

NAME WITHHELD WRITTEN BY DAVE FRANCO

# WHY I AM NO LONGER **ASHAMED**

A former prostitute lives shame free and only one person could have made it happen.

How it could have happened on that particular day is a mystery. Were it any other day, I wonder what would have come of it. But it was the very day that I had been rejected from the Navy recruiting office. My dream was to leave my life behind, start anew on my own and the Navy was going to be my ticket. But when my physical results showed that I had had hepatitis less than six months earlier, I was sent home. I was devastated.

I was walking home from the recruitment office when it happened. A car pulled up, cut me off from where I was walking and a handsome guy, clearly older than me, and wearing nice clothes, popped out and introduced himself.

"You're beautiful," he said. "Tell you what. Come with me, and I'll buy you stuff you only dreamed of." Two things were working against me at that very moment. I was vulnerablehighly susceptible to any offer that promised a better life than what I had, and I was very promiscuous. This pick-up line about me being beautiful had worked on me many times-he was speaking my language.

And so, awkward and strange as it was. I went with him

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## Why We Give?

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#### WAYS TO GIVE

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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 communities through proactive community service.

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# THE PURSUIT

CHASING THE HEART OF GOD



## GLOBAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Begins May 5

Why Do Bad Things Happen? New Series | All Campuses

#### May 9-10 Rock Academy Preview Day May 9 | 6pm May 10 | 8:30am therockacademy.org

#### May 15

Business Leaders Breakfast 7-8:30am | City Heights Campus sdrock.com/businessbreakfast

#### May 16-18

Do Something Church Conference East County dosomethingchurch.org

June 24-28 Middle and High School Summer Camps sdrock.com/youth

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



MAY 16-18 | EAST COUNTY

## Do Something Church Conference

Do you want God to use you in incredible ways? Attend the Do Something Church Conference and learn how to:

- Increase your kingdom impact
- Be empowered to minister to any and every need in your community
- Partner with city leaders to serve the community in which you live, work, and play.

TEXT "ROCK" TO 52525 TO REGISTER TODAY WITH THE ROCK FAMILY DISCOUNT.

IF YOU ACCEPTED JESUS TODAY, TEXT "SAVED" TO 52525 Share the Gospel Message with a friend by texting "Share" to 52525

#### SPECIAL EVENT I MAY 15 | 7-8:30AM | CITY HEIGHTS CAMPUS

### **BUSINESS LEADERS BREAKFAST**

Learn how to transform your work week into a life-giving, purposefilled adventure. Join Pastor Miles, Denise Gitsham Jones, and local business leaders for this guarterly inspirational breakfast event.

EARLY BIRD PRICE IS ONLY \$25 AND INCLUDES BREAKFAST SIGN UP AT SDROCK.COM/BUSINESSBREAKFAST



# FIND YOUR PURPOSE AND PLACE LIFE Class

Get plugged into your Rock Church family! Experience our unique discipleship pathway. For more information and/or to register, **TEXT "LIFE" TO 52525** 



### WE WANT TO CONNECT WITH YOU New Here?

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# Join or lead an rGroup

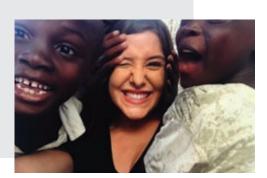
Are you looking for community? rGroups are a great place to connect with others and build meaningful relationships. God didn't create you to live this Christian life on your own. Get plugged in! **TEXT "RGROUPS" TO 52525 TO SIGN UP** 

### Become 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 through discipleship and accountability. Download the study guide, reading questions, and dGroup journal. Enjoy the journey! **TO START A DGROUP, TEXT "DISCIPLE" TO 52525** 







SUMMER MISSION TRIPS

## **Global Outreach**

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HAITI May 20-27 COSTA RICA July 1-12 **SOUTH AFRICA** July 24-August 7

**UGANDA** June 12-26 OAXACA July 22-30 **TIJUANA DAY TRIPS** Twice a Month

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9-10AM I POINT LOMA, SAN MARCOS, EAST COUNTY, SAN YSIDRO 110:30-11:30AM I CITY HEIGHTS

## Saturday Morning Prayer

Need prayer? Come encounter God as all five campuses host a powerful morning of prayer every Saturday. Receive what you need from the Lord and also partner with us in praying together for our church, pastors, and city!