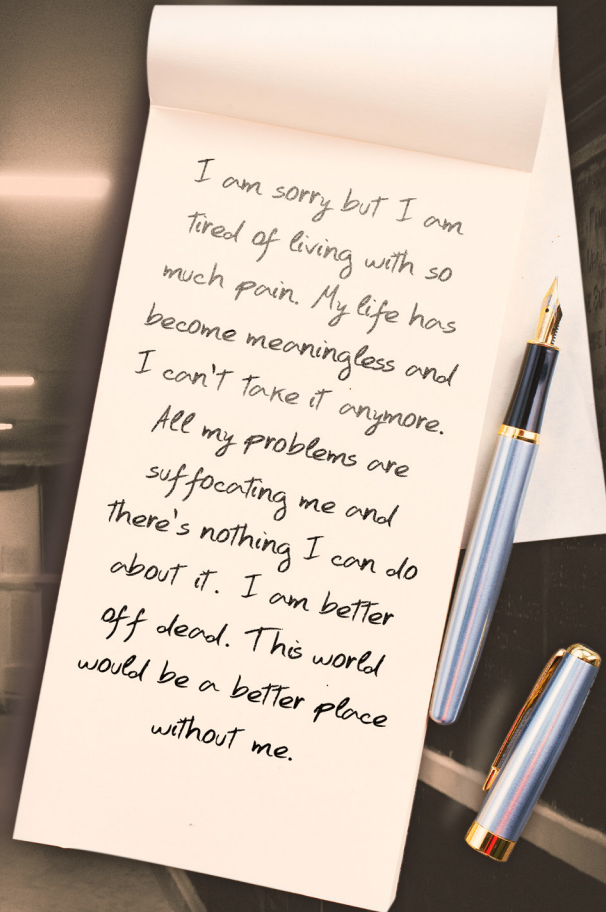




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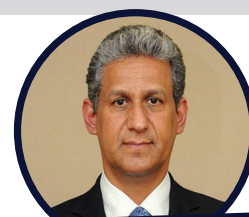
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A LIFE OF EXCEEDING GREATNESS



Marcelo Pires

Faith is the assurance that, regardless of what you feel, see and hear, you will be strong enough to be taller than your barriers and to run faster than your enemies, but it is no easy task.

Negative thoughts can bring back all that you are trying to forget about past failures. As soon as those memories knock at the door of your heart, if you do not push them away, your ability to believe in God and in His promises will be jeopardised.

Aiming to accomplish exactly that, the devil tempted Eve: "...but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'" Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." Genesis 3:3-5 (NKJV)

Adam and Eve were blessed, but satan wanted to take them out of Eden. This explains why things will get really tough when your victory is about to arrive, for satan knows that the only way for the promises of God to materialise in your life is to have faith, and faith without any trace of doubt.

The devil did it many times to those who were used by God to accomplish a great mission. The Lord Jesus was probably the one who faced it the most. It was not a few times that the devil came to Jesus to question His origin and authority.

"DRINK FROM HIS PROMISES AND YOUR LIFE WILL BE EXCEEDINGLY GREAT"

Do not expect any less than that. Satan will really come to you and attack you with doubts, but remember this -- attacks of doubt are like a deadly oral poison. They can kill you, but this type of deadly poison only works when you drink it. If you do not drink it, it will not work.

Thus the doubts and attacks of the devil will only work if you accept his lies as true, just like Eve did. She believed satan's lies were true—she drank the poison.

You might be holding a glass of the devil's poison, full of doubt and uncertainty. If you drink it, it will work, but if you toss it away, nothing will happen.

Turn instead to God's cup. Drink from His promises and your life will be exceedingly great!

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible." Hebrews 11:1-3 (NKJV)

God bless you all.
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SHATTERED & HOPELESS

By Albertine Chitswa | uckg.org.za

"My life was plagued by sickness. My health was deteriorating. My body was covered in scratches, making me feel hideous and unloved, even by my own family.

I had two children to care for, but my illness made it extremely challenging. The burden became so overwhelming that I even contemplated ending my own life. However, the thought of leaving my children alone and unsupported prevented me from taking such a drastic step.

In an attempt to escape my troubles, I would often leave my children with my aunt, only to go out drinking and return home late at night, intoxicated. The next morning, I would suffer from hangovers and the problems I was trying to escape would come rushing back. I realised I could not continue down this destructive path, especially since I had left my children in someone else's care.

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When I started attending services in the Universal Church, I learnt about the power of prayer and faith. I actively participated in the chains of prayers for my healing and deliverance. My life started transforming and I was completely healed. My family members noticed the positive changes in me and decided to join me in attending the services in the church.

Today, my life has changed. I am freed from sickness. I have a good job and I bought my own house. My children are grown and employed. I can afford to buy whatever I want. I no longer drink alcohol and I do not have the desire to end my life. The happiness and peace I have found are beyond measure.

Even when faced with challenges, I no longer panic because I have faith that God will provide a solution. My life is a testimony that God can perform miracles and change lives in unimaginable ways," said Nonhlanhla.

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COMPLETE DEPENDENCE ON GOD

By Albertine Chitswa | uckg.org.za

“My parents separated when I was only four years old. I had to be raised by my stepmothers because my father had three other wives, and the situation at home was difficult because he was the sole-breadwinner. I had no school shoes and my father could not afford them.

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GOD IS OUR PROVIDER. MY
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After my father passed on, I could not finish school because no one paid my school fees. I later moved to South Africa in search for a job. I struggled to find a job because I did not know how to read, write or speak in English. After a while, my friend found me a job at a


panel beating shop. I was a cleaner there and I was also learning how to fix cars.

Because I had witnessed my father with three wives, I thought it was normal. I had a girlfriend and had a child with her. I met another woman and I also had a child with her. One of my girlfriends was invited to attend services in the Universal Church. She invited me to attend as well. We attended a service and when it had ended, we spoke to the pastor. He advised us to participate in the chains of prayers.

I heard a preaching in one of the services that made me realise that the life I was living was not right before God. I decided to break up with one of my girlfriends. I obeyed and put into practice what I was taught in the church. Through the chain of prayer on Mondays, I was able to get my own place and



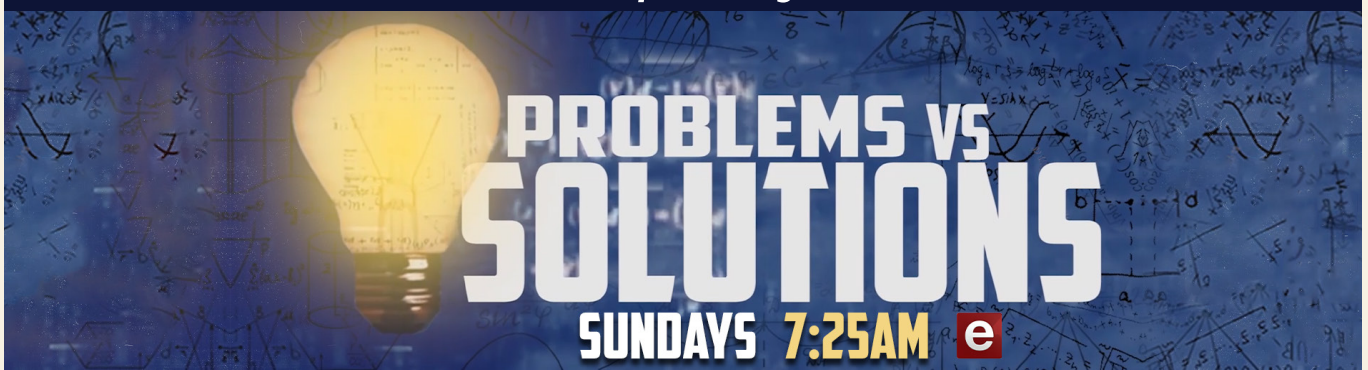
start my own panel beating workshop.

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

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FROM STRUGGLE TO SUCCESS

By Albertine Chitswa | uckg.org.za

“I was married and my husband left me with two children, which made it difficult for me to support them. I became bitter and resentful towards my family.

As a single mother, I struggled to provide for my children. Money was tight, and I could only afford their school fees, often having to scrape together extra funds. I resented my husband because he was living a comfortable life, while I struggled to make ends meet. Depression consumed me, and I yearned for peace and a better life.

One day, my son invited me to attend services in the Universal Church, and I accepted his invitation. I found solace in the church and discovered a newfound peace of mind. Despite my neighbours' warnings about the supposed snakes, I assured them that I had found inner peace at the Universal Church.

As I continued attending services in the church, I realised the importance of committing myself to

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God and seeking His help. I engaged in the chains of prayers, attending services throughout the week, and I witnessed positive changes in my life. I became more committed and gradually let go of my grudges. I forgave my husband and experienced spiritual deliverance. The Holy Spirit entered my life, bringing humility and a transformation in my relationship with my children.

Today, I am a happy and peaceful mother. I am no longer depressed. God has blessed me, and my children have grown up, living independently in their own houses. The stress of supporting them has diminished and I now place my life in God's hands. The negative stories I had heard about the Universal Church were completely unfounded. I never encountered any snakes or deceit,” said Susan. 📺

OVERCOMING ADDICTION THROUGH FAITH

By Albertine Chitswa | uckg.org.za

Being addicted made me feel foolish, and I experienced physical and mental discomfort. One day, someone asked if I could sell dagga at school, and I eagerly agreed, thinking it would be an easy way to support my habit.

My life began spiralling out of control, and even after finishing school, I continued smoking while looking for a job in Johannesburg. Having money made it easier to fuel my addiction.

Unfortunately, when I got married, I could not provide full support to my family, and my marriage was in jeopardy due to my addiction and excessive drinking. I was on the verge of destroying everything precious to me.

However, everything started to change when I started attending services in the Universal Church. I was determined to make a change. Stepping into the church, I felt an overwhelming sense of amazement, realising that it was the right place for me.

From that day forward, I became a new person. God helped me to overcome my addictions, and the pastor advised me to regularly attend church services, praying for my spiritual well-being and deliverance. I clung to the

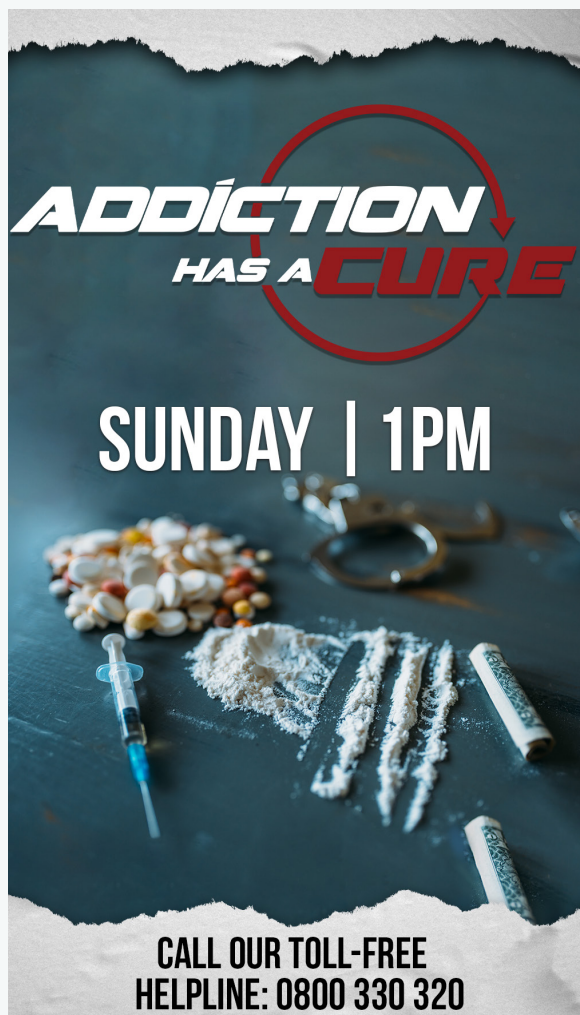
Word of God and started attending Wednesday and Sunday services for my spiritual development. My faith became the driving force behind my transformation.

My family is now a blessing and I have achieved things I once thought were impossible. I managed to send my children to university and my marriage has been restored. I realised that God was waiting for me to change first before taking over my life. By using my faith, I was able to turn my life around for the better," said Thabo. 📖

"I had a happy childhood, although my father was often away working in Johannesburg. My mother, who raised us single-handedly, was quite strict, especially during my teenage years when I started getting involved in illicit activities like selling cigarettes at school without her knowledge.

I envied my friends who seemed to have a carefree life, smoking and enjoying themselves. They appeared to be the popular guys who had control over the situation. Eventually, I succumbed to peer pressure and joined their group, getting addicted to dagga and cigarettes. I managed to hide this from my mother, and whenever I failed in school, I would make up excuses to divert attention from my substance abuse.

I knew I had to make a change. Although I managed to quit cigarettes, I could not break free from my dagga addiction.



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RECLAIMING HOPE IN A BROKEN HOME

By Albertine Chitswa | uckg.org.za

"My father physically and emotionally abused my mother. Witnessing their constant fighting and the mistreatment of my mother deeply affected me.

Our family went through a lot of turmoil. The chaos and financial struggles were



overwhelming, and as the youngest of seven children, I felt helpless and

tried to cling to my mother for support. I vividly remember one night when my father pushed my mother out of the house during an argument. The situation affected my studies a great deal. Every challenge I faced reminded me that there was no peace at home.

My relationship with my father was strained. I was considered the black sheep of the family because I resembled my mother more than my siblings. My father often said hurtful things, claiming that I did not belong to the family. These words fuelled my hatred towards him, leading me to disrespect him openly. Unfortunately, this bitterness and aggression isolated me and affected my relationships with my siblings.

However, my life took a turn for the better when my sister invited me to attend services in the Universal Church. During the service, I felt like a weight had been lifted off my shoulders. The teachings at the church focused on

forgiveness, and I learned that if I did not forgive, I would not be forgiven either. With the help of God, I mustered the courage to forgive my father and also to seek forgiveness from him. Sadly, he passed away shortly after our reconciliation because he was ill.

"Our family went through a lot of turmoil. The chaos and financial struggles were overwhelming, and as the youngest of seven children"

This experience made me realise the importance of the Holy Spirit in my life. I understood that without God, I could not truly transform or find peace. Today, my life is filled with blessings. I no longer harbour resentment. I work in a reputable company and can provide for my family. Only the Holy Spirit made this possible," said Ditshwanelo. 📖

MY VALIDATION COMES FROM GOD

"Growing up, my sister was always negative towards me and that affected me. I struggled with low self-esteem and I felt empty inside. I did not believe in myself and I wanted people to validate everything that I did.

I believed that I was not good enough. Even at work, I did not believe in myself. I only felt better when people complimented me. I then made friends with the wrong crowd because I wanted to feel better about myself. I drank and went to nightclubs. I dated several men even though I knew that they were not right for me. Although I

was doing all those things, I had a void inside me.

My mother invited me to attend services in the Universal Church and I was counselled by one of the assistants. I also engaged in the chains of prayers for my deliverance. The preaching in the church made me realise that I did not need anyone to make me feel complete, I needed God. That is when

I decided to commit myself to God.

I stopped drinking and going to nightclubs. I separated from my wrong friends and stopped dating different men. I spent more time in the church seeking the presence of God.

I no longer have low self-esteem. I believe in myself and no longer need anyone to compliment me. I have peace and I no longer feel empty because God filled the void I had," said Lorraine. 📖



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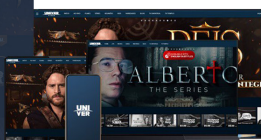
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