

Many people question whether or not the Power of Faith can help them, but its results are unquestionable and real.

## RESULTS OF Faith

COME AND SEE!



I OVERCAME TRAUMAS AND DEPRESSION. I'M A HAPPY PERSON.



AFTER BEING CHEATED ON AND REJECTED, I FINALLY FOUND TRUE LOVE.



DRUGS AND CRIME CAUSED ME TO GET ARRESTED, BUT I GOT OVER MY PAST



I GOT INJURED AT WORK, AND I WAS TOLD I WOULD BE IN A WHEELCHAIR, BUT TODAY I'M A LIVING MIRACLE!



I USED TO DO DRUGS, DRINK A LOT, AND COMMIT CRIMES. TODAY I'M A NEW PERSON, AND HAPPILY MARRIED.



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### RESULTS OF FAITH COME AND SEE!

Many people question whether the Power of Faith can genuinely help them. Having tried everything in their power to no avail, many find it hard to accept faith as the solution to their problems; it seems almost too good to be true. To many, faith is simply believing that there is a God. But is that all faith is?

As simple as faith may seem, it is more than just believing in the existence of God or saying you accept Jesus as your savior. It is about believing in God to the point of obeying and surrendering your entire life to Him. Trust in His promises. It requires more than just confessing with your lips and must be backed up with action.

For example, when a person believes in a doctor(s), you obey whatever they tell you to do. You will obey if a doctor advises you to take medicine, change a lifestyle, or have a costly procedure done to solve a problem or save your life. You believe they will help you and have your best interest. You surrender your life into their care. If we can obey and submit to a man who can make errors, how much more should we submit to God, who does not make mistakes and can give us the solution to all our problems? This act of trust and surrender is faith.

Faith requires total surrender and trust. When you believe in something, you act upon it. There is no faith without action. But I guarantee you that with faith, there are results. Continue reading and see how others who had acted upon their faith saw their lives drastically change and the impossible becoming possible.

## | BEATING DEPRESSION |

Depression is an illness of the soul that only God's power can cure. Medication only provides temporary relief; once its effect wears off, depression returns. Are you feeling hopeless? Do your problems weigh you down? Have you lost the desire to live? It is a sign of spiritual oppression. Maybe you feel depressed because you don't know what else to do. But taking your life now will only take away the opportunity to see it change.

God wants to free you from this depression, but you must turn to Him. Every Friday, at every Universal Church, we have a service for spiritual cleansing to undo all evil. Come to receive a powerful prayer at one of our locations. You can defeat depression once and for all.



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**Bishop Edir Macedo**



## AUTHENTICATED FAITH

**F**or a document to be considered authentic it must be authenticated. This authentication is required on all important issues surrounding identification, commitment, and guarantee. All information that is not considered authentic becomes invalid and is regarded as false. No one trusts something that does not possess the requirements to be considered real, and nothing can be done with it or through it.

The same is true regarding faith: God must authenticate it to be considered real and generate results. But unfortunately, many try to produce fruit with their faith and fail because they are using an illegal faith that did not receive the authentication of God. These people have ignored the fact that the Most High does not consider authentic faith that is used without sacrifice.

Sacrifice is the only proof that faith exists and is real. As it is written, faith without works is dead (James 2.17). After all, how will you prove the existence of something that cannot be seen? Only with visible results! Just like the wind is proven by the shaking of the leaves on a tree, faith is proven through a sacrificial act.

**"If authentication is needed for the fleeting things of this world, then it is even more necessary for the things of God, which involve eternity."**

Those who surrender their will to do what God teaches in His Word receive the seal of authentication on their faith. Otherwise, faith will solely remain on the lips of those who profess it. Just as informa-



tion cannot be considered authentic simply because it is professed through words, faith cannot be validated by statements pronounced without evidence.

If authentication is needed for the fleeting things of this world, then it is even more necessary for the things of God, which involve eternity. True faith has the power to identify someone as a son of the Most High, prove the commitment he has with Him and guarantee the salvation of his soul. This is why God does not trust and disregards an unauthenticated faith. This kind of faith cannot be used as a bargain in the exchange of earthly achievements, much less to achieve celestial accomplishments!

No one can live a life of quality or enter heaven illegally. Therefore, we need to legalize our faith daily through sacrificial acts. The Authentic God requires an authentic faith. And if your belief is false, your God is also false – because you are your own God.

**When people manifest faith in God through action, inevitably, they will see results. But If one is not willing to surrender their lives entirely on the altar of God, how can they receive God's greatest treasure, to become His child? Only the children of God have the promise of life (salvation) and life in abundance (a complete life on earth)..**



At 13, I began smoking cigarettes, drinking, and going to "parties." I would drink until I blacked out and could not remember how I got home. Growing up, I had severe depression and panic attacks, heard voices, and saw shadows. I felt rejected and developed complexes. I also had insomnia; I took sleeping pills but could not sleep. At the age of 14, I started getting tattoos and body piercing. It felt good to inflict pain on my body, so much so that I would even hit myself to feel pain.

Besides this, I suffered from bulimia and anorexia. I would work out 4 hours a day because I only cared about my

## "I WANTED TO BE POWERFUL"

appearance. I wanted to be "powerful" and be the center of attention, so I dressed provocatively in low necklines and short clothes. I loved the nightlife and enjoyed experiencing everything the world had to offer. But Inside, I was empty and unhappy. I had several failed relationships and was involved with many men but felt used and worthless; I felt inferior to everyone else, which led me to suicidal thoughts several times. I was drawn to things related to spiritualism and would often get my cards to read.

Besides all this, there were drugs; I smoked marijuana, and used cocaine, ecstasy, and other drugs; I reached a point where I began selling drugs to support my addiction. My life was a living hell. Although I got married, my marriage was a complete disaster. The story of my life began to change when I found the Univer-

sal Church. The spiritual advisors helped me every step of the way during the process of my deliverance. They believed in me. By taking part in the purposes of faith and obeying what I learned, not only was I delivered, I received the Holy Spirit, and my interior was completely transformed. I no longer have any addictions. I'm free from all the inferiority complexes, sadness, and suicidal thoughts. My marriage was also restored. Today, I am happy and fulfilled; I love and am loved; The Holy Spirit is my most valuable asset because it's the presence of God in my life!

- Elisangela







# MIRACLES EXIST

## FAMILY HEALED OF CANCER

Petra and her husband Anthony were both diagnosed with cancer.

Petra's mother was diagnosed with the disease a year before Petra was.



Petra Before



Anthony Before

"The doctor diagnosed me with stage 3 and 4 cancer in my liver and stomach. I drank the Divine water by faith for my healing; God has indeed healed me completely. When I went for my last check-up, the doctor said I was very healthy", said Petra.

"I was diagnosed with stomach cancer. I didn't accept the situation and drank the Divine water daily by faith. My wife wouldn't let me miss a day without drinking the Blessed Water. When I went to see the doctor, he asked me why am coming there because nothing was wrong with me anymore; I didn't have cancer anymore. I got totally healed," Anthony said.



## HEALED FROM MILD BRAIN STROKE

I had a mild brain stroke which made me unable to walk, talk or even see. Even after walking, I had muscle plasma where my body would become paralyzed. I didn't accept this situation.

After drinking the Divine water, I can now move freely, see and talk. I am healed.



Rhonda Before

## MY SON IS HEALED FROM SICKLE CELL



My son was born with sickle cell disease, and I was told it had no cure. One of the pastors from this ministry came to the hospital and gave me the Divine water for my son. After doing the chain of prayer, my son got healed from sickle cell, and we were told there was no way to recover from it. Jennifer

Learn to put your faith in action in order to fight your problems!

**GET YOUR DIVINE WATER EVERY SUNDAY**

at your nearest Universal Church





## |Message|

**BISHOP JOSHUA**

# URGENT

Have you ever needed something urgently? For example, have you ever needed a transplant? Transplant patients are in urgent need. They can no longer live if they do not replace the organ that is no longer functioning.

Perhaps this seems extreme. You may have never needed something as dire as a transplant, but maybe your transplant is not an organ. Perhaps you need a transplant in your finances, health, family, or a vital part of your life that is no longer working, and you've reached a point where you feel like giving up. You need an urgent miracle.

He suffered from leprosy. Not unlike the man in the Bible who needed urgent healing. He was alone, cast aside, and with no solution because of his disease, but when he heard what Jesus could do for him, he didn't wait. He immediately went to Jesus for his miracle and received his answer on the spot.

*Then Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." Immediately his leprosy was cleansed. Matthew*



8:3

Are you willing? Willing to believe you can receive your healing, your answer, your financial breakthrough, the restoration of your family, your freedom from depression or addiction, and so on? Well, this is your opportunity because this Sunday will be the day for an urgent miracle.

Don't wait! Your life cannot be at a standstill because of this problem any longer. You need an urgent miracle, and it is ready for you to receive it.

May the God of the Bible bless you!



**BISHOP JOSHUA**

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# SAD AND BROKEN

The trauma of sexual abuse impacted me deeply. I felt broken and disconnected from the world. A profound sadness that kept coming and going filled me; it seemed like my world had lost all color – everything was black and white. It was impossible to escape; some days felt unbearable; I felt alone.

I'd lock myself away in my room for days, waking up every morning with no purpose, just waiting to fall asleep again so I wouldn't have to face my reality. Sometimes,

I would watch my sisters leaving for school and think, 'they have more of a reason to wake up in the morning than me.' I envied their strength to get up and do something with their lives.

### Fighting dark thoughts

The thought of ending it all often forcefully came into my mind, to the point that I'd plan different methods to carry it out. I started self-harming to try and relieve my suffering. I know it doesn't make sense, but in my mind, it was as though the physical pain could make the emotional ache more tolerable. It may sound strange, but that's how lost I felt. It was my life for about five to six years.

I heard people sharing their testimonies of how their lives had transformed at the Universal Church, but I couldn't understand why mine was still the same. I was haunted by an event that ruined my life and was desperate for guidance. I wanted to work through the trauma and come out the other side stronger

## DEFEAT DEPRESSION

Don't learn to live with it

*Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh.  
Is there anything too hard for me. Jer 32:27*

and happier.

My turning point was following a Night Vigil I attended at the Universal Church. That night, I asked myself, 'How long will you keep suffering in silence?' The first step was for me to be open to receiving help. What worked for me was prayer and being able to speak to someone.

### Accepting help

The deliverance services on Fridays taught me how to fight against the negative thoughts that plagued me. At the same time, the prayers were a way to rid myself of the negativity that tried to fill my mind. Each time I took part, I left feeling lighter. It was not an easy battle because some negative thoughts were deeply rooted inside me. However, as I was determined not to be defined by the traumas of the past, I kept persisting. I had used so much strength being broken; now, I wanted to use that strength to find contentment and happiness. Over time, I could let go of the horrific events from my past and overcome the deep sadness.

### Finding peace

I started believing in myself and in God too. His presence in my life brought me peace of mind that filled my emptiness—I can't explain it. Now, none of my past problems affect me anymore.

I have a strong mind and a reason to wake up every morning. Even when problems arise, I don't run away from them. I draw strength from my faith and can face my battles. Today I'm happy, the 'color' has been restored to my life, and I finally have the peace I had been searching for.

Elizabeth Soka





# HER EX-HUSBAND WALKED OUT OF THEIR MARRIAGE



She faced one of the worst things that a married person could. She was cheated on and then without warning, abandoned. She considered the most extreme retaliation. However, at rock bottom she found hope and today she's happy. See Andreia's story.

Andreia got married at the age of 22. "I always tried to do everything for my husband, I even paid for his college, but he was self-centered, vain, and did not care about me. He even had a mistress. One day, without warning, he left to live with her. I even thought about hiring someone to kill them both, and then I would commit suicide. Debts piled up, everything I did got me nowhere, and I kept regressing."

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In addition to her ex-husband, Andreia honored work before honoring God. She even worked on weekends and holidays. "The more I did, the less I had. I saw people who worked normal hours achieve more than I did. I got into debt, the money 'went down the drain,' and I took out one loan after another. I was frustrated and depressed. I had no time for anything or anyone."

At rock bottom, Andreia accepted an invitation to go to Universal. "I learned to put God first, even before family and money. I forgave my ex-husband and got healed of depression. "I finally had a quality life; I married someone I can honor as a husband. Our financial life is under control. We bought our apartment,



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and I don't even know how; it was so natural. Only after I honored God first did everything change," she concludes.

Many have lost their family, due to infidelity, debt, differences and much more and wonder if there is any hope for love in their future. They have forgotten that God is the Author of love and feel hopeless, just as Andreia did. Hope isn't lost. You can have a happy marriage and a blessed family. Find out how at your local Universal Church. Call: 1.888.332.4141 for more information.

## THE UNISOCIAL IN NURSING HOMES

How do you honor the elderly for all they've done? By caring for them. The Unisocial has created a group specifically for caring for the elders. As they once cared for a generation, Unisocial now cares for them. Every week, a group of volunteers visits nursing homes and spend time with residents. They enjoy painting their nails, playing games, talking, and sharing precious moments. Just a few hours a week make a tremendous difference in the seniors' lives. They greatly look forward to the time of the week when the Unisocial volunteers visit. Pastors and their respective wives also counsel, pray for and consider the inner wounds these elders may face. Some have been forgotten by society and, on occasion, even their families. However, they are not forgotten by the Universal Church and most certainly not by God.

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**F**aith must be awakened in order to serve its purpose, just as living beings need to be awake to use their full potential.

Perhaps you've been complaining to God that He hasn't given you this or that, when in fact, He has given you all the means and tools you need to achieve what you want—and these tools are in your faith. It's not by words or knowing what we need to do that we will exercise our faith, but by taking action. **If you don't take action, your faith remains**

**dormant and useless; it won't produce any results.**

**What have you done with your faith?** Faith is a gift from God to each one of us, but it's up to us to choose to either make good use of it or let it gather dust.

As long as your faith is dormant, your victory will be in a deep sleep; but awakening your faith is awakening the life you want to live.

**Read the testimonies below and find out what they did with their faith.**

# RESULTS OF

# FAITH



**I**t seemed like a day at work like any other when Erenilson, who then worked as a mason, left home to inspect a job he had done on the roof of a shed.

Eager to solve the problem soon, Erenilson dismissed the safety equipment. He said, "it was just a routine check and didn't need it." However, the negligence cost him dearly. He set up the ladder, climbed to the top, and didn't remember what happened next. To this day, he doesn't know if he got dizzy or if the stairs slipped and he fell. He only knows that he woke up after 15 days in the hospital.

Erenilson didn't know that he had fallen from a height of almost 12 meters (the equivalent of four floors) and landed headfirst on the ground. Medical assistance was quick, but he fell into a coma, with 80% of his body compromised and a 1% chance of survival. A lung was punctured, his pelvis got destroyed, and he had an open fracture. He

lost his spleen, and his head went soft "like a ripe avocado," he says.

**He had more than 80 stitches, which ran from his groin to his neck. If he survived, which seemed impossible, he would be left with scars.**

Her daughter, Katiucia, says she received a call and was informed that her father had been in an accident. "An acquaintance called and said that his condition was serious and, if possible, I was supposed to see him for the last time because the doctors were already 'giving up on him,' she reveals.

The following day, Katiucia traveled to where her father lives. She says that when she arrived at the hospital and saw him intubated, it was impossible not to cry, but her faith spoke louder. "The word of death is of man and not the Word of God. He will survive, in the name of the Lord Jesus", she thought.

She joined the Universal Church's chain of prayer for healing on her father's behalf. Erenilson, who was already a member of the Church five days before the accident, used his faith and made a vow with God for his life. Today he recognizes that, without knowing what the future had in store for him, he said a prayer that would spare his life. **"I spent 15 days in a coma, dead, and today I am a**

**living miracle.** I wasn't supposed to be walking or alive because my body was all opened up. I am here today because God had mercy on me," he reports.

Her daughter says that, as soon as her father came out of the coma and was discharged from the hospital, the postoperative period was surprising: "the drugs took effect quickly, and the doctors were surprised. We can only be grateful because God is powerful".

Despite leaving the hospital in a wheelchair, just a week later, he was already walking and went out to evangelize and witness the miracle that God had performed.

It's been three years and four months since the accident. Erenilson says he is almost fully recovered, leads an everyday life, and works as a painter.

**"The doctors said I had no chance because my case was severe. Humanly speaking, I couldn't live anymore. They said that if I survived, I would be in a wheelchair for a long time, but their words were worthless because I believe in the Word of God. I serve a great and powerful God and whoever believes in this powerful God comes out of the tomb to come to earth."**



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**K**átia thought her faith would never fade, but some oversights changed her life's direction. "I was at the Universal Church for 15 years. I settled down, stopped praying, and made resolutions as time passed. **At that stage, my 22-year marriage went into crisis.**"



She remembers the day she made the decision that almost destroyed her life. "I decided to leave the Church and subsequently divorced. At first, I had a false sense of freedom, but that emotion took me through a difficult phase. I started working as a cashier at a nightclub and then using cocaine to keep myself awake. I met people involved with drug trafficking and soon entered that world.

**I changed my appearance,**



**dyed my hair blonde, got piercings and tattoos." At that time, she became known as "the blonde of drug trafficking."**

Katia's five daughters moved away from her. "They saw me sporadically. My eldest daughter took care of her sisters, who had many emotional problems due to my absence. **I was so blind that I didn't realize what I was doing to my family,"** she says.

Involved with criminality, she no longer believed in forgiveness. "Every time I

## "MY 22-YEAR MARRIAGE ENDED."

was high on drugs, I was reminded of the inner peace I had in God's presence. But in my mind, He would never forgive me."

Her love life wasn't going well either. **"I was engaged to Alexandre, but we had already ended and resumed the engagement 12 times"**, she reports.

A night of partying had

daughter came close to me with her cell phone, saying she had a message from one of the Church's bishops."

Katia listened to the audio and accepted the invitation to attend the church services. "Everything he said gave me the hope of setting myself free from that life. I started attending again. Shortly afterward, I gave up the addiction, was baptized in water, and received the Holy Spirit," she recalls.

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a surprising ending for Kátia. "I had spent the night out using drugs. I got home feeling sick and went to bed. Minutes later, my

**Katia's story proves that God can transform the lives of anyone willing to obey.**

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MAKE A



IT WORKS!

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

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



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



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

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

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



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



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

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

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



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



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

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

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



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





WHAT'S THE BEEF?

Picture this: you are sitting in seg with a massive chip on your shoulder. You refuse to eat and have some very choice words for anyone approaching you. Why?

Because you are tired, you are angry, and you are frustrated.

Day in and day out, you seem to be dealing with the same problem. You feel unheard and don't like how things are done, so you have decided that you do not have it anymore! What do you do? You make a fuss, scream, fight, disobey, and tell yourself that you will not follow the rules anymore because you are just not happy.

You act out, get in trouble, catch a case and end up in a situation that doesn't make you any more pleased and doesn't solve your problem! You are now even angrier at the world, the system, the laws, your roommate, the four walls, etc., and that's how you ended up with that massive chip on your shoulder.

Think about this: Did your kicking and screaming change any laws? Did you get your freedom? Did it bring you any extra privileges? Most probably not. And long after your release, the same prison building will still hold inmates, still have rules, and present issues that displease you.

The question is: What do we do with this beef? Who must it be directed to? Until now, due to a lack of knowledge, you who don't know what to do, end up

either accepting your situation or doing something crazy, like taking out your anger on others. Stop directing your beef towards things and people that will not change your status. Stop taking out your frustrations on whoever is in front of you, and allow God to guide you toward positive change. Pray.

Tell God what is getting you angry; ask for His direction on how to deal with situations. The Bible tells us that God also gets angry, but imagine if He were to lash out at everything that displeases Him. We all would have been wiped off the face of this earth a long time ago! Consider this verse:

GOD IS A JUST JUDGE, AND GOD IS ANGRY WITH THE WICKED EVERY DAY. (PSALM 7:11)

Why is God angry? Because He is, He knows what's right and hates what is wrong. Anger comes from God Himself. It originates from His righteousness. As an extension of God, human beings already have this feeling embedded in their nature. So anger is not the problem. It's where you direct it that either blesses you or puts you in a bad situation. Don't suffer because of your anger. Connect to God's thoughts and be guided by Him on what to do with your anger. When you act in this direction, change happens, and justice prevails.

**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-11:00AM  
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

Saturday's:  
Miami Dade County Pre-Trial Detention Center- 10AM-11AM

**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 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.

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

I'm TIRED of being IDENTIFIED by my PAST... Is there ANYONE who will see ME for ME?

**YES.** Write to Bp. Joshua: your questions, doubts, fears, concerns, he will personally read and respond to your letter! Be sure to include: **FULL NAME/INMATE ID #, COMPLETE PRISON NAME, ADDRESS, CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE**

Send it to:  
**7075 SOUTHWEST FREEWAY. HOUSTON, TX 77074**





# UNIVERSAL BEYOND BARS

*YOU ARE NOT ALONE!*

**“I THOUGHT THE SOLUTION WAS TO END IT ALL...”**

**B**usinessman David Silva, 40 years old, arrived at Universal with his mother because they were experiencing family problems. “My mother listened to church programs a lot, and because she had a very troubled marriage, she started to attend meetings and took us,” he says.

I participated in meetings at Universal from 13 to 17 years old. Still, after that, David says he “revolted against God” due to disappointment and love life problems. “I met a girl from the church, I got along with her, and we got married. However, it wasn’t easy. We fought a lot and broke up after three years together,” he recalls.

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**BECAUSE OF THIS FRUSTRATION, I ABANDONED EVERYTHING, INCLUDING MY FAITH, AND BEGAN LIVING WITHOUT LIMITS. “I WENT TO TRY TO FILL THAT VOID I HAD IN THE WORLD. I STARTED TO GET INVOLVED WITH DRUGS AND USED COCAINE, MARIJUANA, AND ECSTASY PILLS.”**

Gradually, David’s life worsened, and when he realized it, he was already involved in crime. “I started stealing and joined robbery gangs. As time passed, I joined organized crime, which robbed cargo and

houses in my neighborhood.”

Along with partners in crime, David frequented houses of prostitution, which served as a place of refuge for the group. “Since I lived with my mother, I didn’t want to cause problems for her, so my partners and I slept in a brothel. There, we slept with the girls and used a lot of drugs. I got arrested in 2005. “The arrest was a reality check. I was in prison for a year. When I left there, I went northeast of the country, found someone, married them, and then returned to my old city.”

What, until then, seemed like an opportunity to write a new story became another stage of wrong choices. “As I still had contact with people from my past, when I realized it, I was in crime again, but in a worse way. After all, I even became a manager of drug trafficking. In 2018, I was arrested again for cargo theft in my city and imprisoned for another year.”

David says that this period was his rock bottom, as he began to wish for death. “I THOUGHT GOD DIDN’T WANT ME ANYMORE, SO I WANTED TO GIVE UP EVERYTHING. I EVEN LOOKED AT THE PRISON WINDOWS AND THOUGHT OF HANGING A ROPE AND HANGING MYSELF”, HE SAYS, REFERRING TO THE CELL WINDOWS.

While David was in prison, his wife



**DAVID BEFORE**

attended Universal and offered resolutions and prayers for his transformation. After a year, he got his freedom and understood that he needed to return to God. “I received an invitation, through a video on Facebook, to a vigil. I arrived at the Temple to decide my life, and, at that moment, I received the embrace of Jesus, and everything changed.”

Since then, David has never been the same. “All my past is behind me. I freed myself from addictions, traumas, and emptiness and received the Holy Spirit. Now I have a full and happy life, a family, and a fulfilled financial life. Today I bring the Word of God to people who are like I was one day”, he concludes.



**DAVID AFTER**

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# FROM CRIMINAL TO BUSINESSMAN

His decisions led him behind bars. However, it was there that he heard about the power of faith and decided to change his life. What many thought was impossible, became possible for him and today his life is transformed. See his story...



Dejair grew up in poverty. "I drank a lot, used all kinds of drugs, stole, trafficked, belonged to a gang, and lived in prostitution. I did everything wrong. At 27, I got arrested." Even behind bars, Dejair managed to feed his addictions. However, his condition worsened dramatically. "We slept on the floor and the cement bunk in the cell. There were 22 people in a cell. I spent 15 years like that." It wasn't easy to imagine a way out of that



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place, but it was right there that a voice rang louder in his ears. "When the Universal church got there, he had his first contact with the Word of God; Dejair came out differently. He returned to his cell and asked God what it took to have a changed life. "Right there, I understood I needed to surrender my life to Him." So, Dejair gave up drugs, drinking, and crime in his cell. "I got baptized in water in the cell." A few months later, Dejair got transferred to a prison where the Universal Church did evangelistic work.

He helped in the meetings, but he wanted more from God. So, he started seeking the Holy Spirit. He received the Holy Spirit and a new identity. While still in prison, he heard about the sacrifice: "Even in prison, I took the money I had and decided to sacrifice on the Altar," he recalls. Despite being sure and confident that he would have an

answer from God, Dejair's family criticized him. "When I told my sister I was going to sacrifice on the Altar, she said I was crazy." Doubts tried to cross Dejair's mind, but his determination was more decisive. Using his faith, even without having a lawyer, he would work to shorten his time in prison. Then, what seemed impossible happened: "I started to work and study there until I obtained freedom."

Outside the prison, Dejair lived from faith to faith. And, the one who was once condemned today has a structured family, opened his own business, and achieved financial blessings. Despite this, he states that his focus is to continue depending on God. "The most important thing of all was changing my character, my interior, and having the Presence of God inside me," he concludes.

## FINANCIAL TIP

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