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YOU ARE INVITED TO COME AND EXPERIENCE THE PEACE
THAT GOD INTENDS FOR YOU

FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep... Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.” [Genesis 1:1-2,3-4](#)

The story of creation tells us that everything that God created was good. The earth being “without form, and void” refers to the state of the earth after Lucifer was expelled from heaven and thrown down to the earth. When darkness enters a person’s life, it causes destruction and desolation. However, when we find God, we receive His Light -the Holy Spirit- and He adds what is good in our lives.

Many people, even those who go to church or call themselves Christians, still experience inner turmoil. They struggle with emotional instability, depression, misfortune, insomnia and general dissatisfaction. They probably have faith, but the kind of faith they have has been quite unfruitful. Darkness prevails in their lives because they have not yet received the Light of God.

You need to stop pretending to be well. Stop putting up a brave face when everything around you is falling apart, or pretending to be well when you are far from it. Put an end to the charade now and turn to God. Follow His will without hesitation. Seek Him with all your heart and mind. Focus on the powerful transformation that only God can unleash in your life. Take action right now and tap into this genuine spiritual power, God’s power. Do it now!

Come out of darkness and into the Light.

God bless you,
Bishop Marcelo Pires
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The right kind of faith

“But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, ‘Son, go, work today in my vineyard.’ He answered and said, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he regretted it and went. Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said to Him, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you.” [Matthew 21:28-31](#)

There are two kinds of faith, the faith that does the will of God and the faith that only shows off good works but lacks the substance that pleases God —obedience.

The second son had the latter kind of faith. Many people put all their effort into doing good things and are always ready to say ‘yes’ to everything, but they also have this kind of faith because they do not do the will of God and do not obey His word. Their decisions are often driven by their emotions, not reason. They make many plans and promise to change, but they never put their plans into action and do not keep those promises. They only give excuses. They know they need to repent, but they are unwilling to forsake their sins and wrongdoings.

On the other hand, the first son had the kind of faith that pleases God —intelligent faith. People who possess this kind of faith are in no way perfect, but they make every effort to walk away from their wrong ways and choices to follow God’s will, even when His will goes against their own. They understand that God has a greater plan for them, and that He is the only One who can truly change their lives. They surrender completely to God, and consequently, heaven opens and His Spirit is poured upon them.

People who have this kind of faith overcome whatever challenge they face. They are sincere before God, and He honours them because of this sincerity, and because of their obedience.

Without a doubt, a new life awaits those who say ‘yes’ to the will of the Father.

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SUNDAY OF GREAT MIRACLES AND POWER

By Albertine Chitswa | uckg.org.za



Tlaleng Ngubo

I became depressed and suicidal because I could not find a job, and everything in my life felt stuck. I was consumed by worry and anxiety over many things. Through attending the chains of prayers, I was freed from depression and suicidal thoughts and my life changed completely. I have a good job and I am married to a good man. I am not worried or anxious about anything because God is in control of my life. 📖



Francisca Mtshali

My finances were not good because I spent the little money I had on alcohol. My money ran out quickly and I often had to borrow, which led me to having a lot of debt. I engaged in the chains of prayers for my deliverance from alcohol addiction and I committed my life to God. My life has been completely transformed. I am no longer addicted to alcohol and I am not in debt. In God, I also found the peace and happiness I yearned for. 📖



Nonhlanhla Mkhize

I suffered a great deal and was sick. I was also unemployed and struggled with sleepless nights. I had two children that I could not support. I felt like a failure. When I started obeying the teachings I received in the church, I started witnessing great changes in my life. Today, I am blessed. I am a manager at work. I have a house and I am able to provide for my family. My children are now working. My health is restored and I sleep peacefully at night. The presence of God transformed my life completely. 📖



Danny Nkambule

I was unemployed and could not provide for my family. As a man, that made me feel useless. I was also sick. From time to time, I suffered from stomach aches and headaches and I had terrible nightmares that robbed me of my sleep at night. I began to faithfully participate in the chains of prayers for my finances and healing. Now my life has changed. I provide very well for my family. My health was restored. I am no longer addicted, nor do I suffer from nightmares. I have peace and the assurance that the Holy Spirit is inside of me. 📖

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I ALLOWED FORGIVENESS, TO HEAL THE PAIN I HAD INSIDE

By Yugendrie Khonyane | uckg.org.za

Eunice faced rejection and loneliness at a very young age, after her father's death. Her life took a turn for the worst when her mother remarried, leaving her feeling more abandoned.

"I was four years old when my father passed on. I felt lonely and abandoned by my mother. I was constantly mistreated by my stepfather. He would beat me and at times I slept without eating any food. I remember a day I was so hungry that I picked up food from the floor just to fill my stomach.

There were days that I disappeared, sometimes even months. When I would return home no one ever asked where I was. It just confirmed to me that I was not important," she said.

By age 14, after years of hardship, Eunice's family took her in, and she returned to school.

"I didn't care which grade they placed me in. All I wanted was to start learning again. I faced many challenges at school because I was much older than the other kids in my grade.

My teacher at school noticed I withdrew from the kids at school and started speaking to me and I

opened to her. That's when she told me about the Universal church. She invited me and I went with her," she said.

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After much struggle, Eunice prayed for the strength to forgive her mother for neglect and abandonment

"As I grew in my faith, I realised that without forgiveness, I couldn't move forward. God called me to forgive, and I resisted for a long time. But eventually, I prayed for the strength to let go. I asked God to help me forgive her because I couldn't do it on my own. And one day, I did and the burden I had carried for years was finally gone.

Today, I have a very good relationship with my mother. I no longer carry the anger with me. I visit her, hug her, and tell her I love her, and I mean it. I have finally found peace, a peace I had longed for my entire life," said Eunice.✉



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EVERY SUNDAY
7:00AM

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I DESPERATELY WANTED TO END MY LIFE

By Yugendrie Khonyane | uckg.org.za

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...I threw myself down a flight of slippery stairs.



Dineo experienced dramatic events and emotional pain from a young age. She was raised by different childminders, and that left her feeling isolated and unloved because she had no parental affection.

“Even though I was raised by childminders, I still wanted my parent’s love. My mother and I never got along. I was constantly mistreated at home; she was both physically and emotionally abusive towards me. The abuse was so severe that I’d sometimes go to school with bruises all over my face. I hated her and harboured deep resentment towards her.

Worse still, I was also bullied at school because of my weight and appearance. That turned me into an angry and bitter child,” she said.

Dineo’s life took another turn for the worse when she started high school. She befriended people who introduced her to a destructive lifestyle of casual dating, drinking, smoking dagga and partying.

“I got into a toxic relationship, but I stayed with him because at least he accepted me, until he started hitting me. When the beatings started, I decided to leave him,” said Dineo.

Her breaking point came when she was in Grade 8. Overwhelmed by the weight of her suffering, she attempted

suicide.

“When I was 14 years old, I desperately wanted to end my life. I threw myself down a flight of slippery stairs, but I survived the fall. I was taken to the hospital, where I was treated. However, I still felt empty and hopeless,” she shared.

Her life took a turn for the better when Dineo and her family decided to return to God. She started attending church services at the Universal Church.

“I remember a particular service where the pastor spoke about peace and how to receive it. I longed for that peace and realised that I needed to change my life. I started by cutting ties with negative influences, quitting smoking and abandoning my reckless lifestyle. I understood that if I wanted peace, I needed to repent and start living a life that pleased God.

Now my mother and I have a very good relationship. Forgiving her was the hardest part of my change, but I did it. My past no longer hurts me because I finally found the peace I had been longing for.

My family is blessed. We all attend church services and pray together, and we have made God the centre of our lives. I’m studying and working part-time. I’m happy with my life, knowing that, above all else, I have the presence of God in me,” shared Dineo. 🙏

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WHEN I WAS ON THE STREET, I WISHED TO BE HIT BY A CAR OR TAXI

By Albertine Chitswa | uckg.org.za

“My life turned upside down when my grandmother passed on. She was my comforter, the only person I could talk to and rely on. Her death left me completely shattered. I couldn’t understand why God allowed me to go through that and I resented Him for it.

I started self-harming to try to alleviate the pain I felt inside. The physical pain was better than what I felt inside. I often cut myself in places that I could easily conceal with clothes. I didn’t want people to know what I was going through. I also started drinking and going out with friends but I couldn’t find comfort in any of that.

I had a strong desire to die. When I was on the street, I wished to be hit by a car or a taxi because there was nothing that I was living for. I had suicidal thoughts because I could no longer handle the pain. I had no hope for a better life. I spent many nights contemplating suicide.

My mother was already attending services in the Universal Church, and seeing the pain I was in, she invited me to attend services with her. I continued attending services in the church, but I was still angry at God, until one day when the pastor spoke about surrendering our lives to God. I prayed sincerely and

told God how angry I was with Him. After making that confession, I felt different and light. God understood and accepted me. That marked the start of a new chapter in my life.

I decided to change my behaviour. I engaged in the chains of prayers for my deliverance from suicidal thoughts. I stopped self-harming and committed myself to God. I attended the Wednesday and Sunday services for my spiritual development. I got baptised in water to symbolise the start of a new life with God.

I am a changed person. I no longer self-harm and I have no desire to die because I found my purpose in life. My life is fulfilled and I made peace with my grandmother’s passing. I have the presence of God inside me and He gives me the joy and comfort I need, and I know that God is with me every step of the way,” said Karabo. 📖



I HAD EVERYTHING BUT I WAS NOT HAPPY

By Tania Nguanda | uckg.org.za

“My six siblings and I grew up in a wholesome family environment and were raised by our mother. Besides the usual sibling rivalry, I often felt left out and believed that my other siblings were loved more than me. I didn’t pay too much attention to it at the time, but I grew up with insecurities and a sense of being unloved.

As a result, I became negative and had low self-esteem. I

developed anxiety, depression and panic attacks. I feared rejection and even the smallest sign of it tormented me. If I sensed that a partner wasn’t fully committed, I would end the relationship because I was afraid he would eventually reject me. Fear and insecurity consumed me and I couldn’t see a positive future for myself.

I later found someone who loved me and we got married, but these feelings about myself affected my marriage and every other aspect of my life. I couldn’t admit that I was depressed. I just felt misunderstood and alone.

One day, I received a newspaper from the Universal Church and the title caught my attention: ‘Do you have a void?’ For the first time, I realised that even though I had everything I’d ever dreamed of, being married and having a newborn child, I still felt empty.

From the very first day I attended a service in the church, I understood that it was possible to find peace in God, something I deeply longed for. Day by day, I started seeing changes in myself and in my relationships with others. I decided to

leave my old life behind and give myself completely to the Lord Jesus. I chose to forgive those who had hurt me and got baptised in water to seal this change.

Then I started seeking to be baptised with the Holy Spirit because I understood that only He could give me the peace and joy I had been yearning for. I committed to doing God’s will in everything I did. My husband saw the changes in me and started praying with me at home.

As I continued seeking the Holy Spirit, God blessed me with His presence, and from that day onwards, I was no longer the same person. For the first time in my life, I was at peace. Now I am no longer anxious or depressed. I sleep well and never have panic attacks. I am positive about my life and future and I have peace, joy and love inside me, and for me, this is priceless.

I have a wonderful relationship with my loving husband, children and grandchildren. I am at peace and I get on very well with others. I am very happy now that I live in the presence of God,” said Gloria. 📖



I HAD NO CONTROL OVER MY LIFE

By Albertine Chitswa | uckg.org.za

“My father passed away when I was a teenager. Since he was the breadwinner, everything changed at home. Things became very difficult. I would go to school hungry and have nothing to eat when I got home. That situation pushed me to make friends with the wrong crowd. They introduced me to smoking and stealing to support our addictions.

I started by smoking glue, but after some time, it was no longer enough. I needed something stronger, so I tried dagga and started drinking alcohol excessively. I became entangled in a life of crime to support my addictions. I stole clothes from people's washing lines and sold them to feed my addiction. Eventually, I joined a group of men who broke into people's houses to steal. I knew I had to quit the life of crime because many of my friends died because of our criminal activities, and I was also arrested numerous

times. I lost control over my life. I didn't know who I was any more when I was sober. I also became very aggressive, and I once beat someone so badly that he ended up in the hospital. That incident made me reflect deeply on my life. I went to the hospital to see the person I'd hurt who was severely injured. I apologised to him, and in that moment, I realised that I needed to change, but I didn't know how.

My mother cried whenever she saw me. She begged me to quit my addictions and live a decent life. This situation made me miss my father. I often thought things would be different if he was still around. I sought guidance from my uncles, but they didn't have time for me. I felt alone, like no one cared. I wanted to change, but felt hopeless and powerless because I didn't know where to start.

One day, while walking past the Universal Church, I wondered

if that might be the place where my life could change. The following Sunday, I attended a service there, and from that day, I kept going back there. I felt different after that first service. Each time I went to church, things started to change in my life.

Through the teachings in the church, I learnt how to use my faith to transform my situation. I participated in the chains of prayer for my deliverance. I was freed from my addictions and managed to turn my life around. I no longer had the desire to smoke or drink and I stopped associating with the wrong crowd. Soon afterwards, I found a job and God continued to bless my life.

I am married and I am a responsible husband and father. I own a house and work for a prominent company. My priority is to please God. Now I want to help others the way I was helped,” said Joshua. 📖



“I DIDN'T KNOW WHO I WAS WHEN I WAS SOBER”



I FELT LIKE A DISAPPOINTMENT

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“I was working in Johannesburg when I met a friend who introduced me to city life. I started drinking, smoking, gambling and became promiscuous.

I became addicted, and the money I was earning was no longer enough because I had to feed my addictions. When I had money, I spent it on alcohol and gambling. I could not take care of my family because of my addictions. I once gambled away my entire salary and overtime pay and was left with nothing. I was very stressed and depressed, but that did not stop me. I was driven by greed. I once gambled away R20,000 in an hour.

I wanted to change, but I did not know who to turn to or where to go. I wanted to kill myself. One day, I was tired of the person I had become and the way I was living, so I overdosed on tablets with the intention of killing myself.

I was admitted to the hospital, and when I came to, I was disappointed that I had not died.

My mother attended services in the Universal Church and always invited me to go with her, but I kept making excuses. One day I decided to go there because I saw the church as my last resort. There, I received counselling and was advised to attend the chains of prayers. I committed myself to God and put everything I learnt into practice. I changed my behaviour and also forgave my father. I stopped drinking, smoking and gambling, and I stopped being promiscuous. I also distanced myself from bad company. Gradually, my life started to change. The feelings of sadness disappeared, and my confidence grew. I realised that for my life to change completely, I needed to follow God's guidance.

I now have a good relationship with my family, and God inspired me to open my own business. I am completely free from any form of addiction and I do not desire to end my life. I live to please God,” said Odwa. 📖

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