

**BY DAVE FRANCO** 

# THE LETTER

Rudy's dad left him a letter, and Greg was never the same again.

Greg was at the podium finishing his "My Hero is \_\_\_\_\_" speech. And that was a good thing. His sophomore year classmates didn't give a hoot about his sorry speech about why Douglas MacArthur was his hero, which he really wasn't.

"And that is why General Douglas MacArthur is my hero," Greg said as he grabbed his notes and made his way to his seat amid sparse applause, the kind that only bored teenagers can muster.

Greg was only too happy to sit down with his buddies and yuck it up over the next presenter. Rudy Matthews was next and a darn good target. "My hero is my dad who died when I was two." Rudy said, "He left me this."

A chill went through Greg. His heart started to race. Rudy held up a well-worn piece of paper. Greg couldn't take his eves off it.

"This is the letter my dad wrote to me before he died," Rudy said. Rudy read different parts of the letter, which conveyed feelings like how sorry his dad was that he couldn't be there to take Rudy to the park or teach him to play baseball or tell him he loved him every day. Rudy's dad told him how to be a man, how to make an honest dollar...

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Free Estate

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

June 24-28 At the Movies Build Week All Campuses

July 9-12

Rock Kids Summer Camp Pinecrest Christian Conference Center sdrock.com/kidscamp

#### July 12-14

Marriage Getaway Hyatt Regency Indian Wells sdrock.com/marriagegetaway

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OCTOBER 11-13 I PINE VALLEY BIBLE CONFERENCE CENTER

### Men's Fall Retreat

Men of the Rock, you're invited to join other men of God for a weekend of being refreshed, encouraged, equipped, and edified. Enjoy God's presence while hearing from gifted speakers and spending time in worship, prayer, and fellowship. Don't forget about the exciting games and annual "chariot races!" **REGISTER TODAY! TEXT "MENSRETREAT" TO 52525** 

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### SATURATE SAN DIEGO AND AT THE MOVIES BUILD

There is one Saturday left to distribute thousands of packets to households around San Diego with the gospel and an invite to church. We are also beginning "build week" for At the Movies, where we will transfrom each campus into a movie set. **GET INVOLVED BY TEXTING "ATM" TO 52525** 



#### JUNE 22 I 10AM-4PM ALL CAMPUSES EXCEPT SAN YSIDRO 1 Day LIFE Class

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# Join or lead an rGroup

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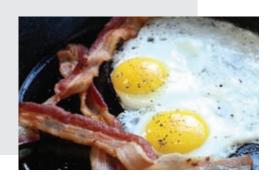


REGISTRATION BEGINS JULY 2ND FOR THE 2019/2020 SEASON

# IronMen Disciple's Path

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SEPTEMBER 21 | 8-11:30AM | ALLEN AIRWAY FLYING MUSEUM

# Big Man's Breakfast

Come see the coolest "Man Cave" you have ever seen, eat a great breakfast, and have a chance to win amazing raffle prizes. The event will be honoring our military personnel with a panel of Navy SEALS. Bring your sons and grandsons. Save the date! Registration coming soon.

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