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## END-OF-YEAR FESTIVITIES

A time of loneliness and sadness for many. All colors and lights hide a side that isn't talked about: Depression, pain, sickness, family issues and poverty to name just a few.

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Clubbing, drinking, women and frustrations became part of his daily life until an invitation changed his life, says Marcio.

**YOU CAN STILL CHANGE YOUR STORY!**



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## | IN THIS EDITION | END OF THE YEAR

According to the media, December is supposed to be “The most wonderful time of the year.” It is a time of shopping, gift-giving, family gatherings, and celebrating. A time of Joy, but in reality, for many is a time of heart-ache, loneliness, and sadness.

Due to the lack of financial stability, family and family division/dysfunction, health or relationship problems, etc., many have despised this time of the year. Some become depressed thinking of failed resolutions and countless issues they have, while others shop to have a sense of happiness. And each year, the cycle continues over and over.

The end of the year does not have to be a time of sadness for you. God promised to make all things new for those who come to Him and surrender their all. But when the time comes to put things into practice, we can only expect change if we do something to accomplish change. What is the point of making resolutions if we live each new day as the day before? Without goals and objectives, without sacrifices, it will only lead to no results.

Through the help of the Holy Spirit, this new year will also mean a new life. If you genuinely want to be different and for this new year to be different, visit a Universal Church near you today. You will receive prayer and practical steps to change your life for the better truly.

## | BEATING DEPRESSION |

Depression is an illness of the soul that the power of Faith can cure. Since it is an illness of the soul, what medicines can you use to heal it? The human soul suffers from depression because there are doubts in it that bring fear, worries, anxieties, in short, ongoing concern. Who, other than the Savior of Souls, can heal the soul?

Are you feeling hopeless? Do you feel like the weight of the world is on your shoulders? Have you lost the desire to live? It is a sign of spiritual oppression. Maybe 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 prayer at one of our locations. You, too, can defeat depression.



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**Bishop Edir Macedo**



## THE END OF ANOTHER YEAR

The end of another year is coming, and for some, it is a time for parties, joy (temporary), abundance at the table, family reunions, seeing friends, trips, etc. For others, it is time to remember those who are no longer there; a time of sadness, loneliness, and misery...

As it is the end of an old year, it should be synonymous with the end of many things, such as the end of problems. However, this has only been the case for some.

In fact, this is the time when most people remember their losses and disappointments. Usually, when we think about the past and the things that have hurt us, it only brings us sadness, anguish, and a desire to cry and isolate ourselves from the world (depression).

Every year it's the same thing – while some rejoice, others cry. So, if you want to stop crying, erase the past sorrows, and really make this end of the year a different one, I have a message from God for you:

**“If you want to stop crying... leave behind the things that made you cry in the old year (past)”**

“Do not remember the



former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth;” Isaiah 43:18-19

God doesn't want to see you suffering, so He asks you to leave behind the things that made you cry during the old year (past). God promises to do something new in your life, to give light to those in darkness. WHO BELIEVES?

Take the opportunity to participate in the New Year's Eve Vigil on 31 December at 10 PM in a Universal Church of the Kingdom of God, and believe that a new life will begin for you in 2021

**How many times have you said to yourself, “My God! This year has flown by so quickly! It's already December...” “You made resolutions but never fulfilled them. When a person is undisciplined with what is Natural, which represents life here on Earth, they are most likely undisciplined with what is Supernatural, which represents their Spiritual life and communion with God. God blesses those who keep not only their word but, above all, His.**



Despite the beauty, riches, and trips to paradisiacal places, nothing could fill Marcia Carolina's void.

At 16, she went to work in a mall in her hometown. There, she made friends, some of whom already worked as models. They encouraged her to also try modeling because of her beauty. After participating in a contest in her city, she was called to work as a model in São Paulo, Brazil.

“When I arrived in São Paulo, everything was wonderful. But soon after, I started clubbing and partying a lot. I started off drinking wine, then began smoking cigarettes and marijuana. At home with the other models, I got introduced to drugs such as ether and cocaine,” she said.

As work slowed down, she

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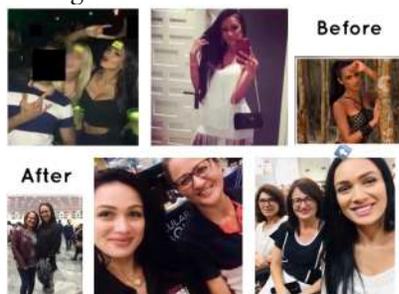
fell deeper into drugs and became depressed. But despite all this, she later received an offer to work in Europe in Paris, France.

“I thought that leaving Brazil, the depression and suffering would end, but that's when I sank even deeper. I was introduced to new drugs and overdosed several times. I ended up meeting a very influential person and received another invitation: now, to live in Dubai. Getting there, it all fell apart. I had everything, but at the same time, I had nothing,” she laments.

One day, the young woman received a message from her mother (who was already attending the church) asking her to watch a video of a testimony. To her surprise, the testimony was of a friend, another model she had met during her travels with whom she had lost contact. “It impacted me. Her life had changed, so I decided to try it and go to the church,” she says.

She began coming every day to get to know God more. The first day she came, after receiving prayer, she felt a peace, a weight lifted off her. She got delivered from drugs and drinking. Her life transformed when she received the Holy Spirit.

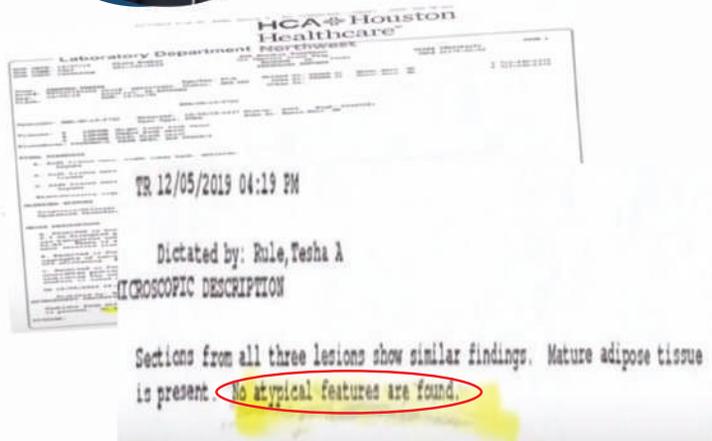
“My habits began to change; I sacrificed how I used to talk, even friendships, and began to seek God more. I wanted to receive the Holy Spirit. When I received the Holy Spirit, it was something unexplainable, I cried, but it was tears of happiness and joy, a certainty that God was now living in me.



# MIRACLES EXIST



## I OVERCAME CANCER



My mother and sister both had cancer, and I was diagnosed with the same disease. I was diagnosed with lymphoma, which caused my entire body to ache with pain. I had to put support behind my back whenever I was sitting; it took me three hours to get to my job when it would only be an hour before.



I started drinking the Divine water by faith. I had a successful surgery and continued drinking the blessed water, upon getting my test results, which stated that I had no more cancer. The doctor said the disease wouldn't reoccur. -Teresa

## I NEGLECTED MY HEALTH BECAUSE OF GAMBLING

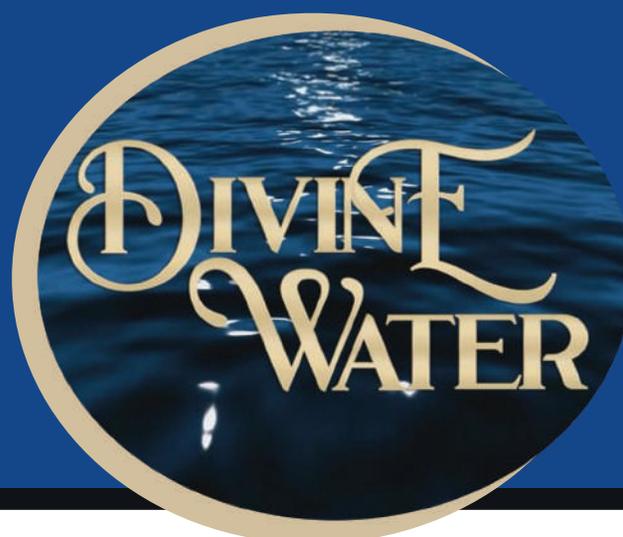


I was addicted to gambling and thought it was an easy way to get rich. Gambling was more important to me than my health. I struggled with diabetes for 20 years. I developed high blood pressure, diabetes, and low blood counts. After being in this ministry for the past one and a half years, I'm free from gambling; I got healed from diseases. It has been the best time of my life; I have received the Holy Spirit. -Radcliffe



## NO MORE BACK PAIN

I had terrible back pains. I didn't know where the pain came from and even started telling others about it. I learned about the Divine Water and decided to follow the instructions. Eventually, the back pains left my body, and even my sight improved after using the Divine water.



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

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|Message|

**BISHOP JOSHUA**

## YOUR NEW STORY

Is it possible for a grown man or woman full of regret, bad memories, and a painful past to start again as if it were their day one? Can someone whose mind is full of problems, doubts, and fear be reversed into a strong mind full of faith again?

Humanly speaking, people do not simply 'forget' the past, especially when it has to do with harmful and painful memories. Many people hold onto past mistakes and regrets for years and years. Holding onto the past is what brings about confusion and doubts in the minds of many people nowadays. Only through a conscious decision to leave the past behind can a person start their journey to a clean slate, in other words, a brand new story.

Would you believe me if I told you there is a way to forget the past and have a brand new story in life? Do not take my word for it; let's see the proof in God's Word.

**"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed**

**away; behold, all things have become new."** (2 Corinthians 5:17)

The only way to truly let go of your 'old story' is by surrendering it to our Lord Jesus. He is the only One able to wipe away all past problems and turn them into simple memories. He can remove the confusion, the doubts, and the fear inside your mind. But this act does not depend on Him. If anyone is in Christ, they will have a brand new story. Can anything be added to a container that is already full? The

answer is no.

God's Presence cannot fill you if you are still full of your ideas and opinions. However, suppose you are willing to empty yourself so that the Spirit of God may fill you. In that case, you will have a new life story filled with strength, prosperity, and above all, eternal salvation.

**"Then He who sat on the throne said, 'Behold, I make all things new.'"**

(Revelations 21:5)

May the God of the Bible bless you.



## THEY OVERCAME LOVE LIFE FRUSTRATIONS

When talking about love life, reports of frustrated people who no longer believe in true love are widespread. This was the case of realtor Thiago Oliveira Rodrigues, 35, and special service analyst Jacqueline Carolina dos Santos, 36, before they attended the lectures at the Therapy of Love.

Thiago says he was a disbeliever in love because when he liked someone, the person was not interested in him. "I was scarred by the rejection of liking someone who didn't appreciate me. I thought I would never find someone who liked me, loved me and respected me and that I would be single for my whole life. I no longer believed in myself for having endured so many heart-breaks."

This picture changed when he learned about intelligent love and started to take care of his wounds and traumas. "I learned to value myself, to take care of myself, and to invest in myself. I started worrying about what God thought of me and not what other people said or thought," he says

Jacqueline also arrived at Therapy of Love with no hope of finding happiness in love. Still, she changed inside as she practiced what she learned in the lectures. "I had relationships that didn't work out. I was very frustrated, and started thinking I would never be happy with anyone. However, I began seeing everything differently through the Love Therapy meetings. I decided first to heal from complexes and past traumas and started fighting for my love life," she says.



Already healed and determined to have a successful relationship, they met at the lectures. After a while, they started a relationship. After a year and a half, Thiago and Jacqueline received their marriage blessing at the Altar in June 2020. "The Altar is what brings the blessing and direction for a lasting relationship, and it is thanks to this blessing that we have a happy relationship and continue firm in this faith," points out Jacqueline.

"The Altar represents God; there is no better place to receive God's blessing than at the Altar. For Thiago, the Altar is the only place to guarantee a relationship's happiness and the wisdom to keep it. The Altar brings security, confidence, and peace, which is reflected in our marriage."

Today, Thiago and Jacqueline live a happy marriage and reap the fruits of the teachings they received. "Today, we are more than a couple. We have a lot of love, respect, and affection for each other. There is friendship and trust, and none of this would be possible if God were not in the first place in our lives to bless and guide our marriage", concludes Thiago.

**Are you having love life problems? Find out more about love therapy meetings at the Universal Church near you. Call us at 1 888 332 4141 for more information.**



**BISHOP JOSHUA**

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				Isaiah 31	Isaiah 32	Isaiah 33				
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Isaiah 34	Isaiah 35	Isaiah 36	Isaiah 37	Isaiah 38	Isaiah 39	Isaiah 40				
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Isaiah 41	Isaiah 42	Isaiah 43	Isaiah 44	Isaiah 45	Isaiah 46	Isaiah 47				
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Isaiah 55	Isaiah 56	Isaiah 57 & 58	Isaiah 59 & 60	Isaiah 61 & 62	Isaiah 63 & 64	Isaiah 65 & 66				

## I GOT AN INVITATION THAT CHANGED MY LIFE

**F**ernanda says she and her family spent every year on the beach thinking about the new year's blessings. Traditions and customs were common. "We wore white clothes and threw many flowers into the sea to have peace in the new year. But we left there fighting", she recalls. She claims that fights destroyed her home and that she grew up angry, to the point of getting involved with drugs in her teens. "I got involved with friends who encouraged me to use drugs, and I constantly drank. In clubs, I let myself get carried away by guys who just wanted to use me and then discard me.

I subjected myself to doing things that today, just the thought of them makes me ashamed. When I returned from a night out, the consequences of the drugs came: disturbing thoughts, paranoia, fears, anguish", she details. At the age of 18, Fernanda entered into a very troubled relationship. "We went to live in a new country to get married and start a family. But in our relationship, there was possessive jealousy that resulted in physical and verbal aggression, as well as betrayal."

Then I got an invitation to change my life.

### Faith as a compass

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Lord Jesus and got to know His Word, she felt like a new being was being formed inside her. She moved back home and started

attending Universal meetings. "I met a God who changed my life. So, I started putting everything I learned on the Altar

into practice daily, and God transformed my life. A new person was being generated from the inside out. I gave up many things, like relationships that were bad for me. I was freed from drugs, drinks, and partying. I sought to know God," she recalls.

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Today, after using her faith, Fernanda says that she is happy and that her family lives peacefully. But her most significant achievement was receiving the Holy Spirit. "I can say that the Spirit of God dwells in me, and that's why I am a new person. My greatest joy is to start the year in the presence of God, thanking Him for everything He has done for me", she concludes.

### How to start your new year today

Do trees know it's starting a new year? What do the animals know? And the babies? New Year, in fact, is a product of human traditions. All year-end customs lead people to believe that, as if by magic, changing the number of years on the calendar will bring about positive changes in their lives.

"Happy New Year" has become a social obligation. However, it doesn't bring more health, money, happiness, or anything else. What's the use of parties, eating and drinking, music and dancing - if you wake up the next day and things are the same? Your problems, challenges, and dreams don't know it's New Year either. They will go on the same, regardless of the calendar - unless you decide to do what is right and necessary to overcome them and reach them. Make courageous decisions to change your life instead of practicing old traditions like "Happy New Year," fireworks, wearing white, and all that; Do what has to be done and be committed to those changes you want to see. Whichever day you prioritize, God will be marked as the first day of your new year and life.

# HAPPY NEW YEAR?

## SPECIAL HOLIDAY SERVICE

Sunday, December 25th

Join us on Christmas Day for a special holiday service. As the year comes to an end, Bring your family and join us on this day to bless you holidays!

Every Universal Church  
at 10am



A Happy New Year starts now. Don't wait for January 1st to begin a new and successful year. Participate in our end of the year services, and already begin all that God has in store for you.

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## FESTIVE SEASON:

## THE SIDE OF IT NOBODY TALKS ABOUT

**T**he month of December tends to generate anxiety in many people. It happens because social pressures mark the arrival of the end of the year. At this time, we are driven to buy more, prepare typical dishes, participate in parties, meet distant friends, wear new clothes, and travel. Who hasn't felt obligated to buy gifts just because everyone else was doing it?

It is almost impossible to escape the appeals of commerce, which decorate the streets and malls in red, gold, and green to alert everyone about the "festive atmosphere." So many people feel compelled to do everything they haven't done all year in a single month. There's a bank account and mental health to handle so many tasks! It feels like the world is going to end.

According to the specialist, people with low self-esteem may suffer more during this period. "Those who feel insecure have more difficulty saying no and imposing their opinions. It is important to remember that people should like us for who we are and not for what we can do for them."

In many cases, the search for shopping, travel, and social events can be an attempt to mask the sadness and the feeling of emptiness. But is happiness in material goods or parties?

"Some people don't feel enough and give gifts or do certain things to get noticed. With that, they try to feel better, but there is often undisclosed sadness." To escape these traps, the expert suggests dialogue and strengthening self-esteem. "It's important to talk to the family, share good times and be aware of what you really want and can do," she advises.

Are you feeling empty and sad, especially during the festive season? Visit the closest Universal Church and speak to one of our pastors. See the back page for locations.

**M**arcio had a quiet life with his family. Under the influence of bad friends, he took some actions that had negative consequences.

"My first attitude when I abandoned the faith was to leave my mother's house. I knew that if I was with my family, I couldn't continue with the life of illusion that I was leading," he says.

Marcio had several frustrating relationships. **Clubbing, drinking, and women became part of his daily life and his frustrations.** Furthermore, fear and anguish began to overwhelm him.

Even as he went out with friends across the country, his mother, América, did not lose hope of having that companion and devoted son close to the family again.

The mother, who had been attending the Universal Church for five years, began to practice what she had learned at the meetings. She persevered in vows and prayers, participating in the Concentration of Faith and Miracles. **It was eight years of fighting to get their son back. She never stopped believing that God would transform him.**

One day, when he decided to visit his mother, he received an



invitation from an assistant to attend a meeting at Universal. "When I received the invitation, I rejected it outright. But then something spoke very strongly within me that this might be the last opportunity. I took the initiative to go back. It was not easy. That was my biggest struggle," he recalls.

It wasn't easy, but his mother's prayers strengthened him, and he was able to attend a meeting. "I remember the prayer I said that day, when I told God who I really was and who was the person I had become when I let myself be carried away by the filth of the world. I was honest about my real condition. After that prayer, I started to have the strength that I didn't have until then," he says.

Little by little, Marcio left his bad friendships aside, went back to his mother's house, and no longer wanted to stay out at night.

**"After that prayer, I started to have the strength that I didn't have until then..."**

He broke free from alcohol addiction and no longer needed to date, multiple women. He started attending meetings, and every day he was more at peace.

**With the transformation he had after surrendering to God, everything changed. Today he has a good relationship with his family; he is married and very happy.**

# “I WAS DEAD INSIDE...”

As a child, Gabriella lived with her grandparents, who were “reference of love, affection, and care”. This was reassuring since her parents had separated. But her life completely changed after her grandmother passed away. “I moved in with my mother, and we fought a lot,” she recalls. **“I was angry with everybody.** I didn’t understand why my grandmother left. She was my reference and I couldn’t have a mother-daughter relationship with my mother.”

Gabriella started having problems at school, fighting with teachers and students, going to bars and parties, even running away from home to go out on Fridays and only coming back on Mondays. At these parties, she was introduced to alcohol: **“I was 15 years old and I made drinking my refuge.** I even went to school drunk. I was also addicted to the internet.”

At the age of 17, she no longer had peace and tried to commit suicide for the first time, using medication. She says that, at that time, she heard voices, had disturbing visions and, consequently, had trouble sleeping. “When I woke up doped up, I felt frustrated that I hadn’t made it. I thought I wasn’t even good enough to die, so I got more and more angry and

hateful,” she recalls. The desire for the end of her life made her lose the desire to go to parties and stay at home crying. Even her boyfriend couldn’t understand why she acted like that. Gabriella spent New Year’s Eve alone. “Soon after, I attempted suicide again. So my mom called my dad and asked him to pick me up because she didn’t know what else to do with me. **I was trying to kill myself, but I was already dead and I didn’t know it.**”

Moving houses also changed Gabriella’s life. **Her father attended the Universal Church and invited her to church.** That night, she managed to sleep for the first time in a long time. “I was amazed and, at the same time, not understanding how I had managed to sleep so well. I started attending meetings, and my father anointed me every day. I realized there was something different,” she says.

Months later, the campaign of Israel came about. She listened carefully to the guidelines, understood the proposal to use faith in favor of a life transformation and decided to participate. “But I decided to do it for my spiritual life. I took the envelope and said to God: my request is that I want to live. I want to have life because until today, I’ve only survived, and

I can’t hold on anymore. It doesn’t work anymore. I need your help”.

Willing to do everything in her power, she decided to stop drinking, distanced herself from the friendships that influenced her negatively, quit her job because the company she was working at forced her to lie to customers, and started selling sweets at the fair. “I also talked to my boyfriend and ended the relationship. Without understanding, he asked me if I had someone else, and I replied: ‘not yet, but I will have God.’ **I was determined to have the Holy Spirit,**” she reveals.

Gabriella gave herself completely to the Altar during that campaign. She was confident that she had done everything God asked of her and continued to seek the Holy Spirit at every opportunity she had, not just at church.

Days later, on a Wednesday, her prayer was audacious and daring. “I told God, ‘Whatever I had to do, I did it. Everything that was up to me I did. If I die today and lose my Salvation because I don’t know You, I don’t believe that it’s my fault anymore. I’m here, and I want the Lord more than anything; I want nothing in this life more than the Lord’. And the Holy



descended, filling my soul with joy and life.”

She went on to evangelize, participate in Universal groups and, a few months later, was consecrated as an assistant to help win souls. That Gabriella, who had started the year alone and tried to end her life, 365 days later, had really died to make way for another. “A year after that

horrible New Year’s Eve I spent New Year’s Eve at the Altar, seeking the Holy Spirit and serving God,” she recalls. Ten years have passed and Gabriella is still in the Presence of God, happy and fulfilled: “God gave me dreams and restored my relationship with my mother, today we are great friends. The Holy Spirit and the campaign of Israel changed my life”.

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The campaign of Israel is a purpose of faith, totally inspired by the Bible, for the complete transformation of the life of the one who believes. As we read the Word of God, we come across countless examples of men and women of faith who proved the power of God through sacrifice.

Just as in the past, God continues looking for sincere people invested in this supernatural faith to manifest Himself in their lives. So, this means that anyone who displays the same

faith and obedience as the past faith heroes will get the same or greater results. It means you will reach the answer, the miracle, the blessing of the Most High.

It is essential to understand that sacrifice goes far beyond financial donations or material goods. It is also necessary that there is a renunciation of their wills and sins. He calls everyone, but only those who obey Him reach the answer.

## PICKING BETTER BATTLES...



much of themselves or see a future. They feel they have nothing to lose and are more than happy to start up whenever they are bored.

No, these examples are not fictional. Most fights begin because of stupid things. Of course, it's also true that these things, at times, are simply the symptoms of a deeper problem. The person has put up with so much that they snap when stupid little things happen.

The saddest part is that the crucial fights that determine a better future are usually substituted for the insignificant ones. In a moment of madness, a person forgets their focus; they forget that they are trying to make parole and that one more case can jeopardize their future. Sadly, you would sacrifice so much for others at the expense of your future.

Some people have the habit of fighting about the most insignificant things. Everyone knows someone who has had nasty fights over some of these types of items:

The way they've been looked at or spoken to. This person is usually insecure, overly sensitive, or has deep-rooted past pain. They are typically easy targets for those looking for trouble because anything can set them off.

They were taking on a fight for someone else. "That 200lb troublemaker is picking a fight with my 90lb friend. Don't worry, I'mma fighting for her." Sound familiar? This person, who usually has no morals, suddenly feels compelled to put things right for the sake of humanity.

Boredom. You would be surprised to learn how many people pick fights simply because they have nothing amusing to do! These people would never admit it, but they don't think

Pick your battles better and define what's worth fighting for. You will have fewer fights and a much calmer time – not to mention God seeing your efforts because of them.

**PICKING BETTER BATTLES MEANS YOU DON'T MAKE A BIG DEAL OUT OF OTHER PEOPLE'S CHILDISH COMMENTS BECAUSE THAT IS JUST A REFLECTION OF THEM, NOT YOU. IGNORE THEM. PRAY FOR THEM AND THEN MOVE ON.**

**CHOOSE YOUR FIGHTS WISELY. FIGHT FOR WHAT'S WORTH FIGHTING FOR. (YOUR FUTURE) AS FOR THE REST, ACT LIKE YOU DON'T SEE IT.**

### UNIVERSAL BEYOND BARS (UBB) NATIONWIDE SCHEDULE

\* Scheduling may vary depending on local changes

#### TEXAS

##### MONDAY'S:

C.T. TERRELL UNIT: 1PM & 4PM  
LUTHER UNIT: 10AM  
CLEMENS UNIT: 2:30PM  
CLEMENS 2 UNIT: 1PM  
TERRELL UNIT: 2PM

##### TUESDAY'S:

FERGUSON UNIT: 8AM & 5PM  
HOBBY UNIT: 8AM  
LANE MURRAY UNIT: 12:30PM  
GOREE UNIT: 2PM  
JESTER UNIT: 1PM  
JESTER 3 UNIT: 12:30PM  
KEGAN UNIT: 1PM

##### WEDNESDAY'S:

LUTHER UNIT: 11:00AM  
CLEMENS UNIT: 3PM  
GOREE UNIT- EVERY 1ST AND 4TH WED OF THE MONTH @ 4PM.  
HOLIDAY UNIT: 8AM

##### THURSDAY'S:

CRAIN UNIT: 5PM  
HILLTOP UNIT: 1PM  
SANDER'S UNIT: 5PM & 6PM

##### FRIDAY'S:

LUTHER UNIT: 10AM  
DARRINGTON/MEMORIAL UNIT: 3PM

##### SATURDAY'S:

JESTER UNIT, EVERY 1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH @ 1PM.

**\*NOTE:FERGUSONUNIT,PLEASE SPEAK TO YOUR CHAPLAIN FOR THE UBB COURSE SCHEDULE.**

#### FLORIDA

##### TUESDAY'S:

METRO WEST DETENTION CENTER: 10AM- 2PM  
BROWARD REGIONAL JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER: 4PM-5PM  
TOK (FEMALE JAIL)- EVERY 2ND & 4TH TUESDAY: 10AM-12PM.

##### SATURDAY'S:

MIAMI DADE COUNTY PRE-TRIAL DETENTION CENTER: 10AM- 11AM

#### CALIFORNIA

##### TUESDAY'S:

AVENAL STATE PRISON: 2PM- 4PM

#### HAWAII

##### TUESDAY'S:

HALAWA CORRECTIONAL FACILITY: 7PM

##### WEDNESDAY'S:

HALAWA CORRECTIONAL FACILITY- 7PM

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## UNIVERSAL BEYOND BARS

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**“SELLING DOPE CAUSED ME TO LOSE MY FREEDOM FOR OVER 10 YEARS ON THREE SEPARATE OCCASIONS.”**

- MR. JOHN

I had three different inmate numbers, which means I encountered prison on three separate occasions.

Growing up as a young kid, I never got myself into trouble; both parents raised me for some time until they got a divorce. They would try to compete with one another to see who the “better parent” could be. Still, other than that, I genuinely had a good childhood.

I never went to college, but I traveled and made music. However, as an adult, I wanted to start doing my own

thing. I remember the very first time I was arrested. I was on my way to make a delivery in my truck. I was heading to make a delivery in Springfield, Missouri.

I had to make a delivery first in another city. I was one exit away when I went to the way station, but I had rocked the truck, and when you go to a way station and swing the truck, that is a sign of fatigue, so I was asked to pull over, and I was scared.

I never had a load on the truck, but the officer asked me why I had been heading

## IMPRISONED THREE TIMES...WHEN WAS IT GOING TO CHANGE?

to Ohio taking that route, and I simply told him, “I wanted to.” But the officer knew something was up. I had the window slightly cracked on the driver’s side. I locked my doors because that was my brother’s advice. That didn’t stop the officer. HE MANAGED TO SLAM MY WINDOW DOWN, FOUND THE MARIJUANA, AND SAID TO ME, “THIS IS WHY YOU’RE GOING TO OHIO!” AT THAT POINT, MY WORLD CAVED IN. I WAS ARRESTED AND RECEIVED A 10-YEAR SENTENCE. I ENDED UP SERVING FIVE YEARS AND NINE MONTHS BEHIND BARS.

The second time I was arrested, I went back to doing what I knew I could: making my deliveries and selling marijuana in my trucks. One night I was leaving a studio, and I told a guy there I was getting ready to wrap and trade, and I got robbed. When



they called the police, they knew there was an altercation because the neighbors said they heard a gunshot. They took us out of the house and found 68 lbs of marijuana after doing a detailed search. I was taken down again, and this second time I was sentenced to a little over three

years and did one year and a half out of that 3-year sentence.

When I got out, I wasn’t entirely persuaded yet to change, and I was doing the same things. Still, I started carrying a pistol because I was afraid of getting robbed again this time.

**HOWEVER, ONE NIGHT I GOT INTO WITH AN EX, AND SHE CALLED THE POLICE ON ME, BUT THIS TIME I DECIDED TO RUN. I HAD TOLD MYSELF NOT TODAY. I ONLY MADE IT 12 MILES IN MY TRUCK BEFORE THEY SPIKED THE TIRES, AND I GOT CAUGHT WITH THE PISTOL.**

I was sentenced to five years and served three and two months on that sentence.

My rock bottom in prison was that I kept repeating the same mistake and thinking, “I’m never going home.” My only solution was to turn to God, get down on my knees, and tell Him I couldn’t do this again because it broke me, and I told God that I had to change. I met the UBB and decided to surrender my life to God. Since this last incarceration, I never went back. I have been attending the Universal church since I came out.

I am no longer addicted to

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I am no longer addicted to drugs, I don’t sell drugs, I now have peace which I never knew existed before, I’m a new man, and now I have found the light before I thought the sun would never shine on my side. Now every day, I see God’s light in my life. There are two choices; either you will either be conformed to prison life, or you’re going to change, I told God constantly I was broken, and He repaired me.

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**I TELL YOU ONE THING YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE; YOU HAVE MADE BAD DECISIONS, BUT YOU HAVE TO LOOK TO THE LORD.**



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**REBUILDING FAMILIES | 12pm**  
with Pastor Samuel

**MIRACLES EXIST | 1pm**  
with Bishop Edson

**LET THERE BE LIGHT**  
2pm & 12am  
with Pastor Samuel

**WOMEN IN REAL TIME | 3pm**

**STOP SUFFERING | 4pm**  
with Pastor Diego

**FIGHTING THE UNSEEN ENEMY**  
7pm with Bishop David

**MOSES & THE TEN**  
**COMMANDMENTS | 8pm**

**JESUS THE SERIES | 10pm**



### REBUILDING FAMILIES

When we experience family problems, it can affect us negatively in many ways. Yet more and more people are experiencing problems in their families, and it can tear them apart.

The likelihood of family unity deteriorating is increasing, from grudges to separation, to stress, etc. However, you and your family do not have to experience difficulties. Join Pastor Samuel Mon-Fri at 12pm ET and find a way out to this family problem!

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# I HAD TO WORK ON MY PRESENT TO SOLVE MY FUTURE



Adresley was young and figuring out what to do with her future. However, procrastination and health complications delayed her plans. Years passed and she saw everyone else moving forward and felt stuck. Today, her mindset has changed. See how she did it...

**A**dresley postponed her goal of going to college because she never set that goal as a priority. The end of the year was the same: she said that she decided to take a course the following year, but she didn't take it. "I just kept thinking, 'I'm going to do it' because I was busy with something else. I even took an online entrance exam once but lost the result because I didn't prioritize it." One year ended, and another began. The young woman did not want to sacrifice her time. When she realized that her friends were already in college, she changed her mind and planned that the next year would be different.

Adresley had been hurt before because of another postponement situation. Because she suffered from severe anemia, she postponed it until the following year. "I let things happen in their natural course. It didn't dawn on me that I had to work on my present to solve my future", she says. She

realized that the situation had reached the limit when she was sick, very underweight, and with a lung infection. "I was reaping the result of the delayed time for not taking care of my health," she points out. Only after regaining her health was the young woman able to establish her goal to study. She took classes in business management, etiquette, restaurant services, computers, and Spanish. Then she started studying Gastronomy.

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She now understands that it is always necessary to have well-defined objectives. "I recommend you have goals but also take steps towards them because just thinking about them isn't enough. I learned that there is no easy route to complete a mission," she points out.

## FINANCIAL TIP

### Start planning your new year

A new year is approaching. For many people, it's time to start creating a list of goals for the new year. For others, it is yet another end of the year with unaccomplished wishes. So that you don't have the same frustrations as other years, you need to know how to correctly plan what you intend to accomplish this coming year and what to do to make it happen. It is also essential to reflect on the strategies you will use.

To draw up a plan, you must first take stock of your life. In your finances, for example, it is no use setting a goal to earn more; instead, set a target for how much you want to make. If you have a business, it's not worth just saying that you need to grow but pointing out the areas that have prevented growth and what you need to do to eliminate them. Knowing how to plan goals is an essential step in achieving them.



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