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COMPATIBLE WITH LIFE

What happens when God gives a blessing only to take it away?

The first sign that something was wrong was seen in the face of the woman who was giving me an ultrasound for my 6-month checkup. Her expression went from confusion to cold. "Hmm," she said.

I knew that wasn't good.

When I asked the problem, she couldn't tell me what she suspected and that's when she quickly left the room to get the doctor and when my feet went a little numb. In time, with more ultrasounds given and tests run, my doctor was able to confirm that my baby boy had Edward's Syndrome, or Trisomy 18, which meant his vital organs were not developing correctly due to a chromosomal abnormality. My boy was "incompatible with life." He would likely die at birth, and if he happened to survive, would live his entire life being hooked up to machines until he died minutes later.

For six months my husband and I had been so happy to know that we had a little boy on the way, a little brother for his older sister who awaited his arrival with bated breath. How exciting it was to picture our growing family so beautifully completed with a little boy among us.

Suddenly, it was all coming to a close...

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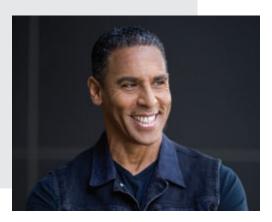
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God is the ultimate giver who gave the most precious gift imaginable, His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for our sins. Our lives are transformed by the gospel of Christ, and the act of giving changes us, making us more like our generous Creator

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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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LOCATIONS

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VISION

AUGUST 9-11 | MURRIETA HOT SPRINGS CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE CENTER

2019 Annual Women's Retreat

You do not want to miss the 18th annual Women's Retreat! Every year is full of friendly women looking to grow in their walk with the Lord and each other. Enjoy conference sessions from local women's ministry leaders, a Mike Clark Band concert, workshops, and of course, relaxing time in the pool/hotsprings. **TO REGISTER, TEXT "RETREAT" TO 52525**

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

ROCK COMMUNITY CHAPLAINS

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VARIOUS LOCATIONS

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GLOBAL EVENTS CALENDAR

August 9-11

2 WEEKS

LEFT TO

Women's Retreat Murrieta Hot Springs Christian Conference Center

August 12 Rock School of Ministry Fall term begins rockschoolofministry.com

August 14

Business Roundtable Quarterly Breakfast 7-9am | City Heights Campus sdrock.com/businessbreakfast

September 21

Big Man's Breakfast 8-11:30am | Allen Airways Museum sdrock.com/bigmansbreakfast

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



FALL TERM | AUGUST 12-DECEMBER 19

Rock School Of Ministry

Do you want to discover your God-given calling? Rock School of Ministry will equip you to live out your purpose empowered by God's Word and His Spirit. If you've been craving a deeper relationship with God, be sure to attend the fall term! SIGN UP TODAY AT ROCKSCHOOLOFMINISTRY.COM

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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**



Join or lead an rGroup

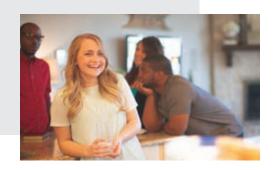
Are you looking for community? rGroups are a great

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!

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AUGUST 14 I 7-9AM I CITY HEIGHTS CAMPUS

Business Roundtable Quarterly Breakfast

Do you want to make your daily work life more meaningful? Learn ways to pursue God's calling so you can walk in faith and influence others. Jeff Blanton, author of *Jailbreak Leadership*, will share how to implement and align your purpose to have greater impact. \$25 early bird price includes breakfast. **SIGN UP TODAY BY TEXTING LEADER TO 52525**



NEW SERIES I BEGINS NEXT WEEK! I ALL CAMPUSES

The Prophet

Learn more about what it means to live a prophetic life as Pastor Miles examines the life of the prophets in the Bible. Learn how to hear God's voice and declare His truths. Join us next Sunday as we kick off this new series!