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WHEN EVERYTHING GOES WRONG

Do you suffer from bad luck? Do you feel cursed? Does nothing you try to do or accomplish ever go right? Many people have been living in a cycle of failures and setbacks. No matter how hard they try, they never get anything right. Their love life is in shambles; they can't seem to get ahead financially and are always in debt or can't keep a job; every time they go to the doctor, a new health problem is discovered; they can't seem to get a break.

Many have come to see this as something normal. They tell themselves this is "part of life" or that they are just "unlucky," but I have news for you, dear reader: this is not normal, and nor should you accept this kind of life. You can find a way out; Change is possible. Your situation can break this curse through the power of faith. I don't mean just by praying because maybe you believe in God and are already praying, but nothing seems to be changing. I am talking about faith in action, the supernatural faith spoken about in the word of God that made the impossible possible in the lives of those who believed.

Are you in need of a change in your life? Do you want to break free from this cycle of failure and disappointment? Whether in your health, family, love life, finances, or spiritual life, God is ready and willing to set you free. On Sundays at every Universal Church, we have the Gathering of Faith and Miracles at 10 a.m. Come as you are. God will be waiting for you. I guarantee, you will not leave the same.

| BEATING DEPRESSION |

Depression is a sadness felt in the deepest part of one's soul. It causes a sense of hopelessness and exhaustion so great that a person loses the motivation to do anything and some to live at all. It is a sickness of the soul. But who can heal the soul other than the Savior of Souls, the Lord Jesus?

On Fridays, at every Universal Church, we have a service for Deliverance from Depression. Visit a branch near you today. Make a Chain of Prayer by attending a prayer meeting near you for seven consecutive weeks. You will receive practical steps, counseling, and spiritual help through prayers to overcome. You won't regret it.

There are thousands of testimonials worldwide that prove a Chain of Prayer works. You, too, CAN defeat depression!



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Bishop Edir Macedo



WEAKNESS AND FAILURE

Why do many people carry the stigma of failure? First, they lack the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Faith, and the Power of God. When people do not have the Spirit of God, it is normal for them to complain, whine, and somehow seek compassion from others. They act like a child when they fall. If no one is around, they get up and continue playing. But if an adult is around, they immediately begin to cry, yearning for pity or comfort. We can understand because children are immature.

However, most adults still behave this way. No matter the problem, big or small, the first thing they do is find someone to listen to them so they can receive some comfort or kindness. However, more is needed to solve the problem.

Intelligent faith treats this with contempt. To reap the benefits of biblical faith, you cannot pay attention to the feelings of the heart. When the Lord Jesus arrived to revive a child, He first put everyone out of the room because relatives, neighbors, and family friends were crying (Luke 8:54).

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A weak person's problem is not that they are feeble but that they surrender to weaknesses and indulge in the feel-



ings or emotions of the heart. The weak do not think, and when they do, it's to think about the words of other weak people. If they reasoned and checked what the Almighty had spoken in the Bible, they would consider how God thinks and react against their weaknesses.

The weak want to feel something instead of thinking. It weakens them even more because the human heart (a source of feelings) is highly corrupt and deceptive. Whoever follows their heart will end up failing.

The same is not true of those who obey the Word of God. They think, evaluate, and then conclude that they are more than winners by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Faith does not feel, cry, or seek kindness, pity, sympathy, or compassion from others. Instead, he depends on the mercy of the Most High and revolts, acts, and takes courage against what has weakened him.

Whoever uses biblical faith eliminates the fear of losing. And without the fear of losing, he charges against the problem with all his strength, with the conviction of the fulfillment of the Word of God, because

OVERCOMING PAIN AND ADDICTION



"My husband was very abusive and unfaithful to me. After our separation, I fell into depression and started drinking excessively. The pain of his infidelity was unbearable, mainly because it involved people I knew. In an attempt to cope, I turned to drinking.

My children suffered the most. Instead of caring for and providing for their needs, I prioritized

my addiction. I eventually became unemployed. I was trapped in a cycle of despair, feeling as though death would be a better option. I longed for something that could alleviate my pain.

My sister suggested that I attend services in the Universal Church. The pastor preached about the importance of caring for and representing oneself well in the church. His words resonated with me, and I started caring for myself again. I participated in the chains of prayers for my deliverance from addiction and depression. Gradually, I managed to break free from the grip of alcohol. However, my children still lived with their grandmother due to my inability to provide for them financially.

Determined to turn my life around, I sought employment

and eventually found a job. I devoted myself to prayer, waking up at night to pray and seek the presence of God, and I managed to overcome my depression. Following the guidance I received in the church. I also got baptized in water, symbolizing a new start in God's presence.

God has blessed me abundantly. I am no longer addicted, depressed, or suicidal. I left my job and opened a daycare center. I have found happiness, sobriety, and the ability to care for my children. One of them is now married, and I even look after their children. I am truly grateful and blessed. I am also working on starting a boarding creche. Still, I approach it with a humble heart, knowing that my success lies in trusting and believing in God," concludes Onikah.

DIVINE WATER



“TODAY, SHE’S 100% FREE FROM ENCEPHALITIS.”

Izabel, at 49, contracted the Zika virus and developed acute viral encephalitis. Her husband, Anthony, explains that she didn’t recognize anyone and had to be rushed to the emergency room.

The diagnosis was not positive, but Izabel believed she could be cured by faith. Today she is 100% recovered.

“I AM HEALED FROM PROSTATE CANCER AND KIDNEY PROBLEMS.”

When I started attending this ministry, I was drinking, smoking, and addicted to gambling. After doing tests, I was diagnosed with prostate cancer and kidney problems. I had a relative who also died from cancer.

In this ministry I learn how to use my faith to overcome my I learned to use my faith to overcome my problems in this ministry. I also drank the Divine Water by faith and got delivered from illnesses and addictions. -Richard



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

**GET YOUR DIVINE WATER
EVERY SUNDAY**

at your nearest Universal Church

If you have received a challenging diagnosis, exercise your faith.

The Universal Church warns that you should never ignore medical treatment.



|Message|

BISHOP JOSHUA

WHEN DARKNESS OVERSHADOWS



It is natural to question where to find relief and light in depths of suffering. When darkness overshadows every step forward, hope can feel distant and elusive. But hold on; there is a solution to your problems!

Job 30:26 is a verse from the Bible. In this verse, Job, who has gone through immense suffering and is expressing his deep distress, says:

“But when I looked for good, evil came; and darkness came when I waited for light.”

Job reflects on his life and circumstances, noting that despite his efforts to find good or positive outcomes, he has only experienced more difficulty and hardship. He expected good things to happen, but instead, he encountered evil, and where he anticipated light or relief, darkness prevailed.

Like Job, many people today can understand this deep longing for relief that seems elusive.

God is the help you are looking for. Just like Job, who endured unimaginable hardships, you can find strength, hope, and healing in your relationship with the God of the Bible.

My dear friend, when everything seems bleak and your cries for relief echo in the silence, remember that God is listening. He hears your anguished pleas, sees the intricate details of your pain, and understands your heartache. Through prayer, you can lay your burdens at His feet and find peace in His presence.

Open your heart to God, and allow Him to gently lead you through this season of darkness into the light.

May the God of the Bible bless you!

October 2023 Bible Reading							GENESIS LFN
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 Galatians 1 ✓	2 Galatians 2 ✓	3 Galatians 3 ✓	4 Galatians 4 ✓	5 Galatians 5 ✓	6 Galatians 6 ✓	7 Ephesians 1 ✓	
8 Ephesians 2 ✓	9 Ephesians 3 ✓	10 Ephesians 4 ✓	11 Ephesians 5 ✓	12 Ephesians 6 ✓	13 Philippians 1 ✓	14 Philippians 2 ✓	
15 Philippians 3 ✓	16 Philippians 4 ✓	17 Colossians 1 ✓	18 Colossians 2 ✓	19 Colossians 3 ✓	20 Colossians 4 ✓	21 1 Thessalonians 1	
22 1 Thessalonians 2	23 1 Thessalonians 3	24 1 Thessalonians 4	25 1 Thessalonians 5	26 2 Thessalonians 1	27 2 Thessalonians 2	28 2 Thessalonians 3	
29 Titus 1	30 Titus 2	31 Titus 3					

HITTING ROCK BOTTOM WAS MY OPPORTUNITY TO START OVER



You may have heard the expression “hitting rock bottom.” It refers to a difficult phase that a person goes through and for which they cannot see a way out, especially when they have already lost many things. It’s like being trapped in a hole and having difficulty returning to the firm, safe place from where they fell.

Who has never gone through a complicated moment in their life caused by being fired, the end of a relationship, or the loss of a loved one and found themselves in this situation? These are just a few scenarios capable of upsetting a person and leaving them unsure of how to act to overcome adversity.

It often happens that when a person is heading towards

rock bottom due to a problem but has yet to get there, they don’t give much importance to solving it while there is time and means to do so. You realize you’ve already hit rock bottom and have no strength to get out.

When someone feels like life is in this hole, whatever area of life it is, they have two options: Look up to God or continue digging deeper, which will lead to ruin, as they will dive even deeper into the depths of their lives. If you take the first option, rock bottom may become the best opportunity to achieve transformation with God’s help.

The Word of God emphasizes that when we are distressed, only God can hear us wherever we are: “I called on your name, Lord, from the deepest dungeon. You heard my voice; do not hide your ear from my sighing, from my cry.” (Lam 3. 55-56).

Businesswoman Pamela Rivelles, 34, lived with this reality. She worked at the

Stock Exchange for ten years and lost her job.

In addition to losing the job, I was also in debt, which I could not pay. It was like an impossible case; I didn’t know how to escape it. I looked for a job opportunity for almost a year but couldn’t find any. I decided to start making the Chain of Prayer on Mondays at the Universal Church for my financial life.

While doing the Chain of Prayer, I learned to receive God’s vision to get me out of the financial pit. Still not knowing what to do, I continued doing the Chain of Prayer, listened to the Word, and stopped thinking small.

At this point, I got the idea of working in aesthetics, as I knew the field through my mother, who worked in it when I was a child. I continued to exercise my faith and, at the same time, began to do something concerning my dream.

Firstly, I went to see a place for rent, and the price was very high, but as I continued praying, God made a way so much so that I managed to make a contract for half the price.

I opened my beauty salon approximately two months ago with a partner, my fiancé, and what we have made so far is already three times more than we expected. Now, my life is no longer the same; I am out of debt, and God took me out of the bottomless pit that I was in.

The same can happen to you who find yourself at rock bottom and think this is your life’s end. You can reverse this story. The power of God will be the Rope that will bring you back to the surface. Participate in the Chain of Prayer at the Universal Church on Mondays.

Pamela Rivelles



SUNDAY GATHERING OF FAITH AND MIRACLES IN HARLEM, NY

AMC MAGIC JOHNSON THEATER



October 8th, 2023 - Second Sunday, Ark of Covenant (Last Three Months of the Year)

The Universal Church in Harlem held its Sunday Great Gathering of Faith and Miracles at the AMC Magic Johnson Theater in New York.

Pastor Luiz opened the service, reminding the attendees that we are in the last three (3) months of the year. As such, we will stand before the *Ark of Covenant* to determine our blessings for these last three months. He then prayed, asking the Lord Jesus to show His power in the lives of the attendees because they needed to see the greatness of His Power. He asked the Lord Jesus to restore the lives of those who received bad news that morning and to restore the mental health of the Attendees experiencing depression and anxiety. The Pastor asked our Lord Jesus to Let his Spirit enter those present, for where the Spirit of God is, there is freedom. He asked the Lord Jesus to free the attendees so that this miracle may occur in their lives and answer their prayers.



Water Testimony

The Pastor then instructed them to raise their "Blessed water" towards the Ark of

Covenant and pray for their healing and their families. The attendees then took three (3) sips of the "Blessed water" in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Mr. Carl testified that this morning, while on his way to church, he experienced a pain beneath his foot. After drinking the "Blessed water" and receiving a prayer, he no longer felt the pain under his foot.

Ms. Elsa testified that on her way to church today, she received terrible news that her son was in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU), which made her sad and heavy. However, after drinking the water and receiving the prayer, she has received inner peace and assurance that her son will be healed in the name of our Lord Jesus.

Prayer for Family

The *Corridor of The Blessed Family* was created by all Pastors and Assistants who were married and have a blessed family to pass on this blessing to the attendees and their



families. The crowd walked through the corridor with their family members or solo, praying for a blessed family life/relationship.

The Pastor reminded the attendees that it must be all or nothing when they present their lives to God. One cannot divide themselves, half with our Lord Jesus and the other half in the world. When our Lord Jesus gave Himself, He gave His all, His life, and died on the cross for us. One needs to do some introspection to ensure one's life, ways, thoughts, and deeds follow the word of God. Only then can we indeed be free; the truth sets us free. We must learn to heed our conscience, which guides our actions. "If we dared to partake of evil things, we should also have the courage to commit to God's will and follow God's word. *"For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."* 1 Corinthians 11:29

New Attendees

Ms. Belinda noted that she was first invited to the church via the evangelization on 125th Street about a year ago. She would attend the service on and off until she stopped attending service altogether. She returned to the church about three (3) weeks ago after receiving another service invitation via a member's voice message. She stated that she enjoyed the service and has noticed she has been able to sleep and has inner peace since returning to church. She has reconnected with God since she has heard

the Word of God.



Mr. Edwin Caraballo noted he was invited to the church a year ago and would attend services at the main location in Harlem but, after a while, failed to return to the church. He noted that he was invited to the service today by Assistant Ntesang, who kept in contact with him when he was not attending the church. He only returned to the church this past Friday. He enjoyed Sunday's service because he was able to hear the word. He was leaving the service knowing God was with him. He now knows and understands that he should place his burden/worries on the Lord because nothing is impossible for him.

Do not give up!!!



Mr. Dayquon was invited to service today by a family member; he noted that he enjoyed the service. He said that hearing the Word of God has inspired him to do better and be better. He would encourage others to come and hear the Word of God.

Many people try to fix their problems as best as they can, but it can feel like every time they solve one problem, two more take its place. They make one bad decision after another and struggle to maintain control of life, as if they are trying to hold water in their hands. They live to fix issues and have no time to rest their soul before another one comes their way. They lose their peace and are eventually overwhelmed by all their problems until they can't cope anymore. They need help, but where are they going to find it?

'Come to Me, all you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.' (Matthew 11:28)

You will find many people who were once drowning in their problems but received the strength to pull themselves out of their situations. They were hopeless in the face of their adversities but found the help they needed in God. If you are in need of this help, visit your local Universal Church today.

WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN EVERYTHING GOES WRONG IN LIFE?

"THE DOCTOR FOUND HOLES IN HER INTESTINE."

When Alaíde started having bloody diarrhea, she thought it would be temporary. However, the persistence of the symptoms made her see several doctors and take many medications, but the diarrhea did not stop.

Faced with this situation, Alaíde was advised to look for a specialist who, after carrying out numerous tests, determined the need for surgical intervention. The opinion scared Alaíde that, out of fear, she never returned to that doctor's office.

However, the disease continued to advance. "The inflammation was so intense that a huge ulcer broke out on my leg, and the doctors couldn't find an antibiotic to improve it. The wound only grew in size. Three times, I underwent prolonged hospitalizations to treat the injury. My ideal weight was 147 lbs; with diarrhea, I weighed 127 lbs, and after I started treating my leg, due to corticosteroids – I took thirteen pills a day – I began to swell and weighed 216 lbs. With the weight gain, I became depressed. I saw no way out of my case.

I didn't want to die and leave my two young daughters, and I was feeling horrible, with zero self-esteem. I couldn't care for the house and my daughters

because of the disease. I couldn't take a bus due to the enormous ulcer I had on my leg and the worsening colitis", she reveals.

Almost six months later, seeing that Alaíde had not returned to her office and given the seriousness of the case, the specialist got in touch, warning that it was necessary to undergo the operation.

When she arrived at the office, the doctor was shocked to see her overweight and with an ulcer on her leg. She immediately requested new tests, finding that the condition was critical. "The disease had spread, rotting part of the large intestine and reaching the stomach. For this reason, I vomited green liquid. Then I had bowel surgeries; there were two total, which took around 12 hours each, and they even served as a study for medical students. The large intestine and a piece of the small intestine were removed", reports Alaíde.

During the second surgery, however, there was a complication. The catheter used to administer the medication to the patient was inserted incorrectly, causing the saline to go into the lungs. "I started to agonize with shortness of breath. In my mind, I said: 'God, don't let me die!' That's when a doctor came, made

an incision in my back, and inserted a plastic straw. I remember screaming in pain, but it saved my life."

After the surgery, Alaíde was medically discharged and would have to use the colostomy bag. However, weeks later, upon returning for routine exams, the doctor found holes in her intestine, and she would have to undergo a third surgery. Alaíde was desperate because she thought that if she almost died in the second operation, she would not survive this one.

Alaíde had a neighbor who always invited her to the Universal Church. But, out of prejudice, she never accepted. In this moment of despair, however, she remembered that her neighbor had told the testimony of a boy cured of a disease considered incurable by medicine. Alaíde gave herself a chance

by asking her neighbor to take her to Universal.

"Arriving at the Church, I spoke to God: 'Either the Lord heals me or kills me because I can't bear suffering any longer.' It had been six years of suffering. The pastor answered me and said a prayer. I believe God entered my life at that moment because I felt like a weight had been lifted off of me, and a certainty invaded my

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heart. I started participating in meetings focused on healing, which take place on Tuesdays; and not only that, I went to church every day. I gave my body and soul to God", she reports.

Fifteen days after starting to attend Universal, Alaíde returned to the doctor to have the surgery that the specialist had requested.



The doctor was surprised when she looked through the device during the examination. Alaíde still remembers the specialist's words: "She said: what did you do? Your intestines are pink, like a child's intestines." I did another exam, and the cure was confirmed.

And not only the intestine had been healed during this period. "I no longer had insomnia or depression. I was completely free in fifteen days.

The wound on my leg closed completely, and after three months, I had surgery to remove the colostomy bag and started to return to my average weight. My life changed completely. I had hope again. I had the pleasure of living again, caring for my daughters and home. The doctors claimed that the disease had no cure, but for 24 years, I have had nothing left, and thank God I am cured forever because for Him nothing is impossible", she concludes.



"I REACHED THE POINT OF HANGING MYSELF."

Gabriela had a childhood marked by difficulties. She says experiencing "power cuts, gas shortages, and food shortages were common occurrences. Resorting to the help of relatives to guarantee the basics to eat became constant."

Her parents started going to a witch doctor's house to escape these difficulties when she was eight. They made offerings, as they were promised financial returns that never arrived.

Everything got worse when she started going to the place with just her brother at age ten. An employee at that location began to rape Gabriela, as she revealed: "This man abused and threatened me. I would suffer serious consequences if I revealed anything, as my father had an explosive temper. Over time, Fridays became a martyrdom, plunged into panic. I begged for rain because it would prevent us from passing through the brushwood that led us to that silent house."

Gabriela's suffering was immeasurable. Her childhood was stolen, and her hope seemed fragile. After three years of abuse, she courageously revealed everything to her father. "Having only two rooms in our house, my father walked me to the bathroom, where he hugged and conversed with me. He stated that that situation would never happen again and that he would watch over me." Her family left that environment, and, afraid that the abuser would persecute her, they sold the house and moved to a safe place.

Financial difficulties persisted, but now there was a determination to face them. Gabriela emerged from this period of darkness with redoubled strength. At age 14, she started working to support her two younger

brothers and help pay the rent.

The work led to new friendships and a dangerous path: drugs and prostitution. These two practices offered a temporary escape from the pain that still haunted her.

"When I was 16, I found someone who made me unimaginable promises and filled all the needs I felt. I left my home seduced by these promises but later discovered that this person was married. This made me depressed, leading me to intensify my substance use further," she says. "My clothes, which used to be a size 12, became a size six due to the impact of these drugs. My existence ended up becoming this sad reality."

After this failed relationship, Gabriela met another man she soon moved in with. "Drug use was rampant among us. This relationship was filled with constant conflict and disagreements. His influence was not beneficial to me, but when I reached the point of hanging myself, he intervened in desperation, preventing the act and preserving my life."

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Working in front of a Universal Church, Gabriela was always invited to go there. She resisted, embarrassed, but a seed of hope grew within her. "My pain was silent, and I resisted whenever someone mentioned the Lord Jesus. Every day, I received the Universal newspaper but hid it so it wouldn't be seen. However, the moment came when I decided internally to



offer an opportunity to my soul."

By attending meetings, her emotional wounds gradually began to heal. She ended the relationship, returned to her family, and discovered that her mother was already attending the Universal Church. "Little did I know that Jesus had already cared for me long before I met Him."

Little by little, Gabriela understood that the true transformation came from within, not from drugs or temporary pleasures.

A highlight for Gabriela was participating in one of the campaigns of faith. She made an act of faith that symbolized her determination to overcome the past. As she ascended the Altar, a profound conclusion surrounded her: her life was about to change definitively. "The Holy Spirit assured me I would never be the same person again. Jesus healed me from all wounds and traumas. My desire to take my life gave way to my spirit and love for myself. I received my greatest treasure: the presence of the Creator within me."

With new strength and joy, Gabriela chose to follow a path of love, faith, and hope. She became an assistant, helping those facing similar situations, raising a family, and building a successful business alongside her husband. She finally found the peace she longed for.

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.



UNIVERSAL BEYOND BARS

YOU ARE NOT ALONE!



THE U.L.E. (UNIVERSAL IN LAW ENFORCEMENT) GIVES BACK TO THE COMMUNITY!

The objective of this cleanup was to make our community safer. The U.L.E. enjoys giving back to the community, it is a motivation to us to know that we are helping the community and also doing what Jesus taught us to do, which is to love our neighbor as ourselves.

without returning home. As a result, they eat poorly and are under tremendous stress. That's why they receive our work with much gratitude and joy; it makes a big difference in their day.

U.L.E praying for families

Throughout the week, along with the other activities held. The ULE does not forget to lead in prayer, and finish with a prayer. We have the understanding that many of the authorities are under much stress, at times vulnerable, and can feel like giving up.

Many of the officers were appreciative to know that there was someone to pray not only for them, but for their loved ones as well, in the simplest way it showed to them they do belong, and they are of importance to society just as anyone else. We believe in the word which says,

"For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;"
Colossians 1:9

The NYPD called the ULE (Universal in Law Enforcement) and YPG (Youth Power Group) to join them in a community outreach to clean the parks.

garden were native to New York. During the cleanup, we learned these plants help filtrate much of the water and expand through the park to the other plants, filtering the water and dispersing the

We learned through this cleaning that, many times, elders and youths, along with other outreaches, like to hold meetings and activities within the parks; however, can they do so when the parks are unsafe and dirty?



With bottles, trash, etc., we cleaned the gardens and cut out certain plants that were not needed for New York. What do you mean? Well, certain plants cause a lot of insects and pests, which would enable more mess.



nutrients to the sewer. Another interesting fact brought to our attention was when these plants filter the water, it helps keep the sewage clean from garbage because the water that runs out from the plants is already filtered before going to the sewage.



These plants kept in the

NEW YORK POLICE OFFICERS RECEIVE COPIES OF THE BIBLE

"There is no point in having all the training in the world and not having God first," said Bishop Joshua in a meeting.

Precinct 79 in Brooklyn, NYPD, received copies of the Holy Bible and a hearty breakfast. Which was organized by the U.L.E.

Around 30 officers benefited. Bishop Joshua prayed for our officers and gave them the word of faith, "You have a weapon, a military vest, and all the training to protect yourselves from danger.

They understood that, the most important protection comes when we meditate and obey the word of God. There is no point in having all the training in the world and not having God first, he reflected.



They were also able to ask for assistance with volunteers. "Officers in New York face a low contingent for the large number of citizens in the city. Many work two or three days at a time



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Life took a drastic turn after my parents divorced.

said, “They loved me,” but they messed around with other guys, and my life was in shambles.

I was invited to the UBB ministry by a friend, and I’ll be honest, I became very judgmental. I would criticize everything they did, and my mind was far from the teachings. In the services, I was thinking about what my next move would be, the next drug sale I would make or the next car I would steal, thinking about guns and everything else going on outside of the church.

As time went on, I decided to be more faithful. I took part in the chain of prayer and decided to obey. I came faithfully and didn’t miss it, although I occasionally had doubts. I saw God starting to change who I was. My mentality changed. I heard about the Holy Spirit, and I wanted to receive Him.

So I said, “Wait, that’s for me!” I spoke to the pastor about how to receive the Holy Spirit. He explained that God would be with me every day of my life. I left my old ways and received the Holy Spirit on Wednesday.

I had a significant change in me. I knew my mind and character were different because I could handle the situation the right way when faced with confrontation. But, Anthony, before the Holy Spirit, would have wanted to start a fight with a person and lash out. I thank God for my change.



MR. ANTHONY TODAY

After the divorce of my parents, we ended up living in a neighborhood with nothing, and there was a lot of drugs, crimes, police brutality, etc. I was lost, didn’t understand what was going on, and didn’t know how to adapt.

It was hard adjusting because, at one point, I was living where people treated me excellently—now, I am living where you have to fight for what you own. My life took a drastic change. I started stealing cars, knowing it wasn’t right, but that was how to make money. My mother was never home, so no one knew what I was doing. My life transformed from bad to worse, from stealing cars to selling drugs to being out on the streets.

At 15-16 years old, I was getting arrested. It went from me going to jail for some time, and I “graduated” and went to prison. My life was destroyed. After the second time, I didn’t want prison anymore. I didn’t want to be looked at as a criminal anymore or be looked at with fear or no trust.



I didn’t enjoy that life but I wasn’t strong enough to walk away. Inside of me, I wasn’t happy at all. I made money, but it left so quickly. I couldn’t control what I had; even the women I was involved with



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STRONG NATION: THE MEETING FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO ACHIEVE PROSPERITY

What guarantees someone's professional and financial success? Many may say that it is studying, the knowledge provided by a university, luck, good opportunities, appointments to positions by influential people, or even a good job. Still, we know that more is needed. After all, how many people today have a degree from a good college but are out of work, and how many have a formal contract and even earn well but live a limited life?

Much more than money, human beings yearn for prosperity, abundance, and achievement in what they set out to do. But few know that it is necessary to count on the supernatural power of faith to achieve true satisfaction and maintain it, even amid adversity. This subject is not covered in any educational institution, but it is the central theme of the Strong Nation.

What is the Strong Nation? "It is a meeting of faith in which, in the light of the Word of God, people receive direction so that they can see the fulfillment of the promises of the Almighty in their lives, one of which is that He came to us to give life in abundance." Let's read the testimony of someone who received a divine idea after participating in the meetings of the Strong Nation.



Antonio Madeiros has participated in the Strong Nation meetings for around 16 years. Every week, he sets aside Monday to absorb God's teachings and put them into practice. "Before attending the Strong Nation, I had absolutely nothing. There was a time when I had to spend the day with a packet of biscuits

because I didn't have money to buy food," he recalls. With a limited life, Antonio says he didn't have a place to live and sometimes had to walk to work because he couldn't afford to drive. Despite having a job, his financial condition was poor. "I always worked, but the issue was the results. When you don't have the blessing upon you, it's like you're in a swamp. The more you move, the deeper you sink."

"I was humiliated because people saw me as someone without a goal, but that wasn't it." The problems only continued even after he married Elaine.

Things only changed when Elaine received an invitation to attend the Strong Nation meeting. "I have always been very obedient. When I understood that if God didn't bless me, there would be no one to do so, I surrendered myself completely on the Altar and decided to follow each teaching and make a pact with God," she says.

Antonio, who did not complete junior high school, emphasizes that he did not change his profession and continues to work as a sales consultant.

He details what changed in his life after the direction given by God: "First, the inner peace that came with receiving the Holy Spirit. Afterward, my marriage was restored, as was my family. And, from faith to faith, material achievements came. Today, I have apartments and cars and can provide a quality life for my wife and daughter." He adds that the Strong Nation meetings are an endless source of strength and inspiration. "We learned that we must stay away from complacency and make each of our lessons our fuel for our faith," he concludes.

TOP 10 pre-retirement tips

10 Don't retire until your debts are paid



9 Become financially literate



8 Plan how you will spend your time



7 Don't leave money on the table



Understand and take full advantage of your workplace pension or retirement savings plan

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