



Stop Suffering!

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**WHAT DO YOU NEED
TO PUT AN END TO?
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IT IS NEVER TOO LATE

Many people are in search of happiness, health and wealth. Those from small towns move to bigger and more developed cities, with the intention of finding better job opportunities, for study purposes and in pursuit of good careers. Armed with a certificate, they know they could find good employment. With a good income, they will be able to buy a

good car, a house and, in future, get married and have children.

Once a person understands what he wants, the race to achieve his dreams will start. There are thousands or maybe millions of people trying to do this, but how can we really succeed? We

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have all heard of qualified people who cannot find jobs. How many people end up getting married to the wrong person out of fear of remaining alone? After so many attempts to be happy followed by failure, a person starts thinking they were born to suffer or that it is their destiny to be a loser. The solution is closer than you think.

Jesus said, “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.” John 15:5 NKJV

Regardless of having a degree, good education, money, a beautiful wife, rich husband or anything else related to ‘success’, without Jesus you will



Marcelo Pires

get nowhere. I have seen many people who failed to understand the spiritual law of life, as much as they understand the natural law. As a branch cannot survive when taken off the tree, which is the source of life, no one can succeed if he lives away from Jesus Christ. I have seen rich people unable to enjoy their wealth because of an incurable disease, a trauma, tragedies or even addictions.

No matter how hard you try, if you live away from the source of life, joy and happiness, life will be fiction for you.

It was not in vain that Jesus Christ gave His life on the cross. If you find yourself lost without direction, know that God can take you out of your pain. Just get closer to Him and follow His word. In order to help you, we have our church open every day. There are chains of prayer for different purposes, daily services, counselling, using Holy Scripture as the source of guidance.

Do not think that your situation has no solution. As He parted the Red Sea for His people to go to the Promised Land, He will do the same for you as well.

God bless you all.

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INNER
Healing

SATURDAYS
8:25AM



“I had family problems. I felt abandoned by my father. We lived in the same area but we did not have any contact. I wanted to have a relationship with him, but my mother warned me to stay away from him.

“ I TRIED TO THROW MYSELF IN FRONT OF THE TRAIN... ”

One day, I confronted my father and asked him why he had abandoned me. He asked me to bring my mother with me. We had a family meeting but we had to end it because my parents started fighting.

I did not cope at school. I was angry and felt empty. I contemplated suicide. I remember being at a train station, and I tried to throw

ABANDONED, ANGRY AND SUICIDAL

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myself in front of the train but I was stopped by the other commuters.

Although I was already attending services in the Universal Church, I was not obedient to the teachings I received. My life was falling apart, and that is when I decided to attend the chains of prayers on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. I wanted to commit my life to God

I was baptised in water because I wanted a clean start with God. I also fasted from entertainment because I wanted to have the presence of God inside me. I read my Bible and prayed every day. I sought the

Holy Spirit and told Him that I was empty without Him. I told Him that I could no longer carry on without His Spirit. After being baptised with the Holy Spirit, I became a very fulfilled person.

Today, my life is wonderful. My family has been restored. I am no longer angry. I am no longer suicidal because I have a reason to live. I do not feel empty because the Holy Spirit completes me,” said Nkosana. 📖



OVERWHELMED BY DEPRESSION

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“I was abused as a child. I stayed with my aunt and cousins. My cousins physically and sexually abused me. I suffered a great deal.

At the age of 19, I got married to escape the abuse at home. Things were going well between my husband and I until he became controlling. He beat me up and that made me angry and bitter because it reminded me of my painful past. I did not want history to repeat itself, so I filed for divorce.

I was unemployed and struggled to make ends meet. I depended on my

relatives to survive. I plunged into depression and I contemplated suicide. I did not see a reason to live. I sought professional help and I was given medication but that did

not help. I also struggled to sleep at night and had to rely on sleeping tablets.

The Universal Church members were evangelising in my neighbourhood and they invited me to the church. They told me that God could change my life. I accepted the invitation and went to attend the

service. I was prayed for and I felt very light. For the first time I was confident that God would change my life.

Through attending the chains of prayers for my deliverance from depression and suicidal thoughts, I was delivered completely. I also committed my life to God.

I am freed from depression and suicidal thoughts. I am no longer angry or bitter. I forgave my cousins and ex-husband for the pain they put me through. Today, I live a peaceful life and I do not lack anything,” said Rosie. 📖





The Amandla Ngawethu event took place in the Universal Church Cathedral in Soweto, the Holy Ground. This event, inspired by Psalm 23, marked a new beginning in people's lives.

The event was conducted by Bishop Marcelo Pires who explained to all present why God had chosen them.

"We need to understand why we came here today and why Jesus chose us. One day, God found us sick, dirty, rejected and full of problems, but He wants to use us to show the world that there is hope. God brought you here today for you to defeat the devil, but you can only defeat him if you decide to obey God. There is nothing here on earth that can defeat you the moment you put your faith in Jesus Christ.

Jesus has a plan for you. If you open your heart to Him today, you will start the process of transforming your

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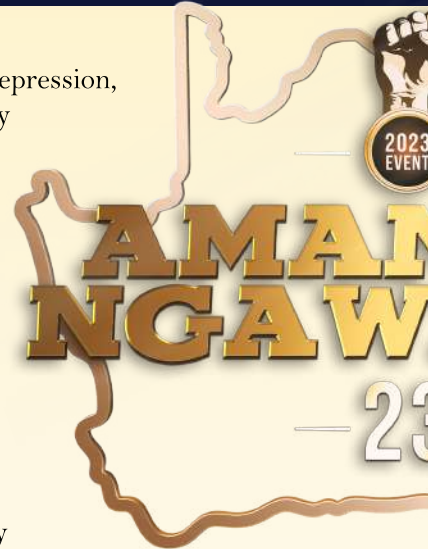
life. You will be able overcome depression, unemployment, curses in your family and failure. The price you have to pay is to obey the word of God. If you obey Him, satan will be under your feet.

Be ready to be rejected by your friends because of your new life. They will say you are brainwashed because they will not understand that God changed your life. Some of your family members will not like your company anymore, but do not focus on what they are saying. Rather focus on the new life that God is giving you.

Remember that satan works with thoughts and feelings. He uses people to say and do things against you. That is why you have to remember to always read the word of God. You will have more problems, but God will always be at your side, and moreover, He wants to be inside you.

Whoever curses you will be cursed, and whoever blesses you will be blessed. All your enemies will not succeed. God is with you," said Bishop Marcelo.

During the event, people were invited to surrender their lives to God and to start a new life with Him.



**GOOD FRIDAY
AT THE HOLY**




LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE AT THE HOLY GROUND

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From the age of 19, Montle's life seemed to be an endless downward spiral. She was almost sexually abused by her stepfather and was also kicked out of home. This took a toll on her and she struggled a great deal.

It was only after encountering the Universal Church and learning about the unlimited power of faith that her life started changing. "I attended the chains of prayers for my inner healing and financial breakthrough. I was able to forgive my stepfather and my finances also improved," she said.

This year, Montle's dream of attending the Good Friday event in South Africa was fulfilled. "When the well was inaugurated in the Holy Ground, I was even more inspired to visit. The moment I set foot in the Holy Ground, I knew that the presence of God was here.


Attending the Amandla Ngawethu event in the Holy Ground was truly a blessing," said Montle. 



Salome had no hope for a better life. She did not believe in herself and she thought she would never amount to anything. After she started attending services in the Universal Church, she learnt to value herself.

She also attended the chains of prayers for the transformation of her life. Through her perseverance, her life changed and she found peace in God.

Last year after watching the event of the Gathering

of the Warriors in Soweto, she desired to visit the Universal Church Cathedral in Soweto, the Holy Ground. She left her home country of Botswana to attend the Amandla Ngawethu event in the Holy Ground. "I am blessed, and being in the Holy Ground renewed my faith. I know that God will do even greater things in my life," said Salome. 



From battling alcohol and dagga addiction since she was nine years old to having conflicts in the family, Camilla's upbringing was very difficult.

"I was an aggressive and troublesome child. I did not know how to express myself, so I fought a lot with my peers. At the age of 15, I was already expelled from three schools.

My father invited my sister, mother and I to attend services in the Universal Church. I was passively attending the services until I saw changes in my mother. She was no longer the same bitter person she used to be and that encouraged me to change my behaviour. I engaged in the chains of prayers for my deliverance and I was able to overcome addiction as well as to let go of the

anger I had inside me," she said.

This year, Camilla who resides in Houston, Texas in the United States decided to visit the Holy Ground. "I always heard about the genuineness of the faith of the people in South Africa and I wanted to experience that. I also heard about the well of the Water of Great Miracles in the Holy Ground and that made me even more determined to visit. The moment I arrived in the Holy Ground, I felt so much peace. It was a great honour to be there," said Camilla. 



GOOD FRIDAY EVENT
HOLY GROUND



STOMACH PAIN TORTURED ME

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“From time to time, my stomach would become big as if I was pregnant. It was painful. I went to the doctor several times, but they did not know what was wrong. I also did not understand what was happening.

The members of the Universal Church gave me a Stop Suffering newspaper and they invited me to attend services in the church. When I arrived in the church, I was told about the service of the Water of Great Miracles at the

Holy Ground, and that it would be an opportunity for God to change my situation.

I attended the service determined to start a new life. After I received the water from the well, I drank it and believed that something great would happen.

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After four days of drinking the water, the swelling went

down and the pain was gone. I was not only healed but my finances started improving. I work as a real estate agent and I have been selling more houses than usual. God has really been opening the doors.

Things are going well in my life and I know that this is only the beginning of great things,” said Khethiwe. 📧



FOUND HEALING IN GOD

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For more than a month, Jane felt a stabbing pain in her legs which impeded her from living a normal life. She used her faith after receiving the water from well and she was completely.

“I REMEMBER THE DAY WHEN THE PAIN WAS SO SEVERE THAT MY FAMILY EVEN WANTED TO CALL AN AMBULANCE FOR ME”

“The pain I felt in my legs prevented me from doing a lot of things. I could not move around with ease. I struggled at work and I could not do my household duties as a mother. I remember the day when the pain was so severe that my family even wanted to call an ambulance for me.

I attended the service of the Water of Great Miracles at the Holy Ground and I received the water from the well. The pastor prayed for the water and later that day when I arrived home, my son rubbed my legs with the water and in less than 30 minutes, the pain vanished. Since then, I have been able to walk.

I am grateful to God because I know that He is the one who performed that miracle,” she said. 📧



WATER OF GREAT Miracles
EVERY SUNDAY, 10AM

Holy Ground: 24456 Immink Road, Zone 6, Diepkloof

MY ESCAPE BECAME AN ADDICTION

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“I had sores under feet. I went to the doctors several times but they could not diagnose what condition I had. I started drinking alcohol, and smoking cigarettes and dagga to try to lessen the pain I was feeling. I soon became addicted to alcohol, cigarettes and dagga.

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Whenever I was drunk, I would become violent. I fought with my family and that affected our relationship. They also did not trust me because I would sell items from home to feed my addiction. I also spent my whole salary on addiction. Things became very difficult

after I was suspended from work because I arrived intoxicated with alcohol and dagga. I did not know how I would survive and I knew that I had to change.

My neighbour invited me to attend services in the Universal Church. I arrived in the church on a Tuesday and I attend the service. I started making chains of prayers for my healing and deliverance from addiction. After a month of persevering and using my faith, I was completely healed from the sores under my feet. I also stopped smoking and drinking alcohol.

My life has changed. I am no longer a violent person. I have a good relationship with my family. I no longer worry when I have problems because I know that God will guide me and help



me overcome my challenges,” said Cleopas. 📺



I am
SOUL
PRECIOUS

EVERY SUNDAY
7:00AM



And simultaneously on

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GAME CHANGERS

EVERY SUNDAY
7:35AM 

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WORKER'S PRAYER

MON-FRI, 5:55AM - 6AM 



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Holy Ground:
24456 Immink Road,
Zone 6, Diepkloof

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

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, C R Swart
Street

Sebokeng: 392 Moshoeshe 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

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

LIMPOPO

Polokwane: Shop 3, 20 Jorrisen
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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THE JOURNEY TO PENTECOST

7 SUNDAYS & 7 WEDNESDAYS
AT YOUR NEAREST UNIVERSAL CHURCH

7 WED:  24 APRIL  26 APRIL 3 MAY 10 MAY 17 MAY 24 MAY
7 SUN:  25 APRIL 23 APRIL 30 APRIL 7 MAY 14 MAY 21 MAY 28 MAY

