

BY A ROCK STORIES CONTRIBUTOR

FRATERNITY BROTHER

How getting into a fraternity revealed a side of me only God could wash away

I grew up the only Asian in an all-white neighborhood. It was quite a bit of oppression in a way, because even though you make friends and you're accepted and you hang out and cut up and knuckle bump, you always feel like a powerless outsider. They don't know your culture and you really don't understand theirs—and that keeps you at bay. Of course, as a kid, it isn't something you are cognitive of. It's just a slight, constant hum of feeling like you're looking into a world that you'll never really step into. You're in the audience, but you'll never be in the play.

When I went to college, however, all of that changed. I came across an Asian fraternity, and for the first time in my life, I was with people who were exactly like me: Asian dudes with all my same cultural nuances. It was nirvana. To understand and be understood was glorious. It didn't matter that the active members were to haze me mercilessly before letting me in. I had to be a part of this community.

When my days as a pledge were over and I had endured every demand they could make on me, I was a proud...

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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.

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LOCATIONS

WHEN WE GATHER

Loma campus.

8am, 10am, 12pm, 6pm

Experience Rock Church online SDROCK.COM/LIVE

Deaf interpretation available at 10am at Point

Spanish service at 4pm at East County campus.

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GLOBAL EVENTS CALENDAR

January 7-28

Prayer and Fasting All Campuses Text "Fast" to 52525

January 16

Reboot Combat Recovery Wednesdays | 6:30-8:30pm Point Loma Campus rebootrecovery.com

January 20

Winter rGroups Sessions Begin Text "rGroups" to 52525

January 24

Rock Acedemy Admissions Fair 5:30-7:30pm | Point Loma Campus rockacademy.org

January 24

Young Adults United 7pm | City Heights Campus sdrock.com/youngadults

For more events and info, visit **sdrock.com/events**



JANUARY 24 | 5:30-7:30PM

Rock Academy Admissions Fair

Open to all prospective preschool – high school families. The evening will include a customized tour, a time to connect with teachers and coaches, a visit to our Warrior Art Show, and refreshments.

SIGN UP TO ATTEND AT ROCKACADEMY.ORG

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MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

REBOOT COMBAT RECOVERY Wednesdays | Starting Jan 16 | 6:30-8:30pm | Point Loma

This is a free 12-week course focusing on the spiritual aspects of combat recovery and providing practical help for service members and families dealing with the after effects of combat. Dinner and childcare provided.

REGISTER AT REBOOTRECOVERY.COM



FIND YOUR PURPOSE AND PLACE LIFE Class

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Experience the awesome benefits of becoming a Do-Something disciple.

A Discipleship Group (dGroup) is a closed group of 3-5 believers who meet together weekly for the purpose of accelerated spiritual transformation. This week, reach out to 2-4 people and invite them to join your dGroup. **TO START A DGROUP. TEXT "DISCIPLE" TO 52525**



rGroups

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





TRAINING BEGINS FEBRUARY 28

Care Counseling

Start this six-week certification designed to train Care Counselors to provide encouragement, insight, and Biblical guidance to members during times of crisis and personal and family difficulties.

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MARCH 25 | 6:30PM-9:15PM | POINT LOMA

Dave Ramsey's Smart Money Event

Learn how to get out of debt, build wealth, and change your family tree forever. The Smart Money event will give you the momentum you need to kickstart your financial goals. Reserve your seats today!

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