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## SUICIDE

*Problems, stress, depression, frustration, abuse, and the list goes on and on.*

*Read inside for more info.*

Who could have thought  
that behind this beautiful  
face, there was a  
suicidal person?

(Read about Danielle inside)



**Many people find themselves in such extreme sadness that they think it's better to end their own lives. Maybe you're having suicidal thoughts, have attempted suicide, or know someone who has been struggling with this problem. Do you want help?**



**Healed from  
asthma after  
30 years...**

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**Save a Youth  
event...**

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**SHOWDOWN OF FAITH**  
- LESS TALK MORE POWER -

with Bishop Joshua

Monday - Friday  
8am ET / 7am CT



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**NOT TO BE SOLD**

## I GAVE THEM YOUR WORD, AND THE WORLD HATED ME...

**F**or the Word of God to bring eternity, it is necessary to obey and practice it. And it is better to know just one verse and follow it than to learn all the Holy Scripture and not practice any of it because the Word of God is Him speaking to those who have the sense and ears to hear.

Many have ears for gossip, malice, social networks, and the opinion of others. Still, not everyone has ears to hear the Word of God. Jesus said to the Father: "I gave them Your Word, and the world hated them." Whoever hears the Word, believes it, and obeys it will be hated by the world. Jesus is the Word, He gave the Word, and He was the Living Word. Whoever hears and practices it has nothing to do with the world. They are hated because there isn't any connection between a person who practices God's Word and the world.



Bishop Edir Macedo

The Lord Jesus continued: "...the world hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world... sanctify them in Your truth" (John 17:14-17).

**To sanctify means to separate, and when a person separates themselves from the world, they are sanctified. The Lord Jesus Himself sanctified and separated Himself,**

asking the Father that we too would be separated and differentiated from the world.

In this prayer, Jesus is not speaking to us but to the Father. Only John recorded this prayer so that we could understand the affection, care, attention, and protection towards those who cling to Him. This prayer brings us tranquility and peace because Jesus prayed for each of us. So if no one prays for you, be sure: Jesus prayed for you, and you are His.

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**NIGHT Soul**  
 OF THE

EVERY WEDNESDAY  
 AT A UNIVERSAL CHURCH NEAR YOU

In every Universal church, the "Night of the Soul" is taking place. No matter what material goods one has, age, social standing or physical beauty and health, every human being comes into the world knowing that one day he will have to face death. It is common, for example, to hear about the death of a celebrity but no one can report on where the soul of that person will end up. There are those who wonder:

Is there life after death? Where will we go when we leave this world? What happens to us when we die? There are those who believe that everything ends after death. However, for those who have a Bible based faith the reality of Heaven and Hell are well known. But does everyone go to Heaven automatically? Some believe that at the end of the day the mercy of God will save everyone. However, the Bible teaches us that only those who belong to God will be with Him in Heaven. And so, on Wednesdays we learn how we can live a life that belongs to God so that when our life here on earth comes to an end, we may be with our God in Heaven.

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 SEE PAGE 12 FOR LOCATIONS



**S**he lived in an abusive relationship and was hostage to her emotions. "I had a relationship with one person for three years, and I even moved in with him. Despite being evangelical and having attended church, I did not practice the Word of God. That boy was my everything, my 'god.'" She says she tried to take her own life because of him. "During a fight, I freaked out and took a lot of pills." She tried again when the relationship ended:

**"Fifteen days before our wedding, he said he didn't want to get married anymore. I went into despair," she says. Seeing her dream crumble, Camila thought about death again:**

"I took pills, drank, and went to sleep. But a while passed, and I woke up. Along with the frustration of the failed suicide attempt came memories of when I was active in the church," she admits.

Camila wanted to return to her faith and surrender to God, but her inner conflicts stopped her. "I still had feelings for the boy, and I went into depression. I took prescription drugs, didn't feel like anything, didn't eat, didn't take a shower for days, and just wanted to lie down and sleep. Until one day, my mother asked me how long I would live like that because I already knew the Word of God."

She says that day, she woke up to her faith and decided she would no longer take the drugs because they weren't helping her. She returned to attend meetings at Universal and decided to commit to God. "I said that I would no longer have that problem from that day on, and I really and truly surrendered to God. I freed myself from that sick feeling and sought the Holy Spirit with all my strength."

The change took time, but Camila received all she could ask for: the Spirit of God Himself with perseverance. "Today, my thoughts are of life, and I no longer have depression, sadness, or discouragement. The change came from God because depression messes with the soul, and the medication couldn't make me well. Only His Presence was able to change my interior."

**And just like that, Camila's inner change was reflected in her complete transformation. "I am married to a man of God, and together we serve Him by helping others who are going through the same problem I did."**

# MIRACLES EXIST



## Healed from asthma after 30 years...

I was suffering from asthma, I was always breathing hard with shortness of breath, and I couldn't sleep at night. I was constantly back and forth to the hospital. Every time I went to the doctors I would hear the same thing, they would say I was born with asthma and all they could do nothing but give me medical treatment. I was using steroids and a machine to breathe too. I used to get up at 2am, 3am and so on to the point, I wasn't even getting the proper rest. I felt like I would never get rid of this problem since I had it for over 30 years. **In this ministry, I learned about using my faith and how to use the Spiritual Treatment water for my healing. My body is healed, I breathe and talk differently. "The Power of God is real"** Barbara from NY

Breathing machine I used before.



Learn to face your problems with faith!  
Get your Blessed Water every  
**SUNDAY AT YOUR NEAREST UNIVERSAL CHURCH**



## The spot in my lungs disappeared

I had a spot on my lungs for about two years. I was about to go crazy because of my problems. I was watching TV when I found the Showdown of Faith program so I stayed watching. I obeyed the instructions given by the pastor, I drank the Blessed Water and today I am living proof that the Spiritual Treatment works because I have nothing on my lungs anymore. I tell everyone who is reading to just come and obey because God will manifest His power.

**Cristine from GA**

## He experienced several seizures that led him to a coma for 11 days...



The doctors saw that I had meningitis, a virus that attacks your brain. Suddenly I just started having seizures and then I was taken to the hospital, I was in a coma for 11 days. I do not remember much but just some things here and there. After I was healed I saw that there is a God that can make the impossible become possible!

**Catalino from TX**

\*See page 12 for locations and time\*

## TROUBLES COME WITH NO WARNING

**T**here is always a warning. In Biblical times, a coming war would be announced by the trumpet's sound. Today, newspapers, radio stations, news channels, and online platforms alert us when something is wrong.

Unfortunately, there are no warning signs when something is about to go wrong in our own lives. It can be an illness that appears out of nowhere, the sudden loss of a loved one, an unexpected debt, or a period of depression. In those moments, the problems of this world take away your peace.

However, the Word of God tells us that God desires to leave His

peace with us. It's not a temporary peace that only lasts when things are running smoothly, but an everlasting peace – even in times of war! God's peace remains even when the troubles of life come without warning.

**"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."** John 14:27

We can only find this peace in His Spirit, and if you desire to have this peace, He is available for you, and with Him, you do not need to depend on a 'warning sign.'

**"I heard voices and had hallucinations...."**



**R**ogerio says he grew up seeing fights between his parents. "I had a troubled childhood. I saw a lot of aggression at home. My mother even tried to commit suicide."

At age 14, he started drinking alcohol. The emptiness he felt led him to try another drug: cocaine. "I was very empty and very anxious. I tried cocaine at 17. The drug made me euphoric and I forgot about the problems, but after the effect, the sadness and pain returned twice as much."

He began consuming increasing amounts of cocaine to stave off sadness. When that drug was no longer enough, he used crack. "I started stealing things from my father's company and home. I also committed petty crimes on the street." Because of the problems, he came to live on the streets. Rogerio says that the suffering led him to try to take his own life. "I first attempted suicide when I was 20, cutting my arm. Luckily they took me to the hospital."

Rogerio got involved with drug dealers and was almost assassinated. The relationship with the parents was complicated. "Once in a while I stayed at their house, but I even attacked my mother. I was smoking crack and drinking alcohol. He heard voices and had hallucinations. It would end up killing me." He had two children but lost contact with them. "Of everything I lost to depression and drugs, the worst was losing the time with my children."

Rogerio decided to seek help at the Universal Church, advised by his mother. "I was at rock bottom.

**With the meetings, I managed to overcome dependence on drugs and found in faith the strength to overcome emptiness. My relationship with my parents has improved a lot. I gave myself to God. Today, I make special meetings to reach more souls."**



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**BIBLE READING**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ACTS 1	ACTS 2	ACTS 3	ACTS 4	ACTS 5	ACTS 6	ACTS 7
✓ 1	✓ 2	✓ 3	✓ 4	✓ 5	✓ 6	✓ 7
ACTS 8	ACTS 9	ACTS 10	ACTS 11	ACTS 12	ACTS 13	ACTS 14
✓ 8	✓ 9	✓ 10	✓ 11	✓ 12	✓ 13	✓ 14
ACTS 15	ACTS 16	ACTS 17	ACTS 18	ACTS 19	ACTS 20	ACTS 21
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ACTS 22	ACTS 23	ACTS 24	ACTS 25	ACTS 26	ACTS 27	ACTS 28
✓ 22	✓ 23	✓ 24	✓ 25	✓ 26	✓ 27	✓ 28
JOEL 1	JOEL 2	JOEL 3	1	2	3	4
✓ 29	✓ 30	✓ 31				

# ABUSE TOOK HER WILL TO LIVE

**M**onique's life was turned upside down after her parents took her to a spiritist center. "We started to frequent the place, and, little by little, I started to suffer. I saw figures, heard voices, and, from the age of six to nine, two family members abused me," she says. This entire period was marked by silence, as she did not share with her parents the problems she faced for fear of what might happen. "I was timid and couldn't open up," Monique says that the thoughts were suffocating, and her emptiness grew every day. And in an attempt to forget about the problems, she got involved with girls at school. "I thought I should be with a girl because a woman also abused me as a child. But it was one frustration after another." At this time, family fights also began, and her desire to stay away from her parents grew more and more. "I knew they wouldn't approve of that relationship, so I started getting involved with many guys, trying to find someone I could live with."



Monique's list of disappointments grew until another situation took away the peace she had left.

**"After the end of yet another relationship, while venting to someone I thought was my friend, I was sexually abused. But once again, I didn't tell anyone."**

Being raped took her will to live. "I didn't want to leave the house for anything, and I went to school only because my parents made me, but instead of studying, I self-mutilated. On my way to school, I would try to kill myself by throwing myself in front of cars and buses. But there was always someone to stop me. In another attempt, I took pills but ended up in the hospital with allergic reactions all over my body."

The problems resulted in panic and anxiety syndrome, feelings fueled by internet groups that Monique participated in, and it encouraged suicide. "During an anxiety

attack, I threw myself in front of a truck, was thrown, and lost consciousness. When I woke up, my only thought was: 'I can't even kill myself'".

There have been countless suicide attempts, and the last one took place in front of a Universal Church. At that time, Monique found support and was taken into the church. She, who already knew about the church, decided to give up her life – not to death, but the Lord Jesus. "I abandoned all my relationships and started ignoring those thoughts of death. I was freed from all traumas and hurt by attending deliverance meetings and seeking the Holy Spirit."

"Everything that oppressed me left my life when I met God," she says. Now, Monique says those thoughts of death no longer exist in her mind. She also no longer hears voices or sees figures, and her relationship with her parents has transformed. Happy, Monique is currently helping other young women overcome trauma as she

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## SAVE A YOUTH

**T**o aid in the development of young people, it is necessary to offer them resources and opportunities, as well as encourage good choices and protect them from the dangers that this world has to offer.

This is what the Youth Power Group (YPG) does. The group has been dedicated to bringing the Gospel to youths in a way that reaches them.

On Saturday, April 30th, youths from all around the United States and other countries gathered together for the "Save a Youth" event. The afternoon was filled with performances, competitions, and an all-around good time. Most importantly, young people shared their stories about how the YPG helped them and receive the opportunity to begin a new life with God as the event came to an end.

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## SUICIDE IS NOT THE ANSWER



Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/suicide/facts/index.html>

Is taking your own life the solution? Suicide cases have increased by 43% in the last ten years and there is no reason to explain why many give up on living.  
The data is alarming:

- Every 40 seconds a person takes their own life in the world.  
- More than 700,000 people commit suicide every year.  
What the experts say:  
Psychologist Lara Miranda,

explained that it is difficult to pinpoint a specific cause for suicide.  
"There is a factor called hopelessness involved, where the person has a negative view about

himself, about the world and about his future. So he stops believing that something good can happen," she highlighted.

What to do?  
If you feel hopeless and you think you have no solution for your problems, attend one of the meetings this Friday. See back page for locations.

Fernando says he had a simple childhood, but the affection of his family always surrounded him. At six, he moved to a different city due to respiratory problems.

After recovering from sickness, the family returned to their hometown in his teen years, and everyone's life changed dramatically there. "I started using drugs and hanging out with the wrong people. I lived in clubs and drank until I passed out. I had relationships with several women, and those who called themselves my friends only led me astray. I became a very stressed and explosive young man. I was always involved in fights and confusion."

Fernando says that he heard voices and saw shadows. He had no peace and tried to fill the void he felt with all the options available. Still, nothing helped: "I had several frustrating relationships. I was never happy in my love life. I got married and had many problems because I didn't respect my wife. I left her alone at home to drink with friends and do drugs. We fought every day; I verbally abused her and did everything I wanted without satisfying her."

That wrong life had severe consequences for Fernando's health. Despite being young, he had high blood pressure, heart arrhythmia, kidney problems, and two tumors, but things got worse. "When I thought I was already at rock bottom with two tumors, I couldn't take the pressure, had psychiatric problems, and went through hospitalizations. I lived on prescription drugs. Without the meds, I would go crazy and want to break the whole house down. There's a clinical report that says I was a risk to society. I carried a card, and if I happened to freak out on the street or take someone's life, with that card, I would be taken back to the psychiatric clinic and hospitalized."

And with each passing day, things got worse. Besides the

damage he caused to his marriage and his physical and mental health weakening, Fernando was in a car accident and fractured his spine and hip. He remembers what it was like at that time: "I took two tests and was considered physically disabled.

The doctor said I would be bedridden and classified me with a permanent disability. I couldn't support my leg on this side, and after being bedridden for six months, I had cartilage problems and leg thinning. I thought about suicide every day."

On one of his sleepless nights, he was watching a Universal Church program on TV when he heard a pastor talking about the valley of dry bones (Ezekiel 37). He explained that if a person used Faith, what was dead in his life would come to life again.

"I had nothing else to do, and all I thought about was suicide. The doctors disillusioned me, so I said: 'I'm going to the Universal Church. I will kill myself if something doesn't happen because it's my last door.'

On the first visit, when he heard about the power of Faith, he decided to dedicate himself to the chains of prayer. He started to fight a spiritual battle to achieve deliverance. "I manifested with evil spirits a few times, and the pastors and assistants followed up with me closely. The thoughts of giving up the fight and the voices saying that I wouldn't make it left me. I was set free from addictions and anguish and had my health fully restored."

"The blood pressure and heart returned to normal. I expelled the kidney stone, the psychiatric problems disappeared, and abandoned the medication. Even the leg recovered. Using Faith, the head tumor was gone, and doctors removed the breast tumor in surgery," he reveals. He tells how he is today: "I have a healthy mind, and I live a good life."



**Today I am an athlete, I practice martial arts and I have a normal life. My marriage was restored, we live in harmony, and we seek God as a family." Of all the conquests, he says that the greatest was the Holy Spirit, which gives him the certainty that he will never be the uncontrolled man of the past.**

## I TOOK A BLADE AND STARTED CUTTING MY ARMS AND LEG...

Daniele had a childhood that was considered normal for everyone, but she grew up with complexes and internal problems because of the family conflicts she witnessed daily. "As a child, I played a lot, but I was a very sad child because I saw so many fights between my parents. Often, during fights, I would try to separate them and end up getting beaten up too," she recalls.

At the age of 15, Daniele began to have health problems, which also triggered other internal conflicts. "I had a lot of health problems, and I had to take tranquilizers that made me sleep a lot. As it was a lot of work for my parents, I started to cut myself. I thought they didn't like me," she says.

Spiritual problems arose and got worse. "I had no peace to sleep. I often saw shadows, had sleep paralysis, and heard people calling my name, but I didn't see anyone."

Daniele always resorted to some ways to forget about sadness, frustrations, and feelings of rejection. She once felt wronged by the aggressive attitudes her mother had towards her. So she resorted to self-harm again. "As soon as I entered the house, I took a blade and started making deep cuts on my arms and leg and I took strong medicine to attempt suicide, which caused serious problems", she details.

The problems in Daniele's life only increased and suffocated her more and more. "I started fainting consecutively. The doctors were never able to say what it really was, they just said that they were emotional and normal problems for my age. I went through that for two years."

Although she tried to alleviate what she felt, the situation only got worse.

"When I was 18, I met a boy, who became my husband, to try to fill the void, but he was so big that I also resorted to drinking, drugs, and, above all, the hookah. One day, after many fights, we went to a friend's house and witnessed witchcraft done by one of the people who were there. It was horrible. The worst night of my entire life."

After that scene, Daniele remembered an invitation she had once received from her brother to go to the Universal Church. "It was all new to me, but somehow I knew I needed a change in my life. Even though I didn't really believe it, I went. And the transformation happened."



**Today, Daniele's life got transformed. "I am happy, fulfilled, and healthy. I have peace, and I am complete in my love life. God changed everything in my life. He healed me and saved me," she concludes.**

On Sundays, we have strong prayers against depression. You don't have to learn to live with depression as though it's a life sentence. The power of God can transform a person's life so that depression can become part of a person's past.

**GREAT EVENT**  
**CRUSADE OF FAITH AND MIRACLES**  
EVERY SUNDAY AT 10 AM

**AMC THEATRES**  
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## Sunday of Complete Joy at AMC Theater



out on the disciples and followers of the Lord Jesus. Bishop Macedo explained that the Kingdom of Heaven would be inaugurated within those who received Him from that day on.

**O**n Sunday, May 1st, Jesus' promise came true to those present at the event. The crowd went with an expectation that their lives would change by the power of the Holy Spirit. It's written: "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8 .

The Holy Spirit transformed many lives, and your life can change, too.

Bishop Edir Macedo ministered the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit to all who participated in the Fast of Complete Joy directly from Jerusalem.

Repeating what happened on the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was poured

The Bishop said, "He made the promise to his disciples and all who followed Him. He told them to wait in Jerusalem. Even if you are not in Israel, when you joined the Fast of Complete Joy, sought the Holy Spirit, surrendered, and offered your life to the Lord Jesus during these 21 days, you were also waiting in Jerusalem, just like them", he clarified.

We also had strong prayers against depression, prayer for healing, and family.

This Great Crusade of Faith and Miracles happens every Sunday at AMC Theater in Harlem.

## W E E K L Y S C H E D U L E

### MONDAY



#### STRONG NATION

LEARN THE SECRETS TO OVERCOME FINANCIALLY. RECEIVE DIRECTION TO GROW AND BECOME A SUCCESSFUL PERSON.

### TUESDAY



#### PRAYER FOR HEALING

RECEIVE PRAYER FOR YOUR PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND SPIRITUAL WELL-BEING.

7AM, 10AM, 4PM & 7PM

### WEDNESDAY



#### NIGHT OF SALVATION

ANY GOOD RELATIONSHIP REQUIRES COMMUNICATION, AND WITH GOD, IT IS NO DIFFERENT. A MEETING WILL BE HELD FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO INVEST IN A GENUINE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

7AM, 10AM, 4PM & 7PM

### THURSDAY

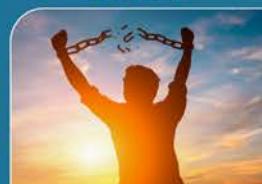


#### THE LOVE THERAPY

WHETHER YOU ARE SINGLE, DATING, HAPPILY MARRIED, STRUGGLING IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP, DIVORCED OR WIDOWED, REGARDLESS OF YOUR CURRENT SITUATION. THE LOVE THERAPY IS FOR YOU.

7AM, 10AM, 4PM & 7PM

### FRIDAY



#### DELIVERANCE

RECEIVE PRAYERS FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL FREEDOM AND LEARN TO OVERCOME PROBLEMS SUCH AS NEGATIVITY, ANGER, CONSTANT FEAR, INABILITY TO REST, SELF-HARM TENDENCIES, LACK OF MOTIVATION FOR LIFE, SUICIDAL THOUGHTS, AMONG MANY OTHERS.

7AM, 10AM, 4PM & 7PM

### SATURDAY



#### IMPOSSIBLE CASES

ARE YOU FACING A SITUATION THAT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE TO SOLVE? IT DOESN'T MATTER THE LENGTH OF TIME THAT YOU HAVE SPENT FIGHTING FOR YOUR DREAM, BECAUSE YOU CAN STILL CONQUER IT. JOIN US AND FIGHT TO ACHIEVE WHAT SEEKS TO BE IMPOSSIBLE IN YOUR LIFE.

8AM & 12PM

### SUNDAY



#### GATHERING OF FAITH & MIRACLES

THE DAY TO BLESS YOUR FAMILY AND ALL THE OTHER AREAS OF YOUR LIFE. THESE MEETINGS AIM TO HELP PEOPLE CONNECT WITH GOD, TO EMPOWER PEOPLE AND TEACH THEM HOW TO USE THEIR FAITH TO ACHIEVE WHAT THEY WANT IN THEIR LIVES.

7AM, 10AM, 3PM & 6PM



## UNIVERSAL BEYOND BARS (UBB) Nationwide Schedule

\*Scheduling may vary depending on local changes

### TEXAS

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

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

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

Thursday's:  
Crain Unit- 3PM  
Hilltop Unit- 2PM

Friday's:  
Luther Unit- 10AM  
Darrington/Memorial Unit- 3PM

Saturday's:  
Jester Unit, every 1st Saturday of the month @ 1PM.

\* Note: Ferguson Unit, please speak to your Chaplain for the UBB course schedule.

### FLORIDA

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

### CALIFORNIA

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

### HAWAII

Tuesday's:  
Halawa Correctional Facility- 7PM

Wednesday's:  
Halawa Correctional Facility- 11:30AM- 1PM

\* If you do not see your unit on the UBB schedule yet, do not worry. There is still an opportunity for you to keep in touch with the UBB (Universal Beyond Bars) by sending your letter to Bishop Joshua at:

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

You can be sure 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.

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Houston, TX 77074



## **WHO TOLD YOU SUICIDE WAS THE ONLY WAY OUT?**

Many have believed that suicide would be the "end" of their suffering over the years. If they only knew how much of a lie that is. I'm going to let you in on a secret, and if you think with me, you will realize that it's not that you want to die. There's a thin line between there called problems. You want your problems to die, but because you have been dragging them on for so long, you feel like there's no point in trying, so what happens now?

You no longer want to wake up in the morning. You want to stay locked away, become demotivated, and stop caring about yourself. The thoughts come, "Maybe everyone would be better off without me..." it all piles up. It's like a burden on your shoulders that never seems to disappear, and then finally, "I should just end it all." STOP, you don't have to end it all, but you can put an END to your problems, your LIFE matters!

You do not need to die to kill the challenges you face. The problem is that you haven't searched for the One who can take it away from you, and maybe as you read this, you think to yourself, "here we go again with the Jesus thing," but let me ask you something, you have tried everything else and still feel this way, so why not give Him a try? Look what the Word says,

**"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you; Before you were born, I sanctified (separated) you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations." Jeremiah 1:5**

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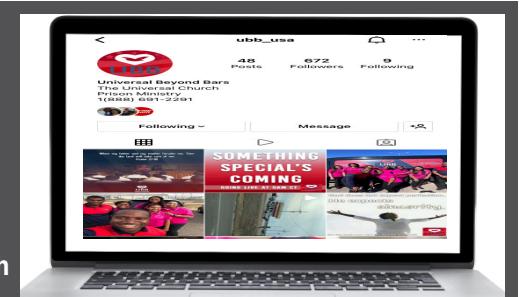
**"AND YOU WILL SEEK ME AND FIND ME, WHEN YOU SEARCH FOR ME WITH ALL YOUR HEART." JEREMIAH 29:13**

I want to know...  
**I S T H E R E  
A N O T H E R  
O P T I O N?**

Furthermore, He chose YOU and already gave YOU that "go ahead" to be authoritative of nations. That sounds like a pretty meaningful life, but you must be willing to exchange that miserable, filthy, and beaten life so He can give you the life that He promised.

God was not and is NOT the cause of your problems. There is good and evil, God and the devil, and he is the cause of every problem you have faced until now. God is waiting for you to go to Him and lay down those burdens, lay down the scars that have built up over the years, and give Him your life so HE can give you a new one.

God is only asking you for ONE chance. Don't you think it's time to let Him enter your life? You have given so many opportunities to drugs, alcohol, bad relationships, and the list goes on. Don't you think you owe it to yourself to try one last thing? Something that won't cause you pain but give you an actual purpose? You matter, and your life matters; every morning you wake up, it's a new opportunity to try something new. The choice is in your hands.





## UNIVERSAL BEYOND BARS

*You are not alone*



## THAT VOICE IN THE SILENCE SAYING:

## JUST END IT ALL

The earliest memory of my parents was constant fighting. My father would beat up my mother. I remember him taking the utensils of the kitchen and using that to beat my mother; he would stab her with forks, tie her with belts and whip her constantly. Imagine being a little child looking through the door's crack and seeing your father beating your mother miserably.

There were moments when my mom would get angry and remember something about my father, and she would take her anger out on me and beat me horribly. I couldn't understand because I hadn't done anything wrong to my parents. My existence was an issue within their marriage. I looked so much like my father, and it was an outrage for my mother even to see me.

The situation got so bad that my mother and I had to run away from my father, and we ended up moving to the U.K. I thought to myself, "Okay, this is the chance for my mother and me to have a better relationship."

I never received love from my mom. When my mom would arrive to get me from school, you would think that I was not her child because of how distant she was towards me. She wouldn't even smile at me, and the relationship was cold. It was the opposite. My mother changed; she started saying things to me that a child should never have to hear from a parent.

I grew up being very insecure, and because of that, people had to tell me I was beautiful. I wanted to hear how special I was, I needed love, so I decided to look in other places.



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I began to look in the wrong places for satisfaction; it started with drinking and smoking, and I even lost my virginity at a young age and got pregnant at the age of 14. It made the situation between my mother and me much worse. That situation made the hope that I had for my mother ever to love me go out of the window. I just wanted to end it all.

By the age of 16, I got into another relationship which resulted in me getting pregnant for the second time. At this time, I made sure that my mom did not know anything about this one, and I terminated the pregnancy.

The first time I went to prison I was in foreign country. I met the wrong crowds, and things kept getting worse. I was digging a never-ending hole for myself. I got locked up in Sypris. After being released, I was sure that I would change my life and do better for myself, go to school and make peace with my mother. As soon as I got back to my mother's house, the situation repeated itself.

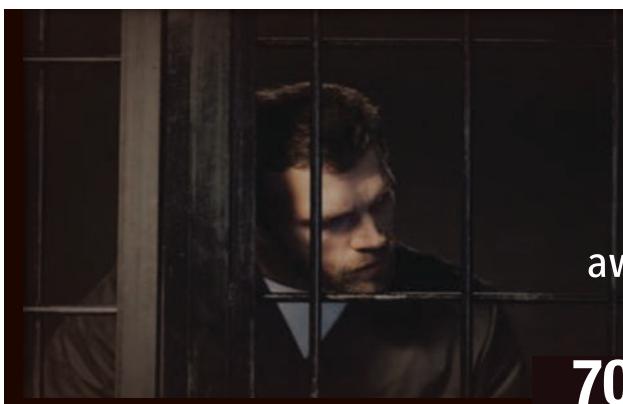
My mother mistreated me, and there was too much conflict. I realized that the only time we had "peace" was when I would give my mother money, and for me having that "relationship" was better than not having one at all.

I had been transporting drugs from Brazil to Belgium. The money I made was from trafficking drugs, and it was only eight months after the first release I was caught again in Switzerland. As soon as I got out of prison, the first thought I had was that NOW I would change, but a rush of sadness came over me when the plane landed. I started drinking heavily to cope, and my mother became so fed up with me that she said, "either you leave my house or come with me to church."

I was in shock but decided to go. As soon as I walked through the doors of the Universal Church, I had peace, and it was unbelievable. All the negative voices stopped, and the more I came, I saw changes in my character. I wanted to know God more with time, and I started to seek Him until I received peace. I let go of the old "friends" and stopped drinking and smoking. I am happy today.



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## DRUGS, HOSPITALS AND SUICIDE... THIS WAS HIS LIFE



If I hadn't met the Lord Jesus, I might have been in prison too or dead from an overdose or suicide.

**J**efferson lost his dignity, my respect, and my family. Until I grew up watching his stepfather attack his mother. "When I was eight years old, I wanted to kill my stepfather with a knife," he recalls. At the age of 14, he entered the world of drugs and criminal activity. "In addition to being a user, I started to traffic. I started doing small thefts and robberies in stores, neighbors, and even inside my own house. And so it went until I hit rock bottom: when

**And it was those words that encouraged me to try to take my own life inside a psychiatric clinic by hanging myself with a sheet."**

I started using cocaine. I snorted almost 20 grams a night." Gradually, the addiction destroyed the rest of Jefferson's life. "It took away my

He remembers that, at the time, other inmates helped him by tying him to a bed.

This life of addictions, psychiatric problems, and the desire to commit suicide followed him until he was 24 years old.

"That's when I remembered the Universal church from a friend who used drugs with me." He remembers that one Sunday, he decided to go to church. It was not the first time he went because he had already attended the Universal church when he was younger. "I took the purposes and didn't fulfill them, and my life was always hell. But this time, I remembered that when I obeyed God, I got results."

So Jefferson decided to do something different and started a purpose with God for his healing. It didn't take long for the young man to give way to the man born of God. Change

happened from the inside out. He obeyed what came from the Altar, abandoned what was wrong, and committed himself to receive the Spirit of God. "I was freed of addiction and, after being freed, I received the Holy Spirit, and He came to give me life. It was He who gave me back my self-esteem, health, and will to live." Jefferson celebrates the results:

**"Today I have my company in the construction industry, with employees, and wherever I go, people praise my work. I received life and, above all, peace".**

If Jefferson had not chosen the path of Faith, what would have become of him? He says: the boy who invited me did not stay with God and is now in prison. If I hadn't met the Lord Jesus, I might have been in jail, too, or dead from an overdose or suicide."

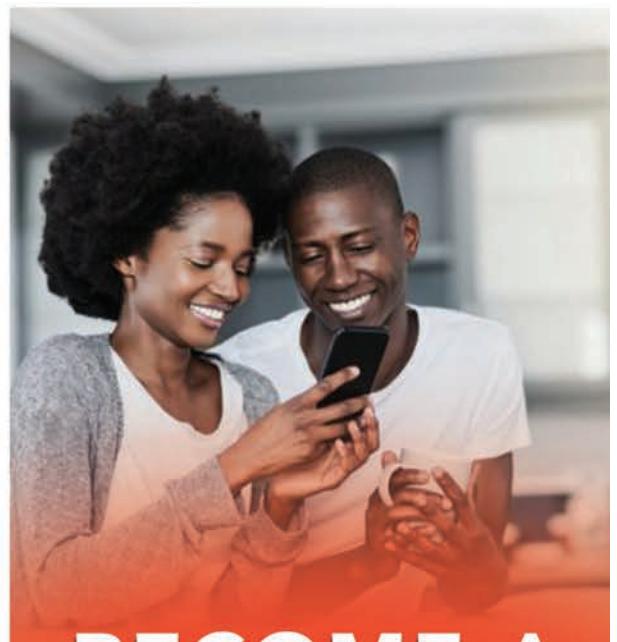
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