

**BY: A ROCK STORIES CONTRIBUTOR** 

# **Gratitude for Trials**

One man finds a new way forward and its as counterintuitive as can possibly be.

I am walking differently these days. My shoulders lift a little higher. The full weight of my body seems not to bear down on the earth as did before, as if gravity has eased.

I had lost my job in 2001 after 9/11 and I have been in a mad scramble to make ends meet ever since. In all that time, I have lived on the edge of a cliff, so to speak, with effectively no space between me and losing everything. Spending 10 bucks is an act of faith. Creditors call. It is a lot to carry.

But after 17 years of praying for my circumstances to change, it finally occurred to me that perhaps all the changing that needs to happen might just be in me, somewhere between my head and heart. You see, after all this time of kicking against the financial goads, I have to conclude that it may never get better. If that is so, two things can happen...

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#### WHEN WE GATHER

# 8am, 10am, 12pm, 6pm

Deaf interpretation available at 10am at Point Loma campus.

Spanish service at 4pm at East County campus.

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# Why We Give?

God is the ultimate giver who gave the most precious gift imaginable, His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for our sins. Our lives are transformed by the gospel of Christ, and the act of giving changes us, making us more like our generous Creator.

#### **WAYS TO GIVE**

VISIT SDROCK.COM/GIVE TEXT "GIVE" TO 52525 GIVING ENVELOPE LOBBY KIOSK



MISSION

Save, Equip, Send

Establish global

pervasive hope



SENIOR PASTOR, ROCK CHURCH

## Miles McPherson

A former defensive back with the San Diego Chargers, Miles is the Senior Pastor of Rock Church and founder of DoSomethingChurch.org, a vibrant affiliation dedicated to establishing Pervasive Hope in their communities through proactive community service.

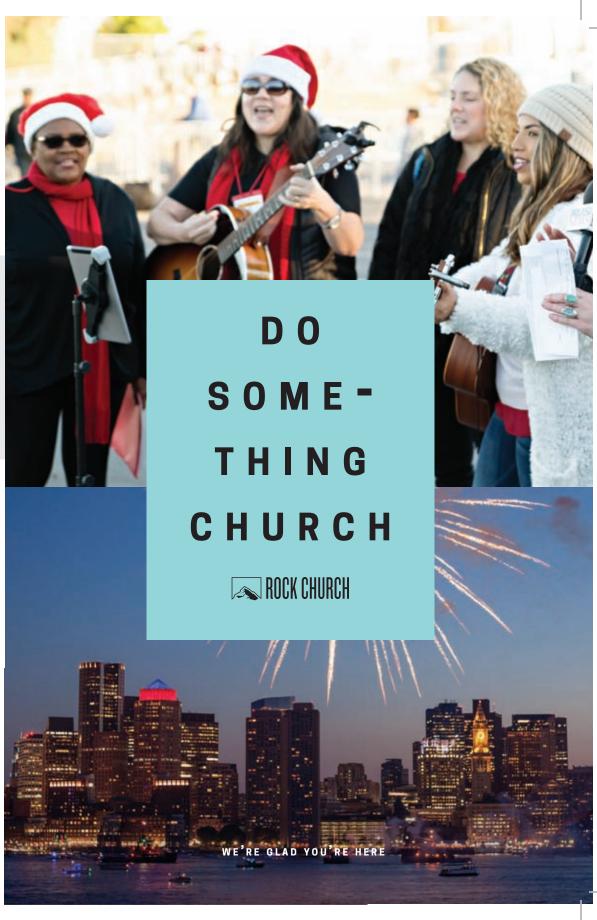
Follow Miles on social media.

#### LOCATIONS

Point Loma San Ysidro San Marcos City Heights East County Online Microsites

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# Light THE World



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**BEGINNING JANUARY 6 I ALL CAMPUSES** 

# **Upcoming Discipleship Series**

Join Pastor Miles for a brand new sermon series! He will highlight how being in a discipleship relationship can develop discipline and accountability as you grow closer to God.

## GLOBAL **EVENTS CALENDAR**

For more events and info visit sdrock.com/events

#### 1.3

**Rock School of Ministry Vision Night** 

7-9pm | City Heights rockschoolofministry.com

1.7-1.28

**Prayer and Fasting** 

All Campuses | sdrock.com/fast

#### 1.16

**Reboot Combat Recovery** 

Wednesdays | 6:30-8:30pm Point Loma | rebootrecovery.com

1.24

**Rock Academy Admissions Fair** 

5:30-7:30pm therockacademy.org

#### IF YOU ACCEPTED JESUS TODAY, TEXT "SAVED" TO 52525

SHARE THE GOSPEL MESSAGE WITH A FRIEND BY TEXTING "SHARE" TO 52525

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

#### **ROCK SCHOOL OF MINISTRY**

Vision Night | January 3 | 7-9pm | City Heights

Rock School of Ministry is a discipleship school where you can get equipped to live out your calling. Join RSOM for a night of worship, powerful teaching, and prophetic ministry while learning more about the vision of the school.

FOR MORE INFO, TEXT "RSOM" TO 52525



#### WE WANT TO CONNECT WITH YOU

### New Here?

We are so excited to have you here! To receive a special message with your next steps, TEXT "CONNECT" TO 52525



#### FIND YOUR PURPOSE AND PLACE

### LIFE Class

Get plugged into your Rock Church family! Experience our unique discipleship pathway. Join us on Sundays at 12pm at all campus locations. For more information and/or to register, TEXT "LIFE" TO 52525



#### **VARIOUS LOCATIONS**

# rGroups

God created us to have meaningful relationships. Join an rGroup today to enjoy heartfelt community and fellowship in a small group setting as you grow closer to the Lord. To join or lead an rGroup, TEXT "RGROUPS" TO 52525

#### **FEATURED EVENTS**



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## 2018 Year End Giving

Let's Do Something Together! Your giving empowers Rock Church to change lives. To count toward your 2018 charitable contributions, gifts must be postmarked or received no later than December 31st. To make a gift, visit sdrock.com/give.



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