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**MESSAGE** 

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#### **BISHOP MACEDO'S BLOG**

#### IN THIS EDITION

#### **IMPOSSIBLE CASES**

Is there something that you have been fighting to achieve for as long as you can remember? Have you done almost everything you can think of, but your situation remains the same? Does it feel impossible? Well dear friend, I have news for you, just because it is difficult, it does not mean that it is impossible

As beings, full of limitations, it's very easy to believe that life and even God is the same-limited. But if we look at the world around us, we can see a world that is without limits. A sky that has no end, seas in which depths are without measure, waterfalls that never cease to flow with water, mornings and nights that never fail to come each and every day. We cannot help but notice the infinite and awesome power of God through His creation. It only proves that no problem is too great for God to solve or dream too big for Him to make a reality. We just have to look at the "bigger picture".

The Lord Jesus said, "..., all things are possible to him who believes." (Mark 9:23) and He even goes further to say, "With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible." (Mark 10:27). Although something may be impossible for us as human beings, if we believe and put our faith and trust in God's ability and word, God will make the impossible possible. Only God can completely change our lives.

Why not give God a chance and stop doing things on your own, by the strength of your arms? No matter what area you are fighting for, whether it be your family, finances, health, love life, or your inner self, allow Him to take the lead and guide you to write a new story where the impossible becomes possible.

#### BEATING DEPRESSION

Depression is felt in the deepest part of the soul, leaving a person in a constant state of sadness and hopelessness.

Do you feel depressed when you think about the current situation of your family or your upbringing? Have the traumas of your past put your life at a standstill? Has the deep sadness inside you become so crippling that you have lost the desire to live? Don't give up dear friend! It is not the end of you. There is hope. Your family can change, and you can write a new story.

God wants to give to you relief but what He offers is not a temporary relief, but a permanent one, through the Holy Spirit! When a person receives the Holy Spirit, they receive God Himself inside of them. There is no room for sadness as God is the source of all Happiness and Joy. On Sundays at every Universal Church, you will learn more about the Holy Spirit and how to receive Him and defeat depression once and for all. Will you take God's offer?

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#### MESSAGE **Bishop Edir Macedo**



#### SEE THE INVISIBLE, BELIEVE THE POSSIBLE!

hen When Abraham expressed his frustration to God, saying, "Lord God, what will You give me, seeing I go childless?", God immediately brought him out of the tent and told him to look at and count the stars in the heavens. (Genesis 15). Abraham's reaction was immediate. He had faith in God. He proved this with his obedience for almost 25 years. He believed in His immeasurable power. However, he had difficulty seeing the invisible and believing the impossible. Once his vision was opened, "the penny dropped" and he understood the Greatness of the Almighty God. That is, Abraham believed in God, but he did not imagine His Power of creation, His Greatness...

You cannot separate faith from the imagination. Those who believe must imagine what they want to achieve. The countless testimonies we have seen at the Universal Church are proof of this. Many poor people have achieved a life of quality by faith. But, not everyone. Why is this? Because they were raised subject to a culture of poverty. After living in poverty for twenty, thirty, fifty years, they end up limiting themselves, and God, because they think it is a sin to have an abundant life.

On the other hand, there are those who once had the best this land has to offer but fell into disgrace, lost everything, including their dignity. But

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when they learn about the promises of God, they immediately put their faith in practice through sacrifice, and regain and multiply what they lost. This happens because we have to imagine they once had access to wealth. This is, even in poverty, they preserve



the vision of a prosperous life. This vision is what makes the difference.

Abraham must have seen those same stars countless times, but he never thought his descendants would be innumerable like them. In other words, it is not enough to believe in the Almighty God. You must imagine Him realizing impossible and powerful things. To materialize faith, we must imagine what we want.

The Lord of hosts has sworn, saying, 'Surely, as I have thought, so it shall come to pass, and as I have purposed, so it shall stand.' (Isaiah 14.24). As I have thought, this is, as I IMAGINED, so it will HAP-PEN; As I have purposed, this is, BELIEVED (faith), IT WILL HAPPEN.

To imagine is to daydream, project, make a blueprint of what you want to accomplish in your mind. This is faith linked with imagination. Those who believe, imagine, dream, project and draw what they want in their mind. And never lose this vision!



<sup>l</sup>o many people, I was happy, but I had an immense internal emptiness. I was very depressed; I lived a life of lies, with addictions, thefts, and prostitution. I even heard voices that told me to kill myself.

I got involved with drugs at the age of 16. It was an attempt but my mother was praying for me, to escape the family problems and the feelings of rejection. I constantly fought with my parents, treated them badly, and blamed them for my frustrations. Everything got worse when

#### DEPRESSED, ADDICTED AND LIVING A LIE

my parents got divorced. I didn't understand why, so I started to spend nights out, smoking marijuana, cigarettes, and drinking. I got involved with bad company.

Then I discovered cocaine; It became the first thing I did in the morning. I started to find ways to support my addiction. I even tried to kill my father by putting high amounts of cocaine in his water so I could rob him. Rock bottom for me, was when I realized I was alone in a dark world of drugs. When I looked in the mirror, I didn't recognize myself. My nose was full of cocaine and my family hated me. I had nothing and nobody else.

I didn't know at the time, asking God for me to change. One day, after suffering a serious accident, I almost died. I had a cardiac arrest due to the drugs and alcohol that were in my system. But while on the

surgery table, I asked God for forgiveness and said that if He brought me back, I would give Him my life.

After being discharged, I started attending The Universal Church and decided to give my life to God. Today I am free from depression, addictions and traumas of the past. God gave me a new life, a new chance. He brought my family together again and did for me what I never imagined was possible. There are no

words to describe

- Diego



**Before** 

#### **DIVINE WATER**



#### **NO MORE ADDICTIONS**

My younger sister committed suicide and it led me to use drugs. Most family members were alcoholics. I spent so much on drugs and alcohol that today could've bought a house. I was getting sick, so I went to the hospital. I found out I had cirrhosis of the liver stage 4. I learned about the Universal Church while watching TV.

"For with God nothing will be impossible." Luke 1:37

I was scared to die. I came and started to attend the church and by faith I drank the Blessed Water every day. I went back to the doctor after some time and he said to me that I was normal, I was healed. I have no more cirrhosis of the liver nor addiction to drugs. Pulomone, HI

#### Two Months in a Coma and Seven **Months in a Vegetative State**



|It was a normal day; I was riding a bicycle to the supermarket when a speeding biker hit me and did not stop to to help. I hit my head on the floor, part of my

skull sank, and I went into a coma. The doctors told my family that I only had a five percent chance of surviving. While in the hospital, I contracted a bacteria that reached the blood and the lungs. None of the medication could fight it. Altogether, I spent two months in a coma and seven months in a vegetative state. The doctors could not give us any hope of whether he would wake up one day. Therefore, we started to pray and use our faith even more. (Jonathan's mother)Every Sunday, one of my family members would bring the Spiritual Treatment water to anoint me. Little by little, I started to move, and sometimes later, I began to talk; the doctors couldn't believe it.

I left the hospital walking as my family had determined by faith. (Jonathan)



MIRACLES

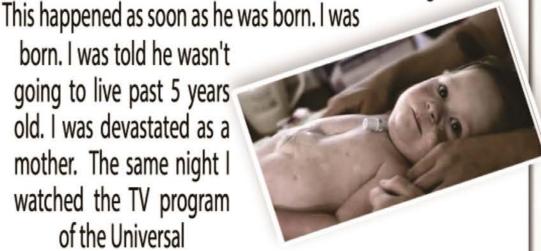
#### **"MY SON WAS DIAGNOSED WITH 10 HOLES IN HIS CHEST"**



I was a very sad and empty person. I didn't know why I felt alone but the main reason I came to The Lord Jesus first was

because my youngest son was born with very rare disease. After going to specialists they discovered that he had 10 holes in his chest and those 10 holes would become one big hole.

born. I was told he wasn't going to live past 5 years old. I was devastated as a mother. The same night I watched the TV program of the Universal



Church. I came and did the chain of prayer, my son was healed in less than a month. I was also healed and didn't require any surgery. Now we are all happy.

-Liz from TX

Learn to put your faith in action in order to fight your problems! Get your Divine Water every Sunday at your nearest Universal Church

#### **BISHOP JOSHUA'S BLOG**



## **HOUSE WAS A MESS!**

any young girls dream of getting married one day and build-Ming a family of their own, expecting life to be a fairy tale with no struggles or problems. Then, they grow up to find that, in reality, it is quite the opposite. Building a family isn't a bed of roses, and for one to succeed at having a happy family, they must fight for it daily. This was what Manuela learned when she came to the Universal Church.

'One would think that the birth of a child is a mother's happiest day; a day of celebration and joy, but this was not my case. Both of my births were extremely hard — my initial hurdle.

My first son was born with asthmatic bronchitis, and during the birth of my other son, the midwife proclaimed him dead. He seemed lifeless; he was purple and completely still. I was so afraid. No one would tell me what was going on. The midwife took him to my husband, and, in despair, he insisted that she try to revive our baby one more time. As she smacked his bottom, he cried, showing signs of life. The sound of his cry brought me relief. But this hurdle was the least of my problems. As they both grew older, things became worse. My first born didn't get along with his father. There were constant disputes between the two and he believed that his father preferred his younger brother to him, which also drew him away from his brother.

This led my younger son to search for an older brother figure in friends from outside, who only influenced him to make the wrong decisions. He became very aggressive, got involved with gangs, and later on, started selling drugs at the university.

My house was a mess! Everything was upside down, and I didn't know what to do about it. By this time, we were already attending the Universal Church, but my sons weren't taking the advice given there seriously. My older son wouldn't speak to his father, and the younger one continued living the wrong way. Although he had left the gang life, he continued selling drugs, to the point of even having drug dealers after him.

Since they weren't taking life seriously, I took it upon myself to fight for them. I saw that if it depended on them alone, nothing would change, as things were only going from bad to worse. I had to rely on my faith in God, as I couldn't physically change them.

Today, my family is a blessing. Both brothers get along well, and they get along with their father. The young one let go of his misleading lifestyle; in fact, he now works helping others to do the same. Now, I can say I am joyful. The changes in the lives of my children are indeed a cause of celebration. I keep praying for them to this very day because I know God will continue to honor my prayers, and I invite all mothers to do the same.'

Manuela Guimaraes





#### |MESSAGE|

#### **Bishop Joshua**

#### FEARING FOR THE FUTURE OF A LOVED ONE?



It's easy to judge the drug addicts you see on the streets; to shake your head and blame them for all the ills of this world. But what happens when the named addict is your own family member – your flesh and blood who after a series of wrong decisions has gotten caught up in a life of addiction and crime?

Judgement turns to pain.

Addiction and the lifestyle that comes with it can easily take its toll on all family members. Not knowing if that person will come home, having to keep an eye on your valuables in case they get stolen, and feeling rejected and replaced by a substance, is no way to live.

That's when the pain turns to fear.

- · How will this family member's life end
- Will they ever get out of prison?
- Will the next knock on the door be more bad news?

Fear is what cripples you. It stops you from making rational decisions. It freezes you in time because you don't know what action to take next. And it blocks you from remembering all that God has promised.

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10

Society may have written off your loved one and, perhaps even their wrong decisions may be taking them to dark places. But God never forgets or gives up on them; He wants you to entrust your family into His hands. He has promised to help those family members who have dug themselves in such a pit that not even they can see a way out.

But fear will block this from happening; it doesn't allow you to see God's power. If you are struck by fear every time you think of that troublesome loved one, then it is a clear sign that you have not yet trusted them in God's hands. Pray for your family, but let God be God. Let Him do as He promised. He specializes in the impossible.

May the God of the Bible bless you.



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updates from Bishop Joshua



#### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT UNIVERSAL

# I SAW THE MAN I MARRIED WITH SOMEONE ELSE

Bruna saw her marriage crumbling before her eyes. Her husband gave up on their relationship and she had to witness his infidelity day after day. Her faith transformed her maririage.

#### The Love Therapy

hen we look at the current climate of the world, we realize how many people no longer believe in love. Because of the disappointments of past relationships, they have devalued true love, the one that comes from God.

The lack of credibility given to this true love comes from internal traumas and wounds and the unsuccessful attempt to try to heal them with new relationships. By acting in this way, many people end up disappointed even more.

The Love Therapy exists to teach people to heal themselves internally, and to learn to love intelligently. The love that is taught in the meetings is based on reason and not on feelings. "It is love that comes from the Spirit of Love itself. In any area of life, to be successful, requires investment. The Love Therapy is for everyone: for those who are single and for those who are already in a relationship.

Whether you are suffering or not in your love life, participate in the Therapy of Love and receive the direction from the One who is the Author of Love.





Singles: If you are looking for love, the Love Therapy is a great way to prepare yourself as a mate and also keep you on the lookout for the right relationship.

Married Couples: Whether you are having troubles or not, the Love Therapy is a great way to keep your marriage on the right track.

Dating Couples: Preparing for a marriage takes more than a big wedding. The Love Therapy will help you both prepare for a long and happy relationship.



hey got married at 19 and say they were still very immature. "I saw fights between my parents,so, I dreamt of getting married and living a different life from theirs. I met Fabiano and we got married; however, we had fights and physical and verbal aggression".

She remembers receiving calls from an alleged lover of her husband, so she decided to follow him one day. "I followed him out of his job, and I was sure he was cheating on me. We fought a lot that day, and the next day, I noticed his ring on the table. My husband had moved in with his mistress just down the street from our home. Every day I had to pass in front of that house. He also filed for divorce" she says. "I had hit rock bottom. That's when I arrived at the only place that could change the story of my life."

"I used my faith at the Altar and I said: 'Lord, You are God. Transform my husband or take him out of my life.' "God gave me peace and freed me from the depression I

had. I started to learn from the Love Therapy meetings."

Fabiano says, I saw the woman I was losing begin to change. I discovered that she had an Encounter with God, and I wanted to start over with God as well. So, I asked her for one more chance," he says.

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In the week of their divorce ruling, Bruna fulfilled a vow of Faith at the Altar, determining that the will of God be fulfilled in her life.

"After two years of separation, Fabiano told me: 'I want my marriage and you back'. So, I gave him another chance," says Bruna. Today, the couple serve God side by side in the church, they are parents of little Sophia, and they live in a home full of peace and happiness.

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osenilson faced one of the most challenging moments two years ago. After feeling sick and being taken to the hospital, he discovered he suffered from respiratory failure due to Covid-19.

Even though he was medicated, there was no improvement, and the doctors decided to transport him to receive intensive care in another hospital. "I went to the hospital with 82% saturation, and when I got there, it was already 70%. They immediately took me to the ICU, but as it only got worse, they talked about intubation", he recalls.

Both Josenilson and his family were frightened by the situation. He says he was "saddened by everything that was happening" and needed to be intubated, as this only happens in severe cases. According to him, it was possible to hear the doctors saying he would die.

The medical team stated that his situation was serious and that he had only a 4% chance of survival. "So, even in the face of the situation, I grabbed this chance I had and, in prayer, gave

my life to God at that moment, believing that He would do His will," Josenilson says that, at the time, he was already attending the Universal Church and living the faith he had learned.

After this prayer, Josenilson was prepared for intubation and soon lost consciousness.

Josenilson spent 23 days intubated. He suffered cardiac arrest, a hemorrhagic stroke, a left leg stroke, thrombosis, and kidney failure.

Every day, his family received terrible news. To survive, he underwent hemodialysis in addition to medication and breathing through devices.



And while experiencing all this treatment, Josenilson contracted the so-called "superbug."

He explains: "My situation only got worse, and one thing led to another, because my health was chaotic, to the point of having to have three surgeries on my bones for debridement." The situation reached the point where doctors believed he would die in seven hours. Those who thought he might survive were sure he would never walk again. "That was the worst moment ever. There was a moment of decision and, in the face of everything she heard, my wife did not accept the situation and started to use faith for my total recovery."

Maria, his wife, recalls how she reacted to that situation. "The words of fear and death were many, but I did not accept that and started to act on faith in the chains of prayer, with the blessed water and all church's campaigns. Even in other meetings, I would always present him in prayers for healing."

From the beginning of the Treatment by Faith, Josenilson got better. Doctors extubated him,

and his body was able to recover, which, according to professionals who attended him, would not happen. Josenilson says "doctors said that I was a real miracle because my improvement was practically impossible for someone who entered with 4%

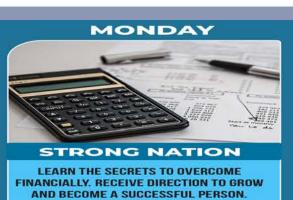
of life"...

The patient left the hospital 60 days after extubation and recognizes that his full recovery was by faith: "Even though I was hospitalized, recovering..."

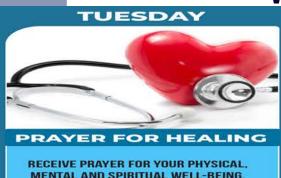




I lived by faith and believing that my cure would be complete, and today I have no sequelae. And, thank God, after that fight, we had the victory. They even said I wouldn't walk anymore. However, He has restored me to health, and I am grateful for what He has done. All honor and glory to the Lord Jesus."



7AM, 10AM, 4PM & 7PM



MENTAL AND SPIRITUAL WELL-BEING.

7AM, 10AM, 4PM & 7PM

**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.** 



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**COVER STORY** 

## 32 YEARS IN ADDICTION...

ddiction is considered a chronic, progressive and fatal disease; therefore, the addict is seen practically as a hopeless case. But what about Adriano, who knew drugs as a child and spent 32 years in addiction? His situation, considered impossible to change in the eyes of science, was transformed by the power of Faith.

Adriano is the result of a casual relationship. His father rejected him when he was three months old and left his mother to marry another woman and take on her two children. "My mother ended up leaving and went to another city. She left me with my grandmother. When I was eight years old, I went to live with her and her husband, but he wouldn't accept me. He arrived drunk, attacked her, and rejected me. I even lived in the house of several relatives until she took me to an orphanage."

While Adriano got rejected by his family, the streets welcomed him. At age 11, when he worked as a street vendor, he was introduced to drugs. "I was addicted for 32 years to all types of drugs: cocaine, LSD, marijuana, as well as prostitution and gambling. I became bitter, with a lot of hate, and completely disturbed. At that time, I got involved with the wrong people, got to know crime, and started doing petty theft."

To change his life, Adriano lived with his father and got rejected again, this time by his stepmother. He then decided to live alone and invested in



his career as a musician. But I was still addicted and providing drugs to the people I worked with."

After nearly dying from two overdoses, Adriano began to lose what he had gained. First, it was band work, then marriage and stable life. "I no longer saw a way out of my life; I heard voices and saw shadows. I started to worry because when I went out with my friends, the next day they were angry and told me that I had tried to kill them, that I had cursed them and that I said I would drink their blood. The worst thing is that I remembered

Adriano says that he wanted to give up his addictions and even stayed a year "clean," but his desire was not enough to keep his decision for a long time. "Often, when I got home after using drugs, I would turn on the TV to Church programs, but then do it all wrong again."

anything," he says.

One day, recognizing his destruction, he prayed to God: "I said, 'If the Lord takes me out of this situation, I will surrender. Then he went to the Universal Church. In the meetings, he understood that he needed to abandon his mistakes; he was baptized in water and sought the Holy Spirit.

"I began to seek with a thirst for God until I was free and received Him. I've been free for five years. Today I am a volunteer at the Universal Church, and I will marry a woman of God. My life has changed, and I have peace. I only had hate, and today I have light," he concludes.



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In life, many situations seem "impossible." every person has something that seems impossible to solve in life, like a disease that medicine can't cure or a family member who has tried everything and can't get rid of addictions or criminality. There's also a marriage marked by fights and betrayals, the distant dream of a prosperous life, or a lawsuit that goes unresolved.

Many people do not understand that when the human being's capacity for action is at its limit, the time has come for God to act, who specializes in impossible cases. However, for Him to be present in someone's life, they have to manifest their Faith, even if it is as small as a mustard seed, as the Words of Jesus affirm: "For assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you." (Matthew 17:20).

Jesus showed a contrast between a mustard seed representing Faith and a gigantic mountain, which means impossible problems. In other words, even though problems are much bigger than Faith, if the person believes and acts, he will face them and, in this way, what he determines will happen.

Everyone has Faith, but it needs to be put into practice. It is up to man what is possible, but God is only glorified when the impossible happens. When human power leaves the scene, God begins to act. Leaving the scene is trusting and letting Him work the impossible after the manifestation of Faith. "But without faith, it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." (Hebrews 11.6).

What has been impossible in your life? Find the closest Universal Church and start putting your Faith into action to receive the impossible. See the back page for locations.





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**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





**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.

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# "Once a criminal always a criminal

WHO TOLD YOU THAT LIE?

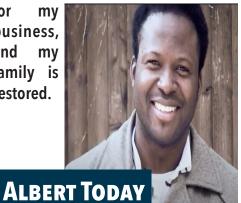
S a young boy growing up, I was very naive, and my actions brought a lot of negative consequences. One day I was headed out to go see someone and I was stopped by undercover police officers, they had said to me I looked suspicious, and pulled me over and found some stuff on me, and I was arrested on the spot.



When I was going for my sentencing, I remember seeing my wife in the court room crying. The hardest thing for me after that day, was when my wife and son came to visit and my son had asked my wife, "MOMMY WHY IS DADDY NOT COMING HOME WITH US?" I'll never forget that day, it broke me, and I remember starting to cry, because my son was a child and did not know any better, he just wanted his dad home.

When my wife would visit and write to me, she always gave me a word of faith. I am thankful for my wife and the assistant of the Universal Church because they gave me hope. Today, I am free from prison but also free from the old life I lived, I am a changed man, I have great goals for my future,

for my business, and my family is restored.



#### **CHANGE YOUR PERSPECTIVE OF YOURSELF**

Many times, a person believes they cannot change because they haven't changed their perspective. They see themselves the same, they heard the voices of negativity and don't reject it, and so they say, "it's impossible to change." Have you ever perceived impossible separated as: 'I'm possible'. Positive, right?

But what if the person who realized this would've never shared it? We would all see the word for something negative and not positive. The same is with your life. If you never see yourself for the good you will only see the bad, and if you don't show others you've changed, they'll never see it either. You're not changing for others, you're changing for YOU, but when others see it, they'll also believe it, too. Perspective is everything, as the saying "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder." Again it has to do with how one person sees the other. Have mercy with yourself, and see yourself for the better and not worse, because it is POSSIBLE for you to change.

#### ARE YOU READY TO CHANGE YOUR PERSPECTIVE?

# Beatitudes www.churchhousepuzzles.com @ 2011 ACROSS DOWN

1 Blessed are the \_ \_: for they shall be called the children of God 2 Blessed are the shall obtain mercy 4 Blessed are the pure in \_\_\_

they shall see God 6 Blessed are the \_: for they shall inherit the earth

8 Blessed are those that hunger and shall be filled

1 Blessed are they which are for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven

are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

5 Blessed are the poor in for theirs is the kingdom of heaven 7 Blessed are they that

they shall be comforted



#### UNIVERSAL BEYOND BARS (UBB) **Nationwide Schedule**

\*Scheduling may vary depending on local changes

#### <u>Texas</u>

**I WILL** 

**CHANGE!** 

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

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

Luther Unit-11:00AM Clements Unit- 3PM Goree Unit- Every 1st and 4th Wed of the month @ 4PM.

Crain Unit- 3PM Hilltop Unit- 2PM

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

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

Note: Ferguson Unit, please peak to Your Chaplain for

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

Center- 10AM-11AM

#### CALIFORNIA

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

#### <u>Hawaii</u>

Halawa Correctional Facility- 7PM

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

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#### 7075 SOUTHWEST FWY. HOUSTON TX, 77074

You can be sure tat 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.

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#### **UNIVERSAL BEYOND BARS**



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YOU ARE NOT ALOS

"IT SEEMED LIKE I WOULD NEVER CHANGE....

# THE "GLAMOUR" OF THIS WORLD ATTRACTED ME, I WANTED IT ALL



FOR ME IT WAS A BADGE OF HONOR TO BE IN AND OUT OF JAIL AND **EVENTUALLY, I WENT TO FEDERAL** PRISON.

WHAT WOULD IT TAKE FOR MY **LIFE TO CHANGE?** 

was a kid who grew up in the church. I knew about the word, and I heard the word being preached constantly because my father was a pastor and my grandfather, a bishop in the church. I was an usher in the church, I sang in the choir, I was also a youth coordinator, but I was far from God. I allowed myself to become attracted to the things of the world.

I wanted the drugs, fast life, cars, night clubs, women, partying, new clothes etc. When I was young, I was stupid and made a lot of bad decisions.

but it was a "badge of honor" for me, and from jail I "graduated" and went to federal prison. When I went to prison, there was a guy who was a bully and he would take peoples stuff, and he even took some of my things and that did not sit well with

drugs and hanging

company. I was

involved with using

guns, I went to jail

bad

many times, more than I could count,

around

BLOOD.

But little did I know that he was a person of power on the streets, and word got out about what I did, and I took his place in the streets, then I became a huge criminal. I was exposed to all types of organized crimes. I was selling

me. So, I waited until the next day for

him to walk past my cell and I rushed

the guy into my bed side. when I was finished with him there was a POOL OF weapons, too. When I was caught and went to federal prison, I was just about to go international.

After serving my time, one day while flipping through the TV. I saw the



program of the church and I continued to watch. Daily I had the need to tune into the program, and then I would call, I received the prayers of faith, I was invited to come but I hadn't come right away. I prolonged my visit until one day I finally came. I decided to surrender my all before God. I surrender

I was a person that was known on streets, I carried a lot of weapons, and carried out organized crimes.

> the weapons I carried such as: the grenades, guns (22mm, 38mm, 9mm) AK47, rocket launchers. I left everything at the altar, I GOT BAPTIZED IN THE WATERS, AND FROM THAT

POINT EVERYTHING | DID WAS TO FLIP THE SCRIPT.

the world to live for God, I read the word more, attended faithfully at the church, I gave my all to God and became an empty vessel so God could fill me with His Spirit. I'm so grateful I'm not that person I used to be.

I let go of my sins, I confessed it before God, and I left everything from



drugs across all of America, guns, and





I'm not looked at as a person anymore, just some criminal...

It would be nice to be apart of society again.

Write to Bp. Joshua: 7075 Southwest Freeway. Houston, TX 77074 Include: Full Name/Inmate ID #, Facility Name, Address, City/State, Zip code



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LET THERE BE LIGHT 2pm & 12am with Pastor Samuel

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# FROM RAGS TO RICHES



s a young man, he did not live with his parents. He lived on the streets for about four years. He recalls that, despite this situation, he didn't get involved with anything wrong, like drugs or crimes, and he wasn't influenced by the difficult and troubling circumstances he experienced at that time.

From an early age, he always sought to work on his own, without depending on other people, until he created his first company: "It was in the post-construction cleaning and gardening business and my main customers were shopping malls. Even knowing the Faith for years, I did not attend the Monday services, did not obey, and was not faithful to what the Word teaches. I did things my

way and I went bankrupt."

Valdir found himself with nothing to eat and nowhere to live.

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I depended on the help of other people to donate basic food for me. I lived on odd jobs, lived on about \$5 a day, and I even lived in a house where half of the roof was just plastic. I also owed almost \$20,000 to loan sharks.

he recalls. And so, he started to attend the Strong Nation, determined to obey every teaching he received.

Before long, he began to prosper and returned to providing a comfortable life for his wife and three children. As he made his sales, he was reorganizing his life and paying off his debts. Then came the idea of also having a construction company. In addition to the sale of real estate, I started to work with projects for farm construction," he says.

He says he has vehicles, land, and properties and is building a house for his family. His success and financial achievements are the results of his faithfulness to God and the decision to put into practice what he learns in the Strong Nation. Valdir insists on emphasizing that his inspirations come from the Altar and that nothing compares to his communion with God. "I have peace, which is the main thing," he emphasizes.

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