



## VICIOUS CYCLE OF PROBLEMS

One trouble leads to another that aggravates the first, and you feel like you're stuck.

### SOUNDS FAMILIAR?

**Addiction**

**Depression**

**Sickness**

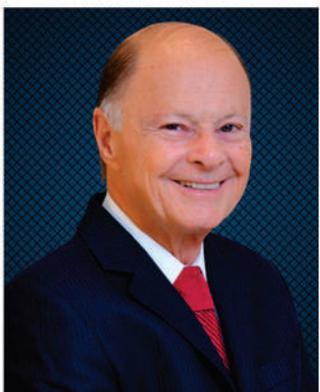
**Unsuccessful attempts**

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH  
at 10 AM  
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### VICIOUS CYCLE OF PROBLEMS

Has your life been stuck? Does it seem like as soon as you solve one problem, another one appears? For many, a life of never-ending problems has become a norm. To the point where they believe they were born to suffer or were just unlucky. They never seem to be able to move forward in life no matter what they do differently.

Many have found themselves in a cycle of failed relationships, financial instability, health problems, addictions, etc. When things seem to be improving, they go right back to "square one." It's as if they have made a full circle and are in a vicious cycle of problems they can't escape. Being frustrated with how their life has been, many have unfortunately turned to suicide as a way out.

Maybe you find yourself in the same "shoes," having done everything in your power to solve your problems but to no avail. Allow God to help you. I don't just mean by praying alone because you may have prayed already. But, have you trusted God enough to where your faith does not waiver? Enough to surrender your life completely in his hands and obey His voice? If not, choose to do so today. He has the solution and will help you to break this vicious cycle if you come to Him with all your life and faith.

Visit a Universal Church near you today; come as you are. There will be a servant of God available to pray for you, to guide you step by step to overcome and build a relationship with God! What do you have to lose?

## | BEATING DEPRESSION |

Depression is an illness of the soul that can only be cured by the power of God. Medication only provides temporary relief; once its effect wears off, depression returns. Are you feeling hopeless? Do your problems weigh you down? Have you lost the desire to live? This is a sign of spiritual oppression. Maybe you feel depressed because you don't know what else to do. But taking your life now will only take away the opportunity to see it change.

God wants to free you from this depression, but you must turn to Him. Every Friday, at every Universal Church, we have a service for spiritual cleansing to undo all evil. Come to receive a powerful prayer at one of our locations. You can defeat depression once and for all.



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**Bishop Edir Macedo**



### OUR DAILY STRUGGLE

**F**or we do not have to fight against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against the powers, against the princes of darkness of this century, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness, in the heavenly places." Ephesians 6:12. We are in a constant invisible but real struggle. We can't even imagine how the dark spirits plot against us day and night. His intention is to end our lives, bringing shame to the Name of Jesus and still bringing our souls to hell.



Then unexpected situations arise, such as financial problems, marriage, family, health, etc. Or often, the opposite happens; things that apparently are blessings fill the heart with pleasure and joy, making us relax in our faith and communion with God. All this turns out to be an evil strategy to fight against us. So how can we fight this? The word of God says:

**"The devil works subtly and waits for us to be distracted and weak, to attacks us."**

"Therefore take all the armor of God, that you may resist in the evil day, and, have done all, to stand firm. And be firm, having girded your loins with the truth, and clothed the battleship

of righteousness; And put your feet in the preparation of the gospel of peace; Taking above all the shield of faith, with which you will be able to extinguish all the fiery darts of the evil one. Also, take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; Praying at all times with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching over it with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints..."Ephesians 6:13-18

It is worth remembering that the devil works subtly and waits for us to be distracted and weak to attack us. The Lord Jesus warned us: "Watch, therefore, at all times, praying that you may escape all these events which are about to happen, and stand before the Son of man." Luke 21:36. May God help us!

**Evil spirits work to cause a person's life to be stuck. They hinder growth and improvement, causing whatever a person does or plans to fail. If your life is stuck or declining, know that evil spirits are at work against you. The only way to move forward is by casting out these spirits. Only God can set you free. Come to a Universal Church on Fridays for our deliverance services; I guarantee you will break this vicious cycle.**



### OVARIAN CANCER AND 5 TUMORS IN THE VULVA

"I had a lot of pain in the pelvic and abdominal area. When I went to the hospital, I was told I had a urinary tract infection, but nothing serious. But later on, I had to rush back to the E.R. again due to the pain, and this time, I was hospitalized for three days receiving morphine-based medication to relieve it."

But despite being medicated, the pain did not stop. The doctors told her there was nothing else they could do. They discharged her

and referred her to an oncologist. After performing two biopsies, she was diagnosed with ovarian cancer, which had spread to her cervix. When she went to do a third biopsy, it was also discovered that there were five tumors in her vulva. The doctors instructed her to do five chemotherapy sessions. But if the treatment did not work, her uterus and ovary would have to be removed entirely.

Vanessa was already attending the Universal Church, where she witnessed several cases of healing. She never lost hope even after diagnosis and while enduring constant pain. Instead, she trusted God more and got closer to Him through her

prayers. "I acted on my faith by going to the meetings at the church. Every Sunday, I presented the blessed water to God, drank a sip of it every day, and determined in faith that I would be healed by the next biopsy."

Six months later, with the use of her faith in addition to treatment, Vanessa heard from the doctor the fulfillment of her request to God. The new tests and biopsy showed that her ovary had regenerated and the uterus was clean. There were no traces of cancer or tumors in her body. "God's miracle in my life was so great that I didn't have to have surgery. Faith was my medicine."

- Vanessa Vieira



# MIRACLES EXIST



## FREE FROM BACK PAIN & DEPRESSION

I was watching the Showdown of Faith on TV so I decided to come to this ministry. I was suffering from heart problems, my heart was very weak. I was feeling depressed too. When I came the Pastor prayed and challenged me to use my faith with the Divine water. When I went back to the doctor for a test he said "I had the best results reading out of everybody. I have a healthy heart, I am not feeling depressed anymore, I'm happy now.

- Monalisa, DC

Learn to put your faith in action in order to fight your problems!

**GET YOUR DIVINE WATER EVERY SUNDAY**

at your nearest Universal Church



See page 12 for locations near you



## "I COULDN'T WALK ON MY OWN SINCE 2009"

In 2009 I had a heart attack and ended up in the hospital. I severe pains in my legs to the point I couldn't walk by myself. I also had to use an oxygen tank to breath.

### RESULTS OF FAITH

I also had to use an oxygen tank to breath. When I came to here I begun to use the Divine Water everyday until I was healed. Today I don't use the walker nor the oxygen tank.

-William, FL



## I HAD TWO BRAIN STROKES

I suffered from two brain strokes and was hospitalized. I have a family history of strokes, it was a curse. Two of the pastors from the Universal Church brought the Divine water for me in the hospital and after drinking it by faith, my health was restored and I returned home the next day.

I am completely healed. -Eunice TX



And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.

John 9:7



|Message|

**BISHOP JOSHUA**

## DO YOU NEED HELP?



We knew exactly where to turn when we needed help as children. Mom or dad was always there with open arms, and we knew we would find help. No matter the situation, scratch, broken bone, fear, or loneliness, they were our 'place' to run to.

As we get older, we start losing places we can run to for help. We are expected to handle things independently and hope for the best. Well, Someone can still help you, no matter the situation. Take a look at this verse; you'll realize you aren't as alone as you may think.

May He send you help from the sanctuary and grant you support from Zion. Psalm 20:2

When you run to God, He sends help. Perhaps you've needed help and reached out to a friend, family member, or Someone you thought could help you, but it was to no avail. When you reach out to God, help is guaranteed.

The Word of God promises help and support. When was the last time you felt like you had any support? But He will grant you support from Zion. This Zion represents God's house, the church. You may think, "It's been so long since I've been to church."

Don't fear returning because the moment you do; your Father will be ready with open arms.

May the God of the Bible bless you!

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## YES! DEPRESSION HAS CURE



At the age of 14, I started smoking and drinking alcohol. I started drinking daily and asking people passing by on the street for money to pay for my habit. Later, out of curiosity, I took drugs. The latter

led me to destructive paths, which made me live in fear and anguish. I got depressed that I didn't know what to do anymore.

I was so desperate that I tried to commit suicide three times, but the lack of courage and the fact that other people prevented it made me not do it. The truth is, I thought I was a hopeless case, a hindrance!

Would there be a solution for me? Yes. I found it in the Universal Church when I gave myself to the God that they preached to me about there. When someone invited me to church, I saw it as an opportunity for my life to change. I asked him to forgive me and give me the strength to move on. Because of Him, I made it; I overcame addictions. In the Lord Jesus, I found calm, joy, and the will to live.

Today I have a well-paid job, I am no longer depressed, no longer addicted, I have peace that I never had before and acquired the vision to become financially independent. It is thanks to God that I lack nothing»

Omar Evaristo

11 2022 NOV Bible Reading						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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6 Isaiah 6	7 Isaiah 7	8 Isaiah 8	9 Isaiah 9	10 Isaiah 10	11 Isaiah 11	12 Isaiah 12
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27 Isaiah 27	28 Isaiah 28	29 Isaiah 29	30 Isaiah 30			

**DEPRESSION...**

**IS IT POSSIBLE TO DEFEAT THIS MODERN-DAY SICKNESS?**

**YES IT IS!...**

**CALL US:**  
**1 888 332 4141**

*Or visit any of our branches*

*Addresses at the back*

*Society faces a recurring problem known as "the modern-day sickness": depression.*

*And unlike what many think, it is not a sign of madness, much less that one does not take life seriously.*

*It is a silent disease that affects the body and the soul.*

# SHE FACED ONE BETRAYAL AFTER ANOTHER

When she watched her parents' marriage she imagined something different for her love life: "when I found someone to marry me, he wouldn't be like my father, he wouldn't betray me, he would treat me well and I would never be weak like my mother." As a teenager, she went out every night, searching for something to fulfill her needs. At age 15, Clesia met Izaac, who also came from a troubled family dynamic: "we had a full table, but there was no peace, joy, understanding, union or love", he says. In addition to partying, Izaac

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got involved with drugs, drinking, gambling addiction, robberies, and fights and was arrested three times. After three years together, she became pregnant and, to her disappointment, he left her for another woman. After the baby was born, Izaac and Clesia got

involved again and soon they were expecting their second child, but she was abandoned again, but this time the situation was worse: another woman was also pregnant by Izaac and he left them for a while. With two children and alone, Clesia felt humiliated, disappointed and the worst of women, until she found the Universal Church through television. She explains that she already felt relieved the first day she went to church, as she found the peace she always wanted.

During that time, she got back together with the father of her children and thought that this time the relationship would be different. "One day, I prayed asking God to change him and He said in my heart that if I hadn't even truly changed, how did I want Izaac to change?"

So I decided to really and truly surrender," she says. Upon receiving the Holy Spirit, she recalls that she discovered "what it was like to be truly loved".

Clesia was bold in her faith:



Izaac and Clesia's relationship was not only on again, off again but it was marked by betrayal, infidelity and fights. Clesia found the secret to not only change her relationship but also herself. She learned the meaning of true love. See their story.

"I told God that if Izaac didn't change I would enter the next year alone, but I didn't want that man anymore". A month later Izaac also decided to go to church, after seeing Clesia change. He too was baptized in water and received the Spirit of God. That year they were married before the Altar.

Izaac says: "our love life is wonderful and our family is blessed".



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## WHAT WILL YOU GIVE THANKS FOR?

On this day, families usually gather for social gatherings, lunches and dinners, and pray for the good events that have taken place during the year. For Americans, the Thanksgiving holiday is considered as important as Christmas. Regardless of belief, the date became popular in the country. On this day, even large outdoor parades with floats, bands and dancers are held on the streets of many cities, one of the most famous being that of New York, for example.

Perhaps you are still reeling from the recent events of your year. It may not have been the best. Perhaps you got bad news about your health, lost your job, your family is not speaking with one another. You are invited to spend this Thanksgiving in the House of God. You may be looking for something to give thanks for; breakthrough of some sort. Well, this is the place to be. Bring your family and join us at your local Universal Church. Something great is in store for you.

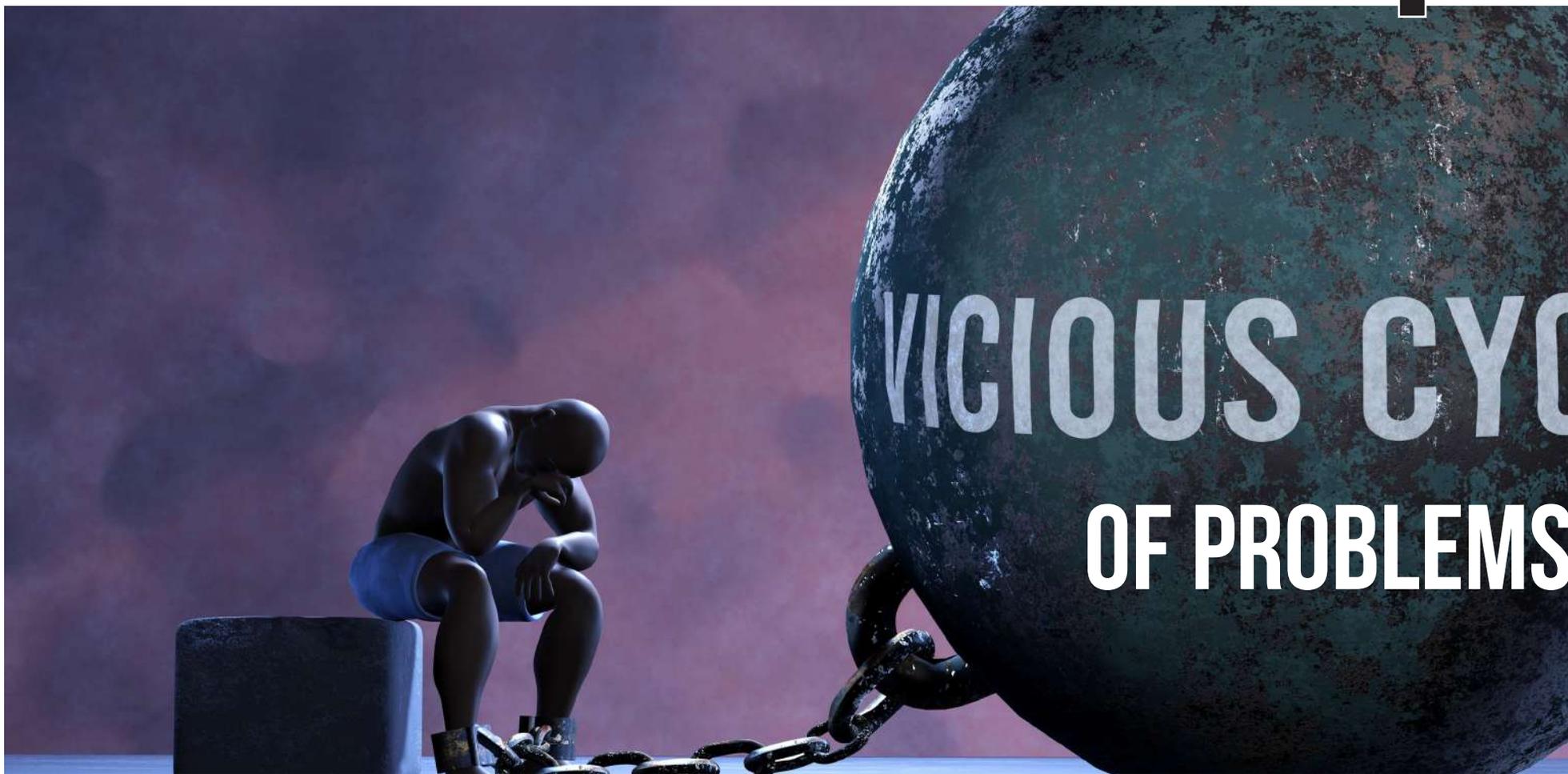


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## I WANTED TO ESCAPE MY REALITY, SO I TRIED EVERYTHING...

**D**ini Batista says she grew up in a broken home: “my childhood was troubled. My father drank and used drugs, and my mother worked to support the family.

We went through a challenging period when my brother got involved in drug trafficking, and my mother had to sell the house where we lived. My brother and I fought a lot. He was aggressive, so I was resentful of him,” she says.

Her parents separated, and she moved in with her father and brother. She remembers that at that time, her father drank every day and sometimes took women into his house. Feeling disoriented, Dini also entered the world of drugs. “At 15, I started drinking and using drugs. I went out every day and hooked up with men and women. I wanted to escape my reality, so I

**tried everything: parties and nightclubs.** There I gave myself, but when I got home, the reality was to see my family and me destroyed,” she emphasizes.

She declares that a good part of her salary was used to buy drugs and that, although she wanted to face her problems sober, she sabotaged herself and returned to using them. Until a turning point occurred in the family: “my father went to live with a woman and my mother, who had established her faith in the Universal Church, returned to our house. At that time, my father suffered a stroke, his partner abandoned him in the hospital, and we had to take care of him. He had to have his legs amputated, so he came back to live with us,” she recalls.

**Dini had to deal with her father’s cycle of problems and, overwhelmed, she increased her drug use and**

**decided to move out of the house.** “I had a lot of

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lot of mental disturbance, thoughts of suicide, and I got sick,” she reveals.

In 2018, Dini’s mother, seeing her daughter’s condition, invited her to a meeting at the Universal Church, and the first time

she attended, she was already able to sleep. She continued to attend meetings, got free from addictions and hurt, and after eight months away from her parents, she returned to live with them. “For the first time, I had the strength to face the problems because I had already tried everything and couldn’t overcome them. I asked forgiveness from those I had hurt, forgave myself too, and gave up everything: drugs, drinking, bad friendships, and relationships. I was also baptized in the waters in search of a new life,” she reveals.

Dini says that with the same strength that she plunged into drugs, she began to immerse herself in the things of God: **“I gave myself completely and received the Holy Spirit, which is my strength and my only dependence.** He doesn’t let me look at the size of the problem and assures me that I will overcome any problem. Today I am free and happy”. She also says that her inner peace extended to her entire family, which is now united.



What cycle of problems have you been facing? Are you plagued by deep sadness? Do you feel distant from God? Are you facing a health problem? Are family problems and financial struggles taking away your peace?

No matter the obstacles you're facing, know that God has the power to deliver you from this situation. You have tried everything, and nothing worked out. With God, nothing is too hard. So if you are ready to fight and overcome your problems, visit our closest location and learn how to use the weapons of faith to win! See back page for locations.

**M**arlene Gobbi made wrong choices and lived through trauma, failure, and pain. At age 7, she lost her mother and lived with her grandmother because her father had abused her.

**"I became a depressed, distressed, trauma-filled child. I had the urge to kill people,"** she says. She grew up with an inner wound and began to think that marriage would solve her problems.

At 18, she met a boy and wanted to marry him. Her family was against the relationship. Without accepting the situation, Marlene's aunt stated that she would rather see her and her boyfriend dead than be married. "I got married, and that's where my greatest suffering began. I was betrayed and lived in misery. I had two children, but when they were still small, my husband abandoned me and went to live with his mistress," she says.

A few months after leaving home, Marlene's husband died in a car accident. She became desperate for not knowing how to deal with the situation. **She was so shaken**



**that she began to hear voices and see shadows.**

She began to have severe headaches and the desire to die. "I couldn't accept dying and leaving my children, so I planned my death and theirs. I set the day and time, but when the time came, I burst into tears. I cried out to God, said that if He existed, He would do something," she reports.

One day, while watching the program of the Universal Church on TV, she saw the testimony of a person who had gone through situations similar to hers and whose life was transformed.

On the same day, she looked for a Universal Church. Marlene began to make the chains of prayer for deliverance, even in the face of many difficulties and struggles. "I

followed all the guidelines given in the meetings, and I made resolutions, but there were times I thought about giving up. I hadn't seen a total change. My children continued to lead a wrong life."

Marlene had been free from all torment, but her children suffered. "I needed to fight for their deliverance, and I decided to surrender fully to the Altar. After my attitude of faith, I started to trust God more, and that's when He was able to transform my life and that of my family", she says.

**Today, she has a restored family, and her children are happily married.**

## MAKE A CHAIN OF PRAYER IT WORKS!

A Chain of Prayer is when you attend a prayer meeting for a certain number of weeks without interruption in order to see a breakthrough in your life. Whether it is healing, a financial breakthrough or spiritual deliverance that you need, a Chain of Prayer helps you develop the faith and determination to overcome.

**Monday - Strong Nation  
7am, 10am, 4pm & 7pm**



Learn the secrets to overcome financially. Receive direction to grow and become a successful person.

**Tuesday - Prayer for healing  
7am, 10am, 4pm & 7pm**



Receive prayers for your physical, mental and spiritual well-being.

**Wednesday - Night of Salvation  
7am, 10am, 4pm & 7pm**



A meeting will be held for those who want to invest in a genuine relationship with God.

**Thursday - Family & Love Therapy  
7am, 10am, 4pm & 7pm**



The goal of the family meeting is to bring families together. No family is perfect, but they can be free from any hate, separation and other underlying issues.

**Friday - Deliverance  
7am, 10am, 4pm & 7pm**



There is a root to every problem. No issue can be dealt with permanently without removing its root. Every Friday, strong prayers is provided for anyone who is facing a problem that is influenced by negativity.

**Saturday - Impossible Cases  
8am & 12pm**



Have you ever looked at a problem or situation and thought, 'this is impossible, there is no solution to this?' If you want to see the 'impossible become possible', join us every Saturday.

**Sunday - Gathering of Faith & Miracles  
7am, 10am, 3pm & 6pm**



These meetings aim to help people connect with God, to empower people and teach them how to use their faith to achieve what they want in their lives.

## THE TRUTH BEHIND

# A CHEATING PARTNER'S ACTIONS

### 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-11:00AM  
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

Saturday's:  
Miami Dade County Pre-Trial Detention Center- 10AM-11AM

#### CALIFORNIA

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

#### HAWAII

Tuesday's:  
Halawa Correctional Facility- 7PM

Wednesday's:  
Halawa Correctional Facility- 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 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.**

**If you need anymore information about the different courses offered by the UBB, please get in contact with the Chaplain in your facility.**

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



Firstly, let's make it very clear that prison relationships are forbidden! Not that we are condoning such relationships. However, it will help you understand why self-harm, depression, and adverse reactions to being cheated on are just not worth it.

Being cheated on can be heartbreaking, primarily when you have invested much into that special relationship. You opened yourself up to someone, trusted that person with your all, and then they went and cheated on you. Perhaps you went to prison believing your spouse would wait for you, but now they've moved on, and you are hearing about it from the kids. Or maybe your partner keeps saying they are sorry and promises to change but then keeps repeating it. You feel confused, unloved, and apprehensive about future relationships. Then comes the depression, the aggression, and the acting up that catches you in a case you didn't need. You were cheated on, and now you are being punished for it! When asked why you allow yourself to be so negatively affected by somebody else's behavior, you angrily respond:

**"IF THEY LOVED ME, THEY WOULDN'T HAVE CHEATED."**

Many husbands and wives believe this myth. Are you ready to hear the truth?...Everyone suffers from weakness, and the flesh is weak; the eyes see and lust after what they want. The imagination travels. The heart desires. Sound familiar? Now, try adding social and cultural attack which promotes infidelity, promiscuous sex, women as objects, and the male image of the player. Add a little bit of pornography and good doses of lack of attention in marriage, and hey, presto! You've got yourself a cheating candidate. Given the appropriate circumstances, when your feelings and adrenaline hook you, your so-called "love" won't stop you from cheating.

So then, are we all condemned to cheat? Of course not. That was to help you understand that it's not because you are unloved that your partner was unfaithful. Therefore, stop reacting in a self-destructive manner that lands you in more trouble and certainly don't class everyone as being disloyal and cross happy relationships off your list. Should you stay in a relationship where you are being cheated on or mistreated? Well, that is a whole different article. Still, one thing is

clear: allowing yourself to be mistreated usually has something to do with your own lack of self-love and confidence. So if you are going through a cheating situation, do not self-harm because of your pain. Your world doesn't end just because that relationship did. Learn lessons about what you could have done differently, be confident of your investment, and then allow God to heal your inner pain. If you are in a relationship, be honest: being in a relationship doesn't make you blind. Love doesn't stop you from feeling attracted to somebody else. However, true love does make you run in the opposite direction!

So here is a tip for those of you who do the cheating! You who do love your partner but cannot seem to remain faithful. If you love your partner, the moment that your eyes are attracted by someone else, you will run from them. Don't keep staring or looking for opportunities to be near them. Don't fool yourself into thinking you are strong enough and can play a little bit, knowing when to stop. No matter how much you love someone, you are human and can fall like any other person. That's why you should run from evil. Don't continue feeding fantasies through inappropriate conversations with others or even, in your mind, remembering someone from your past. If you're going to have eyes for someone, let it be your spouse. If you're going to have a romantic adventure, let it be with your wife or husband. Strengthen your relationship.

**"HE WHO TRUSTS IN HIS OWN HEART IS A FOOL, BUT WHOEVER WALKS WISELY WILL BE DELIVERED." PROVERBS 28:26.**

Think about this verse the next time you think you are strong enough to play with temptation. To love means to do the right thing. It's to run from evil and not trust your strength. If you practice this in your love life, you'll never use the word "cheat" in the same sentence as love. In conclusion, there is no excuse for cheating. But worse still, you are harming yourself as a result of it. Love yourself in the way you want to be loved.



**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**

Send it to:

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## UNIVERSAL BEYOND BARS

*YOU ARE NOT ALONE!*



### DR. LANE MURRAY GRADUATION CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

See more about how these ladies were able to overcome many obstacles and managed to graduate from the Overcoming Anger and Self-Awareness course. You can too!

On Tuesday, Oct 25th, Doctor Lane Murray's Unit had over 100 women who graduated from the UBB: the Overcoming Anger course and the Self-Awareness course.

Both courses allow the ladies to dig deep; often, there are hidden scars within a person that causes them to have outbursts, fits of rage, etc. The same with becoming aware of oneself. How many times has a person lost their way because of life?

They were influenced to do wrong, someone took their innocence away from them, and a person begins to think, "this is who I am." In reality, that is NOT who you are.

Still, because of life's circumstances shaped you to become a person you probably never dreamed of becoming. However, despite all of life's traumas, the good thing is you can choose to move past that and write yourself a new story

as these ladies did. "Who would've ever thought that I could do this?" Many inmates thought this, and some even said it aloud in disbelief.



One of the essential things to overcoming anger which goes hand in hand with self-awareness is understanding oneself. If a person doesn't understand themselves, they will never know the root of their suffering or why they continue making the same mistakes repeatedly.

It took a lot of determination, but they did it. Throughout the course, many of these women experienced challenges that



tested their faith; they had to push through their doubts and reject the negative voices they heard. From losing loved ones, accepting their past, getting to know themselves, and learning to trust God, forgiving,



pushing through in faith to become a better version of themselves, letting go of past hurt and trauma, accepting Jesus, and so much more.

These ladies faced it all! But nothing can even come close to those who decided to surrender their all to God. The ultimate and greatest reward. Seeing the smiles and tears of joy and accomplishments on their faces is priceless. Knowing that they stepped out of their comfort zone brought

them good results made all the sacrifices worth it in the end.



I grew up seeing my mom prostituting to support the family because my father wasn't around. I got involved with gangs at a young age, my mother told me by the time I was 18 I would either be dead or in prison. I was troubled, had paranoia, I couldn't sleep, and was shaken because I always thought, "who's coming for me?" I had no peace, it never stopped there I continued on the streets. My lifestyle broke my family, they beat me and tried to kill my little bro. I am thankful I found the U B B , today my life is new, I am not the same person, I was.



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What's unseen is more real than what is seen. If you believe in God, you have to believe in the supernatural. It's impossible not to believe in the spiritual realm and claim to be a Christian. Bishop David and Evelyn teach you how to identify the unseen enemies attacking your life and loved ones, and they share powerful tools based on God's Word to overcome them.

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# THEY BARELY HAD MONEY TO FEED THEIR CHILDREN

Darlei and Jucelene were faced with a harsh reality. At times, they were unable to even feed their children. However, today they lead a fulfilled and prosperous life. See their story.



An accident left his father bedridden for two years. He, among his four brothers, became the breadwinner of the house. "I would go to work and barely had rice in my lunch box. At lunchtime, I stayed away from people so they wouldn't see what I was eating." Later in life, he moved to a new city with his wife and three children. His situation was miserable. "I told the owner of the place we rented that the furniture would arrive, but it wasn't true. My wife would put a duvet on the floor and we would sleep huddled together so we wouldn't feel cold. In fact, we didn't even have food." Darlei sank into addictions. "I started out smoking weed, but my rock bottom was crack. My wife would ask for money for our children's milk, but I didn't

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have it. I even thought about ending my life. I was known as a deadbeat, a crook, a liar and a junkie until I met God." Then he found the Universal Church. "The first time the Pastor talked about tithing, I called him a thief. So I waited for the meeting to end outside, smoking. Then, a friend took me to his church and when I got there, it was Universal. I finally admitted that I had nothing to lose." After learning about the Faith, Darlei threw himself unto the Altar. "At the Altar, I conquered everything,

starting with the Holy Spirit, which is the meaning of my life."

From sacrifice to sacrifice, Darlei reaps the fruits of the Altar: "God has given us health, peace and joy. I live in one of the best condominiums in my city, I have a company with 60 employees, a farm with cattle, a fishing ranch, speedboat, car and motorcycle. We can travel and my children are well educated. It was the Holy Spirit who did it all." he concludes.



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## FINANCIAL TIP

As a budding entrepreneur, it is important to understand what it's like to be productive. Often, people believe that they were productive because they worked many hours, when being productive is being able to fulfill all aspects of life. Can you sleep well, have time to eat, time for your family and also to perform your duties without one hindering the other? In general, people need to ask themselves these questions.

It is essential to organize how everyday activities and tasks will be done. It is also necessary to have a clear goal, and to make a plan to achieve it. If you are not able to be productive in your activities, you may lack spiritual direction for this. Follow the example of those who are changing this and other aspects of their professional life by attending the Strong Nation. This meeting, based on the Word of God takes place on Mondays in all Universal Churches.

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