



DO YOU HAVE A DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILY?

A family ridden with several conflicts that are internal and external which in turn has a severe impact on the fundamental needs of the family unit constitutes a dysfunctional family. (Learn more on page 6)



MESSAGE

BISHOP EDIR MACEDO

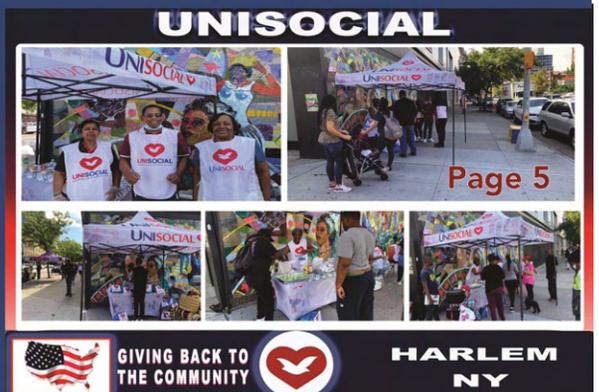
Family: Your most precious asset

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DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILY

When we hear the word 'dysfunctional', the very first thought that comes to mind is lack of stability. It is something that is in disorder and in short, broken. Sadly, 70 to 80 percent of families in America today, fall under this very category

A dysfunctional family is one in which bad behavior, conflicts, and often child abuse or neglect by one or both parents, occurs on a regular basis. Poor communication, unhealthy parenting patterns, marital affairs, addictions, verbal abuse are also very common within these family units.

The children who grow up in dysfunctional homes often lack necessary emotional support, thus causing these children to have the tendency to develop behavioral and emotional issues as they grow. Studies have shown that many of these children, when they enter into adulthood, tend to also suffer with depression and anxiety, and if they fail to seek help, it can even result in repetition of these same behaviors in their future family, thus creating a vicious cycle of imitation.

With dysfunction in homes being so common in today's society, many grow up believing that dysfunction is normal, thinking that what they experienced is how every family is behind closed doors. But this is not true. It is not how God intended for a family to be, nor does this have to be the case for your family. Continue reading and understand what God's dream for the family unit is, and how you can build a family according to God's plan.

| BEATING DEPRESSION |

Depression is felt in the deepest part of the soul, leaving a person in a constant state of sadness and hopelessness.

Do you feel depressed when you think about the current situation of your family or your upbringing? Have the traumas of your past put your life at a standstill? Has the deep sadness inside you become so crippling that you have lost the desire to live? Don't give up dear friend! It is not the end of you. There is hope. Your family can change, and you can write a new story.

God wants to give to you relief but what He offers is not a temporary relief but a permanent one, through the Holy Spirit! When a person receives the Holy Spirit, they receive God Himself inside of them. There is no room for sadness as God is the source of all Happiness and Joy. On Sundays at every Universal Church, you will learn more about the Holy Spirit and how to receive Him and defeat depression once and for all. Will you take God's offer?

**YOU CAN BEAT
DEPRESSION
YOUR STORY ISN'T OVER!**

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FAMILY: YOUR MOST PRECIOUS ASSET

As soon as He created man, God gave him his wife as a companion because he saw that it was not good that he was alone. (Genesis 2.18). The woman, however, would not only be a simple companion to him, but a proper helper. So, God blessed them and said that they should multiply so that they would dominate the earth. At that moment one of the Creator's most important projects was born: the family. It is the foundation of society and marriage is its beginning. Therefore, if the family suffers any attack, consequently, society is also affected. Therefore, we can see that most of the problems currently experienced began in the family nuclei, and most of the time, the family becomes "sick" because its basis, which is marriage, has been weakened.

We see that the family institution has been the target of evil attacks for a long time, and therefore it has been destroyed. Ideas and conceptions contrary to the family are being spread, thus eroding family values, principles and structures. That is why many people are currently suffering; why they don't see peace in their homes. Many parents see their children being dominated by addictions, wives watch their husbands go out with lovers, couples live at "war." But what is the best way to fight for the preservation of the family and the change of its members? The answer lies in allying with the One who created the family. After all, only He knows how to fix what he created. And the total change begins with the transformation of each member.

When there is no God, there is no love and, without love, there can be no communion between the couple and much less peace.

God's original plan was to make a perfect family on earth, just as He is perfect. The creation of man and woman, Adam and Eve, was estab-



lished so that the two would complete themselves in one body and generate perfect children- for His glory. The devil, however, tempted them and, consequently, they ceased to submit to the Word of God to submit to that of the devil. The result of this is what we see throughout the existence of humanity, generation after generation: a world lost and full of misrepresentations in relation to Divine creation. We have a selfish, self-centered and evil society.

This does not mean that society is definitely lost and that there is no chance of families being remade. For this, it is necessary that the One who created them be part of it, starting with the base: the couple. The true and pure love of a couple is only possible when there is, in the life of each one, the Presence of God, for love comes from Him. Children come from the conviviality of peace and love, and they are heirs to all that is lived by their parents. In short, the happiness of the couple depends on the relationship that the husband and wife have with God and the life of the children depends on the happiness of the parents"



At a time when millions of people celebrate the holidays, Mônica da Silva de Medeiros, was living her worst days. On the street, with no family and no friends, she carried in her chest the pain and trauma of having been sexually abused by her own father during her childhood. Thoughts of death repeated in her mind.

As a child, Monica didn't understand what her father was doing to her during the night. The innocence of a 7-year-old mind, made her believe that this was a gesture of love: "He would wait for everyone to

go to sleep, to come to my bed and start touching me. I thought it was a way of showing affection, but, as it was repeated every night, I started to get scared, until, in addition to touching, he started to rape me", she recalls.

Frightened, she told her mother, but her mother avoided talking about it and preferred not to believe what she told her was true. "I was very sad and angry. How could my own mother pretend not to see such a crime? To stop what was happening, I went to live on the streets. I came out of one misfortune and started to live in another. I started drugging and doing everything wrong at just 9 years old," she says.

However, the drugs didn't fill the void or erase the memories she had of her childhood. "In the midst of depression, I started stealing to maintain my addiction.

At 16, I already had two children. I was arrested three times and during the last one, a radio program from the church caught my attention. The bishop had said "for you who are there, alone, thinking about killing yourself, there is a way out. No matter what happened, you can start over." I was filled with hope and when I was released, I started going to the church", she recalls.

Faith was crucial in order for her to forgive and have a fresh start in life. "When I accepted Jesus and was baptized, I freed myself from the addictions and forgave my mother and father. It wasn't easy because I hated them so much. Today my mother is a helper in the church and I am an evangelist and educator at the Children's Bible School. I am now studying to be an educator", she says.

Today she has a family of her own and is happy.

FROM ONE MISFORTUNE TO ANOTHER

DIVINE WATER

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"



I was involved in a deadly accident



In 2017 I was involved in a deadly accident. After the accident, I started bleeding profusely and suffered from severe pain in my body. I was suffering from the bleeding problem for three months. When I came to this ministry the pastor gave me the Blessed Water to drink by faith. At the end of the service, I was very excited to see the result, so I went to the bathroom and saw that I was healed. The bleeding had stopped and there was no more pain in my body. **Norma**

Before I started coming to the Universal Church I was sick with bleeding issues. My life was a mess, I had credit card problems, debts, and I suffered with insomnia and spinal problems.

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

Cynthia Williams from NY



Free from panic attacks

Katrina from GA

I wasn't able to sleep for 6 months, I had panic attacks, tightness in my chest and I couldn't even breath well. My children used to ask me what was wrong with me but I didn't know, not even doctors knew. The medication I was given

couldn't help me. I was invited to come to this church and use my faith. I drank the Blessed Water and follow the instructions I was given and honestly I'm totally different. I'm free and blessed.



|MESSAGE|

Bishop Joshua

WHAT IS CONSUMING YOUR FAMILY?

The word 'family' nowadays carries no weight. Home is supposed to be a safe haven – a place of comfort and support; but for many, home is a battleground because families are upside down or falling apart. Imagine having to deal with a family problem whilst trying to hide it from your relatives due to the shame. Imagine having to sneak out to visit your son in prison without other family members finding out, because you know that they will take it wrongly. This is just one example that a mother recently shared; her son was in prison and out of shame, she covered it up and would tell others that he was at work, or with friends, all while she was confused and having to deal with that situation alone. Perhaps you can relate.

What problem is consuming your family?

- Money – Is the stress of debts and the pressure of bills causing fights?
- Prison – Are incarcerated family members bringing shame and even anxiety to the family?
- Fights – Perhaps your family members are constantly bickering over everything.
- Addiction – Addiction is never a 'one person' problem, everybody is affected.
- Disease – The pain of watching a loved one in pain can be unbearable.

Maybe these problems are talking their toll on you, and you feel desperate because you are losing your family one by one.

In the Gospel of Luke 7:13 Jesus said, "Do not weep". He was speaking to a woman who had lost her husband and then lost her son as well. She had lost her entire family and was alone.

"Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." Luke 7:14

You see, Jesus told the lady to stop crying because He was giving her back her family. Maybe you too are crying every day because of your problems. Jesus is also telling you to stop crying, because He wants to bring a solution to you as well. He wants to restore your family. So, wipe away your tears, turn to God, tell Him about the family problems you are facing and allow Him to make your family whole again.

A family that prays together, stays together.

May the God of the Bible bless you.

ABUSED AT 3

20 years of suffering is now over!

My name is Bethzaida and at the age of 3 I began being sexually abused by relatives and friends of the family. This caused great psychological trauma. My father was an alcoholic and besides taking me with him to bars, he also gave me alcoholic beverages to drink. This became my first addiction.



At the age of 15 I got pregnant and was a mother at 16. I had to leave school and because I couldn't financially support my daughter, I started working as a dancer in a nightclub. I worked there for 6 years. There, I got involved with drugs such as ecstasy, acid and more alcoholic beverages, and used them every day to be able to sell my body and make money.

After some time, I became pregnant again but decided to get an abortion. I met another man and got pregnant again and had my second child. But he left me for another woman, so I got some plastic surgery to improve my body. An infection spread and I almost died. The doctors gave me morphine tablets (synthetic heroin), and this is when I became addicted to heroin, cocaine and methamphetamine.

I ended up getting arrested for trafficking large amounts of morphine tablets. I was in prison for 5 years, spending loads of money on lawyers so I wouldn't remain locked up for 15 years.

For this reason, I lost custody of my son and sank deep into the underworld of crack, marijuana and mushrooms for 10 years. Then, I started working for a pimp who told me to sell my body in exchange for drugs. I reached the point of selling myself for \$3 or just in exchange for drugs. He collected the money and gave me drugs.

In total, it was more than 20 years of suffering, until one day a group from the Universal Church rang my doorbell and invited me to seek the Living God. So, I went to church. I was yearning for such a change that, on the first day, I surrendered my life to the Lord Jesus and was baptized in the water. This is when the process of my deliverance began. When I participated in the strong prayer meeting, I manifested with demons, and after the deliverance prayer, the bishop made a challenge saying that if I wasn't delivered, he would stop doing what he does and start selling bananas on the side of the road. I made the decision and God gave me the strength to fight. I did the chains of prayer for deliverance and continued persevering. Right away, I felt disgusted by drugs and stopped using.

Today I am free of all addictions, and I can say that there is a cure for addictions. Thank God!

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Bible Reading



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When all hope is gone...



CHAIN OF PRAYER
It Works!



UNISOCIAL IN HARLEM, NY



In Harlem, NY volunteers took the time to care for their community. They provided essentials such as food, diapers for the elderly, a warm meal and most importantly a word of encouragement and a prayer of faith. Wherever there is a Universal Church, there is a group ready to serve their community.

I THREW MYSELF INTO THE WORLD OF DRUGS

David grew up with many conflicts and traumas. His childhood was marked by addictions and fights between his parents. "At 13 I had my first confusing experience. When my parents found out, the problems at home got even worse. My father didn't accept that and ended up taking it out on my mother", he recalls. The rejection generated hatred in David, for his father. "I developed depression and tried to commit suicide for the first time. My goal from that moment on was to upset him even more. One night, a friend introduced me to marijuana. I smoked my first joint and I liked it. From that moment I threw myself into the world of drugs and soon I was addicted to cocaine. I was 15," he recalls.

Until he joined a new religion, he discovered that he had been the victim of a spiritual ritual. "I wanted to know how I could fight against that evil. I was told that I would have to make a pact and give my life into the hands of that spirit." In this pact, he had to stay for three months in a closed place without contacting his family. "I stayed for eight years in this religion, and soon after, I started wanting to dress as a woman", he says. David became a prostitute. "I no longer prostituted myself for money. I was addicted to sex. I couldn't see a beggar on the street without wanting to sleep with them", he recalls.



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David was already familiar with the Universal Church but says he did not take his spiritual life seriously. "I always thought about what my friends would think of me but, looking at my life, when I received my sister's invitation, I decided to go." From there the young man decided to surrender to God. "That day I already noticed the difference inside me and decided that nothing and no one would change my mind. Today I have the Holy Spirit, I have true happiness within me and the power of God." Today, David recognizes that his life has been totally transformed. "I don't need the drugs. I have peace. God showed me my worth."

The FAST DETERMINED by GOD

THE OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT FROM THE HOLY LAND

Bishops and Pastors from all over the world will be ministering the Holy Spirit to all who are ready to receive Him, from the Upper Room in Israel. This Sunday at 10am. Visit your local Universal Church to participate in this great day.

What is the Baptism with the Holy Spirit?

The baptism in the Holy Spirit is a term used to describe the fullness of God dwelling within a person. It means having the power, strength, courage and bravery to live on earth as the Lord Jesus did.

Do you need someone to talk to? Give us a call right now. 1.888.331.4141



BREAKING THE CYCLE: DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILY

Ever since I was a kid I didn't like myself." This was the reality of Thais since childhood. **Her family's comments about her made her look down on herself.** "I was very shy, withdrawn, and couldn't change. This led to sadness and then depression. I didn't want to be around people, and I harbored complexes within me. I thought I was ugly and fat," she recalls.

As a teenager, she went in search of a solution and found a path that seemed to be the right one, but that hid even more suffering. "At the age of 16, I focused on weight loss, because I thought that would make me an extrovert and loved by others, so I stopped eating."

Through the internet, Thais found a group of girls who were going through the same problem and who seemed to support each other, but who were actually bleeding inside. "In the group, I discovered anorexia and bulimia. Eating disorders were passed on to me as a

way of life, something normal, and that's when I sank even deeper."

She says that she would go three days without eating or drinking anything. However, after this period, hunger would arise, followed by compulsion. "When I had these seizures, I would eat and vomit. So, I developed bulimia. In this group I participated in, there was a rule: whoever ate more than what was determined had to cut their arm as punishment."

"So, I was always cutting myself. It just became an addiction. I felt relief at the time of the cut, but then came the suffering," she explains.

She would cut her wrists in secret and try to fit in somehow into the world. I created a character to be able to express myself, but, in reality I held back even more. I didn't accept myself; I couldn't be what I wanted or focus or think straight. I was in a big mental mess, and I hated myself." She

points out that the problem was not a consequence of a lack of medical support, as she regularly consulted with psychiatrists and psychologists.

Anorexia, bulimia, and self-mutilation were paths that Thais followed, thinking they would lead her to a solution, but which increased her bad feelings and depression, to the point that she gave up on her own life. "First I tried to commit suicide by cutting my left wrist and it didn't work. A week later I cut my right wrist and also took a lot of medicine. In the end, I got sick and ended up throwing up all of them," she says.

The peace she was looking for so much came one night through a TV show. "On the program, I heard the pastor talking about the symptoms of demonic possession, and I had almost all of them, like sleeping a lot, feeling pain, hearing voices, having complexes, and thinking about suicide. Then I understood that my problem

was spiritual. The first day I set foot in the Universal Church I left different," she describes.

"I threw away everything that reminded me of my past, such as black clothes, heavy music files, books, necklaces, and bracelets. I was baptized in water and a few months later I received the Holy Spirit."

Thais claims that her life was previously marked by confusing thoughts, but as soon as she received the Holy Spirit it was as if her mind opened. "I understood that if God loves me and He has accepted me, there is no reason for me to reject or belittle myself. After that, what matters to me is what God thinks of me and no longer what people think."



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W E E K L Y S C H E

MONDAY



STRONG NATION

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

7AM, 10AM, 4PM & 7PM

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 T

WHETHER YOU ARE SINGLE, DIVORCED, OR WIDOWED, STRUGGLING IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP? RECEIVE THE LOVE THERAPY.

7AM, 10AM, 4PM & 7PM

The number of children who have emotional problems increases year by year. According to data from the Ministry of Health, there was a 52% increase in cases of depression in adolescents and adults aged 15 to 29 years, not to mention the suicide rate in children aged 10 to 14 years last 15 years has increased by 200%.

All these numbers show that we need to look more carefully at the environment where the little ones are growing up.

According to neuropsychologist Amanda Bastos, the absence of a family structure is among the main reasons that corroborate these sad results. "The family is the first social bond of the individual. With it we have our first learning about the functioning of society, about values, duties, and rights. If the family has a dysfunctional structure, it increases the likelihood that the child will reproduce such behaviors in their other relationships and even develop emotional illnesses."

How do you know if your family is dysfunctional? If your family exhibits one or more of the characteristics below, then your family is unhealthy.

- Poor or Ineffective Communication
- Family Member Comparisons
- Power Struggles
- Excessive Criticism
- Drug or Alcohol Abuse
- Excessive Expectations
- Abuse & neglect

These are only some of the main characteristics. If you find yourself living in this situation, don't be discouraged. You can break the cycle. It doesn't matter if you didn't have a good upbringing or good examples in childhood. What matters is what you will do going forward: Will you repeat the mistakes your parents made in the past or will you act differently?

If you want to have a blessed family, the main instructions for achieving this are with its Creator, the Almighty. Get close to Him, seek to know His word, attend His house and become His son. For sure, you will reap a lot of good results, and you will be an example for many people who no longer believe in family values.

Every Sunday, we pray for our families. Visit the Universal Church closest to you and start this chain of prayer to break the cycle of evil in your family.

(Source: <https://family.lovetoknow.com/about-family-values/10-unhealthy-characteristics-dysfunctional-family>)

"I WITNESSED MY PARENTS' FIGHTS & ARGUMENTS..."



Getting married, starting a family, and being happy in a love life are the dreams of most people and it was also the dream of Rosélia. The youngest of 11 siblings, she felt loved by everyone and admired her parents' marriage.

However, when she was 8 years old, everything changed: "My father didn't stay at home much and I witnessed fights between him and my mother, which led to their separation after 30 years of marriage", she says. As a teenager, she was dealing with an inferiority complex and began to think that she would never get married. Then she started dating a boy at school and got pregnant at 19, but the relationship was marked by verbal aggression, threats, and betrayals.

It was at this stage that she arrived at the Universal Church,

determined to fight for her family. She did not accept that to be happy, she would have to give up that relationship that only hurt her. After two years in the Church, Rosélia says that she wanted to receive the Holy Spirit and, in an effort to "fix herself before God", she decided to marry by law; however,

everything got worse. After the union was made official, she became a victim of domestic violence.

She points out that the physical assaults involved hanging, punches, and threats with a knife to her neck. Despite denouncing her husband, she realized that her decision had been hasty, and that it was time to think about her and her daughter's safety. So, she ended it all after only 22 days of being married on paper.

Her focus became her relationship with God and thus

she received the Holy Spirit. "He filled all of the voids that were inside of me. I felt happy and fulfilled. My vision, my thoughts, and my behavior had changed," she recalls.

After meeting the Author of Love, she decided that she would rewrite her love life. One day, after leaving the church, she made her way home praying to God for her purpose for a husband, who would also do the Work of God and who would help her take care of her daughter. A short time later, a friend told him about João.

They lived more than 250 miles away from each other, but they didn't see that as a hindrance. In the beginning, the only contact was by phone: "We made a decision that, if it was the Will of God, we would come to please each other", she says. They spent three months talking before they met in person and started their relationship. In 2014, they sealed the union at the Altar with God's blessing.

As in every marriage, they also had to adapt to each other, but the effort paid off: "Together we overcame, and we will continue to overcome because the basis of our relationship is God. I have a blessed family and every suffering has turned into joy," she concludes.

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WEDNESDAY THERAPY

...ING, HAPPILY MARRIED, ...IONSHIP, DIVORCED OR ...UR CURRENT SITUATION, ...Y IS FOR YOU.

...PM & 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

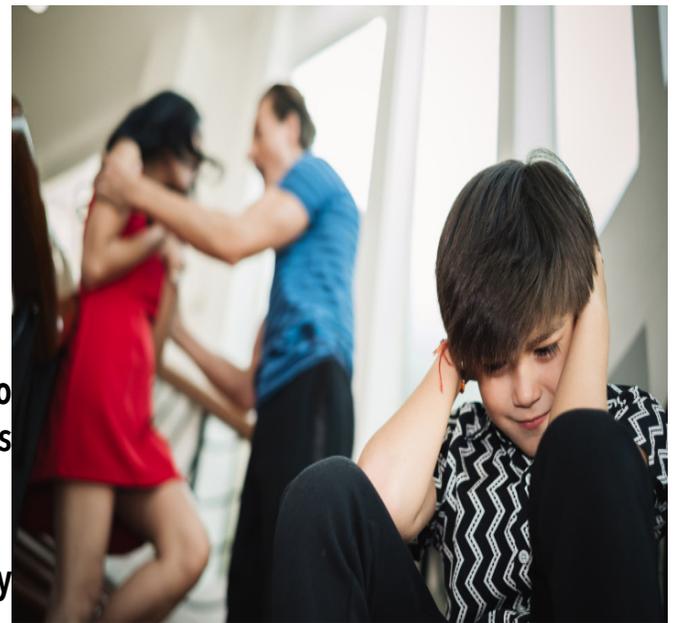


SUNDAY GATHERING OF FAITH & MIRACLES

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 FAMILY IS UPSIDE DOWN!



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.

CONTACT US UPON RELEASE:
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There is one big weapon that is used to destroy families now a days, and it is called separation!

Once the family is no longer united, they are divided.

It happens between brothers; or when one family member starts having problems with the law, or a drug problem. Problems in the marriage or problems with the children.

At times, one family member turns their back on the other, or they start pointing out mistakes and making accusations. And to make matters worse, they spread problems to the rest of the family! Before you know it, all the family members turn against each other.

The word of God is clear when it says:

**"...EVERY CITY OR HOUSE DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF WILL NOT STAND."
MATTHEW 12:25**

This is my advice for you: when your family is going through problems, do not step on them, because this makes matters worst.

Instead of causing more pain, decide to be the one that takes a stand to help. And if you can't help, seek help. The first place to look, is up to God. He created family and knows how to fix it.

It just takes one person, to totally transform this situation. Are you the one?

ANYONE FOR LEFT-OVERS?

Find out the words we are looking for from the definition on both sides of the box.
The words on each side will be similar, the only difference being one letter. Put the one leftover letter in the box in the middle, and see what name you come up with.

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| 1. TO RECOVER SOMETHING THAT WAS LOST | | SLANG FOR A "FIVE DOLLAR BILL" |
| 2. SOMETHING YOU DO WITH A MARVEL COMIC BOOK | | A CAR HAS ONE TO HELP COOL THE ENGINE (ABBREV.) |
| 3. POSSESSIVE FORM OF "WE" | | COMES AFTER NUMBER THREE |
| 4. TO BE AFRAID OF, DREAD | | A LONG DISTANCE IN TIME OR SPACE |
| 5. SLANG FOR A DIAMOND | | KIND, THOUGHTFUL, CONSIDERATE |
| 6. COMPLETED, ENDED | | A SINGLE UNIT OR THING |
| 7. CLOSE ATTENTION; TO LIKE | | AUTOMOTIVE TRANSPORTATION |
| 8. THE COMPLETION OF A STORY | | TO TEAR, PULL APART, RIP UP |
| 9. TO TRAVEL BY WATER | | TO BE FEELING PAIN/ BE ILL |

Spelled out for you on page 122.

I'm TIRED of being IDENTIFIED by my PAST... Is there ANYONE who will see ME for ME?

YES. Write to Bp. Joshua: your questions, doubts, fears, concerns, he will personally read and respond to your letter! Be sure to include: **FULL NAME/INMATE ID #, COMPLETE PRISON NAME, ADDRESS, CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE**

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YOU ARE NOT ALONE



"Within one month of my release, I went back to look for drugs, I was drinking, and now using cocaine. One night I came to know a lady, we had relations, within a month we to moved in together, got married, things went fast." Says Fabio.



your wife and her daughter and then kill yourself."

One night I was up, and I saw the program of the Universal Church and I was under the influence of cocaine. Normally, I never would watch TV after using but this night I was attentive, and I was listening.

The man of God made a challenge, he said,

"The Lord Jesus come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

I understood it clearly. I had the certainty in this word, and I came to the Universal Church.

I noticed no one judged me, or looked at me sideways, I was received openly. I confessed to God all my errors, I left that service light, and I thought to myself, 'I need to do my part, not only God'. One Friday when I got home from church, the first thoughts that came to my mind, "use drugs, smoke the cigarettes," but this Friday I had strength and I resisted and said "NO." I continued to attend the services of the church, and I heard the pastor speaking of the necessity of receiving the Holy Spirit, and I understood quickly. It was not long for me to receive my deliverance, and to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. I made a vow with God, and

I really placed my life upon the altar. God showed me His love, His grace, He took away the pride, bad character I had, **because I wanted to change. People see me today and they are shocked by my transformation. I no longer see people with anger, or the desire to kill them. Today I have compassion for others, now I am able to bring the word of God to those that are suffering, youths that are despised, those that have broken families, my life is the living testimony.** God has restored my family and my marriage, and my son today receives love from me because I have received the love from the Father. We are a family that is united today, and I thank God for that. **THE HOLY SPIRIT TRANSFORMED EVERYTHING, I AM CONTENT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT, HE IS MY EVERYTHING.** In the moment when everyone did not believe in me, the doors of the UBB were opened to me.

My mother was involved in a lot of evil. Inside the house she had a lot of cigarettes, and bottles of alcohol, and I would drink and smoke together with my mother. I grew up with these addictions in my life. My life revolved around drinking. I worked and while I was at work I would not drink, but to make up for the time that I did not drink at work when I left, I would drink double than what I would in a day.

I met "friends" who would drink a lot and use drugs, and consequently, I started using drugs, smoking cigarettes, getting involved with many women. After using these drugs and hallucinogens, I started hearing many voices, but I did not want to change.

I did worse than what I did before. One day the idea came to buy rat poison in attempt to commit suicide. I first time I drank it as if it was juice, and a family member found out and immediately, they called the psychiatric hospital. I was diagnosed with depression, and

bipolar disorder, and they said it was not possible for me to be healed from it. When I arrived in the house, I went straight to my room and took all the drugs I had; I drank a lot, too, and decided to commit an assault, to rob for money to buy more drugs.

"WHEN THIS ASSAULT WAS OVER, I FINISHED THE DAY GOING TO PRISON..."

When I arrived, I saw people praying. I came to find out it was the Universal Church (UBB), but what the Pastor was saying was as if it was directed to me. Without him knowing me, he was speaking to me, and this desire came to me to seek God. I started to

build my faith, I no longer had the desire to commit suicide, I stopped hearing voices, but when I left, I didn't continue in the faith that I had received in prison.

I thought marriage and taking the responsibility of a father would help me leave drugs, but it did not. One day, the thought came to my mind, to end everything. The house was in misery, my wife and I had no food; we could not feed her daughter, nor ourselves.

The drugs became much stronger and the desires for death became stronger, too; the voices became louder. I heard the voices saying, "kill



Fabio today with his wife and children.



IS ANYBODY OUT THERE? I NEED SOMEONE TO LISTEN TO ME, AND NOT JUDGE ME.

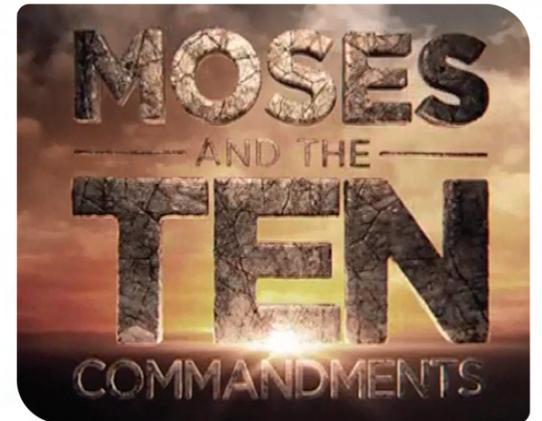
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HAS FINANCIAL HARDSHIP PUT A STRAIN ON YOUR FAMILY?

Leticia had opportunities at a young age to have a good financial life, but the distractions of youth robbed her of that opportunity. "I had opportunities when I was younger. I was in high school and an opportunity that arose for me to start a business, but I started hanging out with friends who were addicts and I ended up not even finishing school." As she got older, things only grew worse. "I had other opportunities and other jobs, but something always happened. I would always have a job but then lose it", she recalls. Then one of the worst things that a mother could face happened to her. "There was a period of my life that was very difficult to the point where I lost my children. I knew something wasn't right, I had to do



something different. That's when I heard about the Universal Church. I started getting to the root of my problem. I learned about faithfulness to God." Leticia began to see a drastic change. "I didn't even have a high school diploma but I would get new opportunities for work. Through my faith I started believing in myself. That's when I went back to school and started a career. Doors continued opening. I started getting more hours at work; my salary

increased. All of that happened through my faithfulness and the obedience that I continued practicing. I gained confidence. I believed that I could do anything. Faith is the first thing I conquered. With the peace that I had, I could make the best decisions."

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