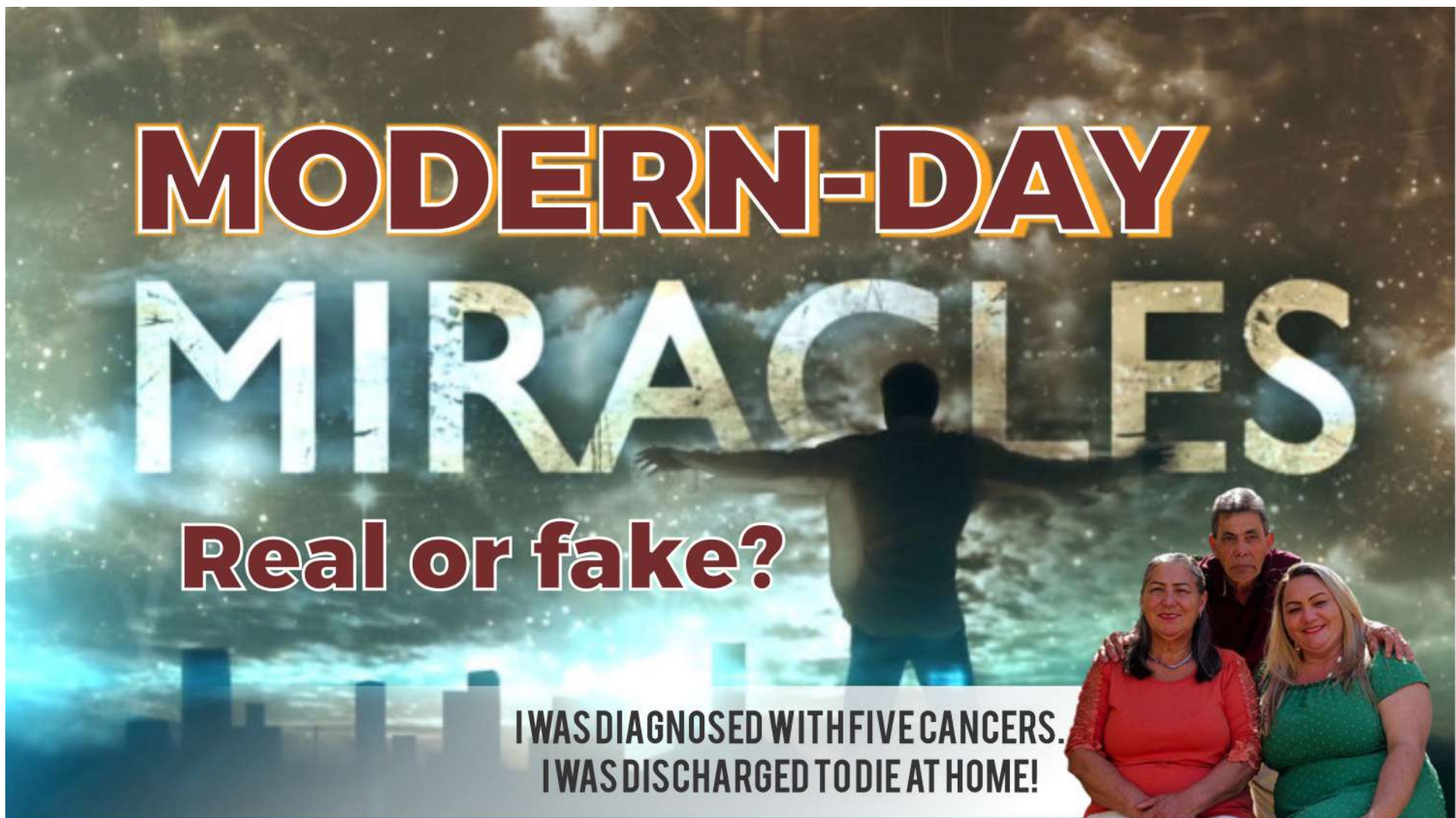


MODERN-DAY MIRACLES

Real or fake?

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The Miracles seen in the Bible are happening today!



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"MY LIFE WAS A
COMPLETE HUMILIATION."



Before

*Miracles
Exist*

Today



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FIFTEEN DAYS WITH ATELECTASIS

| IN THIS EDITION |

MODERN-DAY MIRACLES

Many have come to question whether miracles really exist. Even after hearing the testimonials of others who have experienced miraculous events, some, in their minds, can't help but ask whether it was real or fake. Well, dear friends, who better than those who have experienced or witnessed a miracle(s) can attest to the existence of Miracles altogether?

Analyzing the evidence is one of the best ways to know if an event occurred. The evidence itself serves as proof. In the same way, the evidence of the existence of miracles is in the results of the testimony givers. Miracles are not natural events that take place. They are often events that, humanly and scientifically speaking, are impossible. But this all shows the Greatness of God; for with God, nothing is impossible. (Luke 1:37; 18:27)

Suppose you or a loved one are facing a severe illness or an impossible case regarding your finances, family problems, etc., then visit a Universal Church near you today. Come and find out for yourself! You can be the next. God remains the same, and It is through His power and Faith many people have achieved extraordinary miracles.

| 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. There are thousands of testimonials worldwide that prove a Chain of Prayer works. You CAN have a new beginning. You, too, can defeat depression



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Bishop Edir Macedo



FAITH IN ACTION

Those who expect to receive a miracle as if God were a magician will never see it happen. Miracles do not depend solely on the action of the Spirit of God but on a partnership with those who believe in Him and take action.

Since the creation of man, God never did a miracle on Earth without participation from His creation. He created the animals, but Adam's job was to give them names. It was a sign of the authority He gave Adam on Earth. From then on, all other miracles required the Creator's partnership with the creation. This is why Paul affirms that we are God's fellow workers. (1 Corinthians 3:9)

Look at the partnership in dreams. When a desire is strictly according to the will of God, then that desire comes from God. And, just as He gives the vision, He also provides the means for the person to materialize it. Its materialization begins on the inside with acts of Faith. When I want to realize a dream, I need to take action in its direction. My acts of Faith have to go as far as I can go. I must exhaust my efforts to obtain it, always focused on it.

For example, it is the same as marriage. I have no one; my finances are in ruin; I don't have anything; I only have a great desire to get married. So I will begin to buy things for my wedding. First, I buy inexpensive items.

And, just as He gives the vision, He also provides the means for the person to materialize it. Its materialization begins on the inside with acts of Faith.

Every month, according to my condition, I buy something for my new house. This is practical Faith!

In partnership with God, every hero of Faith did his part:

1. Noah built the ark under the guidance of God. When he finished it, God sent the flood;



2. Abraham left his land under the direction of God. As a result, God made him into a great nation;

3. In response to the direction of God, Moses stretched out his staff and touched the Red Sea. God sent a wind and separated it for His people to pass;

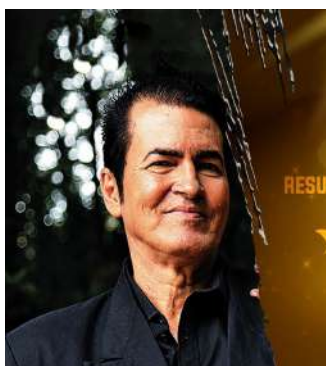
4. Inspired by God, Joshua prayed, and God made the entire solar system stop;

5. God told Gideon to surround the enemies with only three hundred men. The enemies were the Midianites, the Amalekites, and all the people of the East. They covered the valley as numerous as locusts (Judges 7:12). What Gideon saw with his physical eyes was dreadful, but spiritually speaking, it was glorious. God caused terror to come over the enemies, and they killed one another;

6. The Lord anointed the eyes of a man who was blind from birth and sent him to wash in the pool of Siloam. When he did this, he immediately began to see. If God has worked in you both to will and to do, according to His will, what have you done to fulfill your dream in partnership with God? (Philippians 2:13)

"Just as God gives the dream, He also gives conditions for the person to materialize it. Its materialization begins on the inside, with acts of Faith."

"I SPENT 36 MINUTES WITHOUT BREATHING..."



On a Saturday, Maria Eftanoski, 56 years old, received a call informing her that her husband, Pedro, 56 years old, did not feel well as soon as he arrived at work. Shortly after arriving at work, Pedro passed out. There were 36 minutes without cardiorespiratory activity. His colleagues gave first aid, but he didn't react", describes Maria.

Pedro had a Cardiac arrest - his heart stopped pumping blood. It results in oxygen being unable to reach the brain, organs, and tissues. Resuscitation is possible when assistance comes quickly. But if it takes longer than 8 minutes, damage to the brain is considered prac-

tically irreversible.

Pedro got admitted to the hospital at 8:30 AM. At 11:30 PM, he was still unconscious. The medical report found that Pedro had a sudden death due to a cardiac arrest resulting from ventricular fibrillation, atrial fibrillation, and hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.

"At first, the doctors said that they could not do anything. The team gave a period of five days to a week for some reaction to happen," she says.

On the second day, however, they instructed Maria to sign the papers for organ donation. If Pedro survived, his chances of being vegetated were high. "But I knew that by my Faith in the Lord Jesus. People told me that it wasn't like that, that God helps, but that in Pedro's case, it was severe and would be impossible even for God. Yet I did not back down from my Faith. I knew God would heal him."

Maria continued acting in Faith, asking God for her husband's healing

and going weekly to make her chain of prayers at the Universal Church for his healing. She also took the blessed water to the hospital.

Pedro survived 12 days with the help of a life support machine. But He woke up on the 13th day, and by the 15th, Pedro was discharged, returning home, and continued to receive the necessary care.

For Maria, Faith was fundamental for restoring her husband's health. "Without Faith, we cannot move mountains. We have to believe and believe in the supernatural, that there is what God left us in His Word. Just enjoy that Faith and be persevering," she says.

Pedro narrates the episode as a moment when he glimpsed the power of God. "I dropped dead, that's the word. I spent 36 minutes without breathing, but as I believed, and still believe, that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life, the life that only He helps us prevail", he concludes.

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

"I had a bleeding problem."

Before coming to the universal church, I was sick with bleeding issues. My life was messy; I had credit card problems and debts and suffered from insomnia and spinal issues.

Upon coming, the first blessing I received was that the bleeding problem stopped when I used my faith in drinking the blessed water. I have been making the chain of prayer, and today I am free from insomnia. All financial issues are gone, and I got healed from spinal problems.

-Cynthia from NY

Today my ear is healed!



I was scared after piercing my ears. At the time, 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.

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. I drank the blessed water and put it on my ear. Today my ear is fine, and I continue to use my faith. -Kaiane



MY SON WAS IN THE HOSPITAL FOR FIFTEEN DAYS WITH ATELECTASIS.



My son was in the hospital for fifteen days; he had an Atelectasis, a complete or partial collapse of the entire

lung. In this case, the left side of his lung stopped functioning. The doctors had said he would not be a normal child. He would not be able to play soccer or even ride a bicycle.



Today



Today my son is healed and in perfect condition. He plays soccer, and he can ride a bicycle. There is nothing wrong with him. Danielle



See page 12 for a location near you.



|Message|

BISHOP JOSHUA

THERE IS NO VOICEMAIL IN HEAVEN



"We're sorry, the number you are calling is unavailable." Indeed, you've heard this message before. It is frustrating to receive this recording when calling someone for an urgent matter. At times there is no recording. How often have you called needing someone's help to hear that they are 'too busy' or 'maybe another time.'

No one likes feeling like a second thought; perhaps that's how you feel. Every time you need someone, it seems no one is around.

There is someone who always takes your calls, but maybe you haven't been reaching out lately.

'Call to Me, and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things which you do not know.' Jeremiah 33:3

It isn't about whether God has time for us. The verse clearly says, "Call, and I WILL answer." It's about us calling on Him. That's the first step. Maybe you've felt that not even God is helping you, but He is asking us to call on Him. He can only intervene when we ask.

The great thing about it is that He'll do more than we ask. Great and mighty things when we do not know. Something that we never even imagined and didn't even dream of. Those are the answers you can look forward to when we call upon God. You will never get His voicemail.

May the God of the Bible Bless you!

WHEN ALL HOPE WAS GONE GOD DID THE MIRACLE

Everything was well with my son until one day, on a trip, he had an accident and suffered a severe blow to the head. After the accident, he was in excruciating pain and was vomiting. At first, we didn't think it was extreme, but when we went to the specialist, they told us it was an ear infection. He gave us instructions on how to treat it, but although we followed the instructions, we did not see any improvement.

As the pain was worsening and nothing we did was helping, we became desperate, so we took him to the hospital, and they tested him. When the results came out, it showed that he had a malignant tumor in an inoperable area of the brain. This news saddened the family, and the doctor advised that he should do



chemotherapy, and surgery had to be done on him. It was a complicated process, so much so that after several treatments, he could not take it anymore; he told us that he would rather die than continue with the treatments. He had to do another surgery but said he no longer wanted another operation. He no longer wanted to go to his consultations, and we, as parents, were losing hope.

Even though they said he needed another surgery, we were afraid because they said there were no guarantees that the surgery would go well.

At this point, we decided to leave the case in the hands of God as we knew that only a miracle could help him. We came to the Universal Church, and by hearing words of faith from the pastor, we chose to believe that God would heal my son. There they prayed for him, determining, with certainty, that he was already recovered from that tumor. It wasn't long before we went back to the doctor. Surprisingly, they said this new surgery was no longer required because the cancer was encapsulated, and there was no residue of it. When we thought all was lost, God showed us his power by doing this miracle." - Elva Mejia

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SUNDAY GATHERING OF FAITH AND MIRACLES IN HARLEM, NY

AMC MAGIC JOHNSON THEATRES



April 2nd, 2023- Palm Sunday

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

Bishop Joshua led the opening prayer asking God to perform a miracle in the lives of the Attendees since the Attendees were there to see God in their lives. He prayed that miracles would be performed inside the Attendees so they could see the changes in their lives. Bishop Joshua noted that sometimes individuals are alive, but the various areas of their lives are dead and living like zombies; therefore, they need their lives resurrected.

As the scriptures say:

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" John 11:25-26

Bishop then encouraged the Attendees to pray that the Spirit of the Lord may enter their lives so their lives will be resurrected since our Lord Jesus is the resurrection.

Bishop Joshua also blessed the Attendees' waters. He prayed for the Attendees to be healed from incurable illnesses, sicknesses, and diseases. The Attendees then took three (3) sips of the blessed water utilizing their Faith and believing in their healing.

Blessed Water Testimony:

Ms. Lisa testified that before attending the church, she suffered from heart palpitations, a cyst on her spine of which she underwent a four (4) hour back surgery. She suffered from excruciating pain all over her body, wherein she stated that her pain was beyond ten (10), being the worst pain. She came to the Universal church because she was tired of constantly being in pain. After her first visit to the church, she started attending the church regularly. After a few weeks, she began to drink the blessed water, which she did every day. She then began noticing that the pain in her body was subsiding, and now she had no pain. Moreover, her most recent test results show her heart is also doing well.

Prayer for the family

Bishop Joshua encouraged the Attendees to "do something good" for their families even if they thought they didn't deserve it due to their behavior and attitudes. He reminded the Attendees that our Lord Jesus Christ gave his life for us, although we did not deserve such a gift either. We must let our family see Jesus in us through our actions instead of just words. Therefore, as

we have the opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of Faith. Galatians 6:10

Bishop Joshua then prayed for the Attendees and their families. He encouraged them to pray for their families, especially for the family member causing the most trouble or having issues with. He then instructed the Attendees to bless their household by saying, "Peace be upon my house and my family."

In honor of Palm Sunday, the Attendees waved their Palm, symbolically welcoming



our "Lord Jesus Christ into the service and our lives." Bishop Joshua instructed the Attendees to bring the Palm back to their houses to symbolize our Lord Jesus being welcomed into our homes. It was the

start of the "Holy Week," which would close on April 9th, 2023, Easter Sunday.

Video Testimony:

We then watched a video of Mr. Alexander, who testified of having a destroyed life before attending the church. He was unemployed and in debt; he would also rob and steal to feed his drug habit and live a promiscuous lifestyle. He was lost and was without peace.

He noted that based on the bad coverage of the church in the various media outlets, he had a bad view of the church and even despised the church's work. He would persecute the church and its message, calling it a cult and Bishop Macedo a thief or fraud. He noted that although he was persecuting the church, the church grew, making him angrier.

In his quest for peace/help, he became an assistant to a witch doctor practicing witchcraft against the church and its Attendees. He did this for seven (7) years without success against the church or having peace in his life. He finally got the courage to attend the Universal Church. He was pleasantly surprised that he did not have to pay a fee to enter the church and that the members treated him with respect, love, and care.

After just one visit, he received the peace inside that he had been yearning for years. He began his journey with the Universal Church after that. He placed his life on the altar and surrendered his life to our "Lord Jesus Christ" and started to see his life transformed. He was even persecuted by family members for his new transformation with the church and was given an ultimatum. He chose God because God was

the one to rescue him when he was in despair, not the family member. As such, Mr. Alexander became the first individual in his family to receive the "Holy Spirit," his greatest miracle. He was also blessed with a wife, a daughter, and a flourishing career as a Pastry Chef that is known nationwide. He is also no longer in debt. Mr. Alexander's message to others in a similar position, one of despair, is to put that rotten life on the altar and surrender it all to our Lord Jesus Christ for a true transformation.

Bishop Joshua then reminded the Attendees that true transformation comes from our Lord Jesus Christ through the "Holy Spirit," who changes a person from the inside. Human beings can always transform their outer appearance, but only our Lord Jesus can transform their inner appearance. "Then the Spirit of the LORD will come upon you, and you will prophesy with them, and be turned into another man." 1 Samuel 10:6

Anointing of Protection for the Public Safety Officers - Individuals serving the public in an official capacity providing services such as policing, firefighting, and rescue

The Public Safety Officers were anointed with the holy oil by Pastor Luiz before receiving the prayer. Bishop Joshua performed the prayer of protection for the Public Safety Officers, the local Police Officers,



and the Firefighters who attended the service and also made a prayer for their families. Bishop Joshua asked God to protect the Public Safety Officers as they go about their daily tasks so that they may return to their families safely. He thanked them for their services to the community because putting one's life on the line for strangers is never easy.

Bishop Joshua also prayed for the Faithful Tithers, asking God to bless them with prosperity and success in all that they do. That April will be the month of abundance, a month of blessings, a month of resurrection, and prosperity. "The LORD will answer and say to His people, 'Behold, I will send you grain and new wine and oil, And you will be satisfied by them; I will no longer make you a reproach among the nations.'" Joel 2:19

Bishop Joshua conveyed the message for the day from Ephesians 2:6

"And raised us up together and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus."

Bishop Joshua noted that as our Lord Jesus was resurrected, we too will be "raised up." We will see the resurrection of our lives, families, finances, career, and health. So this would be the message from the Holy Week, the resurrection of our lives since our Lord Jesus is the resurrection.

New Attendees:

Mr. Raymond Gordon found the church through our program on My9. He enjoyed the service and believed he was blessed from the service. His message to others wondering if they should attend the service is: "Stop being a sheep" and follow others but instead follow God.



Ms. Carmen Turnbull and her granddaughter, Ms. Shaynia, attended the service today because Ms. Turnbull was evangelized on the street. Ms. Turnbull enjoyed the service, especially the testimonies, which confirmed that God is still present and working. It

encourages her to walk in the footsteps of God. Ms. Shaynia also enjoyed the service and stated that Bishop Joshua's message of

"Doing something good for your family," even if they do not deserve it, resounded with her.

Mr. Travis M Powell attended service today because he was invited by his Mother (Ms. Vanessa Brown), who also came with her sisters. Mr. Powell noted that the message he received from the service was one of "strength."

"Have Faith in God and yourself."

Mr. Darrius attended the service today because God sent an Angel as a Man of God to invite him to service today. He noted that he felt heavy and nervous when he came to the



service, but after the service, he felt much better. He plans to attend the church service/s at the local branch during the week.



Many people face situations in which they see no way out. However, God recorded in the Holy Scriptures that you can achieve everything when resorting to supernatural faith: **"With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."** (Matthew 19.26). The impossible is called a miracle, and it happens when all human resources have already been used and are unsuccessful. That is, supernatural faith, which depends on complete trust in the power of God, must be practiced when ordinary faith no longer generates effects. Read on and discover how Maria and Marcio received the miracles in their lives.

"MODERN DAY MIRACLES"

ARE THEY REAL OR FAKE?

Doctors found tumors in five places on Maria's body. She still suffered a cardiac arrest and had a hospital infection. Hardly anyone believed in her healing.

She was diagnosed with five cancers. In 2018, bleeding took Maria to the hospital. She was accompanied by her husband, Luiz, who says that the doctor "suspected cervical cancer. The biopsy confirmed it."

Surgery to remove the tumor was performed, and there it was discovered that cancer had spread to the ovary, bowel, and bladder. Metastases (tumor cells) were removed.

The couple's daughter, Eliane, says that, upon receiving the news, she knelt and cried out to God for a miracle: "My faith would not accept it. It was the name of our God that was at stake. I took it into my heart that God would restore her health."

The family has been going to the Universal Church for 20 years; therefore, Eliane already went to the hospital with the blessed water. She recalls that her mother's drain was "pure blood."

I WAS DIAGNOSED WITH 5 CANCERS... I WAS DISCHARGED TO DIE AT HOME!



"When I faced that situation, I continued to exercise faith and did not despair. I gave her the blessed water, and the drain began to clear four hours later. From then on, she only got better. After eight days, she went home," she reports.

Maria started chemotherapy



remove cancer. Her response to treatment so far had been little. "My mother contracted a nosocomial infection due to the hospitalizations and almost died. She fell into a coma. Also, there was a cardiac arrest," reports Eliane.

the family believed there was a way out. But, inside me, I said there was a way in her case, and by faith, nothing was impossible." The family continued to attend the Universal Church, "and God heard our prayers," says Eliane.

Maria recalls how she felt after being discharged to die at home: "It was like the last straw. Everyone used their faith; they put the blessed water in my mouth. When I found myself and managed to understand the situation, I spoke to God: If the Lord has a miracle in my life, as soon as I can walk, I will go to the church to glorify Your name and thank You for everything I've been through."

"The medical team still says there is no explanation. But I know what it was: It was a miracle from God. I am a living miracle."

sessions but became so weak that she interrupted the treatment halfway through. A new tumor caused the deterioration in Maria's health, this time in the spine. The doctors unanimously believed she would not survive the recent surgery to

Mary lost her sight and became paralyzed. She remained hospitalized for more than 50 days. As Eliane reports, the doctors gave up on Maria: "They asked to take her home because there was nothing else to do. Not even

Today her health is perfect. "The medical team still says there is no explanation. But I know what it was: it was a miracle from God. I am a living miracle," she closes.

I WAS ON THE BRINK OF DEATH THREE TIMES!

Although he had a good childhood, Marcio says that he took a different path in his teens. "My routine has always been from school to home, but from 13 to 14, I got involved with some friendships. However, the same friends who played ball and flew a kite began to walk the paths of marginality, drug dealing, and theft. I got involved with petty theft until I got to shoplifting."

The consequences soon came. Marcio agreed to participate in the robbery of a pizzeria, but things did not go as planned. "The police arrived, and after trying to escape, I got arrested. They did everything for me to hand over who was with me, but I didn't do that."

At just 17, he had to pay for the crime of theft. Before being stopped, however, he had already known the result of bad choices. "Three times, I felt the possibility of death on my skin. On the first one, a guy pointed a gun at me. On the second, I was already hanging out with a gang. We did what we shouldn't, and, in return, the person started shooting. The last one, they confused me with a boy who was in debt with drug trafficking."

The robbery at the pizzeria happened on a Saturday. As he was underage, Marcio would be transferred to a juvenile detention center. "My father said he would never enter the prison system, but unfortunately, I put him through that. Behind bars, I saw who was with me because I didn't get a visit from anyone except my parents."

The transfer from the police station to the detention center, as he points out, was made on Tuesdays and Thursdays, but that did not happen with him: He was detained at the police station for 14 days. "I remember that the warden thought it was strange since he never saw a scene like that during the 15 years he was



"I confess I just wanted a prayer, but all the hurts and traumas I carried disappeared that day. Today, the greatest achievement I have is the Holy Spirit."

there. He even asked if anyone in my family messed with rituals because that situation was abnormal. That's when I remembered my mother's prayers, who attended the Universal Church. I remember that, on a Wednesday, I experienced talking with God, something I had never done before. I prayed: "If You exist, get me out of here because if I go there, I know I will kill or be killed."

Free and away from crime, he discovered himself in football. "I started riding for some teams in the junior category. At 21, I tried to become a professional in a team, but I gave up. I took a computer course to work in the area then, but I received an offer to play in the US and didn't go. I became a professional but didn't want to pursue a career anymore."

If good opportunities often hit the post, the agony inside him

never seemed to leave. "Within me, things didn't work out: there was a huge disturbance, a void, a hole, but I couldn't take it anymore. One day I saw my sister getting ready to attend church, and I asked to go with her. It was a Wednesday like the one I first talked to God about six years ago. I confess I just wanted a prayer, but all the hurts and traumas I carried disappeared that day. I never left the church, where I have been for 16 years."

Gradually, Marcio's life began to change.

"I got married, my wife and I opened our own business and bought our apartment, but the greatest achievement I have is the Holy Spirit," he concludes.

MAKE A CHAIN OF PRAYER 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 HAVE YOU DONE WITH YOUR FREEDOM?

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

* 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:

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HOUSTON TX, 77074

YOU CAN BE SURE THAT BISHOP JOSHUA WILL READ AND RESPOND TO YOUR LETTER. HE MAY ALSO ATTACH A BIBLE STUDY TO IT SO THAT YOU CAN KEEP YOUR MIND FOCUSED ON SOMETHING POSITIVE, AND STOP THINKING ON THE NEGATIVE THINGS.

IF YOU NEED ANYMORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE DIFFERENT COURSES OFFERED BY THE UBB, PLEASE GET IN CONTACT WITH THE CHAPLAIN IN YOUR FACILITY.

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



Life is full of decisions, just by reading this post, you decided to do so. The meal that you ate this morning, you decided to do so.

The clothes that you are wearing, you decided to do so.

Some decisions are so easy to make but then you have some that are not so easy!

What is the hardest decision you ever had to make? When it comes to making decisions, we must keep in mind the pros and cons at all times.

“AND ALL THESE BLESSINGS SHALL COME UPON YOU AND OVERTAKE YOU, BECAUSE YOU OBEY THE VOICE OF THE LORD YOUR GOD. DEUTERONOMY 28:2

It is only fair to evaluate both sides before you make a decision.

The God of the Bible is all about this – showing us both sides and leaving us to decide what we want.

The blessing will come upon you if you decide to obey the Word of God.

Everyone is given free will to decide if they want the blessings that come with obedience. Not obeying is also a decision and that decision has its consequences:

“But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:” Deuteronomy 28:15

It's up to you. Now that the cards are on the table, what is your decision?



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FROM A LIFE OF CRIME, TO GOD'S ALTAR

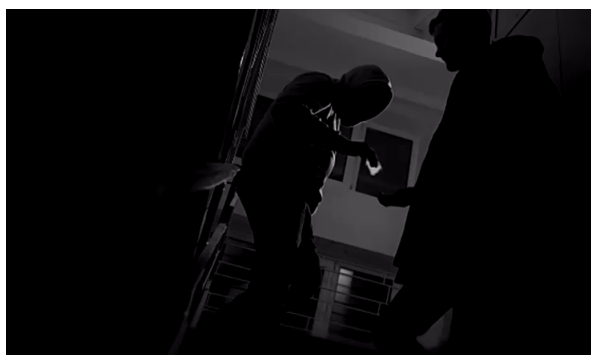


When I was 15yrs, I became the master of smoking, gave all of my strength in life to criminality, and would carry out

kidnappings. I knew what I needed to do, my soul was very bitter, and I did not care.

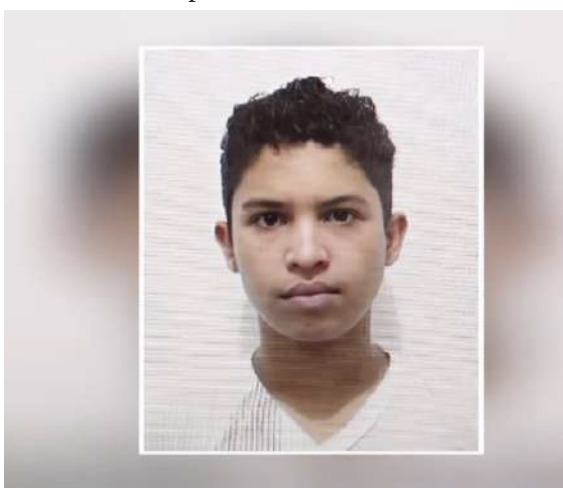
MY LIFE ON THE STREETS BEGAN IN THE CITY I GREW UP IN. I SAW IT ALL AROUND ME, THE STREET WHERE I LIVED. I SAW PEOPLE USING DRUGS, DRINKING, ASSAULTS, FIGHTS, AND EVEN DEATHS. WHEN I REACHED THE AGE OF EIGHT, I HAD MY FIRST CONTACT WITH DRUGS; IT WAS MARIJUANA THAT WAS MY ADDICTION. I WOULD ROB PEOPLE TO SUSTAIN MY HABIT.

There became a point when the marijuana wasn't enough for me anymore, so I started using cocaine. I liked the adrenaline I got from using cocaine, being on the street, living that reckless life of robbing etc. I LEARNED HOW TO USE GUNS. I HAD THIS WRONG IDEA THAT I COULD COMMIT THE "PERFECT" CRIME WITHOUT GETTING CAUGHT. Still, I had this mentality from within my house because my siblings were also involved in crime.



My mother found bags of crack in the house, and I did not care. One day, she took me in the car, and I asked her, "WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME?" She replied, "YOU'LL SEE VERY SOON." She took me straight to jail, and she intended to try and scare me. She thought that seeing these other boys there

in the jail cell, the guards, would put fear in me, and I would abandon this life. Contrary, I became worse. A month later, I committed a terrible assault on someone much older than me, which landed me in the same facility my mom had taken me to a month prior.



My father and mother came to visit me one day, and my father said, "I AM GOING TO ASK YOU THIS ONE QUESTION WHEN YOU GET OUT OF HERE ARE YOU GOING TO STOP WITH ALL OF THIS?" I looked my father dead in his eyes and said, "DAD, WHEN I COME OUT OF HERE, I WILL LEAVE THIS LIFE BEHIND." My day of freedom came, and I remember this day so well. When I arrived home, I went to go fight in the streets, I saw things I never imagined I would see. THIS DAY CAUSED MANY ENEMIES, AND PEOPLE WERE AFTER ME TO KILL ME.



I BECAME VERY PARANOID, LOOKING OVER MY SHOULDER AND EVEN THOUGHT OF KILLING MY MOTHER.

Things were terrible. I looked at my mother's expression, and the sadness on her face was so extreme; because of me. At 16, I got a girl pregnant.

At this point, I heard voices, saw shadows, and was in a terrible state. To subside these voices, I would use a lot of cocaine and drink alcohol, but I intended to overdose and hopefully die.

ONE SUNDAY AFTERNOON, WHILE USING DRUGS, I GOT A VISIT FROM THREE PEOPLE. I KNEW TWO OF THEM BECAUSE I USED TO SELL DRUGS TO THEM, BUT THIS TIME THEY NEVER CAME TO ME TO BUY. They came to invite me to join them at the Universal Church (UBB). They had become assistants in the church, and challenged me. I accepted the challenge and believed them because I saw their change.

I went to the church and didn't remember the pastor's words. I only remember he prayed for me, and I cried. It was a cry from my soul, but after this prayer, it was like the scale from my eyes was removed, and I asked myself, "WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THIS LIFE OF YOURS?" I decided to let go of this life. I left the church without any desire to use drugs.

I decided the next day to get baptized; I told myself this was a new chance to change my story. I heard about the Holy Spirit and how He is important. I desired the Holy Spirit greatly, the more I heard about Him, the more I wanted to know who He was, and I wanted to remain until the end. I didn't want to go back to a life of crime. I sought Him with all of me, and I thank God today, I can say I am a son of God. Before I would carry weapons, I was the leader of a gang, and now I am a child of God. How marvelous is this? I went from a life of crime to God's altar.



"NOBODY CARES ABOUT ME...." "I'M ALL ALONE..." "WHO WILL EVER REMEMBER ME...?" "IT'S OK..."

HAVE THESE THOUGHTS BEEN RUNNING THROUGH YOUR MIND? YOU'RE AT POINT WHERE IT DOESN'T MATTER ANYMORE, AND NOW YOU'RE SIMPLY DEALING WITH IT. DO NOT DEAL WITH IT ALONE! WRITE YOUR LETTER TO BP. JOSHUA, BECAUSE HE WILL PERSONALLY READ AND REPLY TO YOU.

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“Deceiving people was the easiest way to make money.”

I tried to do everything with my strength. I lied to get what I wanted. I did the wrong things and thought it wouldn't catch up to me.” Leda Sousa's life was like that for many years.

At the age of 20, Leda was faced with the fact that she had become a single mother. She spared no effort to succeed, but she always had difficulties despite all her efforts. According to her, the reason for this was that she always thought that, even doing what was wrong, in the end, it would end well.

But the reality was different, as she reveals: “My life was a complete humiliation. I had a dirty name, couldn't keep a job, and lost everything I had conquered. I got to the point where I owed three months of rent.”

Faced with the threat of eviction, she took out a loan from a loan shark. But that solution soon put her and her entire family at risk; she received death threats daily.

Not knowing what else to do, she paid the debt by giving the loan shark her car. However, if, on the one hand, the problem with him was resolved, on the other hand, new difficulties arose: “Since I had lost my car, I got involved with the illicit business to earn money. I started falsifying documents and defrauding values, and I thought no one would notice. For me, deceiving people was the easiest way to make money, but my life kept going downhill.”

The change began when Leda understood that her choices were the problem. “I was an unjust person, and I wanted justice. My word was worthless. I was a liar and did not honor my word,” she recalls.

One day, Leda received an invitation from a work friend to go to the Universal Church. When she arrived at the church, she

understood she was not only robbing people but mainly God. “The Pastor started preaching about being faithful to God and honoring Him first. So, I learned that my life would be different if I put God above everything, becoming a faithful tither.”

She learned through the services that for her life to change from the inside out, she would need God's character and the Holy Spirit living in her, and that is what happened.

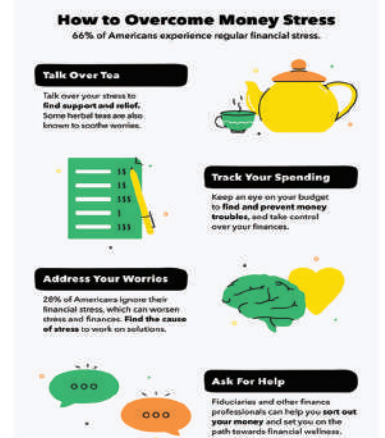
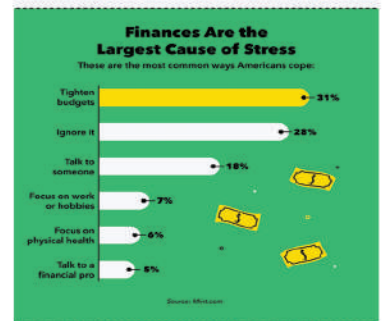
“Today I hate injustice because when we receive the Spirit of God, He guides us in the path of Truth and teaches us to be righteous. It is He who guides me in my decisions. I always tell God I can lose everything but not the Holy Spirit.


Today I have no difficulty doing what is right. I learned to be faithful to God in everything,” she concludes.



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