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THE CHALLENGES OF THE ELDERLY

Without a doubt, every human being one day will grow old. With each day that passes, we are aging. However, what should be a time of joy, maturity, a time to rest and enjoy the fruit of years of labor, has become something dreadful for many of the elderly today.

More than ever, aside from having health issues and limited incomes, the elderly are experiencing loneliness. As their strength and health begin to decline, they are seen as a burden. Some are even taken from their homes' comfort and freedom and forced to live in nursing/senior homes for others to care for with limited social contact. For many, the children they had loved and fought so hard to care for had abandoned them when they needed them the most.

Loneliness can lead to even more health problems such as depression when there is no communication with family members. Many fail to seek help because they mistake their sadness for something normal and just part of aging. But depression is not meant to be a part of aging. It does not have to be "the norm" for you who have God by your side.

While the entire world judge and think that your opportunities are over, that your time is up, there is not much you can offer physically, God says otherwise. Your age does not have to define you or hold you back. Just like Abraham and Caleb were used and blessed greatly by God despite their age, so can you. Continue reading and find inspiration from the stories of others who also changed their story.

BEATING DEPRESSION |

Depression is an illness felt in the deepest part of the soul. Unlike diseases that attack a person's physical body, depression destroys a person emotionally and mentally. Leaving them in a constant state of sadness and hopelessness

The effect of depression can be so crippling that it causes the lives of those affected to come to a complete halt. They lose the desire to do anything. Things that used to be normal such as taking care of one's hygiene, eating, cleaning, socializing, etc., become difficult to do. Leaving them with little to no energy, no dreams, and no reason to live.

What if I told you there is a cure? Not that of medications that give temporary relief, if any at all. But through God, through faith! If you find yourself at the end of your rope, don't lose hope; you can beat depression! Just like thousands have found a way out through faith, there is a way out for you also. On Sundays, at every Universal Church, you will learn how to beat depression. Without a doubt, you will not leave the same. What do you have to lose?



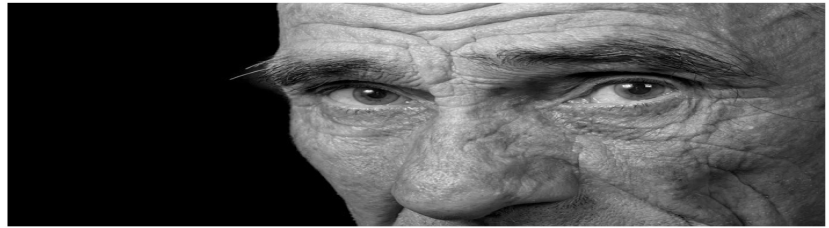
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MESSAGE | Bishop Edir Macedo



You only get "old" if you want to.



"And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will have dreams, your young people will have visions."

Joel 2.28

One thing that draws my attention in this verse is "your old men will dream," and why? What is the idea that God wants to convey to us with this? To understand, we must think like most "old people" think.

What is the perspective of a person considered "old"? What goals do they set? What are their projects? The truth is, NONE!!!

People of advanced age completely lose their goals. Many become bitter, grumbling, irritable people; for them, each day of their old age becomes a burden because most become sick and dependent on others. Moreover, many children, no longer supporting them, are even putting them in nursing homes. With this, many of those considered "old" end up thinking that the best would be to die.

However, this perspective changes with the coming of the Holy Spirit, for He brings hope to

those considered "old." He changes the mentality of these people and gives them what they never had. For when He descends upon their lives, He fills them with vigor. He gives them faith and dreams. They go back to designing and no longer think about dying. On the contrary, they start planning, fighting, undertaking, and making decisions they did not make before. Besides, they no longer depend on their children, grandchildren, or anyone else!

Thus, these people become able to do in their old age what they did not do in their youth. I say this concerning unfulfilled dreams, for they are invigorated by the Holy Spirit's power and turn into new people. That's extraordinary because that older man turns into a big boy! Even if on the outside the bark is withered or worn, it is full of life inside. It's full of dreams, projects, and ideas, and best of all, the Holy Spirit himself will not let him die without seeing these dreams fulfilled. It's TOO STRONG!!!!

So, to be "old," who wants that!!! Those who do not wish it seek to be filled up with the Holy Spirit.

"I HAD AN EMPTINESS THAT NOTHING COULD FILL FOR YEARS..."

I grew up without my mother; my father is the one who raised me, along with my grandmother. This pain of knowing I did not have a mother to help me caused a deep sadness and emptiness in me. I would have preferred to live my life thinking she could not take care of me for a serious reason, but what made the sadness and depression grow even stronger within me was knowing the real reason. She simply did not want me. She had other children with a different man and chose them over me.

The depression hit me the hardest when I was entering my teen years; this is when I needed her the most; so many changes were happening in my body and my school. Although my dad was there, he couldn't help

me the way I needed. All those things caused the wildness to begin. I became a crazy, wild teen in school, doing anything I wanted without considering the consequences. I just wanted something to make me feel happy and take that depression away. My dad opened up a nightclub and let me party there all the time to make me feel better, but this is where I got introduced to alcohol abuse. I became an addict; I would drink so much that I wouldn't remember anything from the night before. I got pregnant, and my boyfriend left me once he heard the news. I was tired and tried overdosing to kill myself. It was around this time I decided to take God seriously. I told God I was ready to have a new life. I gave up my old life entirely, stopped drinking, stopped going to nightclubs, and

started obeying the Word of God. And God did answer me. He set me free from the depression, and He took away that anger I had against my mother and gave me His Holy Spirit.

Today, I help young girls who are going through what I went through, and God has blessed me in every way. I can genuinely say I am happy and know for a fact that there is a cure for depression. C o m e , and you will see what I mean!"



- Rafaela

MIRACLES EXIST



"FREE FROM A BLOOD INFECTION AND A STONE IN HER KIDNEY"

I had an infection in the blood and kidney stones, but I didn't know I had that. I ended up in the emergency room. I was vomiting with fever and diarrhea. The Pastor from the Universal Church came to the hospital to pray and bring me the water from the Spiritual Treatment. After that day, the fever went away. Until this day, the doctors are looking

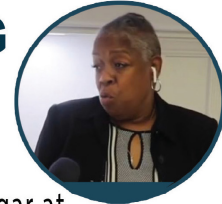


for the stone that I had in my kidney, but they have not been able to find it. The infection I had in the blood is gone too. **Now I'm very much alive!**

Olive, NY

See page 12 for a location near your area.

15 YEARS SUFFERING FROM DIABETES



I was a type 2 diabetic for about 15 years. I had to test my blood sugar at least four times a day. My blood sugar was very much out of control; I was on two types of insulin. Coming to this ministry, I learned to use the Blessed Water with faith every day.

Last month when I went to my doctor, he said that my blood sugar was so good that the next time I come back in about two months, I will be off the insulin. The Lord Jesus has healed me!

Diane, MD



MY LEGS WERE GIVING OUT...

My legs were very weak, which made it very difficult for me to walk. When I went to the doctor, they told me to do an MRI and physiotherapy. I was not getting any better, so I went back to the hospital to find out I was having problems with my thyroid. At that point, I was coming to this ministry. So, I started using my faith to drink the Spiritual Treatment water. Sometimes I would anoint my legs with it too.

The doctors have examined my thyroid, and it is fine now; I can walk, and my legs are not weak anymore!

Judith, NY



Learn to face your problems with faith!
Get your Spiritual Treatment Water every Sunday at your nearest Universal Church



|MESSAGE|

Bishop Joshua

YOUR LIFE CAN BE A LIVING PROOF

Can you remember a product you bought that delivered on its promise? A gadget that promised fast speed and long battery life came through. A product that guaranteed results after two weeks and did show results.

You would undoubtedly recommend those things to a friend because they deliver on their promise.

The Word of God also makes us a promise. This promise comes with a guarantee:

“Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.” Psalms 50:15

Maybe you have tried many things in search of a better life but to no avail. Nothing seems to take away the pain, depression, addiction, trauma, family problems, financial hardships, and so on... When you call upon the name of the Lord, He glorifies His name in your life because He delivers you.

Despite all you have tried, nothing has brought the results you hoped. Calling on God is undoubtedly different. His Word is not full of empty promises. When you call upon Him for help, He will help you.



He will deliver you from whatever problems you may face, and your life will be a living testimony.

The Living Faith Network brings the Word of God to your screen. You can experience the Word of God in your life every day. Through daily programming, you can see people who tried everything but saw no results until they called upon God, and today their lives glorify God.

Switching on ULFN.ORG will give you the answers you have been searching for!

May the God of the Bible bless you.

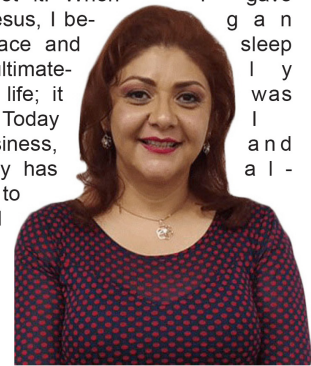


“Since I was a child, I was fearful; I was scared of darkness. As I grew older, my life became hell: we lived in a terrible situation. I was sick of the pressure, and my family was destroyed. So, I took refuge in parties, in friends, and in bad conversations. Inside, I became dark; I always dressed in black.

Although I did not believe in it, I went to witchcraft, and my ex-partner and I made a sentimental tie. Later I was the victim of witchcraft by another ex-boyfriend. In addition, ever since he was young, he used substances, sometimes marijuana, cocaine, or crack. But the alcohol got me. Later I managed to get into college and pursue a career. Still, nothing in my life improved or made me give up alcoholism.

One day I received an invitation to go to the Universal Church. At first, I had no interest, but I said: “If God exists, my life has to change.” I did this challenge, and I don't regret it. When I gave my life to Jesus, I began to have peace and sleep well, and I ultimately left the old life; it was a process. Today I have a business, and my economy has allowed me to travel and even get a car with zero kilometers.

Thanks to the Holy Spirit, I am a new woman, responsible, loving, and balanced in many aspects. He is my greatest blessing.” - Maribel Garcia



08 2022 AUGUST Bible Reading						
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SPIRITUAL DELIVERANCE - FRIDAY

Suppose you also want to be free from sadness, addictions, depression, or any other spiritual problem and receive true peace. In that case, we invite you to participate in the Fridays of Spiritual Deliverance. This is a meeting of faith for those people who no longer want to feel oppressed or carry the weight of problems. Start a Chain of Prayer, a series of prayers for your total deliverance. We are waiting for you this Friday at any branch of the Universal Church. Call us at 1.888.332.4141 for the address of the branch closest to you.

THEIR MARRIAGE WAS FALLING APART

Infidelity broke their family apart. Marcos left his wife and children for an outside relationship. Today, he can say the change started with him.

LOVE THERAPY SPECIAL: NIGHT OF THE SINGLES

Do you want to learn more about relationships and build a healthy marriage? Participate in Love Therapy on Thursdays at the Universal Church.

Just the thought of finding someone can be nerve-racking for many singles. While some wait anxiously for this moment, others dodge the topic, either because they have made mistakes in the past or because they do not understand what love is.

Therefore, learning about intelligent love is a high-profit investment. The Love Therapy meeting helps achieve this purpose and more.



The meeting focuses on guiding people to having success in love. In it, you will learn how to overcome past bad experiences, such as abuse, divorce, broken relationships, and much more. Come and understand how you can achieve joy in your own life and share it with someone else. The goal is to get you to be successful in this area of life. Find here the address closest to you, where this special meeting takes place. Call: 1.888.332.4142 for more information.

Marcos and Sandra have been together for 23 years. "I met Sandra in a moment of separation. My ex-wife had abandoned me with our children and went to live with someone else. However, love, admiration, and, finally, their marriage began to destabilize. During a surprise birthday party that Sandra had prepared for Marcos, he cheated on her with a guest. There was a betrayal on her part as well. "Disturbed, I laid my wife on the floor and put the knife on her neck," he says.

Marcos even had between 15 and 20 lovers, and one of them asked him to leave his wife.

"I abandoned everything for this person: children, wife, apartment, college, and company. Something was off. I felt I was on the verge of death. I went a week without sleep, afflicted, depressed, distressed and scared. Until one day, Marcos had enough and decided to make a change. "I looked up at

heaven and told God that I couldn't stand that life anymore. On that day, a new man and a new story were born." At that time, Sandra was already at Universal and knew the transforming power of Faith on the Altar. It wasn't long before Marcos joined her. "I saw an opportunity to be different and understood the importance of having the Holy Spirit. I had to sacrifice who I was to receive Him, but the life I received from Him was and until today remains wonderful." He states that after receiving the Holy Spirit, other areas of his life started changing: "We opened companies, and our marriage was restored and blessed. God changed my life. I died to the world to live for God."



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Marcos and Sandra were facing one of the hardest things a couple could. Sandra had her own faith but only through them both giving their lives to God did their relationship change.

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Unisocial in Action

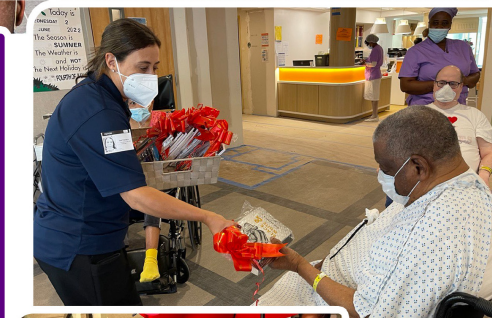


UNISOCIAL is the partnership of all the outreach groups of the Universal Church Social Work Projects: Assistants, Soul Winners, YPG, and Caleb (among others) with the goal of doing social work and saving souls for the Kingdom of God. It organizes fundraising, donations, and voluntary services to help those in need.

We combine charitable deeds with faith in the God of the Bible to transform lives. We believe that true change can only happen if a person's mind is renewed and trained to think the way God does.

UNISOCIAL has led disaster relief efforts in various communities worldwide, as well as periodic food drives to assist struggling communities, blood donation, prison visits, hospital visits, elderly homes, and orphanage visits. Its ongoing efforts have brought hope to thousands of families.

Recently, the Unisocial team visited the Bushwick Center Nursing Home and CNR Nursing Home. The residents received prayers and spiritual support, and the visit brought a smile to their faces. They also received care packages consisting of books of faith that will uplift them daily. At this advanced age, many are abandoned and rejected by society, and even by their family and loved ones. Elder abuse is common. Abuse, including neglect and exploitation, is experienced by about 1 in 10 people aged 60 and older who



at home. Many older adults require care and are vulnerable to violence perpetrated by a caregiver or someone they trust. If you know someone who's facing elder abuse, seek help and don't be silent.

If you also want to know more about this group or how you can contribute, visit the closest Universal Church to you.



Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/elderabuse/fastfact.html>

W E E K L Y S

MONDAY



STRONG NATION

LEARN THE SECRETS TO OVERCOME FINANCIALLY. RECEIVE DIRECTION TO GROW AND BECOME A SUCCESSFUL PERSON.

7AM, 10AM, 4PM & 7PM

TUESDAY



PRAYER FOR HEALING

RECEIVE PRAYER FOR YOUR PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND SPIRITUAL WELL-BEING.

7AM, 10AM, 4PM & 7PM

WEDNESDAY



NIGHT OF SALVATION

ANY GOOD RELATIONSHIP REQUIRES COMMUNICATION. AND WITH GOD, IT IS NO DIFFERENT. A MEETING WILL BE HELD FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO INVEST IN A GENUINE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

7AM, 10AM, 4PM & 7PM

THURSDAY



THE LOVE THERAPY

WHETHER YOU ARE SINGLE, DIVORCED, WIDOWED, REGARDLESS OF YOUR STATUS, JOIN US FOR THE LOVE THERAPY.

7AM, 10AM, 4PM & 7PM



THE CHALLENGES OF AGING

The number of Americans ages 65 and older is projected to nearly double from 52 million in 2018 to 95 million by 2060, and the 65-and-older age group's share of the total population will rise from 16 percent to 23 percent.

Source: <https://www.prb.org/resources/fact-sheet-aging-in-the-united-states/>

It's not easy being old these days. The list of obstacles and challenges to be overcome by this age group seems endless. Many see old age as a disease. It is even common to hear catchphrases around, such as "this is something for old people" or "you are too old to do this," among others, which denote stereotypes and prejudice. Because they are more vulnerable and generally need help, many older people are even considered individuals incapable of performing minimal activities.

As part of a population that only grows, the elderly have become a frequent target of many sectors of society. In addition, the so-called best age suffers from fraud and deceit.

Aside from these misfortunes, the elderly also face job market discrimination. There is also constant loneliness, abandonment of family and children, and even alcohol dependence, which has increased considerably among this public.

Knowing the needs of this age group, the Universal Church created the Caleb Group. It aims at educating seniors about health, fitness, diet, well-being, and social welfare needs. They are motivated by the services available and more practice in managing their lives and being part of the community. This group was formed to help us at that point in our lives when the entire world might judge and think that opportunities are over and that time is up for us. That there is not much we can offer physically. Its goal is to prove to ourselves that God wants and will use us. He will make us live better days.

I THOUGHT I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO KEEP UP DUE TO MY ADVANCED AGE

Julião says that he had a difficult childhood. He remembers that he needed to dedicate himself to work from a very young age. So, his studies were always in the background. "I started studying very late, at 13, and it was all challenging to do at that time. So I faced a lot of prejudice over the years to get what I wanted." Throughout his life, Julião made an effort to take some courses, such as social studies, and accounting, among others. And over the years, he worked in companies in the human resources field. However, he

admired and dreamed of going to law school. "But I thought I wouldn't be able to keep up with the intense pace of my studies due to my advanced age. It wasn't something I thought I could do," he reveals. But in 2012, he met the Caleb group from the Universal Church and felt welcomed by all the members. It didn't take long for him to be encouraged to accomplish what he desired. And that's how the motivation for realizing that dream came into his life. Julião recalls that members and volunteers encouraged him to attend



college, regardless of his age and the circumstances he faced. dream of studying Law, they encouraged me and gave me the fuel I needed to go ahead." He recognizes the group's support in overcoming its challenges. "Caleb has been a foundation in my life after God. It's where I feel cared for."

And, overcoming obstacles every day, Julião celebrates two years after graduation.

"It wasn't easy, but at 68, I graduated; I feel very energetic and still young. With God, old age, like life in general, is different; it's a blessing."

Now, Julião wants to continue his studies and attend a postgraduate course, showing that the fact of being elderly is still not

an obstacle to the realization of another dream. He even claims that he identifies with the biblical character Caleb, who gives rise to the name of the group for the bravery he had.

Caleb was a warrior and companion of Joshua, who led the conquest of the Promised Land.

At 85, he fought, alongside other brave men, with the same strength as a young man; he believed in the power of God and, therefore, was blessed by Him with longevity and achievements at the end of his life.



Julião understands that, through Faith, he also overcomes difficulties and that it gives him strength and vigor, making this the "best age".

Sislene Sislene says she had invasive lobular cancer in her breast and underwent mastectomy surgery and chemotherapy treatment. At the time, she was already attending the Universal Church and resorted to the use of Faith in God to seek her cure.



However, Sislene needed to stop working and retire because of the illness. It was a tricky thing, after all, she had been an active woman all her life. So, in that situation, Sislene needed something that would motivate her to continue exercising her activities and that would help her keep fighting to restore her health by Faith. She didn't want to stop her activities altogether but to find a way to continue feeling useful. Illness would not be a reason to stop

HER AGE DIDN'T STOP HER FROM ACHIEVING HER GOALS

her from achieving her goals. And it was at that time that Sislene got invited to join the Caleb Group.

"Still undergoing cancer treatment, I joined the group. I had just retired because of the illness and, before, I was very active, so I saw the chance to feel useful in the Caleb Group. I got involved in teaching modeling and sewing to other people. Today I understand that that was how God used to make me get closer to Him," she recalls.

Combining Faith with medical treatment, Sislene won the battle against cancer and got healed. She says that she considers herself a more valued person for being able to contribute to

Caleb's press project, registering in photographs several unique moments of the group.

And it was while she was teaching her craft to others that Sislene learned, in the workshops offered by the group, to develop modeling through computing. She received guidance from God and several colleagues' support, so she set up an office in her own home. In the comfort of her home, Sislene became an entrepreneur and now develops modeling for small and medium-sized companies and fashion students.

Sislene recognizes that, even while advancing age, the lessons learned are a source of joy. "I surpassed myself through the Caleb group, and I am very accomplished in what I do because, at my age, doing

computer modeling is like doing engineering." She is fulfilled but recognizes that the strength that makes her stand firm amid the challenges of age comes from the Presence of God.

"I'm very happy, I have an active life, and I make at least 40 models a month. But, above all, the greatest achievement I had, and there is no age for that, was receiving the Holy Spirit. He is the One who guides me and doesn't let me bow in the face of challenges," she concludes.

C H E D U L E

THURSDAY



THERAPY

BEING HAPPILY MARRIED, DIVORCED OR IN YOUR CURRENT SITUATION, THIS IS FOR YOU.

6PM & 7PM

FRIDAY



DELIVERANCE

RECEIVE 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, AMONG MANY OTHERS.

7AM, 10AM, 4PM & 7PM

SATURDAY



IMPOSSIBLE CASES

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 FIGHT TO ACHIEVE WHAT SEEMS TO BE IMPOSSIBLE IN YOUR LIFE.

8AM & 12PM

SUNDAY



GATHERING OF FAITH & MIRACLES

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

ELDERLY AND IN PRISON

UNIVERSAL BEYOND BARS (UBB) Nationwide Schedule

*Scheduling may vary depending on local changes

TEXAS

Monday's:
Luther Unit- 10AM
Clements 2 Unit- 1PM
Terrell Unit- 2PM

Tuesday's:

Hobby Unit- 8AM
Lane Murray Unit- 12:30PM
Goree Unit- 2PM
Jester Unit- 1PM

Wednesday's:

Luther Unit- 11AM
Clements Unit- 3PM
Goree Unit- Every 1st and 4th Wed of the month @ 4PM.

Thursday's:

Crain Unit- 3PM
Hilltop Unit- 2PM

Friday's:

Luther Unit- 10AM
Darrington/Memorial Unit- 3PM

Saturday's:

Jester Unit, every 1st Saturday of the month @ 1PM.

* Note: Ferguson Unit, please speak to your Chaplain for the UBB course schedule.

FLORIDA

Tuesday's:
Metro West Detention Center- 10AM- 2PM
Broward Regional Juvenile Detention Center- 3PM-4PM

CALIFORNIA

Tuesday's:
Avenal State Prison- 2PM- 4PM

HAWAII

Tuesday's:
Halawa Correctional Facility- 7PM

Wednesday's:
Halawa Correctional Facility- 11:30AM- 1PM

*** If you do not see your unit on the UBB schedule yet, do not worry. There is still an opportunity for you to keep in touch with the UBB (Universal Beyond Bars) by sending your letter to Bishop Joshua at:**

7075 SOUTHWEST FWY. HOUSTON TX, 77074

You can be sure that Bishop Joshua will read and respond to your letter. He may also attach a Bible Study to it so that you can keep your mind focused on something positive, and stop thinking on the negative things.

If you need anymore information about the different courses offered by the UBB, please get in contact with the Chaplain in your facility.

**CONTACT US UPON RELEASE:
1 (888) 691-2291**



I AM SURE THERE ARE A SERIES OF QUESTIONS ASKED REGARDING ELDERS BEHIND BARS;

- HOW LIKELY IS IT FOR AN ELDER TO BE RELEASED FROM PRISON?
- WHAT IS IT LIKE BEING OLDER AND INCARCERATED?
- IS IT RIGHT TO KEEP AN ELDER LOCKED UP?

Many of these questions, amongst others, are typical to ponder on. Let's look at some articles and see what they say about the elderly incarcerated.

According to ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union), out of 1.5 million adults currently in state and federal prisons, the 55+ demographic represents roughly twelve percent. It represents a 300 percent spike in the elderly population since 1999.

And the problem is only intensifying. In the six years between 2001 and 2007 alone, 8,486 people over the age of 55 died behind bars. By 2030, the number of elderly prisoners might reach 400,000—an alarming 4,400 percent increase since 1981.

Reporter Christie Thompson from the Marshall project stated that an inmate had applied for compassionate

release. He got denied because the system said he had too much time to live, despite suffering from health problems.

I know this is very aggravating and frustrating because of the denials that have taken place for the elderly behind bars. However, the final word belongs to only One, God. Before man, there is no hope to see release. Still, before God, He can change the heart of the authority to bring forth release, not only for the old but for all who seek Him with sincerity.

He says the final word belongs to Him. Look what the word of God says,

“He will renew your life and sustain you in your old age.” Ruth 4:15

He is available and wants to renew you. Maybe you feel as though your life has gotten wasted away, you have regrets, shame, and feel guilty for the decisions you made in your youth, or maybe you committed a crime now in your adult years.

But look at the promise of God. He said in His word that He would renew your life and sustain you. In other words, He will keep you and give you strength. Seek Him, call upon Him, and you will find Him. You cannot change what you did, but you can change your next steps when you put God first.

More than a physical release, He will set you free. Do not be defeated because of your sentencing or your past. He promised to renew your life and keep you.

Who Am I?

You go at red, but stop at green. Who am I? Hint: fruit

I help you from head to toe, the more I work, the smaller I grow. Who am I? Hint: toiletry

I can never be thrown, but I can be caught. Everyone is always trying to lose me. Who am I? Hint: when you're not feeling well.

A seed with 3 letters in my name, take a two and I still sound the same. Who am I? Hint: green vegetable.

I have many teeth but can't bite, I'm often used early, but rarely at night. Who am I? Hint: you hold it in your hand.

I am the beginning of everything, the end of everywhere. The beginning of eternity, the end of time, and space. Who am I? Hint: in the alphabet.

Sometimes it's hard to figure out certain things in life, but when you put your mind to it, it's possible. Make time to find out who you are, and don't give up on yourself.

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

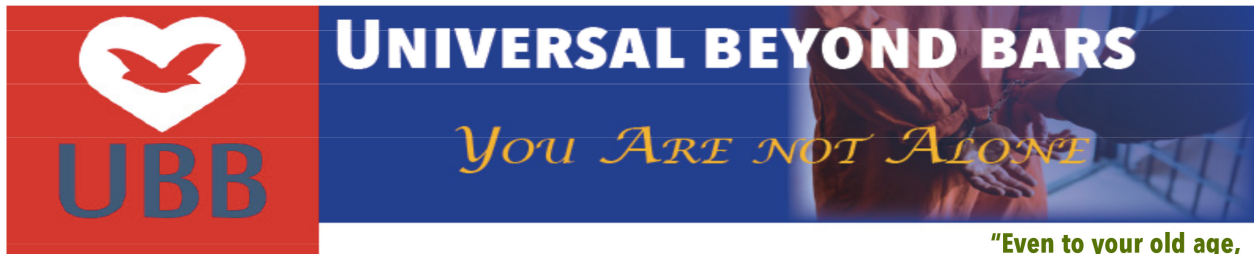
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I THOUGHT I WOULD GROW OLD IN A LIFE OF CRIME

Milton Oliveira, 73, is one of the volunteers in the prison ministry.

Perseverance and faith define Milton, who faced a journey of struggles and challenges until he became an accomplished man. Today, at 73, he is a volunteer in the Universal Beyond Bars Group (UBB).

Before coming to the Universal Church, Milton had a bad life full of crimes. More than 20 years ago, Milton received an invitation to the Universal Church and has remained firm.

He says it was difficult to be committed to God because the more he tried to change, the more temptations increased. But he remained firm and persevered until he freed himself. That was the beginning of a new life. Not long after, he had the desire to save souls.

When I was heading to the service at the church, I saw a volunteer going to the prison and asked what it was like there.

He told me about his experiences volunteering in prison, and that same day, I was interested in volunteering, too. So, he began to be part of the evangelical work in prisons. Today Mr. Milton is responsible for evangelizing five male prisons in his city and the women's wing.



After 18 years in the faith, Milton met his wife, Aparecida de Oliveira, who has since accompanied him on this journey. She helps out externally in the men's prison and internally in the women's prisons.

Milton recalls a memorable moment, one day, one of the inmates asked to get baptized. Milton was happy to see this act of faith because this young man had been condemned for his past life of crime.

However, years later, Milton was pleased to see the same young man again, free from prison and attending the Universal Church. God has blessed several people inside prison and their family members. We are always doing social actions to cheer up the family member at the prison door.

They feel welcomed when we make this small gesture of affection. We bring the Word of

"Even to your old age, I am He, And even to gray hairs I will carry you! I have made, and I will bear; Even I will carry, and will deliver you."
Isaiah46:4

God to these family members who are often sad to see their loved ones in prison, such as husband/wife, child, parent, etc.

Universal Beyond Bars maintains several social projects and, through its volunteers, operates in various sectors of society to bring emotional, psychological, physical, and, above all, spiritual help to those in need.

Mr. Milton is thankful for the life transformation he received by coming to the Universal Church and allowing God to have a chance in his life. Now he spends his years of age helping others with joy because he knows what God has done for him.



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Universal Beyond Bars is rewarding and brings joy to the soul because we do it with love. - Milton

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

...STOP WHAT YOU ARE DOING, AND WRITE YOUR LETTER TO BP. JOSHUA, HE WILL PERSONALLY READ AND REPLY TO YOUR LETTER. BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR CORRECT INFORMATION (NAME/ INMATE #, PRISON NAME, STREET ADDRESS, CITY/STATE/ZIPCODE) SO BISHOP CAN WRITE BACK TO YOU! **SEND IT TO: 7075 SOUTHWEST FWY. HOUSTON, TX 77074.**

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spoke. We believe in the Word of God, and so we planted a seed of Faith, and the Altar has given us much more than we have entrusted to God."

With only our strength it would not be possible to go through so many struggles. We had a small child, I was depressed and my marriage was hanging by a thread.

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