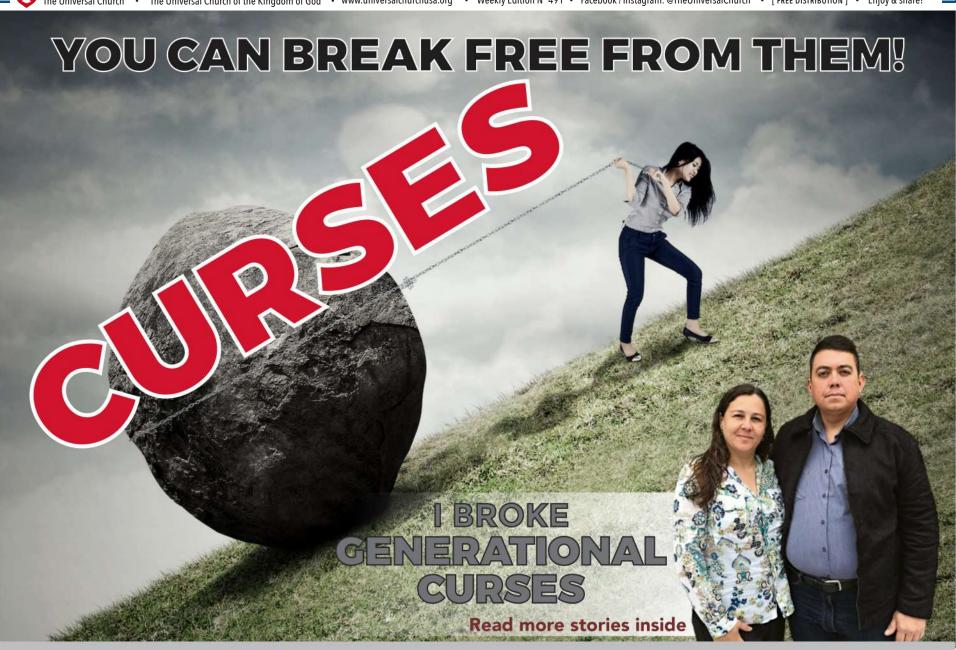
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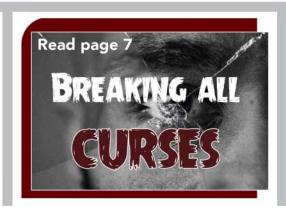
In March, Bishops and Pastors of the Universal Church will be asking God that all people who live under continuous curses may have their lives transformed and start living in complete blessing. "We are calling on people whose lives are under a curse; if your life is stuck, tied down, we will take your name to **Mount Gerizim**, the **Mount of Blessing**. This campaign of faith is only for people who feel cursed." If you want to participate in it, visit a Universal Church near you.



MESSAGE BISHOP EDIR MACEDO

THE CURSE OF BEING CURSED

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OPINIONS

IN THIS EDITION

CURSES

In our time, many have come to believe that curses are nothing more than a myth. A fairy tale that only happens in films. But what if I told you Curses are real and can be passed down for generations? Let us take a minute to think. Have you ever noticed how a particular problem in your family can go from generation to generation? Perhaps you once said:

- "I will never be like my parents."
- "I will never be in an abusive relationship."
- "I will never be a single parent."
- "I will never be an addict."
- "I will never be homeless."

But when you look at your life and problems today, it is as if you are reliving your parents' stories. You have the same sickness, addiction, failed or abusive relationships, and financial failures. If you see a pattern of problems, this is a sign that you're living under a curse.

But what to do now? Well, dear reader, It's time to fight back. Jesus had already taken upon himself the curse plaguing your life (Galatians 3:13). Therefore, you should not accept your life or family to continue the same. There is a solution through the power of faith. Decide to make a chain of prayer today at a Universal Church near you. Every Friday at every Universal Church is the day for deliverance and spiritual cleansing. You will learn how to break free from the curse(s) once and for all.

BEATING DEPRESSION

Depression is an illness of the soul that you can only cure through the power of Faith. Who, other than the Savior of Souls, can heal the soul? What medicine can we use to cure that which is spiritual?

Every Friday, at every Universal Church, we have a service for spiritual cleansing against depression. Make a Chain of Prayer by attending the prayer meeting for seven consecutive weeks. You will receive practical advice and spiritual help through the power of prayers to overcome. There are thousands of testimonials worldwide that prove a Chain of Prayer works. You CAN have a new beginning. You, too, can defeat depression.

YOU CAN BEAT DEPRESSION

YOUR STORY ISNT OVER!

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Bishop Edir Macedo



THE CURSE OF BEING CURSED

eing cursed is a spirit. Like a plague, it does not relent until it wholly destroys its victims. It came into existence in a place no one would ever expect. The Garden of Eden was perfect — a true paradise. There was no hunger, disease, hatred, or any evil. Death did not even exist. Everything was majestic, perfect, and meant to last for eternity. There was a communion between the Creator, the people and animals He created, and nature. But man's disobedience established sin's dominion in humanity's heart.

All sin, however harmless it may seem, is an act of unrighteousness. Would the Righteous Judge, whose throne's foundation is righteousness and justice, tolerate unrighteousness? Psalm 97.2. He immediately expelled the unrighteous from His presence. The kingdom of unrighteousness supplanted the kingdom of righteousness in the heart of man; The kingdom of darkness supplanted the kingdom of Light; The kingdom of Satan supplanted the Kingdom of God; And curses took the place of blessings.

"It is impossible to live in sin and to be blessed at the same time."

Since the rebellion of our first forefathers, humanity has lived in this manner. The spirit of curses has been passed



down from father to son, from generation to generation. Sin is a curse. A sinner is a slave to this curse. For a slave to break free, they must leave and run away from their oppressor.

It's what Abraham did. Abraham had to abandon everything to free himself from the curse of the domineering spirits of his country, his family, and his father's house. He separated himself from all that could negatively influence his obedience to God's voice and sacrificed the life of sin. He left the curse to become a blessing himself.

It is impossible to live in sin and be blessed at the same time. But now it comes to you. Have you been running away from the curse of

When Diana got married, everything was perfect. She and her husband, Marcelo, had three beautiful children; She had everything to be happy. However, like other women in her family, Diana began having marital problems. Continue reading and see how she was able to break the curse of failed relationships.



Diana and her husband Marcelo married a few years ago and had three children together. In the beginning, everything was perfect. But as time passed, she became very jealous and controlling. With that, the fights between the couple became constant.

During this time of constant arguing, the desire grew inside her to separate from her husband: "I came from a separated family where not a single woman in my family remained with their first husband. Their marriage would not last, and I feared I would end up

<u>'I THOUGHT I WOULD ALSO END UP</u>

separating from my husband."

One day, she discovered Marcelo had cheated on her and decided to end their marriage. The felt came back. I no longer acceptseparation quite shook her.

"He returned to his hometown. His betrayal left me so broken that I tried to commit suicide, although I controlling and jealous was bad for didn't want him back. I carried the us. I changed, and so did he." same curse the women in my family had before."

ceived the direction needed to win ened since then. his family back. After seven months "We have our differences, but today that occasion, she and Marcelo got from God." closer. They started to attend the

services together. Not long after, her feelings toward him began to

"I forgave him, and all the love I ed the thoughts of the hereditary curse, which by Faith, was broken. I realized how wrong I was - being

Although they were already married in the civil court, Diana Marcelo found the Univer- felt the blessing of the Altar of God sal Church in his hometown and was lacking. So when they celebratbegan attending the services. He ed 19 years together, they sealed started making a chain of prayer for their union at Altar. Their love and his family and love life, where he re- companionship have only strength-

apart, Daniana and her children we have trust in each other and the traveled to where Marcelo was. On certainty that our blessing comes

- Diana

MIRACLES EXIST





I MADE THE DIVINE WATER MY REMEDY!

I got scared after piercing my ears; I was 16 years old. I started noticing some blisters where I had done the piercing; it was a keloid, a raised scar after an injury healed. As the keloid grew, I felt uncomfortable; it felt like it was burning.

I used to feel embarrassed because it was a big ball in my ear, so I began to hide from people.

When I went to the hospital for help, they told me that I would have to wait about three years in line to be able to have the surgery done. However, after four months, I did the surgery, but it started to grow again.

During that time, I started to attend this ministry, and as I came, I received the Divine Water, which I drank and also put on my ear; that's when I started to see a difference; today, my ear is fine, and I continue to use my faith by drinking the water.

-Kaiane



I HAVE SUFFERED FROM MIGRAINES SINCE I WAS YOUNG.

I've been suffering from migraines and headaches most of my life. I have taken many medications my whole life, but they never resolved my problem. Some weeks ago, someone invited me to come to this ministry, and at first, I didn't want to go because of a migraine. So I came to the Sunday morning service. When I drank the Divine water during the prayer, all of a sudden, it was like a heavy weight taken from me; I felt so much better, and since then, I

Sharrie, TX

FREE FROM THE CRACK

My life was about drinking, doing drugs, and clubbing. I was doing PCP and crack. I was depressed for about six years and addicted to drugs for nearly 20 years. I tried to quit my addictions four to five times by joining programs, but it did not work. Once I joined this ministry, I started doing the Chain of Prayer on Sundays and drinking the Divine Water. To begin with, I overcame depression, couldn't sleep at night, and now I sleep like a baby. I'm not addicted to drugs anymore, I am not clubbing anymore, everything is gone, and God has set me free.

Donna, MD

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

Get your Divine Water every Sunday at your nearest Universal Church

See page 12 for a location near you!



Message

BISHOP JOSHUA

OVERWHELMED

Excess weight carried daily and incorrectly can cause severe damage to your health.

When was the last time you carried more weight than you could handle? I'm sure you felt pain and physical fatigue from having more weight than you could take.

In the same way that carrying too much weight can cause long-term health problems, spiritually speaking, many people hold the "weight" of grudges, health issues, financial difficulties, family, addictions, and the weight of living a life of appearances.

Which one of these have you been carrying?

What have been the consequences? Due to the weight of problems, many people are depressed, sad, anxious, empty, and unable to find a solution. The solution is closer than you think!

Read below what the bible says:



"For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Matthew 11:30

Give God all the weight that you have on you. God will never leave you suffering and carrying a weight He already carried for you.

In prayer, surrender to God everything that has overwhelmed you; your fears, anguish, sadness, and insecurities.

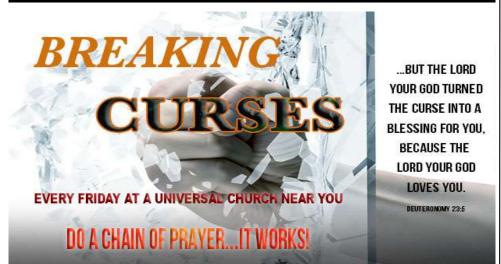
Don't waste time, do it now, and you will feel as light as ever.

We go through situations that burden our souls, but remember that God wants to save you and, most importantly, your soul.

May the God of the Bible bless you!

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I BROKE THE GENERATIONAL CURSE

In March 2015, 37-year-old businesswoman Valeria Boeira began to lose weight. Without appetite and worrying about the situation, she thought the problem could be related to the stomach and soon sought a gastroenterologist. She did some tests and learned she could have a liver tumor.

The gastroenterologist referred Valeria to an oncologist, who diagnosed the tumor through specific tests. Valeria, who was 34 at the time, was scared. "I lost my maternal grandparents, paternal grandmother, and a first cousin to cancer, and at that point, the problem was happening to me." They rushed me to undergo chemotherapy.

Before they diagnosed the sickness, I was earning very well, working as a podiatrist. Throughout the treatment, I began to face financial problems. I had to be removed and started to receive less than the minimum wage. My husband was bewildered by my failing health. He could barely work."

Valeria had been attending Universal for 17 years and knew that only God could deliver her from that situation. She began to exercise her faith and decided to make a vow at the Altar. "I went to the Altar, and courage and confidence were born when I came down. As the days went by, I already realized that I was stronger. I gained weight, and my hair stopped falling out. I would need to do the chemo sessions once a month for a year, and I only did four, as I soon showed improvements."

After a year of treatment and without losing faith, Valeria received terrible news: she would have to undergo a surgical procedure to remove the tumor, which weighed 1,437 kg.



The surgery was high-risk. "The doctors said that when they opened me up, they saw that my liver was worse than they thought. It was necessary to remove a part of it so that the organ could regenerate healthily. I'd lost a lot of blood. They removed my gallbladder and cut my diaphragm, which complicated my situation. The doctors even said that I could have problems speaking." She points out that her mother was always there and supported her during this challenging phase.

Valeria got hospitalized for five days in the intensive care Unit (ICU). The family, who continued to look for her, saw the miracle happen. She woke up and was removed on the second day in the ICU, which surprised the doctor. "When my doctor found out I was awake, he asked what had happened as he didn't understand anything. That's when I said that medicine and Jesus operated on me. At the same time, he said he believed that too."

"My family had a generational curse, which claimed the lives of many due to cancer. I broke that curse through faith." Valeria is now living an everyday life without any stomach or speech issues.

Alongside her husband, Fabio Ferreira, 36, she opened her own company in stone deposits and service provision. Today the couple has a blessed financial life, very different from when Valeria got sick. "God makes everything complete," she concludes.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT UNIVERSAL

GREAT CRUSADE OF HARLEM, NY"

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The opening prayer was led by Bishop Carlos, reminding the Attendees that we should not attend service without a purpose or goal in mind. If you attend the service as if it were "another service," you will not receive anything from it. One should come to service already determining what one wants to achieve; an encounter with God, tirely in God's hands.

their faith." After the prayer, many people testified to being healed from the pains, aches, or heaviness they had before the prayer and the drinking of the water.

happen.



deliverance, or to place one's life en- Sunday was also the last day for the We had the distribution of the "Wa
Soul," which was an opportunity to Against You, You only have I sinned have God remove the "bitterness" as And done this evil in your sight ... ter of Great Miracles." That had been He did for Hannah in the Bible. (1 consecrated on the altar for the last Samuel 1:8) Hannah had bitterness of your salvation and Uphold me by two (2) weeks with the names of the of the soul because she was barren attendees. Bishop Carlos led the con- and unable to conceive. Hannah gregation in prayer after the water overcame this bitterness through her And renew a steadfast spirit within distribution, reminding the attendees prayer and vow to God and became me." (Psalm 51:10). that one "must drink the water using a mother. Everyone was called to the altar with their napkins to wipe their tears and pour out their bitterness of soul to God.

he Universal Church in Har- The water from the Temple of Solo- tered around accepting and confess- like Hannah and presenting their lem held its Sunday Crusade mon was also distributed for bathing, ing our sins to God. In addition to child/children to God so that they of Faith and Miracles at the to use in their home, places of busi- acknowledging our sins before God, will not have the bitterness of the soul tions - without blaming others. We all dren's actions. have a conscience, know when we do wrong, and need forgiveness. Therefore, we must use our Faith to confess to God and rely on Him for His forgiveness and direction. To turn to God sincerely and ask Him to teach us how to receive and maintain our salvation.

> As King David stated in his prayer: "For I acknowledge my transgrespurpose called "Bitterness of the sions, And my sin is always before me. Against You, You only have I sinned, (Psalm 51:3-4) "Restore to me the joy your generous Spirit. (Psalm 51: 12) "Create in me a clean heart, O God,

> Pastor Luis and Auxiliary Pastor Troy then spoke of the upcoming Youth Conference – "Born for the Altar," being held February 24 to February Pastor Luis conveyed the main lesson 26, 20233. The Pastor spoke to the of the Sunday service, which was cenparents about making a vow to God



It will be a three-day (3) conference dedicated to the youth and their parents. Young adults from all over the U.S. and internationally will participate in this event to empower and uplift youths. The parents and youths will be taught the tools necessary to overcome situations and problems they face daily.

Our address: AMC Magic Johnson Theater- 2309 Fredrick Douglas Blvd., Harlem, NY





"I FELT PARALYZED. I COULDN'T **MOVE OR CALL FOR HELP."**

uliana talks about her past. During her childhood, her parents separated. As a result, her father raised her with six sisters and three brothers. She remembers attending Universal Church until she was 16 with her sisters. Still, as she had not committed to God, she surrendered to her own will.

She describes what changed a year later: "At 17, I left the church and, with the new friendships I made, I went to bars and consumed alcohol and drugs. I had a few boyfriends and became a rude and rebellious person with my family. After a few relationships, I became addicted to masturbation. But I found my attitude strange because, at one time, I wanted God and my family together again. But then I wanted the pleasures of the world", she reveals.

As time passed, Juliana's sisters married and moved to her mother's house, and

fun. So, at 19, she began to get involved in prostitution. "I started to have the desire to have 'easy' money prevented me from seeing the serious consequences of prostitution, such as a sexually transmitted disease and the risk of death. It was then that I contracted an illness and got raped when I thought I would be killed," she reports.

After my son was born, I had depression and wouldn't shower or sleep.

Shortly after being raped, Juliana moved in with a guy she met during a night out. "He had taken me out of the sinful life, and I got pregnant. When I thought I would be happy, I noticed

she only wanted to have I was wrong, as men still treated me like a call girl, but this time, exclusive to him." Juliana reveals the effects of her choice: "Frustrated, I hated him and the child I was carrying in my womb. After my son was born, I had depression and wouldn't shower or sleep. One of my sisters cared for the baby because I lived for a living".

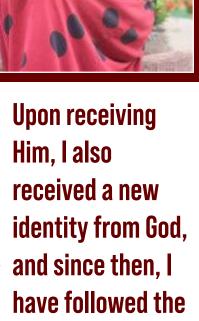
> After living like that for a few months, she moved in with her mother and returned to prostitution. That was when she had a remarkable experience in her life. "I took several showers daily because I felt disgusted with my body and spent many sleepless nights."

> On one of those nights, I felt paralyzed as soon as I lay down. I couldn't move or call for help, but I was conscious. So I felt like I was having sex with a man. It was something spiritual, and at that moment, I was

inside. That was the worst thing that ever

happened to me."

Juliana says that that night, as soon as she could move, she asked God for help and, the next day, sought help at a Universal Church. There, she was guided to participate in the chains of prayer for deliverance and soon decided to change her life. "I told the devil he would never use my body again. I got baptized in the water, was free, and became disgusted with prostitution. I focused on seeking God's Presence because I learned that only with the Holy Spirit would that evil not return. Upon receiving Him, I also received a new identity from God, and since then, I have followed the faith to keep my soul free", she says.



faith to keep my

soul free.

She assures that today's joy is complete gratitude to God's Presence. She claims that she lives in harmony with her family. She has taught her son, whom she loves very much, the path of faith, and she only mentions her past to testify to the power of God.

COVER STORY



"I WAS BORN CURSED."

Sabrina's parents was troubled. She and her sister witnessed everything. Her father drank, and sometimes there were attacks at home. On one occasion, her mother left home. "My mother separated from my father when I was five years old, and I started to live with him. I had a complicated childhood. I lived more on the streets and depended on neighbors, who would give me lunch or invite me to eat at their house. I say that I was born cursed and didn't imagine what it was like to be happy and have peace," she says.

Out of necessity, she started work early. At the age of 9, she already took care of children to guarantee some money. Adolescence was

My life was a big failure. I didn't believe in myself or that my life could change.

challenging, too. Her sister left home at 15. Upon completing her studies, Sabrina did the same: she left home. She soon got married and got pregnant. She believed she would finally be happy, but the attempt did not work.

At the time, Sabrina already knew the Universal Church but did not remain in the Presence of God. She got into her second relationship when she pulled away, and things worsened. Unemployed, the couple felt firsthand the misery and pain of being in need. "I got to the point of going to the bakery, pregnant with my second child, and saying that I wanted to eat bread. I knew I would earn the bread to support the family. Sometimes, I resorted to the help of social assistance to guarantee at least a basic food basket. When my second child was born, I needed a card to withdraw the milk the government provided. My eldest son and I would go to the center, and he would watch when milk was left so he could take another one. I was dependent on others; even the clothes were donated. I never had anything



to give them. I didn't have a packet of cookies to give my kids, and I barely had enough money to pay the bills," she recalls.

The harsh reality of childhood persisted into adulthood. "I was not happily married. There were fights and physical attacks, and I was humiliated. My life was a big failure. I didn't believe in myself or that my life could change," she says. The second relationship did not last.

When she returned to Universal in 2011, she already knew that faith was the path that could transform her life. At first, she was reluctant and stopped looking at the Altar. However, when she came to the campaign of faith that year, she clung to the Word of God as she had never done before. "I already knew what the campaign of faith was, but I had never surrendered myself. This time, however, I went for my all."

That's when she had the idea of setting up a grocery store. Even without having a physical space and with little to offer customers, the business started from scratch and indoors. All she had was the value of the bicycle sold by her eldest son, who gave the money so the business could start. They started with two pies. This beginning, however, did not deter her. From Faith to Faith, the company grew and became a bakery. The bakery, in turn, soon became a market. "God sent people who believed in me. We bought the market without a contract, without anything. God changed my life. The Altar owes nothing to anyone."

She highlights the most significant achievement, "Nothing compares to having the Holy Spirit. He is my wealth, my heritage, my greatest asset."

"God changed my life.
Nothing compares to
having the Holy Spirit. He
is my wealth, my heritage,
my greatest asset."



Now it shall be, when the Lord your God has brought you into the land which you go to possess, that you shall put the blessing on Mount Gerizim and the curse on Mount Ebal. (Deuteronomy 11.29)

When the people were being prepared to enter the Promised Land, God spoke to Moses so that he would determine the blessing and the curse on the two mountains. And just as there are two heaps, one of blessing and the other cursed, there are also two types of people in the world: the blessed and cursed.

"The blessed person has a life that can be considered an example, but the cursed one is like a desert. They have nothing; life is stuck; relationships, family, health, money, economic success, all of this is tied together, apart from the problems of addiction to drugs and drinks," according to Bishop Edir Macedo.

The Bishop also highlighted that for those who are obedient to the Word of God, the blessing of Mount Gerezim reaches them. Still, for disobedient people, Mount Ebal's curse comes to them.

"God wanted to bring His people to these lands and let it be known that on Mount Gerezim, there is a blessing, and on Mount Ebal, there is a curse. So, whoever obeys the Word of God already has the blessing of God. But for those who do not obey his Word, there is a curse," he emphasized.

We will have the Greatest Campaign to break all curses on Mount Gerizim. We will ask God that all people who live in continuous curses will have their lives transformed and start to live in complete blessing.

If your life is stuck, tied down, or cursed, participate in this purpose of faith. For those who want to join this Campaign of faith, go to the closest Universal Church and hear more details about it.



I'm sure you have, now think with me

when you see that scar. What memory

comes to mind? Maybe a not-so-good memory,

one that was traumatizing, a memory of pain,

or perhaps even the memory doesn't harm you

emotionally. Still, it reminds you of when you

The point is a scar is a reminder of what

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The same is with a curse, don't

lose me now. When a person is

cursed, it's the same constant

reminder in their daily lives

that they are cursed, just as a scar is a constant reminder.

how it happened.

TIME PASSES,

THROUGH

TO FADE.

were riding a bike, fell off, and got that scar.

I CAN BE FREE

family has always been in and out of jail. It never fails. One more reminder that you are cursed. However, there is a difference between a scar and a curse.

There is a difference between a scar and a curse. A scar stays, but God will remove this curse once and for all. How? The word of God says,

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HOWEVER, OUR GOD TURNED THE CURSE INTO A BLESSING. **NEHEMIAH 13:2.**

Imagine that He turned the curse into a blessing.

God is not **UNITED FAMILY** look at that scar, you remember **DESTROYED FAMILY** physical eing; **ADDICTION FREE ADDICTED** herefore, **FREEDOM LOCKED UP** ompletely **HAPPINESS** ransform **DEPRESSED** curse **PEACE ANGRY** overing ver you. need cknowledge what been appening is

terms with the problem that it's not normal.

The next step? Present it to God and ask Him to set you free from this curse that has been burdening you, and as it is written in His word, He will turn the curse into a blessing.

What you have been going through can be cut family has been cursed. Every time you try off from today if you allow Him to do what

UNIVERSAL BEYOND BARS (UBB) NATIONWIDE SCHEDULE

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Tuesday's: Ferguson unit: 8am & 5pm lobby Unit: 8AM ane Murray Unit:12:30PM ester Unit: 1PM

Wednesday's: uther Unit: 11:00AM Clements Unit: 3PM Goree Unit- Every 1st and 4th Wed of lolliday unit: 8am

Thursday's: Crain Unit: 5PM Sander's unit: 5pm & 6pm

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Saturday's: ester Unit, every 1st Saturday of the

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Metro West Detention Center: 10AM-

Broward Regional Juvenile Detention Center: 4PM-5PM Tgk (female jail)- every 2nd & 4th

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

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UNIVERSAL BEYOND BARS



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You are not alone.

COCAINE NEARLY COST ME EVERYTHING...

t the age of 14, I got involved in a robbery. I stole about 200-250 dollars for my first robbery. It wasn't much, but for a 14-year-old, that was a lot. It made me want more, and I went deep into crime. I met a guy who sold drugs. I then learned and started to sell several pounds of cocaine. I began selling 10lbs, 15lbs to 20lbs, and more than 50lbs of cocaine. More money started to come in, which brought a lot more attention, which made me over \$25,000 for each sale of cocaine.



I was bringing in a lot of money. There was a time when the police had been investigating the area where I lived. Due to a significant distribution of drugs in my community, I was part of. They managed to hack my phone, tracked where I was, and arrested another friend and me. I was incarcerated for two years.



Upon my release, I continued doing what I did in the past and loaded a truck with some goods to sell more drugs. I abandoned the path to do good, and once again landed time in prison, not to mention my girl at the time, who is now my wife, who was pregnant. I was transferred to another prison far from her, which shocked me. My then-girlfriend had been fed up with me and was at her breaking point.

I then realized that I needed to change, and I told her, "I'm going to change my life because I spent 18 years in this lifestyle, but



BRUNO GETTING BAPTIZED.

that if there is a God, there's a way. My friend Jairo introduced me to the Universal Church, and I attended services. I wanted to

believed

get baptized in the waters, and I did that.

I stopped smoking cigarettes, but I remember one night after leaving the church, I went and used cocaine. I was deeply disappointed in myself for giving in to the temptation again. I remembered a Bible verse when Jesus cursed the tree that didn't produce fruit, and it encouraged me to curse this addiction from my life. The only way I knew that was possible was through the Holy Spirit.

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Upon my release, I continued doing what I Universal Church, and it was around 3:40 did in the past and loaded a truck with some goods to sell more drugs. I abandoned the path to do good, and once again landed received the Holy Spirit; this was my life's time in prison, not to mention my girl at most fantastic day.



After all, now I knew if the devil ever tried to tempt me again, he could never do it because I had God Himself living within me. Today, I'm free, and my transformation blows my family away. Now, I have two wonderful children and a wonderful wife. My financial life is also blessed.



Nowadays, it's a pleasure to help many people who are facing what I went through. I thank God for His mercy in my life, giving me another chance, and allowing me to be the instrument I am today in His hands. I never thought as a teenager I would even make it to adulthood, but now God has restored my life and transformed it completely.



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renegotiate the debts. "I called, negotiated, asking for a discount. I got money to pay my debts in cash, with a discount. My tip is always to negotiate. You can get a discount of up to 70%", he teaches. The company continued to grow. "Everything I learned in the Strong Nation, I put into practice. With God's guidance and a lot of work, we were able to expand the business and buy our dream house and cars," he celebrates. Today, the entrepreneur operates in IT with printer rental, notebook sales, and maintenance. "We have our three-story building and several employees. I can only thank God for what He has done in our lives," he concludes.

Financial problems began after a traumatic divorce at the end of 1998. "I hated my ex-wife terribly; I didn't think about the debts. I had credit card debt and a financed apartment," he says. The lack of planning made his debts multiply.

Not knowing what to do, Samuel started attending the services in The Universal Church. His goal was to find peace and a way out of his problems. "I came to the Universal Church and understood that to overcome my problems, I would need to have a relationship with God. Then I started focusing on the other areas of my life that needed to change," he reports. He says he learned from the services to get rid of sorrow and met his wife, Luciana. Debts, however, continued to pile up.

At the time, Samuel was an employee at a public bank. Despite the salary guarantee at the end of the month, he resigned. "I had just gotten a promotion but received a different direction from God, and I gave it all up. My colleagues said I had gone crazy, but my wife supported me," he recalls.

Samuel was out of work for two months. During that period, he and his wife gave up their apartment and lived in his parents' house to save on



"Businessman Samuel Fujimoto, had a debt of more than \$ 200 thousand dollars"

expenses. They also adapted spending and cut habits, such as eating out and buying unnecessary clothes. "We saved as much as possible; we had lived on a budget without extrapolating," he says.

Then, he started working in the area of refilling printer cartridges. The business started in a room in his parents' house. "God gave me the idea to tinker with paint. All my relatives said I had lost my mind and had to endure humiliation. However, in one month, I closed a large contract with a public agency", he reveals.

With money, the entrepreneur's first attitude was to plan the household budget. Afterward, he looked for banks and creditors to



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