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Marcelo Pires

SUCCESS OR FAILURE: YOU CHOOSE

Being a Christian and being chosen by God is not enough. You have to believe in His promises and embrace them. Reading the Bible, praying and saying “Amen” is not enough. A life-changing experience dictates an active faith in the promises of God.

Once you decide wholeheartedly to follow God, you will face many problems that are meant to draw you out of the church and make you lose your faith. The more your faith grows, the more challenges you will face.

Your faith has to go through fire to takeaway all impurities, which are doubts, fear, inferiorities, etc. Although you believe in God’s promises, there is something dragging you down and preventing your faith from being effective enough to achieve your objectives.

Along your journey to taking possession of what God has in store for you, you may rise and fall a few times, just like a toddler learning how to walk for the first time. In this way you will certainly learn by yourself and your faith will become stronger and more mature to turn you into a potential leader.

You are the commander of your life. So, you decide whether you are going to be a successful leader or a failed one. Trusting in God without hesitation will be the compass that leads the way out of failure into success.

Injustice is usually a fundamental test for crowning a leader. Jesus Christ had the choice of coming down from the cross and passing judgement on everyone,

instead He held on, trusted in God and became the Lord of lords. You are the commander of your life.

You are in charge of your decisions and they will determine whether you are going to be crowned as a leader or not. There are many challenges that come to test the strength of your faith. Do not despair because of them. Remember “...all things work together for good to those who love God...” Romans 8:28 NKJV

Based on this faith, I would discourage you from allowing doubts and negative words to enter your mind. Always rebuke and resist them. This is a very important step to take. Stop complaining, whining and drifting from one side to another because of your challenges. Face up to them bravely. God has a plan for you. Never give up. Your perseverance will pay off!

God bless you,
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THEY FOUND A WAY OUT!

REJECTED, DEPRESSED AND SUICIDAL

By Albertine Chitswa | uckg.org.za

Grappling with the weight of rejection and depression, Sharon could not see a way out of her suffering and made desperate attempts to end her life. She attempted suicide twice, resorting to overdosing on tablets and ingesting cleaning detergents.

In a desperate attempt to provide her daughter with hope, Sharon's mother invited her to attend services in the Universal Church. It was there that she discovered a ray of hope and a potential

solution to her seemingly insurmountable problems. Determined to break free from the clutches of depression and suicidal thoughts, she wholeheartedly engaged in the chains of prayers for her deliverance everyday.

"I am no longer depressed and suicidal. I do not feel empty and my confidence comes from the presence of God. I know that I can overcome any challenge through faith," said Sharon. 📖



A BROKEN MARRIAGE RESTORED

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In the midst of facing numerous marital problems, Silvester sought solace and companionship with other women. The situation took a complicated turn when both his wife and pregnant girlfriend had to stay in the same house.

Tired of the situation, Silvester's wife started attending services in the Universal Church and extended an invitation to him as well. Through the preaching and teachings

he received in the church, he understood the importance of remaining faithful to his wife.

"I am now a changed man. I am faithful to my wife. I am at peace with myself. My wife is happy and we live in harmony. I take good care of my family and provide for my children. Without God, my wife and I would have separated. Turning to Him was the best decision we made," said Silvester. 📖



FROM DESPAIR TO HOPE

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During Andisa's early years, her mother often drank so much alcohol that she was incapable of caring for the young girl. She had to stay with her aunt and cousins who sometimes mistreated her. Frustrated by the mistreatment she endured at home, she reached a point where she attempted suicide by overdosing on tablets.

However, an opportunity arose when Andisa received an invitation to attend services in the Universal Church. With attentiveness, she

embraced the guidance she received and followed it dutifully.

"Now, I have healed from the wounds of my past. I am at peace and I am content in every area of my life. I am not suicidal and I found my purpose in life. I no longer feel unloved or rejected because when I received the Holy Spirit, I found the love and acceptance that I had been yearning for," said Andisa. 📖



FROM DESPERATION TO VICTORY

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“When I turned 18, my girlfriend became pregnant, and I had to leave school to find work. It was a constant struggle to pay rent and provide for my family.

During this challenging time, my wife consistently invited me to attend services in the Universal Church. Although I initially only dropped her off and went home, circumstances changed when I was assigned to a distant work site. I had to borrow money for transportation. It was at this point that I started attending services in the church.

Over time, I was baptised in water because I realised that I had to start a new life with God. I attended the Wednesday and Sunday services for my spiritual development. I prayed, read my Bible and fasted. I once went to the church and determined that I would not leave without the Holy Spirit. I told God that I was tired of living a miserable life, devoid of His presence. I received the Holy Spirit and everything changed from that day.

However, a new challenge arose when my son fell ill. Despite praying for him, there was no improvement in his condition. In desperation, I made a vow to

God and placed my sacrifice on the altar, firmly trusting that God would heal my son, even though I did not know how it would happen. Miraculously, my son was discharged from the hospital, completely healed.


“I HAD TO ENDURE A TWO-HOUR WALK TO AND FROM WORK”

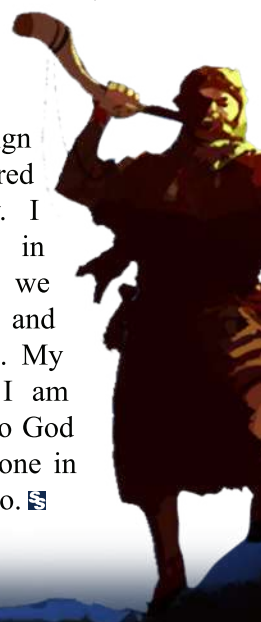
I left my job and found another one, only to face a predicament with the revenue services. They claimed that I had not filed my

taxes and started deducting money, plunging me back into financial hardship. I had to endure a two-hour walk to and from work, but even that could not dampen my joy.

The Campaign of Israel was introduced and I saw that as an opportunity to change my humiliating situation. After I fulfilled my vow, the challenges were still there.

We were evicted from our flat because of unpaid rent. We had no choice but to move in with my mother in the township for a month. However, when I revisited my previous workplace, I discovered that they had not been paying the appropriate taxes to the revenue services. They had to refund the money owed to me, which we used to settle our rent arrears. I then found a new job where I was provided with my own office and a company car.

Through the Campaign of Israel, God restored my life completely. I now own a house in the suburbs, and we live in a peaceful and secure environment. My family is blessed. I am immensely grateful to God for all that He has done in our lives,” said Ntando. 



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ESCAPING THE CLUTCHES OF POVERTY

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“My mother passed on when I was young, leaving me in the care of my grandmother, who took very good care of me.

I later moved to Johannesburg to further my studies, but I had a boyfriend and I fell pregnant. That was when my life became difficult because my family had a rule that if you got pregnant, you could not return home. I had to stay with my boyfriend, and we found ourselves living in a rundown flat near a hospital, with a foul odour and swarms of mosquitoes. I could not even open the windows due to the risk of mosquitoes harming me while I was pregnant.

We often went without food and fell behind on rent payments. Eventually, my brother-in-law came to our aid and suggested we move to Orange Farm, where we could live rent-free in a shack. The idea of not having to pay rent was a relief, but the shack was located near a dumping site, which became a nightmare. Rats came from the site, and our door could not fully close, making it easy for them to come inside. I resorted to using a cloth to block the opening, but it was a difficult and unsettling situation.

During that time, a relative encouraged me to return home, but I knew I could not bear the questions and shame that awaited me there. I felt like a burden and believed I had brought disgrace upon my family. Though I did not sink into depression, I was on the verge of it. My boyfriend's excessive drinking and smoking only added to my emotional strain.

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One day, as I passed by the Universal Church, an assistant approached me and invited me to attend. Intrigued, I accepted the invitation and shared the details with my boyfriend, hoping that it could help us with our problems. He agreed, and we attended the church service the following Sunday. I felt an overwhelming sense of relief. I had hope that all our problems could be solved, even though we had nothing at the time.

The Campaign of Israel was introduced and despite our limited finances, we participated because we were inspired by the testimonies of others. Things started to improve but I realised I still I needed

to seek the Holy Spirit. I recognised that my behaviour did not align with my faith because I was very emotional. From then on, I sought the Holy Spirit earnestly. I would wake up at night to pray.

Our lives have been transformed in an unimaginable way. I am now happily married. I found a job, and my husband started his own company. We were finally able to buy a car and build a house for our family. I am no longer emotional and my husband does not drink or smoke. The Holy Spirit guides us in everything we do,” said Shandukani. 🙏



CHANGE of SPIRIT



CONQUERING ANGER AND FINDING PEACE

By Albertine Chitswa | uckg.org.za

“My brother was addicted to alcohol. He was problematic and emotionally abusive. I was angry about the situation and did not know what to do.

Things started changing as I healed, but I was still bitter.

I asked God to give me the strength to forgive because I did not want to harbour hatred anymore. From then on, the anger I had vanished and I had the strength to forgive all who had harmed me.

During that time, I participated in the Campaign of Israel. I took my envelope and fulfilled my vow, believing that God would give me a breakthrough in every area of my life and indeed, He honoured my faith.

When I got married, I was short-tempered and my children were often on the receiving end. I beat them up. Things became worse when I fell ill. I was bedridden and had no strength to do anything. I plunged into depression.

I was invited to attend services in the Universal Church and was counselled by an assistant. I was advised to participate in the chains of prayers for my healing.

My husband and I were able to build our house. I have a shop selling school uniforms which is doing well. My children are working and have their own businesses. I am now united with my family and I am no longer angry, short-tempered or depressed. I have peace even when I face challenges. Without the Holy Spirit, I would be unable to do anything,” said Kgomotso. 🇳🇮

AGAINST ALL ODDS

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“My grandmother was attending services in the Universal Church. She used to bring the Stop Suffering newspaper home. Reading the testimonies of people whose lives had been transformed inspired me to attend services in the church.

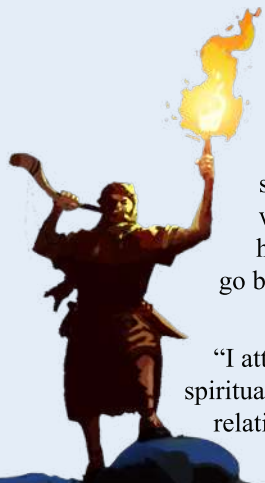
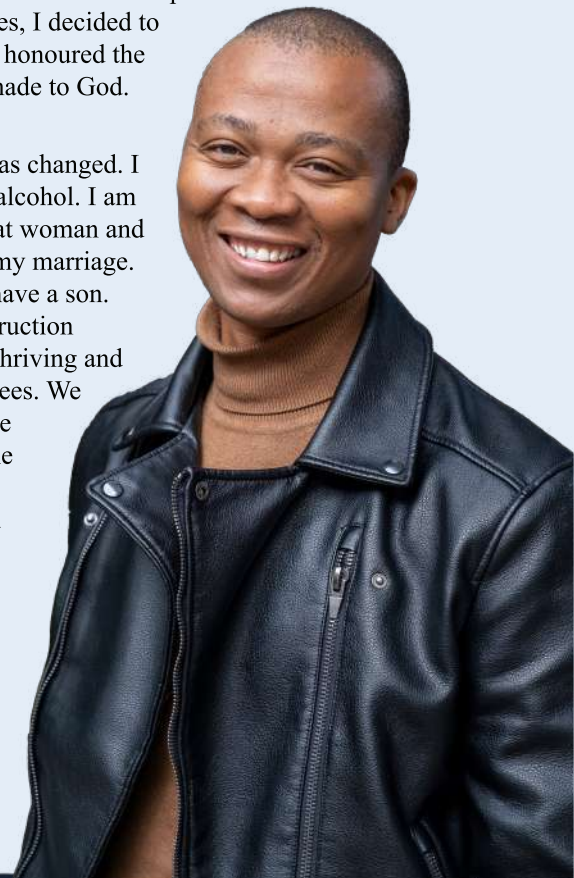
However, I was not committed to God and I made friends with the wrong crowd. I started drinking alcohol and this led to a decline in my academic performance, which resulted in the loss of my bursary. Realising my mistakes, I asked for God’s forgiveness and committed myself to making positive changes,” said Mpho.

Although Mpho was blessed with a good job and also got married, his marriage encountered great difficulties which led to a divorce. Feeling lost and confused, he stopped attending services in the church. It was after a deep introspection that he realised he could not live without God and decided to go back to the church.

“I attended the Wednesday services for my spiritual growth because I wanted to have a relationship with God. On the day that I received

the Holy Spirit, I had told God that I could not live without Him. In that moment, I was filled with joy. The Campaign of Israel was introduced and despite financial struggles, I decided to participate and I honoured the vow that I had made to God.

Today, my life has changed. I no longer drink alcohol. I am married to a great woman and I am content in my marriage. My wife and I have a son. We have a construction business that is thriving and we have employees. We also have a house and two cars. The transformation in my life would not have been possible without the help of the Holy Spirit,” said Mpho. 🇳🇮



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