

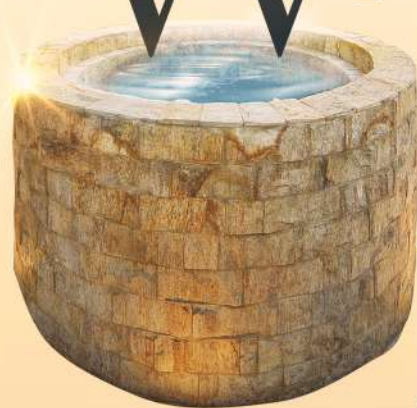


# *Stop Suffering!*

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# WATER OF GREAT MIRACLES



## SUNDAYS | 10AM

HOLY GROUND: 24456 Immink Drive, Zone 6, Diepkloof, Soweto or at a Universal Church near you



Marcelo Pires

## PRACTISING GENUINE FAITH

**I**t is important to note that no one deserves anything from God. Therefore, when a person manifests his faith in Him, he will be rewarded. This means that God will reward those who act upon what is promised.

Many people in the church say that they believe in God, but they do not live according to His word. They say: “The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want” but if you look at the quality of their lives, they are in distress, pain, suffering and in want.

*“For you to be blessed,  
you have to give up injustice”*

How many people say they love God, but are unable to forgive? People confess their faith in God but are unable to quit their addictions. How can God reward someone who is unwilling to give up what is wrong? God is searching for people who trust in Him wholeheartedly without hesitation, people who look for a partnership with Him.

It is not enough just to say that you believe in Him. The Bible says that even the devil believes in God. If you are living on the side of injustice, your faith will not bring the justice that you seek. For you to be blessed, you have to give up injustice.

Attending Sunday and Wednesday services, being a faithful tither and offering cheerfully, does not automatically mean that you practise genuine faith.

# GAME CHANGERS

**e** EVERY  
SUNDAY

## 7:35AM

Jesus said to the Pharisees: “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.” (Matthew 23:23)

Dear reader, maybe you believe in God and you say that you love Him, but your life is a failure because you keep lying, deceiving people, being dishonest to those around you.

It is time for you to make a decision to change and seek God diligently. Start doing what is right. Be righteous. If you live in darkness, go to the light. From the moment you decide to do what is right, God will reward you by pouring His justice upon your life.

God bless you,  
Marcelo Pires  
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## A LIFE-CHANGING DECISION

**B**eing abandoned by his mother and having a father who was absent most of the time was very difficult for Thabo who had to fend for himself as well as his sister. This made him feel rejected and angry. It was only after accepting an invitation to attend services in the Universal Church and committing his life to God that he was able to turn his life around.

“I am no longer angry nor do I feel rejected. I got married to a wonderful woman. I have a well-paying job. My family is united and we are very supportive of each other. Turning to God for help was the best decision I ever made,” said Thabo. 📖

## COMPLETE DEPENDENCE ON GOD

**C**elso faced difficulties growing up in a polygamous family where his father struggled to provide for everyone. After his father’s passing, he relocated to Johannesburg with hopes of a better life, only to encounter unexpected challenges. Finding employment proved to be a struggle for him.

Having witnessed his father with multiple wives, Celso initially believed that having two girlfriends was normal. However, his life took a positive turn when he started attending services in the Universal Church and wholeheartedly embraced the teachings and principles imparted there.

“I am married and have one wife. I support my children. My family is blessed and God is our provider. My business is thriving and I also have employees. After receiving the Holy Spirit, there was a remarkable change inside of me,” said Celso. 📖



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## A LIFE DEVOID OF PURPOSE



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**M**aria’s hatred and depression stemmed from the traumatic experiences of witnessing her mother endure physical abuse from her father. Her resentment towards her father was so great that it led her to be indifferent to all men, including her sons. However, attending the chains of prayers in the Universal Church for her inner healing became the catalyst for her liberation from the shackles of her painful past.

“I am now free from hatred, depression and suicidal thoughts. I love my children and I take good care of them. I also started my own catering business that is doing well. I lack nothing because when I received the Holy Spirit, I received everything,” said Maria. 📖



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CHANGE YOUR LIFE?**

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## ESCAPING THE CYCLE OF ABUSE

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**“M**y father was a pastor in another denomination. He would preach about love but we were not receiving that love at home. He was physically abusive to our mother and us. We also struggled financially and would only have one meal a day.

Later on, I worked in a company and I met a man who I started a relationship with. We got married and everything was going well until he became abusive. He did not love and care for me. He often told me that I was useless. He once kicked me and beat me so badly that I did not see a way out of my abusive marriage. I desired to die. I just wanted to get drunk and throw myself in front of a moving car.

Things changed when my friend invited me to attend services in the Universal Church. In the church, I was taught how to pray and to fight for my life through the power of faith. During that time, my husband and I separated.

Through my perseverance in the chains of prayers, my life started changing. My finances improved and my salary was doubled at work and I was able provide for myself and family.

Although I witnessed great improvements, I was still broken inside. I felt empty. In one service, the pastor spoke about forgiveness and that touched me. I decided to forgive my late father and ex-husband. I had freedom inside of me.

The Campaign of Israel was introduced and it addressed those who wanted to become children of God. I wanted to have relationship with God, so I participated. I prayed and read my Bible everyday. I sought the Holy Spirit at every chance I got. On the last day of the campaign, I fulfilled my vow. I understood that I could not only make a monetary sacrifice but I also had to commit my life to God. I felt inexplicable peace after fulfilling my vow. From that day, my life changed completely.

I am no longer broken or empty inside. I started my own property business that is doing extremely well. I am also an investor. I have three houses and two cars. Despite everything I have achieved, the Holy Spirit remains my greatest treasure because without Him, my life would be meaningless,” said Bongiwe. 📖



## FINDING PEACE WITHIN

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**“I** was raised by both parents. My mother was not working and when my father’s pension money ran out, we suffered a

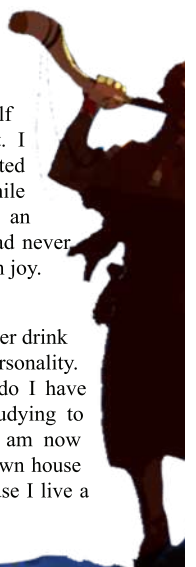
great deal. My mother brought a *Stop Suffering* newspaper home and gave it to my father. That was when we started attending services in the church.

When I started working, I had money to afford whatever I wanted. I then started drinking and going to parties. I was in the church but I had a dual personality. Although I did not want to commit my life to God, I was afraid of dying because I knew that the way I lived did not please God.

I later got married but I was anxious. I had anger issues and a low self-esteem. I also had a lot of debts. In 2020, I lost my mother and husband. The following year, my father passed on. That was a very difficult time in my life and I felt hopeless. That was when I realised that I could not live without God’s presence.

The Campaign of Israel was introduced along with the 21-day Fast of Daniel. I knew I had to let go of everything that separated me from God. I took all that I had and placed it on the altar. I surrendered my life to God. I had the assurance that God was going to show Himself in my life. I sought the Holy Spirit. I was not after blessings, I only wanted the presence of God. One night, while I was seeking the Holy Spirit, I had an overwhelming sense of peace that I had never experienced in my life. I was filled with joy.

I am completely transformed. I no longer drink or go to parties. I do not have a dual personality. I no longer feel anxious, angry, nor do I have a low self-esteem. I am currently studying to improve my construction business. I am now living a life free of debts. I have my own house and car. I am not afraid of dying because I live a life that please God,” said Eglette. 📖





# THE CHANGE of SPIRIT

## TRIUMPHING OVER ADDICTION AND FINDING HOPE

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“I grew up attending services in the Universal Church but I only did that to please my mother. My life, however, was not truly committed to God. I was not entirely obedient to the teachings I received in the church. When I was 13 years old, I got involved with the wrong crowd and started smoking and drinking.

I smoked crack cocaine and mandrax. I went to nightclubs where I stole people's phones and then sold them to feed my addiction. I once drove to a club and drank heavily. On my way home, I was speeding and I lost control of the car which rolled about three times. I was physically unscathed although the car was a wreck.

That accident was enough to make me realise that my reckless lifestyle would inevitably lead me to premature death or imprisonment. Unfortunately, just two months after the incident, I faced another devastating blow as my mother passed away. I was also unemployed around that time.


I had to take a decision to change my life. I started faithfully attending the services in the church. I engaged in the chains of prayers for my complete deliverance from addiction and indeed, I was delivered from the grip of addiction.

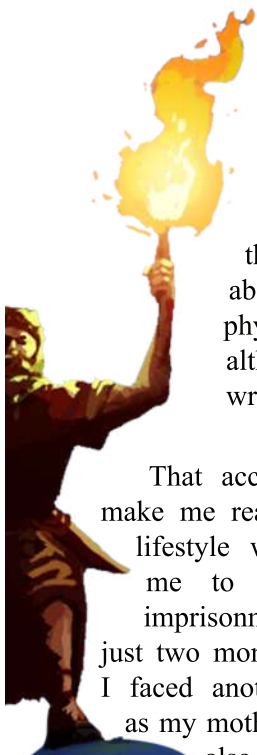
I also got baptised in water to symbolise my decision to start a new life in God's presence. When the Campaign of Israel was introduced in the church, I saw an opportunity to change my life. I participated in the campaign and I made my sacrifice for my inner transformation.

I fasted. I read my Bible and woke up at night to seek the Holy Spirit. I was sincere with God. I attended a service and I sought the Holy Spirit. I wanted to live only for God. During the prayer, I had peace and I was happy. From that day, things were never the same.

I no longer have a desire to smoke or drink alcohol. I no longer go to nightclubs. I have my own business of supplying mines with mine materials. I am happily married



to a wonderful woman and we have a daughter. We live in a good home and we have a car,” said Sonwabile. 



# A DISTRACTION TURNED INTO ADDICTION

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“I was raised by my grandmother because my parents were absent from my life. This affected me emotionally to a point that I started having hallucinations.

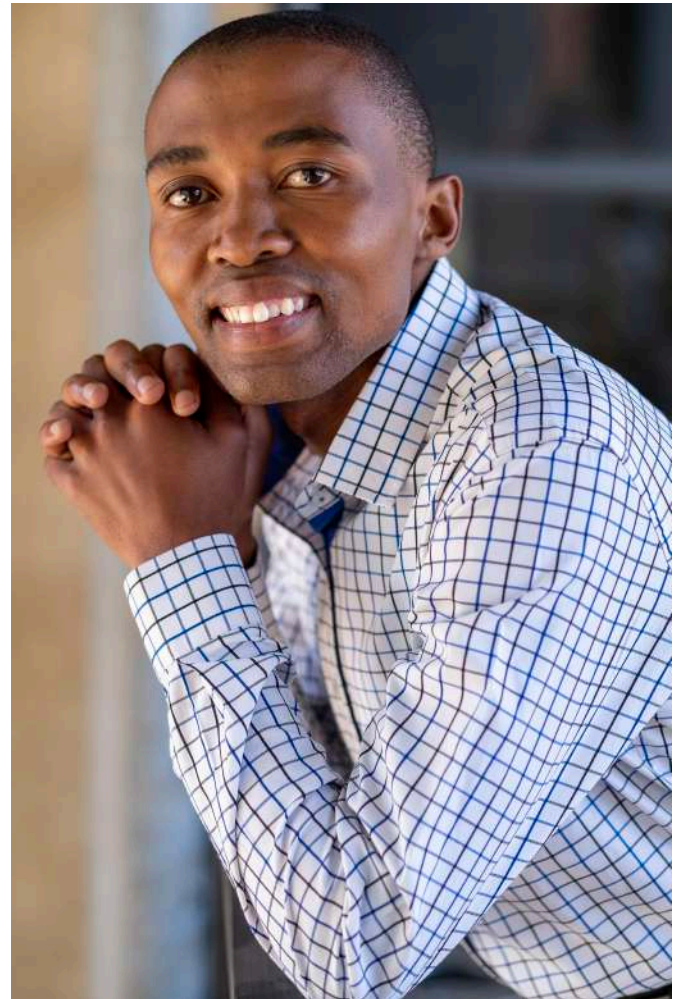
My academic studies were negatively affected because even when I was at school, I only thought about my problems. I became dejected. I started watching pornography as a way of distracting myself. I became so addicted to it that I watched it even when I did not want to. I wanted to be free of this addiction, but did not know how to stop it.

## “ I STARTED WATCHING PORNOGRAPHY AS A WAY OF DISTRACTING MYSELF ”

One evening, I was listening to the Stop Suffering programme of the Universal Church on the radio and I heard a testimony from someone who had a similar problem that I had and overcame. The next morning, I looked for the church.

When I arrived in the church, a pastor counselled me. He encouraged me to attend the service on Sunday and I did so. I participated in the chains of prayers for my deliverance from hallucinations, depression and addiction.

I also understood that in order for me to live a fulfilled life, I had to commit myself to God. I got baptised in water to mark the start of a new life in the presence of God.



The 21-day Fast of Daniel was introduced in the church and I saw that as an opportunity for me to get closer to God. I prayed and read my Bible everyday. After the fast had concluded, I attended a Wednesday service where I sought the Holy Spirit earnestly and I received Him. I had the assurance that God was with me and I had an inexplicable peace.

I am blessed and I have been transformed inside out. I am no longer depressed, addicted nor do I have hallucinations. Through my faith, I can overcome any problem, no matter how big. Today, I see problems as an opportunity to get closer to God,” said Lebohang. 📖







## A CHAIN OF PRAYER IS NOT FINISHED UNTIL YOU HAVE WHAT YOU WANT.

### What is a Chain of Prayer?

It is a series of weekly prayers offered without interruption for the purpose of achieving a blessing through faith. Whether it is healing, a financial breakthrough or spiritual deliverance, a Chain of Prayer will help you develop your faith and determination to overcome your problem.

### Why do I have to attend more than once?

Some people, due to the seriousness of their problems, are so overwhelmed and worried that it is very difficult for them to release their faith the first time they attend a prayer meeting. The Lord Jesus taught us that we should pray always and never give up.

(Luke 18:1)

### What should I do before I start?

Before you start a Chain of Prayer, speak to a pastor for advice. He will teach you, step by step, how to use your faith to overcome your problems. Think of a Chain of Prayer as a medical treatment.

Just as when you go to the doctor and he monitors your medical improvement, following up on you until you are completely healed, our aim is to make sure that you benefit from the Chain of Prayer by achieving the blessing you are praying for.

### Do I have to attend seven times? What if I miss one day?

The success of a Chain of Prayer depends on perseverance. If you don't use your determination, it won't work. When you begin the Chain of Prayer you are engaging in a war against the root of your problem.

### Does it really work?

A Chain of Prayer is a biblical method of achieving blessings – and it really works! It has worked for thousands of people and will work for you. No matter how big your problem is, use your faith. Give God proof of your commitment by being faithful in the Chain and you will see how much God will do for you.

## WHICH CHAIN OF PRAYER IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

**MONDAY:** Congress of Success - Learn how to overcome financial problems and how to succeed in life

**TUESDAY:** Day of Miracles - Spiritual healing from sickness, pain and incurable diseases

**WEDNESDAY:** School of Intelligent Faith - Build up your inner strength and develop spiritually

**THURSDAY:** Therapy of Love - Relationship guidance and prayers to resolve conflicts

**FRIDAY:** Day of Deliverance - Remove curses, negativity and bad luck

**SATURDAY:** Fasting for Impossible Cases - Learn to overcome the impossible

**SERVICE TIMES\*** 5:30am, 6am, 7:30am, 10am, 12noon, 3pm, 5pm

Times may vary at different branches\*

## CHAIN OF PRAYER CARD

Week 1 Week 2 Week 3 Week 4 Week 5 Week 6 Week 7

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**Holy Ground:**  
24456 Immink Drive,  
Zone 6, Diepkloof,  
Soweto

**Park Station:** 25 Plein Street,  
Johannesburg

**Alexandra 1:** 740 Pretoria  
Main Road, Cnr Link Road

**Benoni:** 70 Cranbourne  
Avenue (Next to African Bank)

**Dobsonville:** 4337 Main  
Road

**Kagiso:** 3362 Cnr Ngalonkulu  
Thulandivile Drive, Hillsideview

**Tembisa 1:** 87 Kestrel Street,  
Mathole, Difateng

**Thokoza 1:** 1838 Rakoma  
Street (Opp Shell Garage)

#### Pretoria (Tshwane)

**Pretoria:** 175 Nana Sita Street  
(Old Skinner Street), Pretoria  
Central

**Hammanskraal:** 4411 Unit  
01 Temba, Kudube

**Mabopane:** 2733 Block B

(Next to Tlamelong Clinic)

**Mamelodi:** No. 1 Dobolwane  
Street, Cnr Tsamaya Road,  
Mamelodi West (Next to  
Denneboom Station)

#### Vaal Triangle

**Vanderbijlpark:** Shop No. 4,  
CR Swart Street

**Sebokeng:** 392 Moshoeshoe  
Street, Zone 10

**Vereeniging:** Shop 1, 8  
Kruger Avenue (Opp Sassa)

#### WESTERN CAPE

**Cape Town:** 9 Buitenkant  
Street (Near the Grand  
Parade)

**Khayelitsha:** 54 Ntsikizi  
Street, Ilitha Park

**George:** 121 Cradock St CBD  
(Next to Golden Harvest)

#### EASTERN CAPE

**East London:** 5 Gladstone  
Street

**Port Elizabeth:** 45 Norongo  
Road & Cnr Sopazi Street,  
New Brighton

**Umtata:** 36 Owen Street  
(next to Botha Sigcau  
Building)

#### NORTHERN CAPE

**Kimberley:** 44 Sidney Street  
**Upington:** Rosebuds  
Shopping Centre, Leeukop  
Street, Cnr Drakensberg  
Street

#### KWAZULU NATAL

**Durban:** 465 Anton Lembede  
Street (Opp. Durdoc Centre)

**Newcastle:** 25 Allen Street  
(Next to Allen Motors)

**Pinetown:** 28 Mdoni Centre,  
Crompton Street

**Pietermaritzburg:** 399  
Church Street (Opp. Capital  
Centre)

#### FREE STATE

**Bloemfontein:** 60 Oliver  
Tambo Road

**QwaQwa:** Shop #2  
Midtown Shopping Center  
Phuthaditjhaba

**Welkom:** 4 Kort street - CBD  
Mario's Taxi Rank Complex

#### LIMPOPO

**Polokwane:** Shop 3, 20  
Jorissen Street

#### MPUMALANGA

**Nelspruit:** 40 Bester Street,  
next to Home Choice

**Witbank:** 8 Arras Street,  
Witbank CBD

#### NORTH WEST

**Rustenburg:** 134 Kloppe  
Street

**Mahikeng:** 28 Robinson  
Street, Cnr Main Street (Next  
to the Library)

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PROBLEMS VS  
SOLUTIONS

SUNDAY **7:25AM**

