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## WHAT IF YOU HAD A CHANCE TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE?



RIGHT PLACE  
=  
HAPPINESS

WRONG PLACE  
=  
SUFFERING



**THEY CHOSE THE RIGHT PLACE, AND CHANGED THEIR LIVES**  
(Read inside)



MOUNT  
**CARMEL**  
THE ALTAR OF DECISION

Join the Campaign  
of Israel on Mount  
Carmel today

SHOWDOWN OF  
**FAITH**

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Monday-Friday  
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with Bishop Joshua



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## ELIJAH WANTED MORE...



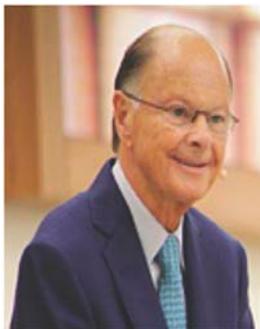
**W**ho forced Elijah to challenge the prophets of Baal, and offer a sacrifice on Mount Carmel?

Who forced the people who've been giving testimonies to put everything on the Altar?

They heard the Voice of God, and had to decide: obey or ignore.

"And it came to pass after many days that the word of the Lord came to Elijah, in the third year, saying, "Go, present yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the earth." 1 Kings 18.1

God only told Elijah to present himself to Ahab and that it would rain. But Elijah wanted more. His revolt against everything that was happening in Israel forced him to a challenge, madness of faith.



It would be great for everyone if it rained, however, the spiritual corruption, blindness, the division

Bishop Edir Macedo

of faith, everything would continue as it always did. Elijah wanted more!

The order was to go to Ahab and announce the rain. Elijah went for all or nothing. Because he wanted more, he did more! And God, who would pour down the blessing of rain, manifested Himself with fire.

If your life is not forcing you to a challenge, it's because you can still take it a little longer.

The Israel Challenge is for those who are revolted, those who can no longer take so much shame, humiliation, and despair in their soul.

If much more than a shower of blessings, you want the Fire of the Holy Spirit, take up this challenge of faith, all or nothing, life for life!

Those who were unbelievers, those who were between two thoughts, when they saw the fire, after the sacrifice and the prayer of Elijah, bowed and recognized that the Lord is the One True God. Those who persecute you today, mock your faith and call you crazy, will see the fire of the Altar and say: only the LORD IS GOD!

## CAMPAIGN OF ISRAEL ON MOUNT CARMEL

**W**hat is the Campaign of Israel at Mount Carmel?

Twice a year the Universal Church has a purpose of faith called the Campaign of Israel. It is a time where those who believe put their faith, and dependence a hundred percent on the Altar of God to transform their lives.

Mount Carmel is the place where prophet Elijah showed his total dependence on God, and was answered by Him in a miraculous way.

At the time, He was the only prophet of God left in all the land against 450 prophets of Baal. He decided to make a challenge with the prophets of Baal to show who was the one true God, and said, "You shall call on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD; and the God who answers by fire, He is God." 1 Kings 18: 24

After restoring the Altar of the Lord on the mountain, He prepared a sacrifice, and got down on knees and prayed. Through this act of

faith, not only fire came down to consume his sacrifice on the altar, but rain also came down from heaven that same day, after three and a half years of drought in the land bringing restoration to the whole nation

Perhaps there has been something prolonged in your life, or a situation that requires a complete restoration. Make a decision today, restore your altar. It means, leaving sin behind, and taking actions of courage and faith, just as Elijah did in defying the prophets of Baal. Whatever your petition may be, visit the Universal Church nearest you, and request an envelope to join this special purpose. Your request will be sent to the Mount Carmel, where there will be a cry of faith on your behalf by Bishops and Pastors.



## I BECAME A ZOMBIE AND REFUSED TO LEAVE THE HOUSE...



Paulett Bandeira

**I**lost my father when I was two years old. My mother worked very hard to support me and my sister; she would wake up early and came home late at night, but she was always too tired to give us the attention we needed. This had a negative effect on me as a small child, and as I grew older, I took refuge in friendships, and relationships to feel valued and wanted.

I turned into a needy person that always wanted attention. I played the victim in every situation. I would cry by myself all the time, and put myself down. I needed to feel liked by everyone. I would do anything to please my friends, and I didn't care about the consequences.

I was an emotional mess, and caused arguments with my mother. She didn't want me to date, but I'd still sneak out of the house to do what I wanted. I got into a relationship; however, it had many ups and downs. Within a year of being together, I had met his family, and he even proposed to me on Christmas Eve; I was 17 at the time. We had planned to finalize the engagement when he finished college. However, when he returned, the bride-to-be was not me. I discovered that he had gotten someone else pregnant—a girl who he had told me was only a friend, and that he was going to marry this girl!

I felt as if the ground beneath my feet had disappeared. My world collapsed. I didn't have words, or the energy to express how I felt. I just didn't want to let go. Because of all of this, I fell into a deep depression for about a year. I became a zombie, and refused to leave the house to go out with friends.

When I was seven years old, my mother used to take me to the UCKG with her, and I loved going. Sadly, my mom stopped attending. When a friend of mine invited me back to the Church, I was willing; I had been through so much, and all I wanted was to start again.

When the Campaign of Israel was announced, I participated in it to change my inner self. I didn't want to be the same Paulett. I prepared my vow, and did what I knew God was asking me to sacrifice. I was attending the Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday meetings to support my sacrifice, and to seek help from the One I knew could create that inner change. God took away all of my hurt, and the emptiness I had felt for so long, and replaced it with a new heart and mind. I think differently from how I did before, and I have a great peace inside of me that allows me to stay calm. I am no longer an attention-seeker, nor emotional and unstable.

I have also participated in the campaign for my studies and finances, as when I was depressed, it was as if my life had stopped. But I will soon be completing my MBA—Masters in Business Administration.

I am very happy with my life, and the way things have turned out now. My mom and I are now best friends. I have been doing much better since I came to the Church because it is where I found the One who made it possible to start again.

*So you shall serve the Lord your God,  
and He will bless your bread and  
your water. And I will take sickness  
away from the midst of you.*

*Exodus 23:25*

# MIRACLES EXIST

## “I WAS DIAGNOSED WITH CEREBRAL THROMBOSIS”

In July 2017 I started to experience severe headaches, a sensation of numbness in the tongue and on the right side of the body. I went to the hospital where various tests were done and then I was sent to a specialist, who found, through a CT scan of the skull, that I was suffering from cerebral thrombosis. **After three days in the hospital I was discharged but the situation only got worse. I didn't feel like taking a shower, I was afraid of dying electrocuted in the shower or even going out to the gate of the house.** One day I ended up watching a program of the Universal Church on TV and everything that was said was similar to my problems so I decided to attend the service and seek help from God. I started to go everyday, I started to drink the Spiritual Treatment water on Sundays. Day after day I noticed that I was not having Panic attacks nor severe headaches anymore. In 2018 I had more tests done and I was surprised with the CT scan results, I was healed. Today I have peace. - Grace



## “Free from marijuana and cigarettes addiction”

I was addicted to marijuana for 26 years and cigarettes for 18 years. I used to smoke marijuana the whole day and at least one pack of cigarettes. When I came to this ministry I started to drink the Water from the Spiritual Treatment and the more I drank it the less desire I had to use marijuana or smoke cigarettes. Today I am free, I have no desire to smoke and I thank God for it!

**Deiah, OK**



## I suffered from migraines since I was young.

I suffered from migraines headaches most of my life. I have been taking many medications during this whole time, but it never resolved my problem. Some weeks ago, I was invited to come to this ministry, and at first I didn't want to come because of the migraine. So I came to the service Sunday morning, and when I drank the Blessed Water during the prayer, all of a sudden it was like a heavy weight was lifted off me. I felt so much better and since then I haven't have any pain! -Sharrie, TX



**Learn to face your problems with faith!**  
Get your Blessed Water every Sunday at your nearest Universal Church



## THE SECRET TO HAVING GOD WITH YOU

As children, we quickly learned how to get things we wanted from our parents. They would even make ultimatums such as, "If you would like to go here, then you have to do this..." "If you would like this toy, then you have to behave in that way..." We soon learned that for our parents, good grades and good behavior equals rewards. The truth is that those things were our obligation. We benefit from getting good grades and having good behavior. Our parents cared for us, provided for us, wanted the best for us, and only asked for our obedience in return.

Perhaps you think to yourself that this wasn't your case. The picture-perfect family unit is not what you grew up with, but you do have Someone who cares for you. God, your heavenly Father does care, and He wants the best for you; however, He also needs obedience.

People often think, "God is not with me, look at my life." Unfortunately, this is a common misunderstanding that people have.

You see, for God to be with us, we first must be with Him. Just as in the example you read above, God wants to give the best to us, provide for us and care for us but He needs our obedience. When you are with God, He is with You.

*"... The LORD is with you while you are with Him. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you."*

**II Chronicles 15:2**

How can we be with God? Through obedience. God speaks to us through His Word. It shows us how we should serve Him and live for Him, and though at times

it may not be easy, we must remember that we are not alone. When God sees our effort to live according to His will, He takes care of us.

Maybe it has been hard for you to obey the things God has asked you to do and you have failed so much that you don't feel motivated to try. God hasn't given up on you, He is giving you another chance today. Get back on track, obey God, and reap the abundance He has in store for you.

| 07 2022 JULY BIBLE READING |            |            |            |            |            |            |
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## I HAD 4 KINDS OF CANCER 67 Pills a day could not help

I woke up one day with a headache and I decided to go the hospital, but they told me to go home because it was just a migraine. The next day, there was a swelling on the side of my face, and I decided to go back to the hospital. After doing the test, they said that I had cancer. I went back for tests the second time and they found that I had lymphoma in my blood and with that, they said I have breast cancer and ovarian cancer. I was diagnosed with 4 types of cancer, and I started treatment. I was put

on chemotherapy, and I had to go back every six months for tests. When I went back to do the test, they said all my white blood cells were gone and there was nothing that they could do. They said the only thing they could do is to make me comfortable, but they said there was no guarantee that I would live. I was taking 67 pills a day; my house was like a pharmacy.

I could not think of anything else but my death so, I started working even harder so I may raise funds for my funeral and also, to leave for my children after my death. One day, on my way to do chemo, a voice said to me that it is better to die than to make every one suffers because of my sickness. I stopped the car at the bridge with the intention to throw myself down and end it all. Accidentally, I touched something, and my radio came on and it was the from the Universal Church and the pastor was like speaking directly to me. I decided to go straight to the church and on that Sunday, the pastor was speaking about the Campaign of Israel. Even though I didn't understand it well, I took it as



a chance to change my life.

I went to the bank and took out everything that I had which I was saving for my funeral which was a total of \$14,000. That was the best decision that I made, after placing the sacrifice on the altar, I went back to my doctor. He did another test and he thought there was something wrong with the results. He told me to go back to do another test and everything was well, there was nothing wrong in my blood, all the cancers were gone. I was supposed to do a surgery to remove my breast but, they didn't need to do the surgery because I was completely healed from all the cancers in my body. The campaign of Israel completely changed my life.

Maria's Story



**What is faith?  
Does everyone have it?  
And, just how important  
is it?**

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faith and start a new chapter  
in your life

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# HE HAD TWO OVERDOSES AND A SUICIDE ATTEMPT

One day, when I said I was leaving home, I took everything we had: furniture, freezer, refrigerator, television, bed, sold it and sacrificed it on the Altar, asking for my freedom", Roger remembers. That weekend, my husband

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**He had two overdoses and started getting disfigured. At 5'10, he weighed only 99 pounds.**

went to the barbershop to get high. "I asked God for help with all my strength. Then I tried to

light up, but it mysteriously fell apart; when I went to use cocaine – it sounds funny to say – I didn't snort it right. I managed to light a rock of crack, but when I inhaled, it had no effect."

Silvania says that two days later, Roger returned home asking for forgiveness: "The first sign of his freedom that I noticed was seeing that; even without the drugs in his system, there was no convulsion or nervousness. He also applied to get a job at the factory where our daughter worked. Our



Roger After



daughter was a little scared, but decided to talk to her boss who told her: 'I believe that God can change him'. So, he started working at the factory and doing haircuts on weekends."

Roger decided to sacrifice the barbershop, and a car on the Altar for himself. Today he holds a law degree, and his family is restored. "I was a slave to drugs, and a slave has no voice, no authority, no

right, and that's how I felt. I thought it would be impossible to live without drugs, but given everything I've learned, I say that addiction has a cure. Today, I no longer have any desire for drugs. I go to the places where I would use drugs to help people who suffer as I suffered. I feel disgusted by drugs actually, because I know that addiction is an evil spirit that can be uprooted by Faith."

Married and a father, I had a barber shop which I used to support my family. I had been a member of Universal Church since I was 16, but little by little, I was moving away from the presence of God. "Even after getting married, and having a daughter, I wanted to live a single life. Roger tried to return to the presence of God several times, but he ended up throwing it all away."

I was already drinking when he decided to try marijuana. "One drug leads to another. I used drugs at the barbershop, and became addicted. I used everything at the same time: alcohol, marijuana, crack, cocaine, etc. The barbershop was more closed than open, and

and friends and customers stopped coming. I started stealing money from my wife and daughter to support the addiction." I had two overdoses, and started getting disfigured. At 5'10, I weighed only 99 pounds.

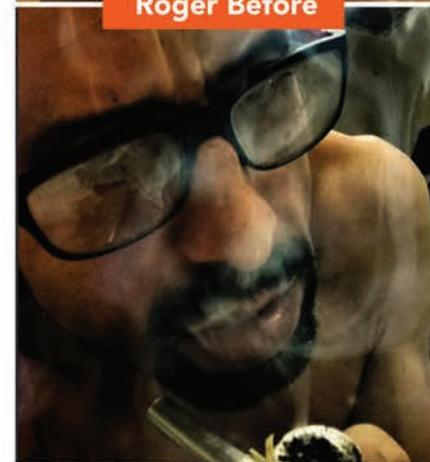
**"I once jumped from the third floor of my house just to go use drugs, then spent three days sleeping. I tried committing suicide: I took an anti-anxiety medication with several drugs, and passed out.**

My wife, Silvania found me, and asked neighbors to help. I had to have my stomach pumped in the hospital," he says.

Silvania, understood that she would have to fight in another way. "She participated in the



Roger Before



## CALEB GROUP BRINGING AWARENESS AGAINST ELDERLY ABUSE

The Caleb group of the Universal church is made up of the elders of the church. Its recent event, "Caleb Group bringing awareness against elderly abuse," turned out to be a huge success. Many members of the community reported that this initiative was the first of its



Harlem, NY



California



Brooklyn, NY



Oklahoma

kind and that seniors are the most vulnerable with respect to crimes and abuse. The group provided pamphlets containing information on signs, and types of abuse, the appropriate steps to be taken to service the abused senior, and telephone numbers including that of the 24-Hour reporting hotline. Caleb members reported that they would like to contribute more to this cause, and to the work of God. This new venture will desensitize the false perceptions of the elderly, and open the lines of communication between seniors, their family and caretakers, and the general public.



## "I WAS IN A WORSE STATE, JUST LIKE MY FATHER..."

**G**rowing up, Loncler's father was his model, therefore, everything his father would do, he would want to do. "He was my reference, I would see him cheat, attack my mother and sisters, and over time, I started to have the same behavior."

My situation worsened after the death of my father. After his passing, it felt like everything bad that was in my father was transferred to me in a worse form. "I would attack, and mistreat people. Eventually, I became so atrocious that I joined a gang, and I started to have rivals on the streets. I had to carry a gun to protect myself. It was my family who suffered more from this. People wanted to kill me, and stoned my mother's house. I would use drugs, sell my body into prostitution, and I couldn't keep a job for long. I had no dignity. I had no prospect for a future. I would have terrible nightmares. I had no peace, and was afraid to die.

However, I knew I couldn't be happy if I had to continue living, and behaving in such manner. As if my situations couldn't get worse; I found out that my girlfriend betrayed me. After her betrayal, I began partying every night that I had to be hospitalized. "There, I decided that I didn't want that life anymore because I realized that I had achieved nothing."

My mother was already attending the Universal Church, and the way she treated me caught my attention. Seeing how God had transformed

my mother's life, it didn't take long when she invited me to come with her to the church. After recognizing how much misfortunes that was happening in my life, I needed Him. That's when I decided to attend a meeting. At the time, there was the Campaign of Israel. "The Bishop explained that the sacrifice should be for the spiritual life. I saw that it was as if a portal had opened on the Altar. It was my opportunity to get God's attention." I wanted to be completely free from my old self, and I knew that for that to happen, the sacrifice had to be much more than a monetary offering placed on the Altar. With each sacrifice, I received the strength to renounce even more my desires, friendships, addictions, and everything that kept me away from God. "Many changes had already taken place, but the Holy Spirit, and the character of God were missing. That's when I turned completely to spiritual things." Nurturing within myself the desire to bring people the faith, and do God's will in any circumstance, I received the greatest of all gifts: The Holy Spirit.

"Afterwards, I faced many struggles, and persecutions, but I was able to overcome everything because God's Spirit was with me.

**"THE**  
**Today, I'm married, we serve**  
**God. It has been two years since**  
**I left my seven-year job, and**  
**we have started our business."**  
**The secret is to be willing to**  
**sacrifice what pleases God, even**  
**if it displeases people, and even**  
**yourself.**

**A** new life seems very far away for many people who, used to what they are living, swallow the pain that rips through their chests. In this sense, they see what they call faith being undermined and, increasingly, they are cloistered in a reality of problems where answers seem absent and frustrations are always more present.

In the times of the prophet Elijah, the people of Israel were also lost in their choices, and a great spiritual insanity took hold of those who, one day, enjoyed so many experiences with God.

Then you call on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the Lord; and the God who answers by fire, He is God." 1 Kings 18:24

This challenge is done at the Altar. The Bible shows the Altar as the place that represents God's Covenant with men. By definition, Altar is a high place where you present your sacrifice. It is also a place of surrender, of decision, where we place our dependence on God.

If you want to know more about the Campaign of Israel, visit the Universal Church near you or call us at 1-888-332-4141.

| W E E K L Y S  |  |   |   |
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| <p><b>MONDAY</b></p> <p><b>STRONG NATION</b></p> <p>LEARN THE SECRETS TO OVERCOME FINANCIALLY. RECEIVE DIRECTION TO GROW AND BECOME A SUCCESSFUL PERSON.</p> <p>7AM, 10AM, 4PM &amp; 7PM</p> | <p><b>TUESDAY</b></p> <p><b>PRAYER FOR HEALING</b></p> <p>RECEIVE PRAYER FOR YOUR PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND SPIRITUAL WELL-BEING.</p> <p>7AM, 10AM, 4PM &amp; 7PM</p> | <p><b>WEDNESDAY</b></p> <p><b>NIGHT OF SALVATION</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>7AM, 10AM, 4PM &amp; 7PM</p> | <p><b>THURSDAY</b></p> <p><b>THE LOVE THERAPY</b></p> <p>WHETHER YOU ARE SINGLE, DIVORCED, WIDOWED, OR STRUGGLING IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP, RECEIVE THE LOVE THERAPY.</p> <p>7AM, 10AM, 4PM &amp; 7PM</p> |

# "MY HUSBAND TORTMENTED ME BECAUSE OF MY FAITH, HE CHEATED ON ME AND HE HAD ADDICTIONS..."



E dna says that she faced poverty since childhood: "My mother ran away from home to marry my father, and the two came to live in a different town. Then my father abandoned us. We lived in one room, in which we shared the bathroom with other people. I always saw shadows. My mother gave me to a family who babysat me when I was 9 years old because of the difficulties that we were going through."

I had lived through many humiliations, and mistreatments. The family that took me in had a video store that I used to work. However, I was accused of stealing food in the house that I was sent back to live with my mother. It wasn't long after having arrived at my mother's house, I got involved with a classmate and we decided to get married. I was unintentionally repeating my mother's story."

My husband and I went to live in a shack, and the marriage was full of conflicts.

"I found out he was addicted to marijuana. We were fine for three days, and the rest we fought. My daughter was hungry and I was desperate because I got pregnant again. When I got divorced,

I got a job, and was able to move to a better place. I got involved with a married man, but I didn't know his situation. Only later, I met my current husband."

The owner of the store where I worked asked if I wanted to take over the business, and I accepted it. "I used my name to carry the debts. As the suppliers knew me, it was easy for me to obtain credit, but they reached more than \$34,000. I even received death threats. My husband drank, and I also started drinking. Also, I found out that he was cheating on me."

I invited my friend Iraildes to help her in the business. "I didn't even know she was from the Universal Church, and she was evangelizing me. She invited us to a wedding, and I looked like a prostitute, but I was treated well. I remember the peace I felt."

I began to participate in the Campaign of Israel,

and chains of prayer. "At first, I asked God to take me out of that torment. I sought God only out of necessity, and managed to pay my debts." "My husband tormented me about my faith, but I didn't give up. When I understood what God wanted from me, I spared nothing. If before, I spent

on clubs and drinks, why wouldn't I attend to God? That's when I received the Holy Spirit."

I made a pledge at the Altar. "The hardest part was giving up my desires, but since then, our lives have been full of achievements."



**My whole family is in the Presence of God. We have several stores, a beach house, cars, and a spice factory, but in addition to everything we have obtained, we have God."**

## C H E D U L E

**DAY**

**THERAPY**

ING, HAPPILY MARRIED, ONSHIP, DIVORCED OR R CURRENT SITUATION, IS FOR YOU.

6 & 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 SEEMS 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

## My Life in Exchange

# FOR GOD'S LIFE



One of the most used sentences by Christians is usually something to do with trusting in God. We've all said to a friend who was going through a problem: "You need to trust that God will guide you through this." Or we said to our pastor: "I'm trusting God to solve this problem." And we could probably give you more variations of these sentences that we say to ourselves, or loved ones on a daily basis.

**BUT DO WE REALLY TRUST IN GOD? OUR IMMEDIATE REACTION IS TO SAY THAT WE DO. BUT DO WE REALLY?**

Think about the last time that you were faced with a challenging situation and try to remember what you did... Psalm 46:10 tells us: **"Be still, and know that I am God;"** I don't know about you, but when an unexpected problem comes from left field, the last thing on my mind is to be still.

We usually pace up and down the room, we start calling our friends for advice on what to do and of course, when all else fails, turn to Google...

When we are facing a problem that we don't have a solution for, at some point we will need to take action. But before we do, if we really trust in God, we have to learn to stay still and ask Him to show us what to do, while being at peace within, because He looks after us.

This is one of the most difficult things to do, because trusting in God means handing over control of your life to God and understanding that He

knows what is best for you, even if you don't think you should be facing that situation. It may sound beautiful to say that we always trust God, but we need to be honest with ourselves. Do we really trust Him, or do we start to panic and try to solve things by ourselves? There's nothing better than honesty, and it's even better when this honesty is with none other than ourselves.

How many problems have we made worse, all because instead of trusting in God to show us what to do, we acted without thinking and made a bad situation worse? Perhaps if we'd

taken a moment to say a prayer and waited a little while for God to show us what to do, not only would the problem have been solved, but we would have seen His hand rescuing us, like a father always does for his children.

**Be honest with yourself, and if you weren't truly trusting Him, start doing so today.**

Next time you are unexpectedly faced with a problem, remember: "Be still, and know that I am God," Psalm 46:10

### Who am I?

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### 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.

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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:

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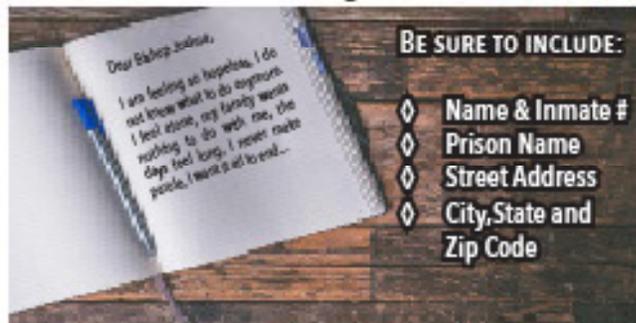
You can be sure tat Bishop Joshua will read and respond to your letter. He may also attach a Bible Study to it so that you can keep your mind focused on something positive, and stop thinking on the negative things.

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# UNIVERSAL BEYOND BARS

*YOU ARE NOT ALONE*

## THE DESIRE TO GET RICH CAUSED ME TO LOSE MY FREEDOM

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**M** My name is Marcia, and as long as I can remember, my mind was always thinking about riches. I would be asked, "What do you want to be Marcia?" I didn't want a career, I just wanted to be rich and that's it. I was involved with very powerful people, and I entered a situation of fraud, and those I was working with at the time used my name.

I lived, and made my dreams to have the most amazing car, but it was only appearance to try and get the attention of others. I did many surgeries to my body, and many people saw me, and wanted the same, but I did not have peace.

When it was time for me to collect what I thought would be my portion, I discovered that nothing offered to me existed; I had a lot of penalties against me. One day, when I was leaving my home to meet my son at the bank, on my way to the car there was a police officer that looked at me, and said, "**Are you Ms. Marcia?**" and I said, "**Yes**" and the officer said for me to accompany him to the police station where I was detained.

**"My days were so dark and gray, while I was behind bars. Life was meaningless..."**



I arrived and I felt sadness, I was missing my family, the comfort I had because my husband never allowed me to lack anything. After 4 months I received a conditional release, but the problems continued.

I got pregnant with my second child which was my daughter. One day, when my daughter was three months old, I was with her in the bank, and got arrested. I had breached one of my conditions. This time was different than the first because now I had a daughter that needed me. After a week being in prison, I called my husband, and he told me they said for us to end with the marriage because I would be in prison for a long time.

I waited every day to wake up and be able to leave. While in prison, I became depressed. One day I saw the pastor from the UBB in the prison, and I got one of the books they had, "Nothing to Lose." When I read this book, and learned that the bishop went to prison and was supported by God, I said to myself, "I can be supported too!" Every day I asked God to release me.

One night while everyone was sleeping I said to God, "**I do not want to live,**" while looking around the room to see if there was something I could use to end my life, but there was nothing. I told God, "**If You are really powerful than you will not allow me to wake up tomorrow morning, take my life because there is nothing else I can do to help myself.**"

I looked over at the television and saw the program of Bishop, and he said, "**You who are saying your life has no meaning, and you do not want to live. God is speaking to you, and you are important to Him!**"

In that moment I stood up, and went in front of the TV, and thought to myself in disbelief, "**Did my mother call the TV program and tell this Bishop my Business?**" Because everything he spoke I was going through it. The Bishop said, "**Get a cup of water and**

**pray with me, and if you really want to change, then you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit now."**

I believed and said to God, "**Everything that I have believed, I don't care anymore. I just want to be Happy.**" That night in the prison cell, I was baptized with the Holy Spirit. I knew God, the power He had, and I knew His greatness.



**Marcia and her family today.**

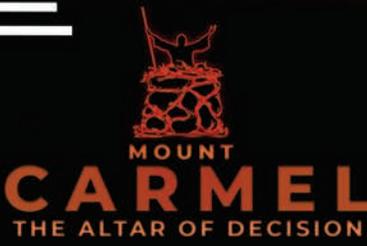
In prison, I started to share the word of God while serving my sentence, and my time finally came to be released. As soon as I left prison, I went straight to the Universal Church. Today, my life is completely transformed; I have trust from my children; I have my own salon now.

I am no longer involved with corrupt people; I am not looking for riches to fulfill me; now I am fulfilled by helping other women who are going through what I went through. I need only one thing: the Holy Spirit. He is the greatest riches I have found. There is no love that compares to the love, and true happiness of the Holy Spirit. I would not trade Him for anything in this life.



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with Pastor Diego

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# WE SHARED ONE BATHROOM WITH OTHER FAMILIES AND LIVED IN HUNGER

Aretuza had a poor childhood: "My father was an alcoholic, and couldn't hold a job. My mother, who worked as a maid, could not afford the rent, water, electricity, or five children. The house was a tenement where all the families used the same bathroom. We were constantly being kicked out, and when the water was cut off, we waited for it to rain to fill buckets." I went to school at age 7. "There was lunch there, and I ate a lot because there was no dinner at home." My brother worked as a ball catcher on a tennis court and, at the end of the day, asked for leftover food and said it was for the dog. "We didn't have a dog. I separated those leftovers for us to eat. We didn't have a fridge. It was a miserable situation, and my stomach ached with hunger. I ate a lot of flour

with water. It had seemed that misery smelled because nobody at school wanted to be around us."

I used to go to an aunt's house, and that's how I found out about Universal Church. "I left amazed. When I got back home, I looked for the Church in my city. That's where I met my husband, and we got married. We went to live in an apartment, and later, I financed a house. I took a manicure course to help with expenses. I got pregnant after a few years of being married." A life full of restrictions continued. "My husband had extra jobs; my mother, even in a bad situation, helped me by buying milk, diapers, and sending me clothes. I started to get angry. I thought my daughter would have the same childhood I had." Even though she has been attending the Universal Church for years, she says



**"We were constantly being kicked out, and when the water was cut off, we waited for it to rain to fill buckets."**

that she had never participated in a Campaign. "When I listened to people sharing what God had done in their lives, I thought, 'Is it true?' It seemed like magic. I thought if I made a sacrifice I would be kicked out like my mother. I was afraid to participate, and do it wrong, but by the time the campaign was over, I knew I had passed up the opportunity to find out if it worked."

Aretuza heard the testimony that made her Faith awake, and she made a vow on the Altar. "I left different, strong. It was late December when I decided to do the campaign. Everything I

earned doing nails, I put into my sacrifice. I found extra things to do to earn money, and I put everything in my envelope. After placing my sacrifice on the Altar, I came across a closed condominium. It was a beautiful place, but the realtor said it wasn't for us, that we couldn't afford it. I didn't accept that. I went back another day, and got the owner's contact. I told him that I liked the land, but that I didn't have the money. Inexplicably, the owner proposed that I build the house, and pay the price later. The math didn't add up. I paid workmen, hired an architect, bought what I needed, and put the

project in several real estate companies. A buyer showed up who paid cash. I paid off the land and there was money left. I built another luxury home, and sold it before it was even finished."

Aretuza, who barely finished her studies, now oversees building luxury condominiums. "The Altar did the unheard-of in my life. God does not just open doors; He opens them wide. Today, I can buy whatever I want. If I could, I would trade my life with anyone who doubts the Altar, so they can see a change. But I hope my testimony is enough to awaken your faith."



**"I started to get angry. I thought my daughter would have the same childhood I had."**

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