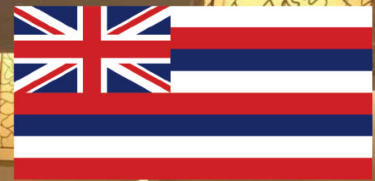


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SCRAPS
OF FOOD
FROM THE
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FAITH**

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SACRIFICE AS YOU NEVER UNDERSTOOD IT BEFORE

It would be good for everyone to grasp the real meaning of the word sacrifice, as it is something very misunderstood nowadays. In order to do this, let's travel back in time, and return to the original idea of sacrifice that came from God Himself. Sacrifice in the spiritual sense, means a lot more than just paper on the altar. Instead, it's the person's whole life. But let's first understand an important fact.

The definition of the word "sacrifice" in the Oxford dictionary reveals a fact that can help us understand common errors on this subject. Sacrifice: Offering made to a deity in a ceremony. Renouncing voluntarily or by force something that is owned. An act of slaughtering an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity. The Spirit of sacrifice, is a tendency to sacrifice for others without personal gain.

However, the word "sacrifice" in Hebrew (korban, le-hakriv) comes from the same root of to draw near, come close to, to become intimately involved in a relationship with someone. This should be the real intention of the one who sacrifices. It's a shame that no word in English language can adequately express the profound meaning of the word "korban" in Hebrew. Nowadays we use the word "sacrifice" for lack of another word that carries the same meaning of this Hebrew word.

But it's not only a problem with translation. If you change the word, you change its meaning also. And if we change the meaning, we no longer understand what we are doing when we sacrifice to God. The idea of "sacrifice" in English points to letting go of something of value, in order to receive something else of greater value, or an unconditional action for someone or something we want to conquer. But this has no connection



Bishop Edir Macedo

to the original word "korban". First of all, "korban" is a word that doesn't carry the connotation of giving a gift or an offering. This is because in the Jewish understanding, to give something to God

means that one feels superior to Him. Who are we and what do we really have to offer to the Most High? Just like David said when he, and the people presented their sacrifices to God to build the temple:

But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly as this? For all things come from You, and of Your own we have given You." 1 Chronicles 29.14

The real meaning of the word "korban" is used exclusively in the Bible in Hebrew to demonstrate the relationship of man drawing near to God. In other words, to really understand the meaning of the word sacrifice, we have to understand its Biblical root first. If the definition of Korban means "to draw near" or "coming closer", then the objective of the sacrifices in the Temple is nothing less than dedicating one's life to someone much higher than us. A human being drawing near to the Fountain of all life. Do you know what this means? The sacrifice in the Temple didn't have the connotation of giving something or losing something of value, but of total surrender for a total closeness with the Creator.

Just like King David prayed in Psalm 73.28 - "But it is good for me to draw near to God" - for those who are thirsty, proximity to God is the truest, most pure and most sublime expression of the word sacrifice. Without this closeness to God, which is what gives true meaning to life, the person has no direction, seeking a reason to live in things that offer them a temporary comfort, just like money.

Those who surrender through a sacrifice/drawing near, are like the lamb that was consumed by fire on the altar. And what happens on the altar also happens in the mind, and in the heart of the one who gave the lamb. Prepare yourself for the great day - the day where everyone will be able to enter the Temple of the Most High to present themselves before Him as a perfect sacrifice. But this time, not just for a closeness like it happened in the past, but also for the Holy Spirit to take possession of their lives completely.

CAMPAIGN OF ISRAEL ON MOUNT CARMEL

Twice a year the Universal Church has a purpose of faith called the Campaign of Israel. It is a time when those who believe put their faith, and dependence a hundred percent on the Altar of God to transform their lives.

Mount Carmel is the place where the prophet Elijah showed his total dependence on God, and was answered by Him in a miraculous way.

At the time, He was the only prophet of God left in all the land against 450 prophets of Baal. He decided to make a challenge with the prophets of Baal to show who was the one true God, and said, "You shall call on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD; and the God who answers by fire, He is God." 1 Kings 18: 24

After restoring the Altar of the Lord on the mountain, He prepared a sacrifice, got down on his knees, and prayed.

Through this act of faith, not only did the fire come down to consume his sacrifice on the altar, but rain also came down from heaven that same day, after three and a half years of drought in the land bringing restoration to the whole nation

Perhaps there has been something prolonged in your life, or a situation that requires a complete restoration. Make a decision today, restore your altar. It means, leaving sin behind, and taking actions of courage and faith, just as Elijah did in defying the prophets of Baal. Whatever your petition may be, visit the Universal Church nearest you, and request an envelope to join this special purpose. Your request will be sent to the Mount Carmel, where there will be a cry of faith on your behalf by Bishops and Pastors.



FORGIVENESS SET ME FREE



Ms. Auxilia

I had a difficult character; I always wanted to be right even when I was wrong. When I was rebuked, I took everything badly, and became a victim. I was always blaming others without seeing that the problem came from me. From childhood, I was also shy, and lacked confidence in myself.

I also had spiritual problems; I had nightmares for so long that for me, it had become normal. Every night and even several times a night I had nightmares where demons wanted to kill me for years.

When I was young, I experienced a lot of traumas. My father would hit my mother in front of me and my sister. For about seven years, I was being molested. My mother eventually left him and came to France. Due to this, I grew up just to become someone who sought to please others. I was always with my girlfriends, and to blend in, I spoke just like them. I went out to nightclubs, and dated boys who unfortunately always took advantage of me because I was too naive.

I was invited to the Universal Church by my step mom, where little by little, I learned to listen to the word that came from the Altar of God. Over time, despite what I experienced, I managed to forgive the boys who hurt me, but the one person I had trouble forgiving was my father, and his wife. I had a deep hatred for my stepmom. I wished her death. I thought everything that happened was her fault.

I was stubborn and proud, and I didn't want to practice what was spoken, and let myself be molded by God. I thought I was doing enough, and remained in the church like that for one year; being there without really giving myself to God.

I realized I had to put my ego aside to free myself from that weight. I took part in the campaign of Israel because I wanted to be freed. I was freed from this weight through the campaign. I began to invest more in my relationship with God. I persevered on Wednesdays for the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. I separated myself from everything; I did everything to receive God's Spirit. On the last day, I was filled with the Holy Spirit. Today I am blessed, both spiritually and financially. I have peace and joy.

The "Night of the Soul" teaches us that only those who belong to God will be with Him in Heaven. Every human being comes into the world knowing they will have to face death someday. However, some wonder: is there life after death? Where will we go when we leave this world?

And so, on Wednesdays, we learn how to live a life that longs to God so that when our lives here on earth end, we may be with our God in Heaven..

What happens to us when we die? Some believe that everything ends after death. However, for those with a Bible-based faith, the reality of Heaven and Hell is well known. But does everyone go to Heaven automatically? Some believe that God's mercy will save everyone at the end of the day. However, the Bi-



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MIRACLES EXIST

THE DOCTORS WERE TALKING ABOUT AMPUTATING MY FEET



I was walking on hot pavements; I had neuropathy so I did not feel it. Next day I went to take a shower, and I felt like something was wrong with my feet. I saw something like plastic at the bottom of my toes, and I pulled it, but it was my skin.



I had ulcers, and blisters from walking on hot pavement. I was back and forth to the doctors for two years. They could not do anything; they were talking about amputating my feet. One night I was lying on my bed and just skipping the channels when I watched the Showdown of Faith on TV.

I used the Spiritual Treatment water, went to the church, and with faith, I followed the teachings given by the pastor. It worked because in about two months or so my feet started to get better, and then it healed completely.

Francis , CA



I could not use my right side after the stroke

I had a stroke two years ago, and I could not work or move my right side. I could not sleep; I was suffering from high blood pressure, too. I used to have a lot of pain. I went to the church, gave my life to God, and drank the Blessed Water. It's a miracle; I do not have any of the pains I used to, and I can move my right side without any problem! I am healed. **-Malvin, FL**



I had colon cancer & back pain

In 2007 I was diagnosed with stage 3 cancer. I was not able to sleep or eat. I was bleeding a lot. I was spending a lot on medications. I was feeling down, and depressed for years. A friend told me about this ministry, and I came. After I came, and drank the Blessed Water, I felt good. I have been coming for three months. When I went to the doctor in June, he said I'm cancer-free. I do not have back pain or sleeping problems anymore.

-Cassandra, OH

*So you shall serve the Lord your God,
and He will bless your bread and
your water. And I will take sickness
away from the midst of you.*

Exodus 23:25

**Yes, you can face your
problems with faith too!**
Get your Blessed Water every Sunday at
your nearest Universal Church





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Bishop Joshua



REAP WHAT YOU SOW

A farmer plants a seed in the ground. As months pass by a tree grows, the leaves form and it produced fruits. The process takes time, but at the end of the day, there is no seed that is planted that won't bear fruit.

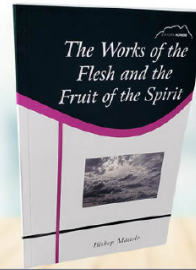
The same can be said about the actions we take in life. Every decision is another seed planted, and sooner or later, we will see the fruit in our lives. It is evident in everyday things; in the food we eat, the attitudes we have, the people we share our lives with, and so on. Our lives today are a reflection of the choices we made years ago.

“... The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the

wicked shall be upon himself.” Ezekiel 18:20

When a person chooses to do what is righteous before God, they see His righteousness. Their lives become the fruit of the seed they plant in their faith. As a result, their family is blessed, their health is made whole, their finances are successful, and above all, their soul is at peace. Now, on the other hand, it can be said that the opposite effect happens when a person plants their seed in this world, without God.

Be careful where you plant your seed. If your life has been producing wrong fruits, it isn't too late to start planting new seeds. Sow in the Word of God, and see the fruits that He can produce in your life. May the God of the Bible bless you.



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SURRENDERING THE OLD ME ON THE ALTAR

I was always upset or sad because of depression, and the problems brought me down; I would fight my children, and was not showing them love. Every difficult situation made me think that I wasn't worth a



penny. I thought dying could be the solution. However, I received an invitation from the Universal Church, and that's when everything changed.

Through faith and prayers, the sadness disappeared. And I learned that being faithful to God could open doors for me, and when I did, I got a job. I wanted to see more of the power of God, and there was a challenge of faith to receive the Holy Spirit; I had heard that only when God dwells within you, the void of the soul goes away, and the joy that doesn't go away arrives.

At the Altar, I gave my character, pride, everything that had defined me before, and God gave me an answer. I feel complete, happy and I have love, and my children can see it. My transformation is noticed; people who know me say that they see that I am different, and that I transmit happiness. You would tell those who identify with my story that God can help them; they need to get closer to Him. Taking a challenge of faith with God is the opportunity to have a transformed life.”

Yeni Blas

07 2022 JULY BIBLE READING						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					2 kings 1	2 kings 2
2 kings 3	2 kings 4	2 kings 5	2 kings 6	2 kings 7	2 kings 8	2 kings 9
2 kings 10	2 kings 11	2 kings 12	2 kings 13	2 kings 14	2 kings 15	2 kings 16
2 kings 17	2 kings 18	2 kings 19	2 kings 20	2 kings 21	2 kings 22	2 kings 23
2 kings 24	2 kings 25	Philemon 1	James 1	James 2	James 3	James 4
James 5						

Do you need a total transformation of Life?

THIS SUNDAY

@ 10 am

at all Universal Church branches

If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink... John 7:37

The Universal Church across the globe

The Universal Church has reached out to all continents - Asia, Europe, Africa, Antarctica, North America, South America, and Australia/Oceania - with churches in over 130 countries.

These are just some of our locations.

To access full list, visit our website:

<https://www.universalchurchusa.org/en/>



The Universal Church welcomes people in their local communities providing hope, healing and salvation through service and ministry. Our doors are open 365 days a year to all who seek spiritual guidance and restoration; regardless of background, nationality, religion, or the choices they have made in life. Millions of people have been reached weekly through our online and television programs across the globe.

Each of our churches also hosts groups such as:

- Youth Power Group, which is designed to set adolescents on an exciting, productive and lifelong journey with God.
- For preteens, we have our Teen Power Group. This group is led by trained volunteers, who have an enduring relationship and commitment to God, willing to give their best in assisting each child reach the utmost fulfillment in their spiritual life and mental stability.
- Our Caleb Group is dedicated to congregants over the age of 50 who, through faith, discover that their best years are still ahead. Caleb Group offers social activities, outings, in-home assistance along with other services.
- Universal Beyond Bars is a program that brings spiritual, mental and physical development and support to those incarcerated in our country's prisons. Our goal is to show each individual that, regardless of their past, a positive continuation in life is possible through the transforming power of God.

Here are the following locations in the Caribbean:

Antigua and Barbuda

Redcliffe Street, St. John's, Antigua
Tel: 1268-783-2208

Barbados

Baxters Road opposite Kensington New Road, Bridgetown
Tel: +1 246-255-3397

Belize

77 Central American Boulevard, Belize City
Tel: +501 610-5758

Bonaire

Kaya Industria

Pariba #32, (pegá ku Alubon) Kralendijk
Tel: 00599-782-33-14

Cayman Islands

71 Eastern Avenue 2nd Floor (Crown Square)
Unit 10 George Town, Grand Cayman
Tel: 939-8646 or 927-5480

Guyana

162 Charlotte and Wellington Street (Former Strand Cinema)
Lacytown, Georgetown
Tel: 592-225 1557/226 493

Saint Lucia

Corner of Chaussée Road & High Street, Castries
Tel: 1 758 725 9620

Sint Maarten

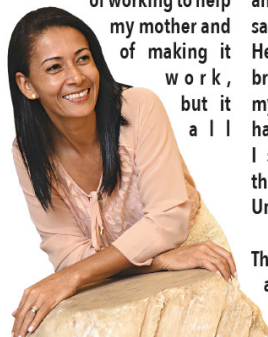
A.J.C Brouwer Road, Yogesh Building, 2nd floor, Bush Road
Phillipsburg
Tel: (001 721) 5874876

Suriname

Neumanpad 26 Centrum (Zijstraat van de Domineestraat)
Paramaribo
Tel: 00597- 88 37 764

Eliane arrived at the Universal Church in September 2009. Determined, she was baptized the following week. Her surrender to God was immediate. In November, she heard about the Campaign of Israel and said: "My request was to be born of God. I wanted to have a new identity. I was a bad, lying, and unbearable person. At the time, I lived in a house that looked like a farm and wanted to seek God. I sought Him at dawn until He descended in my life."

She left home as a teenager. She grew up in a family of 12. "We lived in the countryside, there was no running water and we washed clothes in the river. Until I was 8 years old, I used to go to the fair with my mother to pick up scraps of food. I started working at 12 and took care of children. I came with the dream of working to help



my mother and went wrong."

Eliane worked in family homes and, from a young age, had to deal with harassment. She changed jobs constantly. Problems ended up cornering her. "I came across work-in-house ads for prostitution. I was 17 years old. I needed to drink to do that and I even drank alcohol," recalls Eliane, who remained in this situation from 17 to 21 years old. At that time, she met a young man who worked in a bar and became pregnant.

Desperate, she found herself without money to buy milk for her daughter. "He said he didn't want the child. I thought I would have to go back to picking up trash like I was in childhood." Intoxicated, she thought the solution was to kill her daughter and then kill herself. "I grabbed her tightly and she opened her eyes and said: 'Mom, I love you and Heavenly Father loves you too', breathing very weakly. But in my mind, the Heavenly Father had never taken care of me. I started crying. I turned on the TV and it was showing the Universal Church program."

That was how Eliane arrived at the Church. "An assistant wanted to pray for me, but I refused. That was the

moment between me and God. The word that the Pastor spoke that morning had already entered my life. I bent my knees and spoke to Him. When I finished, there was a puddle of tears on the floor."

When Eliane decided to surrender at Altar, at the time of the Campaign of Israel, she gave up her cell phone, contacts from the past, and old life. Her first request at the Campaign could have been a better, more comfortable life, with opportunities, but her priority was to know God.

It was impossible for the Holy Spirit to not respond accordingly.

"The emptiness, the sadness, that hole so big that it seemed to be inside me disappeared. After that, things started happening fast. After two months in the church, I had already received the Holy Spirit and in less than six months I met my husband. We've been married for ten years. Since then, I have had peace, a blessed family and we enjoy prosperity and comfort."

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GREAT CRUSADE OF F

The beautiful group of volcanic islands of Hawaii is well known for their inviting tourist attractions and landscapes. With just over a million residents there are many who are in need of the hope and power that comes through faith. For this reason the Universal church opened its doors and today its members are able to receive spiritual help 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Hawaii, a US state, is an isolated volcanic archipelago in the central Pacific. Its islands are recognized for their rugged landscapes with cliffs, waterfalls, tropical foliage, and beaches of golden, red, black and even green sand. However, despite all the beauty of nature, and beautiful tourist parts, in the daily work of the Universal Church of the Kingdom of God, we find suffering people, with a sick soul, depression, addictions, many family and economic problems to the point of having a huge number of homeless. The Holy Spirit saw the need of these people, and sent the first servants to start work in Hawaii three years ago. Soon after the beginning of the pandemic, the people were shaken with fear of the disease because many people got contaminated on the island. It was then that the Universal Church of the Kingdom of God, with its spirit of courage and faith, began to take action by donating food to the neediest every month, and spreading the gospel through evangelization on the streets and communities. The church began to develop, and grow in the number of saved souls in the midst of many struggles, and the saved began to win other

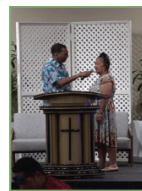
souls. Last Sunday, July 3rd, the event "The Challenge of Faith" happened in Hawaii with the presence of Bishop Joshua for the first time in the state, which powerfully marked the lives of Hawaiians, and immigrants from Micronesia. There were many healings on the spot, miracles, and life transformation testimonies from people whose lives have been restored over the years through their personal action of faith. The testimonies were one of the things that marked and moved the listeners with the stories of overcoming. The most memorable moment of the meeting happened after the message of surrender, when people had their moment to turn to the Almighty, and received the Spirit of Peace in their minds and hearts.



TESTIMONIES OF FAITH IN HAWAII



He came to the service feeling pain in both knees and left pain-free, even jumping.



Teolisia had pain in her head for a while. When she received the prayer, by faith she was healed.



Elena came with pain in her knees. She had a hard time walking, but she believed in the power of God, and has no more pain.



Patrick had back pain for almost seven years. After receiving the prayer of faith, he was pain-free, even able to bend.



She not only had pain in her body, but also in her soul. She felt stressed out and depressed. She left feeling lighter with no more pain in her arm.



He had pain in his head for a while. After receiving the prayer, he had no more pain.

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COVER STORY

FAITH AND MIRACLES

in Hawaii



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I was an alcoholic for 40 years. I went to the doctor because my legs were swollen. I couldn't even walk. I found out that I had cirrhosis and it was stage 4. The doctors told me that my white blood cells were too low and they asked me if I want to do dialysis. I refused. I only had 3 months to live. One day, I saw the program of the Universal

Church, I heard the pastor talk about the Word of God and it touched me. I called the number and came to this ministry. I used my faith and drank the blessed water. I went back to the doctor and my test results came back to normal. Today, I am healed and free!







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For 7 years, my life was destroyed. I had no peace. I had family, marriage, financial and health problems. I had back and chest pain for years. My husband was addicted to drugs for more than 7 years. I had gone to 4 churches and nothing changed. I was invited to an

event and received the blessed water in this ministry. I received the teachings from the Word of God. I used the blessed water and the holy oil together with my faith. Now, I can say that I'm happy and have peace. My family is blessed and my husband is free from drugs. Today, there's unity in my home.

W E E K L Y S C H E D U L E

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
						
STRONG NATION	PRAYER FOR HEALING	NIGHT OF SALVATION	THE LOVE THERAPY	DELIVERANCE	IMPOSSIBLE CASES	GATHERING OF FAITH & MIRACLES
LEARN THE SECRETS TO OVERCOME FINANCIALLY. RECEIVE DIRECTION TO GROW AND BECOME A SUCCESSFUL PERSON. 7AM, 10AM, 4PM & 7PM	RECEIVE PRAYER FOR YOUR PHYSICAL, MENTAL, AND SPIRITUAL WELL-BEING. 7AM, 10AM, 4PM & 7PM	ANY GOOD RELATIONSHIP REQUIRES COMMUNICATION, AND WITH GOD, IT IS NO DIFFERENT. A HEAVY BURDEN WILL BE HELD FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO INVEST IN A GENUINE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. 7AM, 10AM, 4PM & 7PM	WHETHER YOU ARE SINGLE, DATING, HAPPILY MARRIED, STRONGHOOD IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP, DIVORCED OR WIDOWED, REGARDLESS OF YOUR CURRENT SITUATION, THE LOVE THERAPY IS FOR YOU. 7AM, 10AM, 4PM & 7PM	REVERSE PRAYERS FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL FREEDOM AND LEARN TO OVERCOME PROBLEMS SUCH AS NEGATIVITY, ANGER, CONSTANT FEAR, INABILITY TO REST, SELF-HARM TENDENCIES, LACK OF MOTIVATION FOR LIFE, SUICIDAL THOUGHTS, AND HEAVY OBTUSERS. 7AM, 10AM, 4PM & 7PM	ARE YOU FACING A SITUATION THAT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE TO SOLVE? IT DOESN'T MATTER THE LENGTH OF TIME THAT YOU HAVE SPENT FIGHTING FOR YOUR DREAM, BECAUSE YOU CAN STILL CONQUER IT. JOIN US AND PRAY TO ACHIEVE WHAT SEEMS TO BE IMPOSSIBLE IN YOUR LIFE. 8AM & 12PM	THE DAY TO BLESS YOUR FAMILY AND ALL THE OTHER AREAS OF YOUR LIFE. 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. 7AM, 10AM, 3PM & 6PM

YOU ARE NOT A LOST CASE!

Has anyone ever told you that you're not capable to change? Maybe you have heard pigs will fly, before you change. I am sure that there can be so many other things that you have heard that are negative. However, you are not reading this article to feed the negativity you have heard; you are reading this to find a solution so you can change, even if it's been hard.

First things first, block em' out. Yes, you read that correctly, block them out! Do not give ears to what is not true; you must learn to filter out what is not necessary. Let me ask you something, is listening to negative comments going to do you any good? You answered correctly, NO. If something is not good for you then it is best not to hold onto it, because I know you would not eat something knowing it would make you sick, right? It is crucial to have the same care for your life, you can't consume the negative words because it will make you spiritually sick, and even play with your mental health. Check this out:

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**EVERY NEGATIVE
THOUGHT IS A DOWN
PAYMENT ON FAILURE.
EVERY POSITIVE
THOUGHT IS AN
INVESTMENT ON YOUR
FUTURE.
~ POSITIVE OUTLOOKS**

Make an investment for the positive so you can establish a bright future for yourself. There is no lost case when it comes to God. He has a purpose, and a plan for your life, but allow it to be fulfilled. You must give your life to Him, so that He can fulfill His plan in you. Believe in

yourself and your change; I know change can even feel scary at times because you were used to doing one thing, and now you are taking steps to do better, but it will be well worth it in the end.

You are more than capable to do better for yourself, and your change is within reach. All those testimonies you read in the newspaper are real life transformations, but three things needed to happen in those people's lives; they had to be sick and tired of the old life, and be ready for the new one.

Your circumstances shouldn't depict who you are. You are so much more than a number, than a jumpsuit; you are so much more than those four prison walls. Look deep within yourself to find what motivates you to do better. What gives you hope? What gives you the motivation to start a new day, and get it right?

Maybe, you say there's nothing to motivate me. Yes, there is; look yourself in the mirror, that is

your motivation right there. YOURSELF. You are your biggest motivation because at the end of the day, you have to live with yourself. You are worth the change, and you must believe that for yourself.

Exchange the old, so that way you can receive what is new. Your life is so much more than you think it is.

EXCHANGE THE OLD, SO THAT WAY YOU CAN RECEIVE WHAT IS NEW. YOUR LIFE IS SO MUCH MORE THAN YOU THINK IT IS.

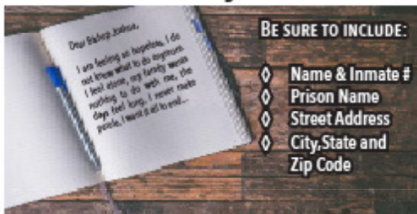


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| 1: What was the name of the garden where Adam and Eve lived?
Garden of Eden
Garden of Gethsemane
Garden of Babylon
Garden of Paradise | 6: What was the name of Abraham's nephew?
Lot
Joseph
Moses
Shem |
| 2: Which creature tricked Eve into eating of the forbidden fruit?
Monkey
Rabbit
Serpent
Spider | 7: What was the name of Isaac's wife?
Sarah
Hannah
Rebekah
Naomi |
| 3: Who was the first child born?
Cain
Abel
Seth
Noah | 8: What object featured in Jacob's dream at Bethel?
Ladder
Well
Wall
Chariot |
| 4: From what disaster did the Ark save Noah?
Fire and Brimstone
Earthquake
Plague
Flood | 9: Who did Joseph's brothers sell him to?
Egyptians
Ishmaelites
Philistines
Shechemites |
| 5: What was the name of the tower that the people were building when God confused their language?
Tower of God
Tower of Dagon
Tower of Babel
Tower of Siloam | 10: How did the angel of the Lord appear to Moses?
In a dream
From within a burning bush
By a well
As a bright light in the sky |

I Can't Take it Anymore! WAIT, write your letter and send it to Bishop Joshua, there IS hope.



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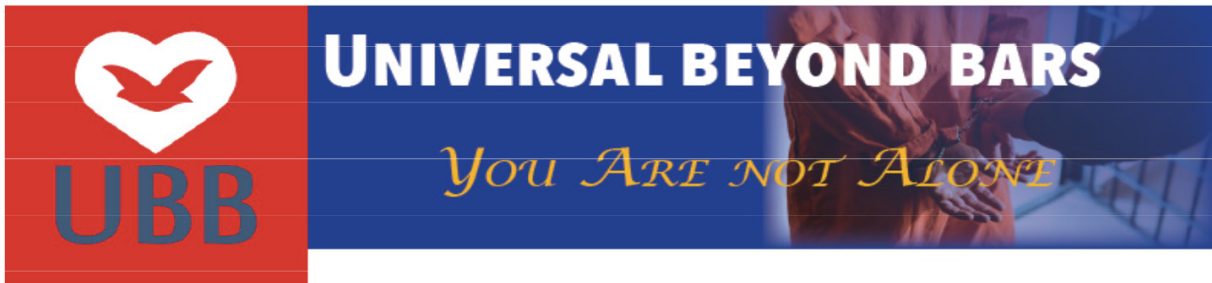
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God gave me Another Chance!

My childhood was very good; I had my family together, with my siblings, uncles, and cousins; it was great; I grew up with a lot of care, and love at home. I had the opportunity to participate in many extracurricular activities as well, which many children do not have the chance to do.

As I got older, my dream was to work in an office; I liked the idea of getting to work in a bank to start, and then I wanted to work in a law firm as my career. I was able to get a job in the law firm; there was a lot of work to be done, but one day one of my colleagues introduced me to cocaine as a way to make more money; I agreed and started selling it, but also using it.

I thought everything was okay; I dressed, and knew how to still act professionally; I would transport drugs without getting caught. One day my mother found out because I would always stay close to my house to sell drugs because there were five different alleys in the neighborhood where we would transport and receive the drugs to then sell. I used to make money out of that, but inside of me, great aggression arose, especially when I was under the influence of cocaine.

One night while my mom was sleeping in the living room, I heard a TV program come on, and I woke her up because it was interesting that the preaching matched what we were going through. I said, "Mom, it sounds like this pastor is speaking about your life." She asked me where this place was, and I told her it was the Universal Church.

She decided to go the next day, and asked me to

accompany her. She was very serious about her relationship with God, but I remained stuck in my ways. To my surprise, while I was driving, there was a warrant for my arrest. The police were on the streets commanding me to stop. I kept driving, going through the places that were blocked to try and dodge the police from catching me.

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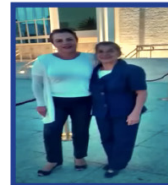
MY CHASE CAME TO END, AND THE POLICE CAUGHT ME AND TOOK ME TO THE POLICE STATION. THIS WAS THE WORST PLACE I COULD END UP; I DID NOT KNOW WHERE I WOULD SLEEP BECAUSE THE JAIL WAS SO CROWDED; I WOULD RECEIVE FOOD IN A PLASTIC BAG, AND IT WAS ALWAYS COLD. .

My mom was always by my side; she never abandoned me; when my mother visited me, she would give me a word of faith, love, a hug to keep me going. She loved me the way I was, and did not lose hope in me. *I was in prison for 12 years and 6 months, and inside the prison I came to know the Universal Beyond Bars (UBB).*

I was not fully interested in what they were doing; I would pop in for a prayer here and there, but still resisted many things they taught. When I was released from prison, I started to think within myself that I needed to go to church. Now I know it was through the prayers of my mother that gave

me a change of heart to go. The day I told my mom I wanted to go to church with her she was in disbelief, she said "What?!" But with great happiness we went.

I was so dirty when I arrived through the church doors, but I went just as I was. I was ready to let go of my old life; I wanted to know who Jesus was. I let go of everything and placed my life in God's hands. In me I knew it was time for a change; it's like I heard Him call me through the Pastor in the service, and I surrendered my all to Him.



I received the Holy Spirit; I am so happy because it is something I never imagined I could genuinely receive; my family sees the change in me; those who knew me before seeing what God has done in my life now; even some that I met while in prison came to know my testimony, and upon their release came to the Universal Church, and also decided to change their lives. I thought there was no hope for me, but today I know there was.



ALESSANDRA TODAY

IS ANYBODY OUT THERE? I NEED SOMEONE TO LISTEN TO ME, AND NOT JUDGE ME.

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HE ATE SCRAPS OF FOOD FROM THE TRASH

Marcos had everything financially but lost it all when he entered the world of drugs and spiritism. He saw no way out until he found the Universal church.



Before Marcos met the Lord Jesus, he says he used drugs, and was a very violent person. The problems began when he started smoking cigarettes and marijuana at age 12. Then he started using cocaine and, finally, went to crack. In addition to using illegal drugs, he drank heavily, and became an alcoholic. "My friends and I used to pick magic mushrooms to eat. It caused a psychedelic effect, a breeze that, as soon as it passed, threw us into a terrible depression," he says. There were many fights between his parents, and Marcos says that he was beaten with a whip. One day, his father got so angry with him that he broke his teeth by slapping him in the mouth. "I grew up with this hatred ingrained inside me," he recalls. "I used to foam at the mouth with rage, and from the hatred I felt for him; I even took a knife to kill him."

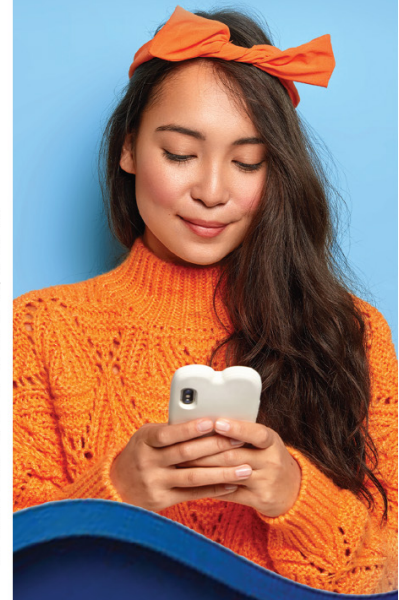
Marcos reports that he was introduced to spiritism when he was a child: "I started practicing black magic. As a result, I had a very large profit from consultations, whose values ranged from \$750 to \$900 per client". Despite the problems he faced, Marcos had many friends, a real estate, and was well known in his city for being an entrepreneur. He, however, lost his family, his business, and everything he had built up to that moment because of drug use: "I was wearing silk clothes, and German shoes, but then I found myself eating scraps of food I found in the trash". Marcos' father started to attend the Universal Church, and invited him to visit the place, but he did not accept. Sometime later, however, he changed his mind and went to church. "It was difficult to let go of addictions." Mark was baptized in water, and decided

to abandon everything that displeased God, no matter how difficult it was. "I wanted to be a new man; I was tired of suffering, and I just wanted to have peace inside me," he says. He details that he was thirsty to receive the Holy Spirit; so, he fasted, prayed, read the Bible, and left his addictions for good; all for the sake of his Salvation. "The day I received the Presence of God was the best day ever. I had never felt such peace and certainty."

Today Marcos is a man of God, he has a blessed family, and a stable financial life, in addition to having good health and peace. "I give off the perfume of the Lord Jesus wherever I go; thanks to God and the Universal Church", he concludes.

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