive Him while holding pain inside me.

So I made a sacrifice. I took everything I had. I remember receiving a check that I needed to use for bills, but instead I placed it on the altar. I asked God to help me, to teach me how to forgive, because forgiveness was the hardest thing for me. I walked off that altar and I never looked back.

During the twenty-one day fast of Daniel, I was at work when I watched Bishop Joshua on the Living Faith app. He said, “Place your hand on the phone or the TV and seek the Holy Spirit.” I prayed with him, and when I finished, something was different inside of me.

Today, I am free from alcohol. I am free from depression. I am free from anxiety. I sleep like a baby. I have joy and peace in my life, something no one else could ever give me. My relationship with my family and my children has been restored because they can see the change in me. They see my transformation.

I thank God for everything He has done in my life, and I also thank the Universal Church for helping me find the path to healing and freedom. — Dawn

## “When everything around me was dark, God brought me into the light”



My problems began when I was a teenager. I used to have many spiritual attacks. I could not sleep. I heard voices. I saw shadows. They would visit me at night. Sometimes it was so strong that the closet doors would open by themselves and everything inside would be thrown on the floor. We would check the closets and find no one there, just all the shoes scattered.

It reached a point where I needed controlled medication just to stay calm. I would not leave my room for days. I would not shower for days. I preferred to stay in the dark. I did not want to be anywhere with light. I started doing weed, a lot of it. I spent my weekends in clubs doing ecstasy, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, always on drugs. I even went to a church once and a group of people came to our home to pray, but nothing changed. Everything continued the same until I thought I was losing my mind.

One day my mother was invited to a church. She went with her friends, and when she came home, I overheard her talking in the kitchen while they had coffee. She spoke about the place she had visited and the things they saw there. She talked about spirits manifesting and the power of God at work. I said to her, “Take me there.” So she took me. The pastor prayed for me and said, “You are going to take this holy oil and anoint your hands, your feet, and your head. Tonight you will sleep for the first time in a long time.”

That night I slept the entire night. No voices. No shadows. No visits. It was a normal night, something I had not experienced for years. When I woke up, I felt like a heavy weight had been lifted off my life.

When I arrived at the church, my family was about to be evicted. We had no money. I was always broke. Many times we did not even have food. There was never enough. But I liked being challenged, and the word of God always challenged me. So I said, “I want to try this.”

Things began to change. I started receiving bonuses at work. I work in a construction company, and sometimes when we finished a house, my boss would come out of

nowhere and give me a bonus of five or seven thousand dollars. That happened more than once.

From there, I started opening my mind to the Campaigns of Israel. Then one campaign came and I said, “I do not own anything. I want real estate. I build homes for everyone else. Now I want something for myself.”

On the day of the campaign, I counted the money before placing it on the altar. It was exactly my rent, thirteen fifty. That was when I knew God was already working, because the amount I placed on the altar matched exactly what I needed. Soon after that, I began acquiring properties. Today I have a penthouse in one state in Brazil, another apartment in Rio, and an apartment here. I drive a new car and change it every three years. The altar will never owe you anything. Whatever you give on the altar multiplies in your life.

But there was one campaign that was different from all the others. It was the Holy Spirit campaign. Every other campaign had a focus, like financial life or healing. But this one was different. If you do not have the Holy Spirit, what does it matter if you have everything else? You still do not have what you need most.

I saw that campaign as an opportunity. I told God, “My physical life, my spiritual life, and my mental life belong to you. Everything is going to the altar.” This was the hardest campaign because it was not about money. The spiritual sacrifice demands everything. You have to show God that you want Him more than anything else, that you depend on Him to survive.

So I prepared myself. Before the campaign, I got baptized because I wanted everything to be one hundred percent. I obeyed everything the pastor taught. If he said pray at midnight, I prayed. If he said pray at three, I prayed. If he said read the Bible, I read. If he said to clean your heart, I emptied everything. Nothing else mattered. When I finally went to the altar, I did my sacrifice. The financial part was easy because God had already shown me what to do. The spiritual part was the hardest. But when you pour your soul on the altar, God pours His soul, the Holy Spirit, into your life.

And after that campaign, everything changed. I was already blessed from previous campaigns, but having the presence of God in my life has no comparison. If I had to choose between everything God has given me and His presence, I would rather lose all the blessings than lose Him.

When you pour your soul on the altar, God pours His soul into you. And from that moment on, everything becomes new. It is a new life and a new beginning. — Patricia

## Hearts of Aloha



The Hawaii YPG visited a local nursing home to bring joy, companionship, and encouragement to the residents. Through music, conversation, and simple acts of kindness, the youth created a warm and uplifting atmosphere for everyone there.

The visit strengthened the connection between generations and showed the group's commitment to serving the community with love, respect, and compassion.



## “A New Life”



“I used to steal, drink, smoke, and live in depression. My life was filled with lies and emptiness, and my family and I were constantly fighting.

After coming to the Universal Church, I was delivered on September 19, 2025, and the next day I truly repented and received the Holy Spirit. Now I have peace with God, with my family, and within myself.”

—Andon Manuel

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## Soul for soul: the price of essence

The moment has come for your life to experience a complete transformation through the Campaign of Israel. In this special campaign of faith, we will turn our attention to the place where the Lord Jesus surrendered Himself entirely: Gethsemane.

The Word is clear: "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." (Matthew 6:33)

Everything you need to live a full, meaningful, and victorious life becomes yours when you receive the baptism with the Holy Spirit. That is why this campaign points us to Gethsemane.

Gethsemane was known as a kind of olive oil press. There, a massive stone crushed the olives so that their essence could be extracted. This image reveals a powerful truth: on the Altar, a person places their own essence, their inner self, their soul.

The Bible asks: "What will a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Mark 8:37)

The price of our redemption was paid by the Son of God. Today, our part is to surrender our will, our plans, and our inner self to Him. The Lord Jesus said that His soul was deeply grieved in Gethsemane (Matthew 26:38). His surrender involved pain and sacrifice. In the same way, when a person truly gives their soul on the Altar, there is also a deep sense of renunciation. It is not easy. But the result is incomparable: when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you receive true fullness and true life.

## Emptying yourself to be filled with Him

God can perform miracles, but His greatest desire is for a person to experience the new birth. For that reason, you must understand the value of your soul. Your soul is your essence. Only you can give it to God. That is why the campaign is "soul for soul."

Maybe you once gave your heart to someone who betrayed or disappointed you. What now? Place that wounded soul on the Altar. He will restore it, strengthen it, and fill it with joy.

Where is your heart today? Stuck in a past pain? Attached to an unfulfilled desire? Weighed down by frustration? Instead of holding on to these things, place your essence on the Altar of God.

This is the meaning of the Campaign of Israel in Gethsemane: emptying yourself of everything that goes against the Word, surrendering your will, your desires, your plans, and allowing God to fill you with His Spirit. When you surrender your soul, you receive His everything in return.

## Now it is up to you

In Gethsemane, the Lord Jesus surrendered everything to the Father (Isaiah 53:10 to 11). And you? What will you place on the Altar? God is calling you to a complete surrender.

Participate in the Campaign of Israel and place your essence on the Altar. Your soul is your everything. When you give your everything to God, His everything will come upon you.

To understand this purpose even better, visit the nearest Universal Church. Locations are listed on the back page.

## Soul for soul: the price of essence



## "I had everything, but inside I was empty."

I always felt an emptiness inside me. I tried to fill it with achievements and with the things people usually chase in life. I had a great job, but I was still empty. I thought marriage would fix it, but it did not. Then I thought becoming a mother would complete me, but instead that was when my deep depression began.

I started drinking heavily. I got involved with drugs. I went to parties and would drink until I passed out. One day I met people from a criminal group who offered me work, and I accepted because I was desperate to find happiness. That was how I entered the world of crime. My husband tried to help me, but after a while he grew tired. He used to ask, "What do I have to do to make you happy?" But nothing made me happy. Inside, I felt like my soul was bleeding. One night after a party, after drinking too much, I decided my life was over. I walked to a footbridge and tried to throw myself off, but something held me back. I could not jump. I came down from the bridge saying, "God, I am not even good enough to do this."

Right then a black car stopped, and men forced me inside. They took me to a gang court because earlier that night I had fought with one of their leaders. They stacked tires around me and poured gasoline all over my

body. I knew I was going to die. Anyone who knows the criminal world knows that no one survives a microwave.

Soaked in gasoline, I looked up and could only say one word: "Forgiveness." I knew I had gone the wrong way. I was born in the church. I knew the truth. I just did not want it.

At that same moment, without knowing what was happening to me, my mother

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**They stacked tires around me and poured gasoline all over my body. I knew I was going to die.”**

was on her knees praying for my life.

They struck one match. Nothing happened. They struck another. Nothing. They used every match in the box. Not one of them lit. One of the leaders looked at me and said, "The man upstairs has something planned for you. Today is not your day to die."



They removed the tires but beat me badly. They dislocated my jaw and I left covered in blood. When I got home, my husband saw me and said, "This is what you left me for?" Then he walked out.

I went to my mother's house and she helped me. After I cried and poured everything out, she said, "Now we go to the Universal Church."

At the church I told God, "If you believe there is still a way for me, show me. All I have left is this small piece of a life." That was when I understood what was missing. It was the Spirit of God.

I began to take part in the purposes and campaigns. I was set free and baptized in water. When the Campaign of Israel began, I gave God what was most valuable. It was myself. It was soul for soul. Life for life. I placed my entire life on the Altar. I told



God, "I give you everything. Use my life however you want. I only ask for one thing. Live inside of me." When I came down from the Altar, a peace I had never felt covered me. I just wanted to keep seeking God. Soon after, I received the Holy Spirit. In that moment the emptiness disappeared completely. He filled everything. When the Spirit of God comes, He does not come in small pieces. He comes fully.

I went home and told my mother, "I received the best gift of my life." She smiled and said, "I know. You received the Holy Spirit."

A few weeks later, my husband came to talk to me, and from that day on our marriage was restored. My daughter now has a mother and a friend. Today the burden that once crushed me is gone. Today the burden is light because God is with me.

## I developed severe depression and hated myself.

I remember being in my room feeling very low and depressed. I thought I wanted to end everything. I found a bottle of paracetamol that my mum kept and took the whole bottle. My mum must have come into the room, seen the empty bottle, and I was taken to the hospital to have my stomach pumped. This happened twice.

I grew up in Sheffield. From the outside our home looked perfect, but inside it was very dysfunctional. My dad was abusive toward me, my brother, and my mum. He beat us with belts and attacked my mum in front of us. We lived in fear. I remember a day when he beat me mercilessly and my mum did nothing. This created deep hatred toward her. As I grew older, I developed severe depression, hated myself, and had very low confidence. I was on antidepressants before I turned eighteen and attempted suicide twice.

Later I entered relationships with men, but I did not know how to let go. They did not beat me, so I thought it was normal, even though they gambled and treated me poorly. I had my daughter with my first partner, but because of the rejection I suffered growing up, I rejected my own daughter. I loved her, but I did not know how to show it. I had postnatal depression, her father was a heavy gambler, and our home was falling apart.

I later met my husband on holiday in Canada. Within months we got engaged and I moved there with my daughter. It became another nightmare. He was abusive, a gambler, and he did not like my daughter. I had sold everything in England, left my job, and given him my property. Shame kept me from returning for years. When my daughter was eleven, things became unbearable, so I sent her back to the UK and later returned myself.

I attended a church, but I was still empty. I went to psychologists and counsellors, hoping someone would give me the answer that would finally bring peace. I even began to doubt God, asking why my life was filled with so much pain. During that time, I needed money to complete a property purchase. One Saturday I went into town to try to get a loan. As I approached the bank, I saw the pastor's wife and one of the



youths. She prayed for me and invited me to church the next day. When I arrived, I felt peace the moment I walked in. I started attending every service. I wanted to change and slowly, I did. My anger left. My granddaughter and I had fought constantly before, even breaking things in the house, but that ended.

I took part in the campaign of faith. I prepared my spiritual, financial, and physical sacrifices. My greatest offering was giving all of myself to God. On the day of seeking the Holy Spirit, I felt a terrible pain in my feet as I went to the altar, but I prayed through it. When I stepped off the altar, the pain was gone and a deep peace and joy came over me. That was the day I received the Holy Spirit.

After that, everything changed. I have peace. My relationships healed. At work, where I once almost lost my job because of anger, I now get along with everyone. My mum and I had a very difficult relationship for many years, but about seven years ago she joined the church. She called me one day in tears, asking for forgiveness for the pain she caused. We forgave each other and today we have a beautiful relationship. She is full of peace and wisdom.

My dad passed away almost twenty years ago, and even though I still have scars from the past, I hold no hatred. I can look at those scars and still smile because I have the Holy Spirit.

Today I evangelize, help at the food bank, and serve in the church. I have joy and peace. My life is on the altar of God, because that is where I finally found Him and received the Holy Spirit.

## MAKE A CHAIN OF PRAYER IT WORKS!

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

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



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



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

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

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



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



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

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

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



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



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

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

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



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





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## Jesus is the only Way.

In John 18, we see Jesus standing with His eleven disciples as Judas returns with an armed group. The Scripture says, “Judas came there guiding a detachment of soldiers along with officials from the chief priests and Pharisees.

They were carrying lanterns, torches, and weapons.” Judas knew Jesus well. He knew the Lord was not violent, yet he still brought an entire battalion to arrest Him.

**Jesus knew exactly what was about to happen. He stepped forward, placing Himself between the disciples and the soldiers, and asked, “Who are you looking for?” When they answered, “Jesus of Nazareth,” He replied, “I Am He.”**

The power of those words was so great that the soldiers drew back and fell to the ground. The expression “I Am He” connects directly to the “I AM” who revealed Himself to Moses on Mount Sinai. In that moment, Jesus revealed His full identity. He showed that He is God in the flesh, and He showed that the only reason He would be arrested was because He chose to give Himself up.

After the soldiers fell and rose to their feet again, Jesus repeated, “I told you that I Am He. If you are looking for Me, then let these men go.” Here is a detail many people overlook: Jesus did not simply surrender.

He protected His disciples. He demanded that no one touch them. He took the danger upon Himself. Even when Peter cut off the ear of the high priest’s servant, the soldiers did not arrest a single disciple.

Jesus became their substitute, their shield, and their defender. He stood between His followers and the threat in front of them. What happened in Gethsemane is the same thing He

continues to do every day for those who walk with Him. He stands between you and the evil that tries to reach you. He stands between you and betrayal, between you and spiritual attacks. He still says, “The trouble is with Me. The ones behind Me, let them go.”

Because of this, it is sad to see people, sometimes because of fear or guilt or habit, placing other things between themselves and God. Some rely on pastors, leaders, or objects. Others turn to amulets, crystals, rituals, or traditions as if they needed something or someone else to take their place.

But if Jesus fights for you, why place an object in the position that belongs only to Him? Why give a created thing the role that belongs only to the Creator?

***Jesus made it clear when He said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” There is no other mediator. Not a pastor, bishop, saint, stone, crystal, metal, or anything invented by human hands.***

Your access to God is through Jesus alone. He is the only one who stands in the front. He is the one who protects you. He is the one who takes the enemy’s blow so you can walk free.

## Freedom is a Choice

Luiz Fernando, 29 years old, grew up frustrated and full of resentment. As a child, he watched his friends have what he could never afford. His family struggled financially, and instead of accepting that reality, Luiz felt angry and embarrassed. Wanting the same life his friends had, he chose the path that seemed easier at the time: the path of crime. At only 13 years old, Luiz began following the same criminal lifestyle as the older boys around him. “I started walking with them and having what I could never have. I started practicing thefts and armed robberies.”

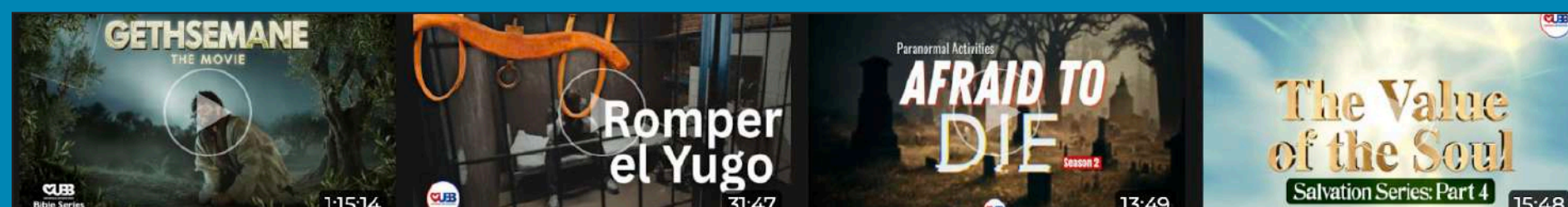
Hardhearted and feared, he became known by the nickname “Monster.” Luiz himself admits that he felt nothing when committing violence. Killing or obeying the orders of crime was normal to him. He had no fear and no conscience. When he turned 18, Luiz was arrested for armed robbery, kidnapping, and attempted murder. Even behind bars, he felt no remorse. His thoughts stayed dark, and his hatred grew stronger. “I knew that in prison I would sink even deeper. I thought it was impossible for my life to change.” Luiz’s mother, a member of the Universal Church, never gave up on him. She took him food, books, and messages of faith. But Luiz rejected everything. “When she brought me books with messages from the church, I tore them up and cursed her. Even the food she brought, I threw on the floor. That is how much hatred I had inside.”

After four years in prison, Luiz hit rock bottom. No one wanted to be around him anymore. Everyone feared him or avoided him. The only person who approached him was a young man who constantly invited him to attend the UBB meetings inside the prison.



“At first, I didn’t want to go. I had seen so many believers with bad testimonies. But he was different. Something in him caught my attention, so I accepted the invitation.” Luiz remembers the very first meeting clearly. A question from the pastor pierced his heart: “He asked what we would gain in life if we continued acting the way we were acting and where those attitudes would take us.” That simple question shook Luiz. “My mind started to change. It opened up. I participated in the prayer that day and I couldn’t wait for the next week to arrive so I could be there again.” From that moment, everything began to change. Luiz stopped using drugs. He got baptized in water. He started attending the meetings faithfully, week after week, hungry for the peace he had never known. In time, Luiz received the Holy Spirit. He explains that it was God who gave him the strength he needed to survive the hard days inside the prison. “I had so much peace that the world could have ended inside that cell.” Today, the man once known as “Monster” is a completely different person. God transformed his mind, his character, and his heart. The hatred that controlled him is gone, replaced by peace and purpose. Luiz found the life he never imagined he could have—not through crime, but through faith.

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Many worry about the prison walls, but they should worry about the spiritual cell they are in.



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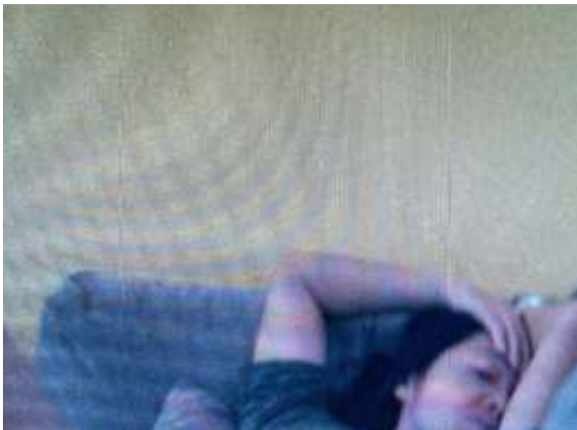
# Micronesian community in action

## ***Depressed and empty. I was able to find a new life!***

I arrived at the Universal Church proud, depressed, and completely broken on the inside. I carried suicidal thoughts, an overwhelming sense of worthlessness, and a deep unhappiness that followed me everywhere.

**“My marriage was destroyed, and I felt like there was nothing left for me to fight for.”**

For more than twenty years, I hated the Universal Church. I criticized it, rejected it, and refused to step inside.



But even with all my resistance and arrogance, even with all my strong opinions, life eventually pushed me to a place where I could no longer hide from my reality.

Ironically, it was my atheist brother who invited me to the church. I only went because I had nothing left to lose.

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**When I arrived, I expected judgment or rejection. Instead, I was welcomed and loved with a kind of care I had never experienced before. No one asked about my past, no one condemned me. They simply embraced me and showed me a love that felt pure and unconditional.**

Through the teachings of the church, I learned the importance of receiving the Holy Spirit and how to use an intelligent faith that is grounded in obedience, trust, and action. Slowly, my life began to change.

What seemed impossible became reality. Today my

marriage is completely restored. I have peace. I no longer want to die. I feel fulfilled in every area of my life.

I learned to love myself, to value who I am, and above all, to place God first in everything I do.

What I received transformed me, and now I give to others with the same love, patience, and compassion that were once given to me.



## **Giving Back to the Community in Hawaii**



In a heartfelt effort to serve and uplift our elderly community, our team from the Universal Church continues its



monthly outreach on the island of Oahu in Honolulu. This month, we visited a nursing home and hosted



a special event focused on bringing hope, comfort, and spiritual support to the residents. During our visit, we distributed fifty donated Bibles to the elders, offering them not only reading material but also a precious source of encouragement and spiritual connection. The group was



split between two different rooms, yet every resident received the same attention, care, and heartfelt support. Each conversation, prayer, and moment shared was meaningful and filled with warmth.

This outreach is part of an ongoing monthly project where volunteers devote their time to serving seniors across the island. Many of these residents feel forgotten or alone, and our mission is to remind them that they are loved, valued, and remembered. We go beyond material giving.

We aim to build relationships, bring comfort, and shine the light of faith into their daily lives. As we continue this work, we remain committed to expanding our reach and giving back to our community one visit at a time.



With every smile we see and every hand we hold, we witness the impact of compassion and the power of God working through simple acts of love.





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## Social work brings comfort and joy to seniors in South Carolina

**M**embers of the church carried out a meaningful act of kindness at Harbison Shores Senior Home in Columbia SC, where seventy elders received care, attention and spiritual support. Volunteers distributed socks, hand sanitizer, gloves and beverages, bringing comfort to the residents and reminding them that they are loved and valued.

The visit also included prayers for healing, counseling, dancing and songs that lifted the atmosphere and touched many hearts. Fifteen

dedicated volunteers took part in the outreach, showing compassion through their service and reflecting the love of God in every action.

It was a day of faith, fellowship and hope, leaving a lasting impact on both the elders and the volunteers who served.



## UniSocial team brings Thanksgiving hope to Regency Nursing Home in Delaware



**T**he UniSocial outreach team of the Universal Church held a heartfelt Thanksgiving program at the Regency Nursing Home in Wilmington, Delaware, offering spiritual support, encouragement, and companionship to residents and their families.

The team donated Bibles and organized uplifting activities such as a Bible quiz, one on one counseling, prayers, and moments of reflection. Residents also received healthy snack packages prepared with care by the UniSocial volunteers.

Throughout the visit, the volunteers shared the Word of God, prayed for those who were facing health challenges, and offered spiritual guidance. More than thirty-four residents, along with family members who were present, benefited from the program.

The Regency staff expressed their gratitude, noting how meaningful the visit was for everyone. The atmosphere was filled with joy, fellowship, and



renewed hope, reflecting the true spirit of Thanksgiving.

This initiative is part of the Universal Church commitment to serve the community and bring comfort through faith-based outreach.



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