



## OVERCOMING CHALLENGES

MANY PEOPLE THINK IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO OVERCOME THEIR PROBLEMS AND HAVE A HAPPY LIFE, BUT THESE STORIES PROVE OTHERWISE.



### I OVERCAME SICKNESS

"I HAD ANEMIA AND A SEVERE INFECTION IN MY KIDNEY, WHICH WAS ALREADY FULL OF A MILLION BACTERIA. THE LUMP I FELT WAS THE DILATED KIDNEY."



### I OVERCAME POVERTY

IT SEEMED IMPOSSIBLE TO BRAKE FREE FROM FINANCIAL PROBLEMS. I WAS LIVING A MISERABLE LIFE.

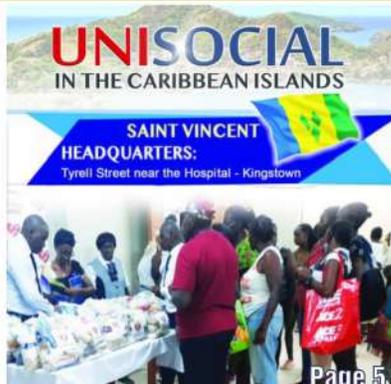
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### OVERCOMING STORIES WHAT'S THEIR SECRET?

Problems. Everyone has them. But the question is: What do we do with them? Unfortunately, problems come to all people regardless of our differences. There's no secret way to be immune to them. But there is a secret to overcoming them. It all begins with the way we view them. While some fight to maintain an optimistic view, others almost automatically see and believe only what is negative. But many need help to understand that how we see a situation determines how we react toward it and, ultimately, whether or not we will solve it.

Naturally, as humans, our first reaction, when faced with a problem, is to become sad, angry, or frustrated. Problems only ruin our plans and expectations and cause disorder in our life. We don't even want to deal with it. But problems left unresolved or ignored only grow and cause even more problems.

You may have done all you physically can but still were unable to resolve your problem(s). Don't lose hope. Just because it is difficult to solve alone doesn't mean it is impossible or you're a lost cause. God can make the impossible possible the same way He has done in the lives of those you will see as you continue reading. These stories prove otherwise.

Instead of crying and envying the lives of others or complaining, they learn to rely on God and become better people through their difficulties. They learned how to change their perspectives and overcome their problems through the power of faith. You can do the same.

## | BEATING DEPRESSION |

Depression is an illness of the soul that you can only cure through the power of Faith. Who, other than the Savior of Souls, can heal the soul? What medicine can use to heal that which is spiritual?

Every Friday, at every Universal Church, we have a service for spiritual cleansing against depression. Make a Chain of Prayer by attending the prayer meeting for seven consecutive weeks. You will receive practical advice as well as spiritual help through the power of prayers to overcome depression. We have thousands of testimonials worldwide that prove a Chain of Prayer works.

Just because you're struggling right now doesn't mean the only option is ending it all. You CAN have a new beginning. You, too, can defeat depression.

**YOU CAN BEAT  
DEPRESSION  
YOUR STORY ISNT OVER!**

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**Bishop Edir Macedo**



## TWO KINDS OF PEOPLE

**T**here are two kinds of people who attend church. The **FIRST KIND** involves people who only see the difficulties. In fact, difficulties are inside them; they have a pessimistic outlook on life. They don't believe they can overcome the hellish barriers between them and God's promises. They think that if they attend the church, have knowledge of the Bible, fast, and pray, they will eventually take possession of His promises. But the truth is that they will never achieve God's promises unless they take action.

As the Bible says, **"For you need endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise"** (Hebrews 10:36).

The promises have to be conquered by me. God wants me to take an attitude and fight against my enemies, who oppose me, to stop me.

**"Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome."**

On the other hand, the **SECOND KIND** involves those who only see the victory—even when faced with a situation



that, humanly speaking, cannot be resolved. This group of people sees things by faith. They know they have to take action to overcome the insurmountable barriers between them and God's promises. They have the same assurance Caleb and Joshua had, as it's written, **"Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it"** (Numbers 13:30).

There are no barriers that an act of faith cannot overcome. I believe it's time to take possession. **HOW ABOUT YOU?**

Felisbela Amparo would never have imagined herself standing in an auditorium full of people sharing her story. But she did so that others who felt as helpless as she did—irrespective of their battles—could also receive hope to keep going. Continue reading and see how Felisbela overcame and how the impossible became possible



## "THERE WAS NO OTHER OPTION BUT TO AMPUTATE MY FOOT"

"When doctors told me there was nothing they could do to save my foot, it was hard to take in. Things got so bad that I could see my tendons in the open wound, and yet, today, I stand—pain-free."

Felisbela Amparo's inspiring story began when what she describes as a painful burn-like boil developed on her foot. At first, it didn't seem so bad, but when it started to spread, alarm bells began to ring.

"The 'boil' turned out to be a foot ulcer. Doctors managed to drain it, but the wound wouldn't close. They attempted a skin graft, but the wound kept on widening. Nobody could determine what was causing this, so amputation seemed to be the only option". By this time, Felisbela was in

a lot of pain. She struggled to walk, could no longer wear shoes on the infected foot, and would often have high fevers. This nine-month agony came to a miraculous end after her family attended an event held by the Universal Church.

"I couldn't accept my condition. My faith wouldn't allow it. I believed that, somehow, God would be able to help me. When I heard about the Day of Power, it was like an answered prayer. I couldn't attend because of my foot, but I asked my daughter and grandson to go on my behalf, which they did. They also brought back a small bottle of oil which had been blessed."

"It might sound crazy to others, but I used the oil on my foot because it gave me the peace and assurance that everything would be okay. Day by day, the wound started closing on its own! Two

weeks after the Day of Power, the wound had closed completely, and I was back on my feet, pain-free. I couldn't believe it."

"I was so overjoyed that I had to share what happened with me with everyone who may have ever felt like me. When big problems arise, it's easy to feel like the situation is irreversible and you are powerless to do anything about it. Don't give up on yourself. My faith gave me an inner power that didn't accept the situation. It gave me hope. I don't know how to explain it, but everything changed when I placed my faith in God! It's nothing short of a miracle!"

- Felisbela Amparo



# MIRACLES EXIST

**“I HAD 25 BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS.”**



My suffering started when I was diagnosed with Hemolytic anemia. Due to all the medications, I developed high blood pressure and convulsions, among other complications. Later on, I was diagnosed with leukemia.



There was a time when I was blind for three days and had 25 blood transfusions. My mother used her faith; she would bring the Divine Water to me and always do purposes of faith for my healing. Today I am 21 years old and completely healthy, thanks to the power of faith.  
-Rebecca



**“I WAS DEPRESSED, SEEING SHADOWS AND CUTTING MYSELF.”**

I had a lot of family problems; there was a lot of abuse. I started playing with the Ouija board in high school and thought it was fun. Then I started seeing shadows, feeling like people were watching me, having sleep paralysis, and becoming more rebellious with my father.

I began to cut myself and thought there was no way out for me. My family took me to psychologists, and the depression became worse. By coming to this ministry, I started to do the chain of prayer; I used the Divine Water, and God has blessed me so much. I am not depressed anymore, and I have peace. God has blessed me in every area of my life. - Cynthia from CA



**“NO MORE SLEEPLESS NIGHTS.”**

I was going through many things, like sleepless nights and anxiety. I also had asthma since childhood, so I had to be rushed to the emergency room once. I remember telling my friend, "Please, don't let me die." After I started using my faith and taking the Divine Water, the pains disappeared. It's been more than three months without needing medications for asthma. I am sleeping well and have no more anxiety. Donna from MD

**DIVINE WATER**

Learn to apply your faith in order to face your challenges!

**GET YOUR DIVINE WATER EVERY SUNDAY**

at your nearest Universal Church



|Message|

**BISHOP JOSHUA**

## DO NOT DESPISE PROPHECIES

To despise:

To feel a strong dislike for: to feel a strong dislike for someone or something because you think that person or thing is bad or has no value:

How many people suffer traumas because a family member despised them?

They were even told the following: “I despise the day I had you!” Can you imagine hearing that from a parent? How hurtful that must be!

How about hearing the following from a spouse: “I despise the day I married you!”

Despise is a powerful word and should only be used in cases like these:

You should despise a life of oppression.  
You should despise a life of addiction.  
You should despise a life of lacking.  
You should despise a life of failure.

When you despise a life that is contrary to the Word of God, then you are ready to embrace the promises of God! For this reason, you should not despise prophecies!



**“Do not despise prophecies.”**  
I Thessalonians 5:20

It is so essential that it is written in God’s Word! Prophecies are the promises of God found in His Word!

It does not matter what you need: healing, deliverance, peace, abundance, or salvation; you can find answers in the Word of God.

It is all up to you; you can embrace it, fight for it and enjoy it, or you can despise it! What is your decision?

May the God of the Bible bless you!

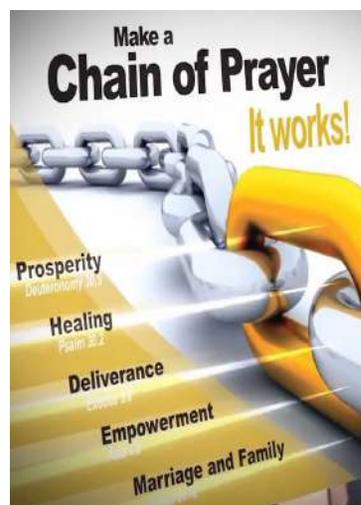


**BISHOP JOSHUA**

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TURN AROUND							QR CODE
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## LONELINESS DROVE ME TO ADDICTION



Growing up in a family of five, Tisetso was raised by a single mother who did her best to provide for the children.

“My father left when I was still young, so I did not know him. My mother did her best to provide for us and sent us to the best school. As I grew older, I started to feel lonely. I needed a sense of belonging,

and I did not have peace inside,” he said.

He tried to find pleasure in everything that he could think of, but nothing could fill the void inside him. With all that he was facing, he became pessimistic. “I was always negative about my life and anyone who tried to help me. I was filled with anger because I felt unloved by my father after he abandoned the family,” said Tisetso.

He had many problems that made him feel unsettled in his emotions. He then met friends in high school who introduced him to alcohol and marijuana.

“The alcohol and marijuana had a negative impact on my academic life. My performance at school dropped, and I became a very rebellious teenager,” he said.

Tisetso had to use his transport money and stole money from his mother to feed his addiction. He would get agitated if he could not smoke or drink.

“I needed to be intoxicated to cope with the loneliness I was feeling inside,” he said.

He realized that he needed help when his family threatened to chase him away from home and began attending the services at the Universal church with his family. He engaged in Chains of Prayer for his life to change.

“I engaged in Chains of Prayer every Tuesday and Friday to fight for my deliverance from alcohol and marijuana addiction. After two months of fighting for my deliverance, my changes became visible. I realized that I needed God for me to change. My behavior changed completely,” said Tisetso.

Even though he got freed from addiction, he still longed for the Holy Spirit. He then made a conscious decision to be baptized in water and participated in the Fast of Daniel.

“I prayed and read the Bible more often. I sought the presence of God in my life, and on the last day of the fast, I was baptized with Holy Spirit. I received peace, love, and joy, which I had never had before. My only desire is to serve God. I am passionate about souls. When I am not working, I’m in the streets evangelizing because my greatest reward is to serve God,” said Tisetso.

# UNISOCIAL IN THE CARIBBEAN ISLANDS

The Unisocial in Saint Vincent donated food packages for those who are in need...

## SAINT VINCENT HEADQUARTERS:

Tyrell Street near the Hospital - Kingstown



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THERE IS STILL HOPE.

The Unisocial team donated not only the food packages for the physical needs but also provided the word of faith to feed the soul.



## BELIZE

### HEADQUARTERS:

77 Central American Boulevard, Belize City

### THE NIGHT ANGELS COMES OUT TO THE RESCUE IN BELIZE

The volunteers from the group “Night Angels” reaches out to – homeless, drunkards, those who are suicidal and depressed, and those who just simply have no direction in life. “Happily sacrificing our time, we set out for one purpose to bring life to those who are lost.”



### LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE CARIBBEAN:

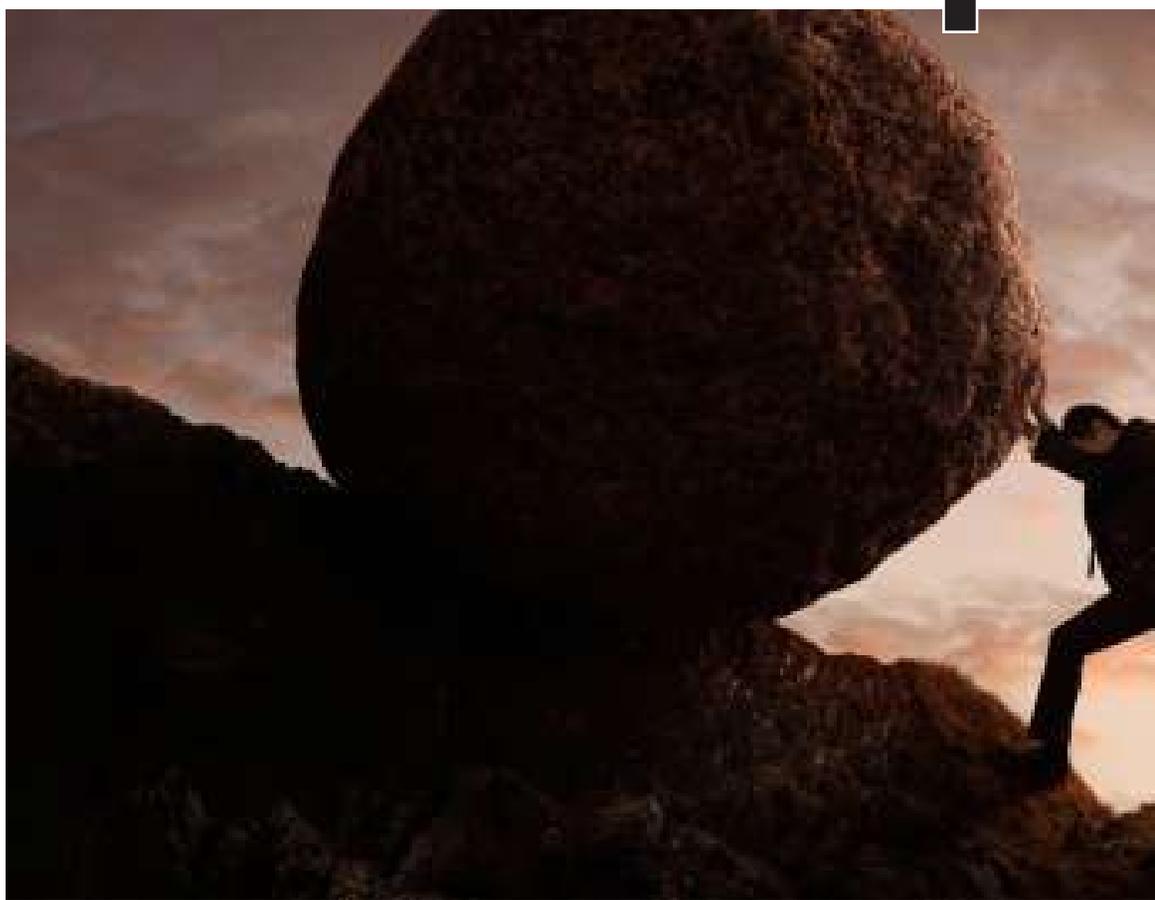
- Jamaica:** 141 Maxfield Ave, Kingston 10 - Tel. 1876.757.8424
- Saint Lucia:** 25 Brazil Street Castries, Opposite the Derek Walcott square
- Guyana:** Georgetown, Former Strand Cinema 162 Charlotte and Wellington
- Suriname:** Keizerstraat 159 Paramaribo 26
- Sint Marteen:** 27 back street- Philipsburg- Dutch Side.
- Antigua & Barbuda:** Redcliffe Street, St John's (opposite ECAB bank)
- Bonaire:** Kaya Industria Pariba # 32 Kralendijk - BQ 0000 Caribbean Netherlands

- Trinidad & Tobago:** Port of Spain #40 South Quay P.O.S - Tel. 389-9880
- Dominica:** 26 Great Marlborough St - Roseou (near Digicel)
- Cayman Island:** 71 Eastern Avenue - Crown Square, Unit A10 (Behind Jn money Transfer)
- Barbados:** Baxter Road, opposite Kensington new Road - Bridgetown, St. Michael
- Bahamas:** Wulff Road - Opposite Wulff Road Police Station by Superwash Plaza- Nassau - New Providence
- Grenada:** Halifax Street - Saint George's Upstairs Klassic Kollektion

The Lord Jesus said to His disciples: "With men, this is impossible, but with God, all things are possible." Matthew 19.26

Several biblical passages prove this truth: Man may not be able to overcome an obstacle; however when God interferences, the goal is achieved. This means that when a person truly believes that God can act in his life, he surrenders to faith and faces any challenge. Therefore, to do the impossible, it is simply enough to believe that everything is possible with God and act with that confidence.

Take action today and find the closest Universal Church to you. See back pages for locations.



## "I PLANNED MY DEATH..."

**I** was human garbage because everything wrong ended up in me." This was how Ricardo saw himself until two years ago. This negative view he had of himself began in childhood when, at just 11 years old, he saw his father stab his mother.

She survived the aggression, and the two went to live with Ricardo's grandfather, but the grandfather wanted to kill him as the boy was similar to his father.

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At age 15, Ricardo decided to leave home. But what was bad got even worse because he didn't have a permanent home, consumed drugs, and was sexually involved with countless women. In one of these competitions, he started dating Diandra, but lies marked the relationship on his part.

Ricardo says this wild lifestyle generated an inner emptiness and constant thoughts of suicide. After spending an entire day using drugs, he planned how to kill himself. He recalls that it was two o'clock in the morning when he got home to get a rope, and, overcome with guilty thoughts, he slammed his fist on the television, but at that moment, it turned on, and a Universal Church program was on.

He recalls the message he heard from the pastor: "You who are thinking about killing yourself, stop now. God is extending His hand to you."

Ricardo says his only reaction was kneeling and crying while he prayed. When dawn broke, he decided to go to church. It

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was the time of a campaign of faith. He made a vow with God that whatever amount he earned that week would be given to the Altar, although, until that moment, he had only "debt, grief and sadness," as he describes it. He says he was sure this action would show God how much he wanted to be a new person.

A few days later, without

even negotiating in the field of planting potatoes, he intermediated a purchase and received an amount that would meet his and his wife's needs. That's when he remembered the vow he had made with God and immediately went to fulfill it at the Altar. "I already came down (from the Altar) with a strength I never had and was full of hope."

Ricardo hadn't realized it, but that potato business was already God showing him the branch in which he would succeed.

Today he has sweet potato plantations and generates employment for countless people. Furthermore, their marriage was restored, and the couple had their first child. Now, Ricardo recognizes that he always wanted everything from God, but he didn't get it because he didn't renounce the sinful life: "I lived a life that didn't please God. It was sin on top of sin, so how did I want to be blessed? Today I am righteous, and I owe it all to the Altar of the Most High God", he concludes.

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# BEATING THE ODDS: WHAT'S THE SECRET?

**What has been written off in your life? Is it a happy love life, a united family, a stable financial life or a clean bill of health? No matter what it may be, God can change things around for you. Find out how Ricardo and Izabel overcame, so you can do the same.**



gastro, and he asked for more detailed exams. When I got the exams, I couldn't reschedule the return, and I spent five months with the exams in my hand, with persistent tiredness and the lump in my body," she highlights.

Izabel decided to look for another professional. "When the doctor opened the exam, he told me three times: 'go to the emergency room now.' He wrote a letter and stated that I had anemia and a severe infection in my kidney, which was already full of a million bacteria. The lump I felt was the dilated kidney," she says.

The doctor then declared that one of the kidneys could already have stopped working and warned about the bacteria: "if one of them ended up in the bloodstream, I would die."

"I went through seven doctors, and they all rejected my kidney. Only one asked me for a more detailed examination to see how it worked. The result was that one of the kidneys was working only 23% and the other 67%: one was overloading the other," she says. According to her, despite this worrying situation, she did not have any other physical symptoms: "the only thing that disturbed my life was the weakness that came from anemia, and that made me not have the courage for anything. I even thought I would die," she says.

Izabel followed the medical treatment and, at the same time,

also invested in the treatment of faith. "I went to church. I couldn't climb the stairs properly, but I was always there. I used my faith through the blessed water, the handkerchief, and the anointing oil. All of this was essential for the change in my health," she declares.

The doctor planned a traditional treatment for the kidneys: initially, a catheter would be placed so that the organ could function again, and then, the bacterial infection would be treated.

She reports that everything happened differently: "in the afternoon of the same day that I had the surgery to place the catheter in the urine channel, all the pus in my body had already left. The doctor expected this to take much longer."

After the surprising result, new tests were carried out, and the bacteria were no longer in her body. In addition, the kidneys already had normal contours. "The anemia also disappeared, and I felt stronger. I didn't need any other treatment, and today I am completely cured," she says.

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**H**ow do you deal when you hear a word against your belief? Izabel heard from a doctor that one of her organs gradually stopped working. Still, her attitude was different from what many people would have. Her reaction could change the future, which seemed impossible to avoid.

"I had always been in good health, but suddenly my body started to ache. It felt like a cold. I felt fragile, which prevented me from cleaning the house and working. After a week, I went to the doctor, and the diagnosis was anemia," she says.

Anemia is not considered a disease but a consequence of a disease or nutritional imbalances. Most of the time, treatment is carried out via supplementation, which was the guidance Izabel received. "I spent about four months doing the treatment, and nothing changed. I took iron in a vein three times. Each session, I received five ampoules, and it was the same as nothing."

At the same time, Izabel noticed a lump near the rib region. "I was referred to the

## 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**

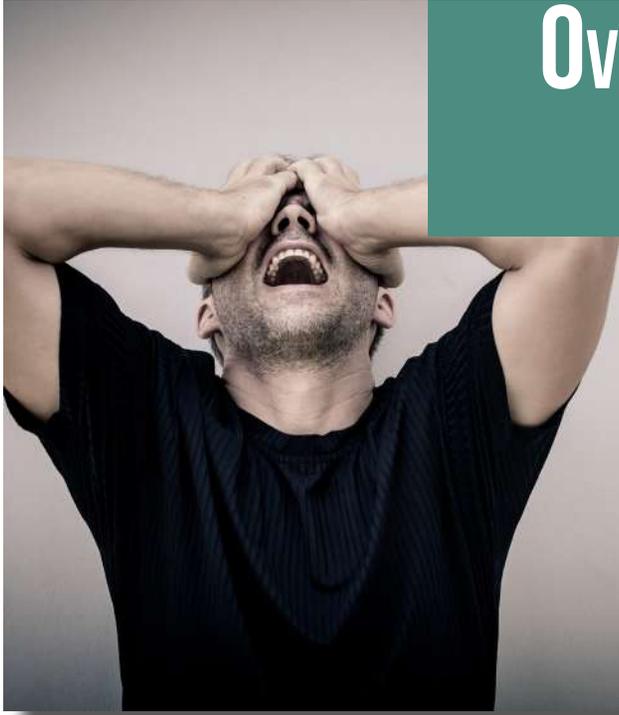


Have you ever looked at a problem or situation and thought, 'this is impossible, there is no solution to this?' If you want to see the 'impossible become possible', join us every Saturday.

**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.



## OVERCOMING NEGATIVE THOUGHTS

For this reason, this Bible verse says, fill your thoughts with good things that edify you. One of the secrets to maintaining a fulfilled life is prayer in spirit (being focused). God knows that you will not change your thoughts in 24hrs, but He also knows that if you are decided, you will choose not to allow negative thoughts to control your mind.



Now, my friends, I want to say this to you. Fill your minds with thoughts about good things. Think about things that are true, clean, right, and lovely. Always think about things which people know are very good.

Philippians 4:8

Examine your thoughts or test your ideas. Does everything that occupies your mind meet these criteria? Remember what is valid, pure, sound, etc.; pure reasoning can be challenging. Having a fulfilled life takes persistence; it will not happen from night to day.

There is no way to have a fulfilled life without sacrificing for it. It's going to take self-denial, which is never easy. You will have to resist what your flesh wants and submit to what God wants for you, and what God wants has nothing to do with your heart but everything to do with your mind.

They will come to everyone instantly, in your mind, without saying a word, evil thoughts are inevitable. And with all your strength, drive them out in the name of Jesus.

They become stronger if we don't immediately do this, putting our good conscience at risk. As God works with our thoughts for good, the devil tries to also work with our thoughts for bad. He will tell you; you don't deserve freedom, you don't deserve another chance at this life, you'll never get parole, your family will hate you for the rest of your life, and the thoughts keep coming.

Pray daily and ask God to control your thoughts; you will see how much of a difference this will make for you. Band the negative thoughts. Positive ones should be enjoyed and cherished. We cannot prevent any thoughts from coming, whether good or bad, but we do have the power to reject the bad ones from our minds.



## 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  
Clements 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  
Clements Unit: 3PM  
Goree Unit- Every 1st and 4th Wed of the month @ 4PM.  
Holliday 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: 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: 4PM-5PM  
Tgk (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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**... REMEMBER YOU CAN SEND YOUR LETTER TO BP. JOSHUA, HE WILL PERSONALLY READ AND REPLY.**

**SEND YOUR LETTER TO: 7075 SOUTHWEST FREEWAY. HOUSTON, TX 77074.**

**BE SURE TO INCLUDE: FULL NAME (FIRST/LAST), INMATE ID # COMPLETE FACILITY NAME, CORRECT ADDRESS, CITY/STATE, AND ZIP CODE.**





## UNIVERSAL BEYOND BARS

*YOU ARE NOT ALONE!*

### Fights in the home LED ME TO BECOME VIOLENT...

**G**rowing up was difficult for my siblings and me; we witnessed my father violently abusing my mother many times. My mother would also beat my siblings and me; it was like a domino effect. It was very daunting for us as, in a family where there was meant to be love and care for one another, there was only strife and violence.

There was a lack of respect in our home. My sister and I often planned to run away from home, as we detested living in the same household as our parents. We couldn't wait until we were old enough to move out. From as far back as my childhood, I can remember how sad I felt because of what was going on at home.

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**I REMEMBER FEELING DESPISED BY MY PARENTS AS IF THEY HAD NO INTEREST OR CARE TOWARDS RAISING ME AS BEST AS THEY COULD. I WAS EVEN INTRODUCED TO ALCOHOL AT A YOUNG AGE THROUGH THE CONSTANT PARTIES IN OUR HOUSE. I FIRST DRANK WHEN I WAS JUST SEVEN YEARS OLD, AND AT A YOUNG AGE, I HAD THE FREEDOM TO GO OUT AND DO WHATEVER I WANTED.**

Things, however, became much worse when my parents separated. I started smoking cigarettes and made new friends who introduced me to marijuana and other drugs. I felt terrible about my family situation, but I didn't have anyone to turn to; my siblings and I were not close. So, I became very closed; that is to say, I remained in my bubble.

I was suffering in silence, involved with drugs and alcohol, and failing at school. I became a very loud and aggressive person who was always interested in fights, which led to me facing time in prison.



However, I soon became tired of the life that I was living and tried many things to help me free myself from addiction, but everything failed. During this time, my mum learned about the Help Center offered and told me about it.

Through the grace of God, I was set



free from my previous addictions through the work that the church offered. As I continued to attend, I was motivated to improve my life, so I started fighting with all my strength and obeying what I learned there.

The first change I saw was the peace that I felt during the meetings, but there were only more extraordinary things about to happen.

Today, I have peace inside, as well as self-control. I can talk to others politely, which was impossible for me before. The addictions I had before transformed my character, and I wasn't approachable. But today, I am entirely changed and happy.”



### I AM BROKEN INSIDE...

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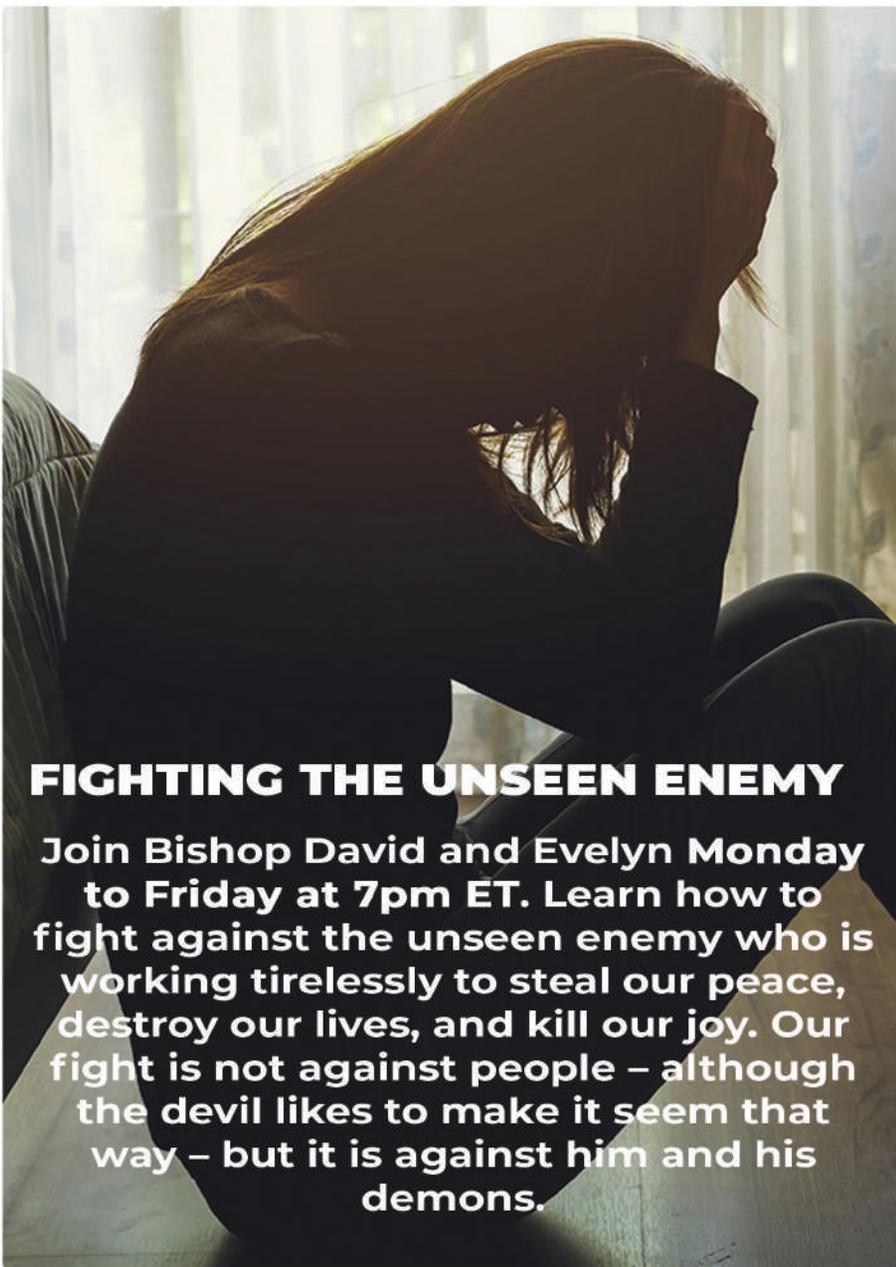


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# It seemed impossible to break free from that financial struggle



**R**odolfo Alvillar felt that his family always lived dragging the chains that condemned them to poverty. His parents worked very hard to give him and his siblings a dignified life; even so, no matter how hard they tried, they could not escape poverty.

Rodolfo's parents emigrated with him and his siblings in search of a life with better opportunities, but what they believed to be a new beginning turned out to be the same old story. The situation remained the same for them, with great difficulties in paying rent, bills, and bringing food to the table.

After moving to different homes, they ended up living in a studio apartment. Rodolfo's parents hoped their lives would take a turn, but it didn't go in the direction they wanted.

He says, "Since I was a child, misery followed us. My parents moved to the U.S. so we could have a better life, but no matter where we went, our lives didn't move forward. We lived in a studio apartment with a big family. As years went by, we worked hard but couldn't move forward in our finances."

Rodolfo and his family were humiliated by people they owed money to, and their situation became more critical. They didn't even have enough to eat.

After participating in the Universal Church, Rodolfo learned how to be faithful to God to receive the blessings God had for him. In this way, he learned to keep God's teachings in the first place.

"God took away the misery that followed me and gave me a new life. With Him, I was able to achieve everything," he states. His life has changed. Thanks to the help of the Lord, Who removed poverty from his life and opened doors for him to emerge and achieve

not only financial stability but also a new life. Now he owns his own house and car and has started his own business. "I started coming to The Universal Church and participating in the "Strong Nation" services. I let go of addictions and friendships that were not good for me. I learned how to be faithful to God and put Him first and made a vow to be faithful to Him. I gave up everything that didn't please God, and He changed my life, restored my marriage and finances, and broke the curse in my financial life," he concludes.

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See your problems as opportunities.

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### Tip 2

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