

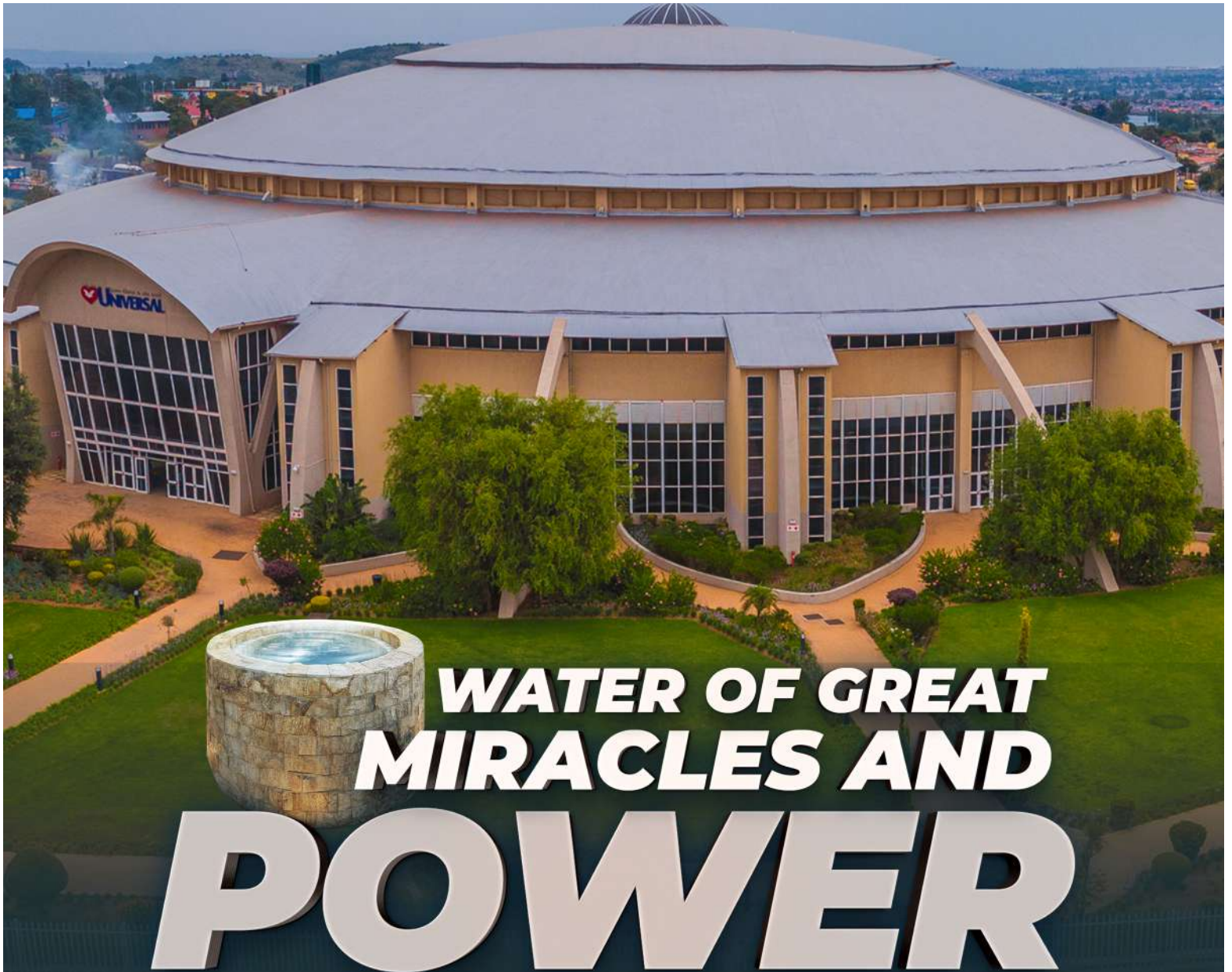


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Many people pursue wealth and success, often because they desperately long to be happy. Some even become wealthy and successful, but this does not give them the peace they wish they had. They often find themselves angry, fighting, and causing others much harm.

Without God, we inevitably become trapped by our own choices. Living far from God profits nothing.

The Lord 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

Without Jesus, we have no life. You might have everything the world offers, but none of it gives you happiness or peace because we were not created to be far from God.

The parable of the prodigal son teaches us about a father's compassion. It clearly demonstrates God's compassion towards us. God is always knocking at your door. He chose you for Himself long before you were born.

If you feel insignificant, despised and humiliated in this world, remember that God has chosen you and wants to give you a peaceful and fulfilled life. This goes beyond financial prosperity; it involves the eternal salvation of your soul.

Come to Him, and He will receive you with open arms. Your Father will remove the heavy weight from your shoulders and give you peace, restore your faith and honour you.

Have you been feeling distant from God? You can still come back to Him. Abide in Him and He will abide in you.

Leave your past behind and start a new life with God.

God bless you,
Bishop Marcelo Pires
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REPENTANCE HEALS THE SOUL

Without repentance, there is no forgiveness of sins. Doctors can care for and cure ailments in the body, but the soul requires repentance to be healed.

Repentance is not a feeling or an emotion; it is a decision. When someone decides to repent, that is, when he decides to forsake his sins, God forgives him and his soul is then healed.

Only those who convert can repent, because they acknowledge that they are sinners and need forgiveness. That is the first step one takes to have a relationship with the Lord Jesus.

"Surely, after my turning, I repented; And after I was instructed, I struck myself on the thigh; I was ashamed, yes, even humiliated, because I bore the reproach of my youth." [Jeremiah 31:19](#)

It is not easy to convert. Yes, changing the wrong way you have been living to start following Jesus is difficult, but you have to do it for you to obtain the peace of salvation, which is the healing of your soul.

Unfortunately, some people are hypocrites because they get baptised in water only to fulfil a religious ritual, but they never repent of their old ways. When you decide to repent, if you are a thief, you stop stealing, and if you are a liar, you stop lying. You start having the fruits of repentance and become an upright and God-fearing person.

"I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance." [Luke 5:32](#)

A healthy person does not need a doctor. Likewise, a righteous person does not need to repent, but a sinner does. And when he repents, he does not continue doing the wrong things he used to do.

You need to convert, change your character, and repent of your wrong way of living.

No tablet or treatment can heal the soul.

Without repentance, there is no forgiveness for sins. So, if you want your soul to be healed, you have to repent. Then Jesus will heal your soul and give you peace.

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KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

By Tania Nguanda | uckg.org.za

When it comes to cancer, knowledge is not only power...it can save lives.

When cancer is detected early, the likelihood that it will respond to effective treatment is high, as is the patient's survival rate. Morbidity is reduced and the costs for treatment and aftercare come down considerably.

- Nearly 2000 lives are lost to cancer daily in Africa (2020 statistics)
- Cancer is the second leading cause of death globally
- Cancer was responsible for 8.8 million deaths in 2015
- Globally, nearly 1 in 6 deaths is due to cancer
- Breast cancer is the leading malignancy in females in Africa
- South Africa was ranked third among the countries with the highest number of cancer deaths in Africa (2020 statistics).
- After non-melanoma skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common cancer in women of all races, with a lifetime risk of 1 in 26 women in South Africa, according to the 2022 National Cancer Registry (NCR).

Source: <https://equityhealth.biomedcentral.com/articles>; <https://cansa.org.za/breast-cancer/>
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THE PAIN WAS UNBEARABLE

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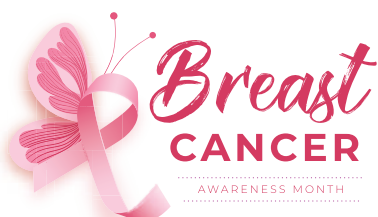
For most people, a cancer diagnosis feels like the end of the world. They believe they are staring death in the face, with no hope of changing the situation. It was no different for Anabela, who was diagnosed with breast cancer. She shared her story of battling the disease:

“One of my breasts started changing colour, turning black and becoming larger and painful. My son was only six months old at the time, and I had to stop breastfeeding. That’s when I suspected something was wrong. I went to the doctor and was diagnosed with breast cancer. It was so advanced that I had to undergo surgery immediately. I thought I was dying. The pain was unbearable and I felt hopeless. I even wrote a letter to my mother asking her to look after my son in case I passed away.

After the operation, I stayed in the hospital for three weeks. When I was discharged, I was given medication and instructed to go for regular checkups.

During that time, I spoke to a pastor’s wife and received counselling because what I had been through was traumatic. She assured me that it wasn’t the end of the world and gave me advice on staying healthy and going for regular screenings. Her support gave me the strength and courage to keep fighting for my health. After two years of regular checkups, I was declared cancer-free and I have now been healed for 26 years.

To everyone diagnosed with cancer: it’s not the end of the world. Follow the doctor’s orders, and use your faith to fight for your complete healing. It’s important to go for regular screenings because early detection makes all the difference,” said Anabela. 📖



I BELIEVED I WAS DESTINED TO SUFFER

By Yugendrie Khonyane | uckg.org.za

Claudia lived a life consumed by pain, bitterness, and hopelessness after losing her father at a young age. His death left her with a deep void that was filled with resentment.

“When my father died in a car accident, I harboured resentment against the person who caused the accident. This bitterness stayed with me for many years. Because my father was the breadwinner in our family, after his death, we often didn’t have much food to eat. We had next to nothing, not even basic necessities. Life was truly miserable after my father’s passing. During that time, I lost all interest in life because I believed I was destined to suffer,” said Claudia.

After getting married, Claudia faced another heartbreaking challenge —she could not conceive. She also endured many hurtful remarks because of her situation. She was mocked by friends and relatives, and many people called her a tree without fruit. Those remarks hurt her terribly. Her marriage began to crumble under the strain.

She sought help in many places, but no one could offer her a solution.

“Every single day, I asked myself, ‘Why me?’. I thought about my father often and wished he was still alive. I thought about the child I couldn’t have, the marriage that was falling apart, and the people who mocked me. I was deeply distressed and had nowhere to turn.

Things had become so bad that my husband told me that he wanted to end his life because of the problems we were facing. He said that, while he was on his way to a place where he would kill himself, he met a member of the Universal Church who invited him to attend a service.

He started attending services from that day, and I noticed gradual changes in him. He asked me to go to the church with him, and that’s when I also started going to the Universal Church.

The day I attended my first service in the church, I was moved by the Word of God that was preached. I really wanted my life to change. I participated in the church services regularly, and I prayed and read my Bible often.

Through my faith and perseverance I saw the power of God in every area of my life. My marriage was restored. I conceived and finally experienced the joy of being a mother. Our finances are stable and we lack no good thing. I have the blessing that far surpasses all the goodness God has given me because

I asked myself,
‘Why me?’

I am filled with the presence of God inside me. I no longer have the pain, resentment and bitterness of the past, because I received peace and joy from God,” said Claudia. 🙏



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AN INTERNAL STRUGGLE THAT NO ONE COULD SEE

By Yugendrie Khonyane | uckg.org.za

Speech is a fundamental tool we use to communicate and build relationships, but for Eldio, it was a constant challenge growing up.

“I struggled a lot with my confidence because of my lisp. It made pronouncing certain words very difficult for me. Moreover, I had many complex self-esteem issues.

I was constantly bullied and teased at school because of my speech impediment. As a result, I often withdrew from interacting with others in my class. I felt out of place and I longed for acceptance,” Eldio said.

The isolation and insecurities grew over time, pushing Eldio to seek acceptance in the wrong places.

“I eventually joined a group of friends at school. They weren’t a good influence, but I felt accepted by them. Soon afterwards, they introduced me to alcohol and a life of partying. One day, things got so bad that I ended up in a fight and was left alone to defend myself. My friends ran away.

With all the pain and emptiness I carried inside, I started hurting others. I became a bully, even though, deep down, I knew what I was doing was wrong, but I didn’t know any other way of expressing myself,” says Eldio.

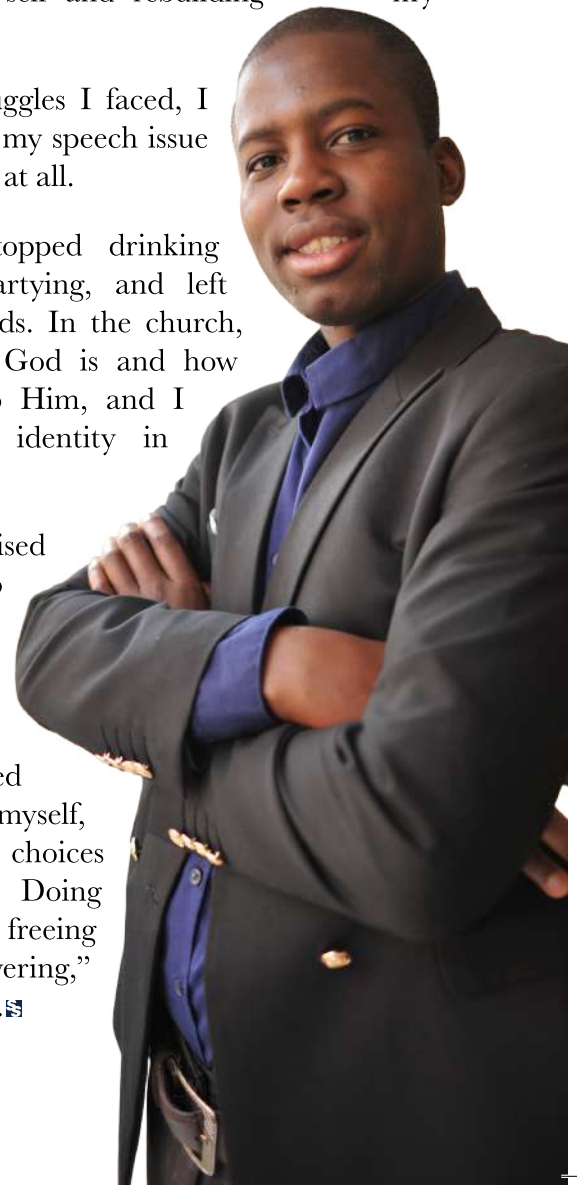
A significant change happened when one of Eldio’s close friends was given a newspaper by a member of the Universal Church who

invited him to attend a service. “My friend invited me to go with him. At first, my reasons for attending weren’t genuine, but over time, something changed. I started to enjoy the youth meetings. The people there were different. They accepted me as I was. Gradually, I started appreciating myself and rebuilding my self-esteem.

Despite the struggles I faced, I understood that my speech issue didn’t define me at all.

I eventually stopped drinking alcohol and partying, and left the wrong friends. In the church, I learned who God is and how to get closer to Him, and I discovered my identity in Him.

I also realised that, for me to start this new chapter in my life, I needed to forgive those who had wronged me, and also myself, for the poor choices I had made. Doing this was both freeing and empowering,” concluded Eldio.✎



FOR ME, GOD DID NOT EXIST

By Albertine Chitswa | uckg.org.za

God did not exist for Dineo. She thought the Bible was nothing more than a collection of stories. She started attending services in the Universal Church at a young age and thought that by going to church, everything in her life would be perfect.

Her grandmother was hit by a car and not long afterwards, they were robbed by intruders who threatened their lives. These events led her to question God's existence and filled her with anger towards Him. Despite this, she continued attending church services because it was a routine in their household to go to church every Sunday and Wednesday. However, her anger, disbelief and resentment towards God remained unchanged.

"When the Bible was read in the church, I dismissed it as just another book full of stories. I questioned where the God they spoke about was because, in my life, He seemed absent. He did not prevent the accident or stop the robbers. This led to a deep void within me and I struggled to find the strength even to open the Bible.

Being in the church with such a lack of belief was draining. I heard others talk about how great God was and how the Holy Spirit brought them peace, but I wondered where that God was in my life. In one service, the preaching was about heaven and hell and it made me realise the importance of surrendering my life to God. I got baptised in water to start afresh in the presence of God. I committed my life to God.

I participated in a fast where I abstained from entertainment. During this period, I focused on seeking the presence of God. I read my Bible and realised that it was not just a collection of stories, but it was the Word of God. I started seeking the Holy Spirit with all my heart. I was tired of living without Him.

When I received the Holy Spirit, the anger, disbelief and void I once felt were replaced with peace and assurance. I no longer viewed the altar or the church with disdain. Instead, I realised the truth in the teachings and the power of God.

Today, I am free from my disbelief and anger. I no longer hold a grudge against God. I'm now a young person who firmly believes in God and is grateful for His presence in my life. I understand that difficulties will come, but with God's help, I can face and overcome every single one of them," said Dineo. 📧



I FELT REJECTED

By Tania Nguanda | uckg.org.za

"I felt rejected and alone. It all started with my parents' separation. I had to live with my father and his family. I felt mistreated and ignored because my father only had eyes for his new partner and never took my side in any disagreement. His family mistreated me. As a result, I developed anger and grudges towards my entire family, especially my father.

This made me seek happiness elsewhere. That's when I found companionship in friends and addictions during my darkest moments. I used to smoke, drink, sleep around and watch a lot of pornography, hoping they would make me happy, but they only offered temporary relief, followed by more pain and hurt. I had low self-esteem, no motivation and felt like a reject in this world. I also had inexplicable fear, struggled to sleep well at night and felt like I was born to suffer.

All this caused me to have suicidal thoughts. I thought dying would be better than being alive. I went to many places looking for a solution and had rituals done, but nothing helped.

My mother started attending the Universal Church and invited me to go with her. I joined her because I could see a positive change in her and hoped to find some help for myself as well. From the very first day, I felt freed from the heavy burden I had been carrying for years. I decided to continue attending services because I believed that all my other problems would also be solved.

Through the counselling and chains of prayers, I started seeing changes in myself. I stopped going out with bad friends, no longer slept around and was set free from my addictions and pornography. I surrendered my life to God and got baptised in water. I understood that God loved me and wanted to help me change from the inside out. I realised that I needed the Holy Spirit to find fulfilment and overcome my sense of emptiness. I decided to let go of the grudges and hatred I harboured. I committed myself fully to Him.

When God blessed me with His Spirit, I no longer felt rejected. Instead, I felt chosen and loved, and experienced joy, peace and confidence. It was amazing! My life was forever changed. I no longer have fear, sleepless nights or feelings of rejection. I don't dwell on the past anymore and I am now prudent and plan for my future. I have a good relationship with my father and his family. I love being alive and just want to serve God every waking moment of my life," said Vuyisile. 📧



I SQUANDERED MY INHERITANCE ON DRUGS

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Nelisiwe’s mother passed away when she was only a year old, but her father was absent from her life. Her aunt became her legal guardian. She grew up in a loving environment and was well taken care of. However, when she started high school, she fell in with the wrong crowd who introduced her to smoking dagga and skipping classes. From that point on, everything went downhill.

“In matric, I moved from my aunt’s house to live with another relative. That was when things got very bad because in that area, I was introduced to “cat” and crystal meth. When I was high, I was under the illusion that everything was perfect, but when I was sober, I felt depressed.

Surprisingly, I passed matric, but by then, I was completely dependent on drugs. When my family saw that my addiction was worsening, they held a family meeting and told me they were taking me to a rehabilitation centre. I was angry at them because I felt like they were turning their backs on me. I stayed in the rehabilitation centre for four weeks. However, after three months, I relapsed and things got worse.

During that time, I received the inheritance that my mother had left for me. I was supposed to use that money for my studies but instead, I squandered it on drugs and alcohol. I hired transportation for my friends and

me to travel to different towns to buy drugs and alcohol. I stopped sleeping at home and I only focused on feeding my addictions. In no time, my inheritance ran out. I became very stressed and fearful. One night, in a state of fear, I called my aunt who was a member of the Universal Church. She prayed for me and I felt relieved. That same night, I went to her house and told her I wanted to go to church the next day.

When I entered the church, I received a prayer and felt a sense of relief. I knew I would find help there. From that day on, I had the strength to overcome the addiction. I lost the desire to smoke or drink and could no longer stand the smell of drugs. I never craved drugs again. My life started to change. I started applying the teachings of the Word of God to my life. I engaged in chains of prayer for my complete deliverance.

I knew that for my life to fully transform, I had to build a relationship with God. I didn’t want to go back to my old ways. I completely surrendered my life to God and I got baptised in water.

Since then, my life has changed. My behaviour has changed and I have gained the trust of my family. I no longer feel depressed and I am at peace and very happy. God gave me a second chance at life and I wouldn’t trade it for anything,” said Nelisiwe.✉

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