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“Surely He took up our pain and bore our suffering...” Isaiah 53:4

JOIN US IN THE HOLY WEEK FOR A NEW LIFE STORY



THE STORY OF DRUG ADDICTION ENDED IN MY FAMILY



THE STORY OF PHYSICAL, AND VERBAL ABUSED ENDED



THE STORY OF REJECTION, AND LACK OF LOVE ENDED



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A NEW STORY

A lot can happen in one week, let alone a few days. Wrongs can be made right, and lives can change. But two days in history drastically affected the story of humankind to this day. They even affect the very calendar we use today.

Good Friday and Easter Sunday are the most monumental days in history as they bring in remembrance of the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. More than just being a religious holiday, it should be a time of reflection on the life and lesson Jesus taught while here on earth.

While the world was in a downward spiral, getting farther away from God and ultimately salvation, Jesus brought an opportunity for a new beginning. He was sacrificed on the cross as a ransom for the forgiveness of our errors and sins. His sole mission was to reunite those who believed in and obeyed Him with God.

Maybe you have been longing for your life to be different and new. You have searched every avenue but always seem to come to a dead end. Why not allow God to do something new in you?

As Jesus impacted the lives of many who were with Him while he was here on earth, He can do the same for you today! Join us at a Universal Church near you on April 7, Good Friday, and April 9, Easter Sunday. We will extract lessons from each of these events that took place and discover how they can be applied to our own lives to change them for the better.

| 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 a prayer meeting for seven consecutive weeks. You will receive practical advice and spiritual help through prayers to overcome.

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Bishop Edir Macedo



THE CALL OF THE CROSS

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.' Galatians 2.20

Whoever lives by faith in the Lord Jesus and has surrendered their lives on the altar shows that they have accepted to 'go on the cross,' to die in this world to their dreams and desires, to live a sacrificial life, and to serve only the One who saved them.

In other words, they decide to remain on the cross until the last day of their lives so that they may sit on the heavenly throne with Christ after their death. (Revelation 3.21)

Nowadays, we see many who once said, **"Whoever has surrendered their lives on the altar, shows that they have accepted to 'go on the cross,' to die this world... in order to live a sacrificial life."** 'here I am' to the call of the cross, who gave up everything to serve God by adopting a sacrificial life, giving ears to the plea from the devil. Who said—just like the Pharisees



also said to Jesus— "If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." (Matthew 27.40). They deny their calling and respond to the request to descend from the cross.

They want to sit on the throne of this world and, therefore, despise the mercy of the Most High God and the ultimate privilege of serving Him.

Unfortunately, whoever wants to sit on the throne of this life, will suffer for eternity. However, those who remain on the cross for the few remaining years of their life will be entitled to the throne for all eternity. God bless you all!

Physical and verbal abuse, alcoholism, and drug addiction were the family structure that Raquel had known since childhood until she found an opportunity to write a new story at the Universal Church.



"BEHIND THE SADNESS AND AGGRESSION"

SUCCESSION OF TRAUMA:

At 12, Raquel suffered a new abuse that aggravated her fear and embarrassment. "I felt uncomfortable at home, I didn't feel safe, and I only thought about getting married to escape that situation. I tried happiness in various relationships but was disappointed and hurt. It brought even more troubles and traumas. I started to withdraw and no longer trust the opposite sex," she recalls.

But the worst was yet to come when at the age of 18, a new abuse happened within a relationship. "I felt so disappointed. I only thought about dying," she says.

HAPPINESS AND PEACE:

"It was at 21 that I met the Univer-

sal Church. I arrived full of trauma and with no expectations for life. I couldn't sleep, and I had many nightmares and thoughts of suicide. I was very sad and aggressive because I didn't know how to open up to people. But when I heard the truth, I understood what was behind all the suffering. I learned how to use my faith and understood that if I practiced it, I didn't need to be a slave to my past. I could start new.

As I continued coming, I could forgive myself and all those who had wronged me. Today I am very happy. I have peace. God has taken away all the traumas and disappointments. He has given me a new heart. I value myself now; I have a good relationship with people and my family. Today I have a reason to live!"

-Sandra Raquel

WATER FOR GREAT MIRACLES

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

The bleeding problem lasted ten years



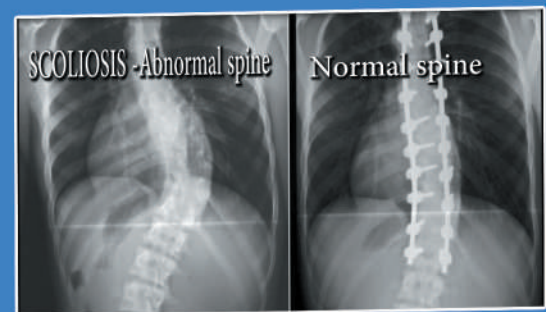
For the past ten years, I struggled with a bleeding problem that not even the doctors could find out what was happening after many tests to see whether it was a fibroid. It caused me a lot of pain and discomfort. I drank the Blessed Water and even bathed with it by faith. Today I am healed, the bleeding stopped, and the doctor confirmed nothing is wrong with my body. **-Vilma**



- Kathy

"I was living in pain due to a slipped disc in my neck."

When I was 13 years old, I was diagnosed with Scoliosis, which affected my spine. I tried to lift a heavy box and had a slipped disc. I was in so much pain that I couldn't walk for about three



months. After therapy and medical treatments, I could walk but with much pain. I had a slipped disc in my neck and couldn't turn my head to the left; I would have to turn my whole body, which was painful. My neck was in that condition for two years. As soon as I came to the church, I felt something different. I've been attending and using the Blessed Water. I can walk fast, turn my head, and all my pain is gone!

No more suicidal thoughts



My main problem was depression. I was going through financial and family problems. I had suicidal thoughts; I had to be taken to the hospital to be checked. When I came to the Universal Church, I used the Blessed Water by faith, and everything began to be different. God touched me! I have no more depression or suicidal thoughts. I am blessed.

-Trevon

The Universal Church warns that medical treatments should never be ignored.





|Message|

BISHOP JOSHUA

YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN



Have you ever forgotten something important? A necessary appointment or date. A promise you made or something you should have remembered to do? From time to time, things may slip our minds. It is normal, but there are some things that, no matter what, we will never forget. Perhaps you are thinking

of those things and people right now. A mother will never forget about her children. A spouse will always remember the significant other. There are just some things that we can never allow to slip our minds.

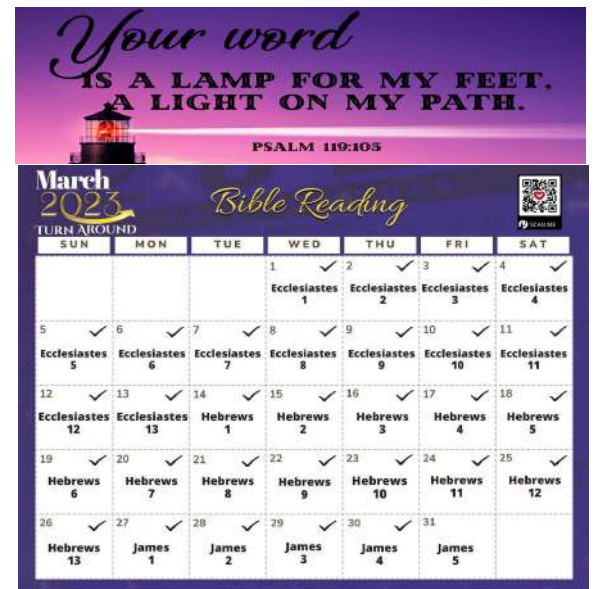
We are that 'one thing' that God never forgets. Maybe you feel as though everyone has failed you. It seems as though you've been left behind. Friends and family have forgotten you. Those who you thought were close to you never check on you anymore. Now you face a world of problems on your own. Look what the Word of God says:

"Can a woman forget her nursing child and not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, yet I will not forget you."
Isaiah 49:15

You are still remembered. Maybe you have thought this long because that is how you feel, but you aren't forgotten. When God is with you, He never leaves you and never abandons you—no matter what. He is more significant than a friend, a mother, a loved one, etc., because as busy as He may be, He is never too busy for you.

Now, isn't that reason enough to entrust your life to Him?

May the God of the Bible bless you.



IT ALL FINISHED ON GOOD FRIDAY

There was nothing that a then-teenage Celeste Mbwe wanted more than to feel loved and protected. Instead, she carried the harrowing scars of abuse and an unshakable feeling of rejection. Unwanted by her mother, assaulted by a family member, and passed from one foster home to another, now all grown up, she tells her story.

I don't think my story is tragic. Yes! I've lived horrible and unthinkable things, but I'd say that my story is proof of how something unique can come from something terrible when you choose not to give up. I can speak this with boldness now, but it wasn't always like this; It's been a long journey," she says, remembering her past.

"I've never really known what a 'home' is. A family member sexually abused me at a very young age, which tore me apart. Feeling unprotected and reeling from the trauma, we moved from my country, but the scars remained with me. The strained relationship with my family, especially my mother, didn't help. I wanted her to hold me and reassure me that I'd be okay, but instead, what I got from her was: "I don't want you!"

"I was 12 when Social Services took me in. My mum didn't explain why, but from then on, I was moved so many times that I no longer believed anyone would ever want me. I was angry, sad, and so many things inside, but I didn't know how to express my mixed feelings. On the out-



side, It seemed challenging! I was reckless and fearless, but inside, it was the exact opposite.

"At 14, I started smoking weed and ended up in a secure unit after an attempted robbery. Looking back, I'd say that what tipped me over the edge was struggling to deal with having an abortion. I got pregnant when I was sexually assaulted at a party. Many things went through my mind, and I felt I couldn't keep the child—I was a child myself.

"Smoking took my mind off things, even for a few hours, but it couldn't drown out the deep sadness that kept growing inside. I felt so low that I didn't see the point in anything. By 16, I signed myself out of care and started hanging around drug dealers and holding crack cocaine and heroin in my home for them.



After an altercation over drugs, I fled to another city and moved in with my then-boyfriend. The relationship was so toxic that, at its worst, he knocked me unconscious and ran me over with a car. It was my rock bottom! I couldn't live like this anymore, so I tried to overdose on pills.

"Sometime after recovering, while on the bus, I looked up and saw the sign of the Universal Church.

I instantly recognized it as I'd seen it before. I took this as a sign and plucked up the courage to attend church. Nothing changed at first because I held back and pretended everything was fine. I felt good in the church but was right back to square one the moment I left.

"The turning point for me was on a Good Friday. At church, we were invited to nail our problems to the cross. I understood that Jesus took away all my pain, but it would always haunt me if I held on to it. The choice was mine. I decided that it was my time to be free finally. I decided to throw away everything I had bought to say, 'It is finished! I'm done with this way of living.'

I gathered my weed and rizla and flushed it down the toilet. I went to the service ready to face my "demons"! From then on, I found the inner strength to fight, be open about my past, and forgive my mother as my change process began.

It's been some years since then, and that feeling of homecoming, of being wanted and loved that I found in the Universal Church, has never left me. I am no longer suicidal or dependent on weed and look forward to building a family.

Celeste Mbwe

SUNDAY GATHERING OF FAITH AND MIRACLES IN HARLEM, NY

AMC MAGIC JOHNSON THEATRES



March 19, 2023- Sunday

The Universal Church – Harlem held its Sunday Gathering of Faith and Miracles at the AMC -Magic Johnson Theatres in Harlem, New York.

Today was the day of **"Blessings – The Blessing of the Generations."** Pastor Luiz commenced the service with the anointing of the heads of all the attendees wearing white garments. He prayed for them to be blessed and for the blessings to pass on to their families.

There was a call to the Altar for all Attendees needing healing, in which they carried their "Blessed Water" with them to the Altar.

Testimonies :

Ms. Sharon went to the Altar because she needed help; she was diagnosed with a brain aneurysm which caused bleeding in the back of her brain. She was told she could lose her sight over time. She presently experiences blurry vision and headaches.

As a result, today, she had difficulties getting to the service because she inputted the wrong address and had to take another taxi to get to the service. Pastor Luiz prayed and prophesied her healing, and after taking three (3) sips of the **"Blessed Water,"** her vision was clearer. She was able to see the Attendees.



Ms. Marie testified that she suffered from Stage IV cancer when she first came to the church. She used her Faith and drank the "Blessed water" three (3) sips daily; now her cancer is undetectable. She is also no longer experiencing any pain.



Pastor Paul prayed for the Attendees who needed a miracle/healing in their lives and families. He prayed that the healing/blessing would pass from generation to generation. As the scripture states: *"I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."* Genesis 12:3

It was the promise to Abraham that we now look to come to pass in our families.

Mr. Ntesang, an Assistant in the church, testified about how he could pass along the blessing he received to his family and save his daughter. He noted that this daughter was living in another State with this mother, her grandmother, as a member of the Church Youth group. She removed herself from home and the church to move in with friends.



After that, she began to experience crippling anxiety and panic attacks wherein she was receiving treatment, which she refused to attend. Upon exercising his Faith to pray for his daughter, he saw a change in her. His daughter is now healed and is once again a Youth group member saving souls in need of help.

The Attendees then were called to the Altar to return their tithes,

various purposes, and offerings for the day. *"And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand. And he gave him a tithe of all."* Genesis 14:20

Pastor Roger delivered the prayer for the Tithers, passing along the blessing to them, and prayed this week would be better than the prior week. In addition, the Tithers were encouraged to give all the glory and praise to God when they accomplished their goals and received blessings.

All the Attendee's hands were washed with the water from the **"Sea of Galilee"** from Israel for the multiplication/double portion. Pray for the double portion, not just for yourself but also to support the work of God.

The scripture mediated today was from *1 Corinthians 9: 24-25:*

"Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown." Pastor Luiz emphasized that our crown, as Christians, is our salvation. As such, we need to use all our strength/might to obtain this crown. Our "imperishable crown," our salvation, is for eternity.

"And from the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force." Matthew 11:12

Pastor Luiz noted that the violence was not to be physical but to be "aggressive or violent" against the desires of the flesh, which works to separate us from God. So when the flesh says, "don't come to church, don't sacrifice, don't pray, don't read the Bible, and don't forgive," you must do the opposite and fight against the flesh. Your problem will

become your greatest testimony. The greatest prize comes from the Crown of Salvation – keep looking straight ahead to the author of our Faith. Don't get distracted; concentrate on the narrow gate/door. After all, **"Our goal is Heaven."**

Pastor Luiz then called to the Altar all those struggling with issues that distract them from fighting for their salvation. He prayed for the Holy Spirit to strengthen them during this time and for them not to get distracted from their imperishable crown. **Let God uplift you because He is with you.**



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JOIN US IN THE HOLY WEEK FOR A NEW LIFE STORY

And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." Luke 22:19

These were the words of the Lord Jesus during the Holy Supper held together with the disciples before He sacrificed Himself on the cross – during Easter.

For the Jews, Easter (or Passover) represented the moment when God freed His people from slavery in Egypt, in the times of Moses. But, with the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus on the cross, that date takes on a new meaning for those who surrender to Him: the conquest of Eternal Salvation.

Bread and grape juice represent His body that was given in favor of the Salvation of humanity. That means it's only through the death of the Lamb, the Lord Jesus, that people set their souls free from spiritual slavery.

As Bishop notes: "Everyone knows that Good Friday is the day of the Passion of Christ, that Jesus was crucified, people are used to watching movies, etc., but what most people do not know is that there is a message in all of this." On Friday, known as Good Friday, the Lord Jesus was led to crucifixion. It was the day He paid for the sins of humanity and took pain and sickness upon Himself.

After the crucifixion, the Lord Jesus was thirsty and asked for water, but he was given vinegar. See the verses below:

"After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, 'I thirst!' Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, 'It is finished!' And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit." John 19:28-30

For someone who has wounds, vinegar potentiates the pain. So when Jesus drank the vinegar, the pain He felt was even greater, and He said, 'It is finished.' It is one of the Holy Scriptures' most important and expressive phrases. The sacrifice of the Lord Jesus becomes worthy in people's lives when they surrender to Him.

"We see that people know the story, have seen a movie, read the Bible, and know, but they continue to live enslaved by hell." He concluded that "they know the history but are unwilling to obey the Word of God."



"Surely He took up our pain and bore our suffering..." Isaiah 53:4

Because of drug addiction, the 18-year marriage of Vanderleia with the father of the twins, Guilherme and Gustavo, ended. Afterward, she saw the boys embark on the same path as their father, despite all the care she took with their upbringing.

Vanderleia says that her rock bottom occurred when her children started asking her for money, claiming that it was to do simple everyday things, like cutting their hair, but that, as she already knew, it was to buy drugs. Despite this, she gave the money so they wouldn't steal it from someone else.

Afterward, the brothers started dealing drugs. Seeing that he was wholly involved with this world, a friend of Guilherme invited

him to go to the Universal Church. Upon accepting the invitation, he called his brother, Gustavo, and his mother. But the involvement of the two with friendships and drugs was so bad that initially, they did not take advantage of the opportunity to seek, through faith, a change in their lives. Vanderleia took advantage of it, as she reports: "the first time at Universal, I felt a lot of peace, and it lasted that day. It was as if my vision had been opened, and I understood faith."

The boys stopped attending the meetings, but Vanderleia continued. She learned what it was like to live by faith as she participated. Then, soon after, she understood that she needed the Holy Spirit. "I thought: if I don't walk right with God, how will I receive the

Holy Spirit? And, without Him, I will not be able to fight for the deliverance of my children.








I saw that I had to do something for myself. I needed to restore my Altar with God first."

That's when a campaign of faith began. Vanderleia had no doubts about her request to God. She needed the Holy Spirit, which was answered. "When I got baptized with the Holy Spirit, I felt strength. I knew there would be problems, but I was sure I wasn't alone," she says.

It was also at the Altar that she overcame the problem of her children. "I spoke with God: 'either the Lord makes the change, or his name will remain there of a God who does it in so-and-so's life and my life he doesn't.'" And that

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2  Palm Sunday	3  Multiplication of Bread and Fish	4  Cursing of the fig tree	5  Washing of the feet	6  Anointing with the perfume	7  Good Friday	8  Holy Saturday
9  Easter Sunday	10	11	12	13	14	15

"MY SONS ENDED UP HAVING THE SAME PROBLEM AS THEIR FATHER: DRUG ADDICTION."



wasn't all: she says that she had to surrender to God that feeling of impotence about her children's situation and trust that He would make the impossible happen.

After receiving the Holy Spirit, she became spiritually empowered to fight for them. Thus, the boys recognized that they needed help,

they sought freedom from addictions, and today they are firm in the Presence of God, with new thoughts and perspectives on life. Vanderleia says how she is today: "As a mother, I feel fulfilled. The campaign of faith came for this: to make a suffering mother see her children restored and free from drugs."

"AS A MOTHER, I FEEL FULFILLED. THE CAMPAIGN OF FAITH CAME FOR THIS: TO MAKE A SUFFERING MOTHER SEE HER CHILDREN RESTORED AND FREE FROM DRUGS."

(Mon-Fri | 7am, 10am, 4pm & 7pm)
 (Saturday at 8am & 12pm) (Sunday at 10am)
 times may vary

Holy Week refers to the most crucial period in all of human history. And, between the 2nd and 9th of April, throughout the Universal Church, we will partake in this event.

What do you need to know:
 The consequence of sin is a condemnation that will last for all eternity (Romans 6:23). Therefore, as humanity is flawed, the Lord Jesus had to take the blame in our place. So instead of us dying, He died (through His sacrifice on the cross). This is what the Holy Week is about.

During Holy Week, Palm Sunday took place (in which the Lord Jesus made the "Triumphal Entry" into Jerusalem).

Afterward, He went to the Temple and expelled the merchants from there in the "Cleansing of the Temple." He also brought faith lessons through an order given to a fig tree.

Mary, sister of Lazarus and Martha, washed the feet of the Lord Jesus in preparation for the sacrifice to come.

He also prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, was arrested, and endured trials and torture until the cross was erected on Mount Calvary (or Golgotha). There, He took upon Himself the sins of humankind. And He shed His blood in sacrifice because the Word of God explains that there's life in the blood (Leviticus 17:11). Finally, on Saturday, as the victor, Christ took authority out of the hands of the devil (Colossians 2:15). He was resurrected on Sunday, appearing to some disciples.

Do this: just as people, from time to time, look at the calendar to schedule a trip or vacation and get organized, mark this week to have time with God. From the 2nd to the 9th of April, think about what you can move into your schedule, so you don't miss a day of the Holy Week because it is a special moment for you to strengthen your faith in every way.

See the back page for locations.

CHANGE YOUR PERSPECTIVE

How do you see your family? Perhaps the image that pops into your head is one of sadness.

You imagine only fights and disagreements. You see a family member who is incarcerated, addicted or in the hospital. You are in the season where families should be united but you can only imagine a broken family.

It may feel as though you have been fighting an uphill battle. Despite your attempts to change things your family is in a tough situation and you have looked high and low for a solution.

Well, your solution is in the word of God:

“BUT AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD.” JOSHUA 24:15

Instead of seeing your family as they are now, see them through spiritual eyes. See the family that God has prepared for you; the one that serves Him. Imagine a family all together serving God. Imagine the peace, unity, health and wellness of that household.



This is the family that God has prepared for you. Perhaps you have felt you're fighting alone. Fight alone no longer. Change your perspective.

Place your family in God's hands and allow Him to do this great work in your house. Walk into a new year with a new life and a new reality.

UNIVERSAL BEYOND BARS (UBB) NATIONWIDE SCHEDULE

* Scheduling may vary depending on local changes

TEXAS

Monday's:

C.t. Terrell unit: 1pm & 4pm
Luther Unit: 10AM
Clemens unit: 2:30pm
Clements 2 Unit: 1PM
Terrell Unit: 2PM

Tuesday's:

Ferguson unit: 8am & 5pm
Hobby Unit: 8AM
Lane Murray Unit: 12:30PM
Goree Unit: 2PM
Jester Unit: 1PM
Jester 3 unit: 12:30pm
Kegan unit: 1pm

Wednesday's:

Luther Unit: 11:00AM
Clements Unit: 3PM
Goree Unit- Every 1st and 4th Wed of the month @ 4PM.
Holliday unit: 8am

Thursday's:

Crain Unit: 5PM
Hilltop Unit: 1PM
Sander's unit: 5pm & 6pm

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: 4PM-5PM
Tgk (female jail)- every 2nd & 4th Tuesday: 10am-12pm.

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- 7pm

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UNIVERSAL BEYOND BARS

You are not alone!

I FOUND JESUS BEHIND BARS

My name is Ed, and from birth I can say that my suffering started at the beginning of the month when I was eight years old where I already started to witness this conflict between my parents my father he drank a lot a lot, and would attack my mother and I grew up starting to feel a desire to be inside the Cemetery.

I desire to have money from the age of nine years old, I wanted to be a criminal, I was full of hate inside me desire for revenge and there at 12 to 13 years old I started using, toxic marijuana, and cocaine.



I already started to do petty thefts the thefts I started to do armed robberies how many sometimes I'm still a minor at 16 my mother she had to solve my situations there in the juvenile court because I was caught committing one of them many times using drugs school was the same thing it was very rebellious.

I BROUGHT A LOT OF SUFFERING TO MY FAMILY. I CONSTANTLY IN TROUBLE AND GETTING INVOLVED WITH THE LAW. IT IS LIKE MY FAMILY COULD NOT CATCH A BREAK.

I SPENT FOUR YEARS AND NINE MONTHS IN PRISON FOR ARMED ROBBERY AND I WAS RELEASED AND CONTINUED TO COMMIT WORSE CRIMES SUCH AS, KIDNAPPING.

My mother she wanted to see me arrested, because she knew if I was still on the streets I could get killed and felt more secure if I was behind bars. I was arrested again, and I was there always waiting for Freedom. But, when I arrived I was thrown into solitary confinement this solitary there I stayed more or less a month and a few months and a little without the right to even see the sunlight, nor have the

right to receive visits. While in confinement the penny dropped.



I remembered the faith of my mother and her love. Then I decided to do a challenge, and I made a promise with God, to let go of what was wrong.

I was then released from solitary and was amongst other inmates. Then I came to know the UBB inside the prison. I asked the pastor to baptize me, but I had to let go of the things that imprisoned me—crime, drugs, the desire to see blood, bad company, etc.

After six months, I heard about the fast of Daniel. Every night, I would take part in the messages with the bishop. I remember the bishop said those that want to receive God need to lose to this world. I learned to say no to my thoughts, and I said no, not to get involved with negative conversations and things that do not please God.



I took part in the Lord's supper inside the prison one Sunday and prepared everything. I had my little bread and a cup of water. I did not have grape juice in prison, but I did my part. I that very moment, it was a great experience.

Every weight, every insecurity, weight that I had in me, the Holy Spirit came and completely lifted my soul. He told me I am with you, and how do you know? I told my

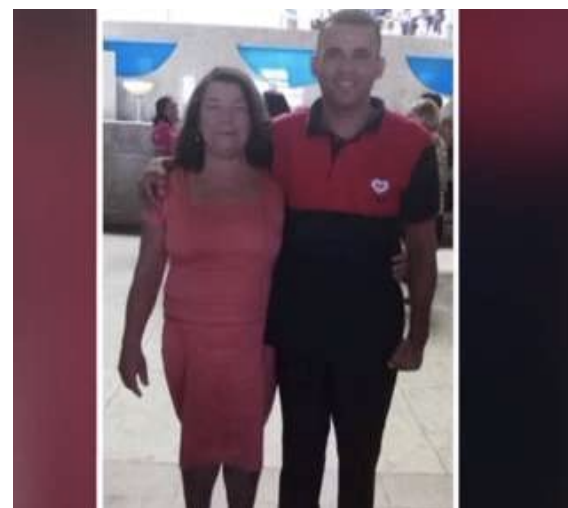
mom immediately through the peace you have received, and she had no need to worry anymore.

Now I had a Father who cared for me. I had a thirst to speak about Jesus to the other young inmates that came. I gave what God gave to me, I had a year later before I was freed from prison, and the first thing I did was go to the church.



I learned how to save others and be the light for other young men on the street; God honored me with a woman of God. I never imagined having the life I have today. I am a joy to my mother now; she does not need to worry about me; my financial life is a blessing, and I learned how to establish my life.

My life is complete, and I am grateful for everything I went through. The Holy Spirit is my everything; without Him, I would never know how to live but to live a complete life. For the rest of my life, I gave to Him, and I am so grateful to Him for everything.



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Carolina Gasi, 26 years old, found herself alone when she most needed to relieve the anguish caused by financial and professional problems. "All my friends disappeared, and there was no one to support me," she recalls. She had a studio where she did photo shoots, but her clients were mostly not good people and, little by little, led her down the wrong path. "These people just wanted to use me. I had parties in the studio, used drugs, drank a lot, and everything I earned, I spent," she says.

Because of the late nights, Carolina slowed down her work pace and contracted high debts. "It went from bad to worse; I owed the employees their payments and several months of rent until I was evicted and subpoenaed in two lawsuits," she says.

This situation destabilized her emotionally. The photographer started having depression and panic syndrome. "I remember I stopped in front of the window one day to jump. The phone was ringing non-stop, and people were calling to collect money; there was no work, and my mother was tired of working to help me pay the

debts. All I thought about was throwing myself out the window."

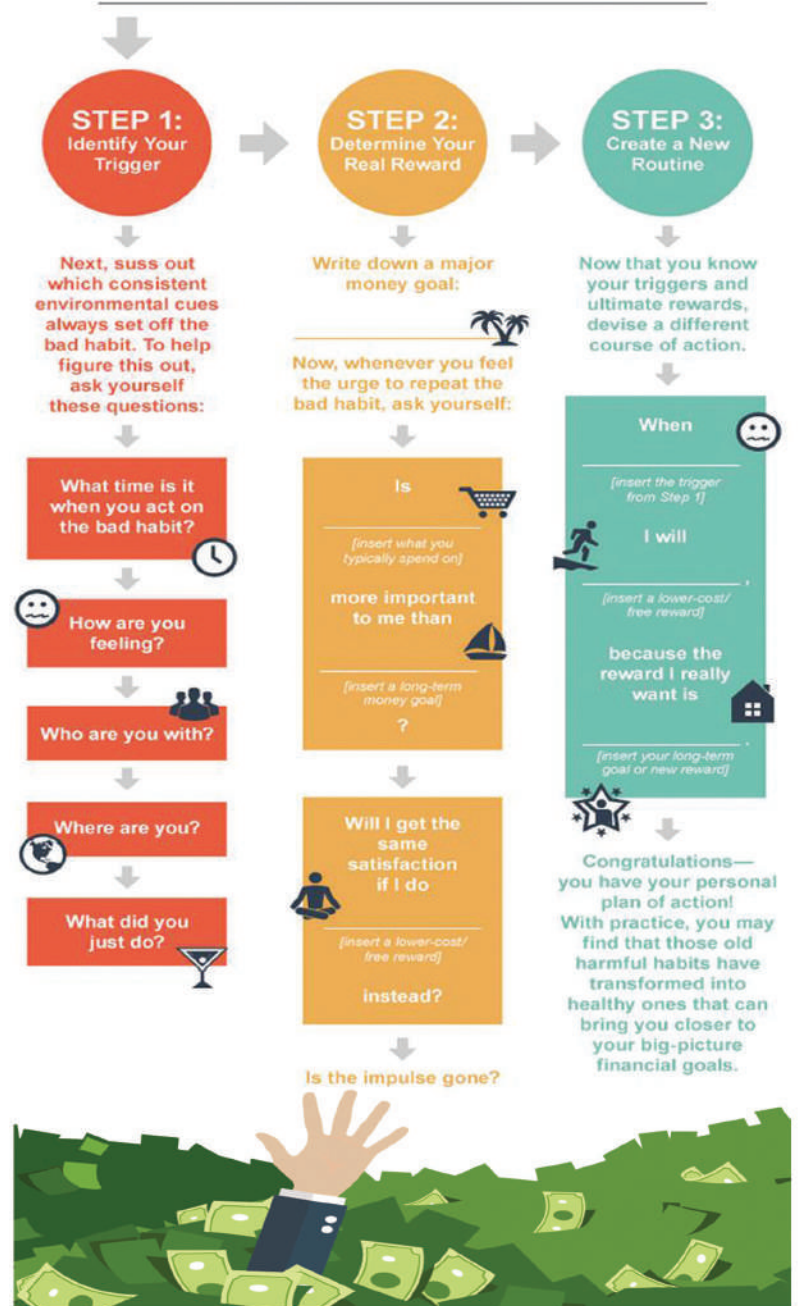
Her mother was the only one who was always by her side and encouraged her to seek help. While attending the Monday service, "The Strong Nation," at the Universal Church, the photographer learned that her life could change. "I learned that change comes when we place everything in God's care, and He takes the lead," she says.

She developed the courage and wisdom to take action and received inspiration in her professional field. "I started working with children's photo shoots, and the workflow grew like never before. I receive more than 50 children a month.

Today I am strong and determined; I have overcome my fears, suicidal thoughts, and depression. I can sleep peacefully," she concludes.

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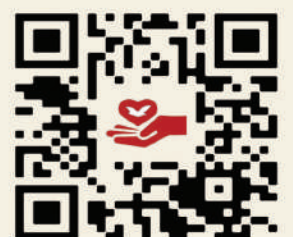


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