



FEATURED STORY

BY KYLE BUCKETT WITH DAVE FRANCO

THE STEP

Navy SEAL Kyle Buckett has a decision to make. Death by IED or RPG.

I looked at Muskrat who looked back at me with the most solemn face I had ever seen. "What's up?" I said. He simply pointed to our feet.

I looked down at where we were kneeling shoulder to shoulder. It was unmistakable. Two wires coming out of the ground and going back in. We were standing on an IED. I looked at him and he looked back at me, both of us saying nothing. He certainly didn't need to tell me what was going on inside. It was the same thing that was going on in me. Both of us had been in many fights, running and gunning and shooting our way out of all kinds of situations. Cheating death was a part of what we did as SEALs, and we did it all the time. But now, holding still like two statues on this Afghani hillside, death by IED made no sense. "Like this?" I thought. "After all we've been through, we're going down like this?"

Time was running out ☒

READ THE FULL STORY AT SDROCK.COM/THESTEP
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Join Kyle Buckett at the Rock Business Roundtable Quarterly Breakfast on November 13 from 7-9am at the City Heights Campus. Come prepared to be motivated and learn how to create, through the eyes of a dedicated 20-year Navy Veteran, some of the guiding principles for a strong and reliable culture. **TO SIGN UP, TEXT "BUSINESS" TO 52525**



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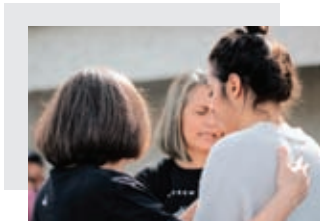
Miles McPherson

A former defensive back with the San Diego Chargers, Miles is the Senior Pastor of Rock Church and author of *The Third Option: Hope for a Racially Divided Nation*, which explains that we must learn to see people not by the color of their skin but as God sees them—humans created in the image of God. Pastor Miles is the founder of DoSomethingChurch.org, a vibrant affiliation dedicated to establishing pervasive hope in communities through proactive community service.

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NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS, REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS DEC 31

Pastoral Support Team

Do you desire to serve the church on a deeper level? If you sense a call by God to make a real difference in individuals and their families, please give prayerful consideration regarding your involvement in the Pastoral Support Team. **TO SIGN UP, TEXT "PST" TO 52525**



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



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WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

The Testimony

AN ALL IN SERIES

Begins Next Week

Step into the season of gratitude with our brand new sermon series called **The Testimony**. Pastor Miles will teach us how our attitude and generosity have a voice in heaven and how it can expand God's kingdom here on earth. Bring a friend next Sunday for this impactful message!

GLOBAL EVENTS CALENDAR

OCTOBER 29

Living Nativity Info Night

6pm | Point Loma
Text "CHRISTMAS" to 52525

NOVEMBER 3

The Testimony Series Begins

All Services | All Campuses

NOVEMBER 7

Estate Planning Seminar

7-9pm | City Heights
sdrock.com/rfl

NOVEMBER 9

Kingdom Life

8:30am-4pm | Point Loma
Text "KINGDOM" to 52525

NOVEMBER 13

Rock Business Roundtable Quarterly Breakfast

7-9am | City Heights
Text "LEADER" to 52525

NOVEMBER 14

Rock Academy Preview Day

9am or 6pm | Point Loma
therockacademy.org

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



SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY, DEC 14 | MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Toys for Joy

Mark your calendar with Rock Church's biggest outreach event of the year! Take part in loving your community this Christmas season by volunteering to help families in need. This year, it will take over 4,500 volunteers to make Toys for Joy happen at four different locations.

SIGN UP TODAY TO HELP OUT! TEXT "TOYS" TO 52525

IF YOU ACCEPTED JESUS TODAY, TEXT "SAVED" TO 52525
SHARE THE GOSPEL MESSAGE, TEXT "SHARE" TO 52525

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

BROKEN CHAINS MINISTRY

Meripa Corson is the leader of the Broken Chains Ministry and is focused on bringing life and hope to people who are incarcerated. Come alongside Meripa and bring good news to prisoners in San Diego and impact lives with the truth of a boundless God.

TO GET INVOLVED, VISIT [SDROCK.COM/BROKENCHAINS](https://sdrock.com/brokenchains)



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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.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND/OR TO REGISTER, TEXT "LIFE" TO 52525



VARIOUS LOCATIONS

rGroups

Have you been feeling the need for community? Join an rGroup and build meaningful relationships through a small group setting.

TO JOIN A GROUP, TEXT "RGROUPS" TO 52525

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dGroups

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.

Please take a moment to fill out the d12 assessment at sdrock.com/d12assessment

TO START A DGROUP, TEXT "DISCIPLE" TO 52525



TUESDAY, OCT 29 | 6PM | POINT LOMA

Living Nativity Info Night

We are looking for passionate people who want to help make Christmas super special.

WE STILL NEED ACTORS AND SINGERS!

JOIN US TUESDAY, OCT 29 | 6PM | POINT LOMA

FOR MORE INFO, TEXT "CHRISTMAS" TO 52525



SATURDAY, NOV 9 | 8:30AM-4PM | POINT LOMA | COST: \$15

Kingdom Life

Do you know what it means to live a kingdom life? This class will empower your discipleship by growing your intimacy with Jesus Christ as you learn to leverage your spiritual gifts, talents, and purpose to expand the Kingdom of God in San Diego.

REGISTER TODAY! TEXT "KINGDOM" TO 52525