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## **Pastor Encourages His Congregation to Visit Strip Clubs**

*~Church members go into strip club, bring gifts, and tell dancers about God~*

**Theresa Brown doesn't just reach out to strippers, she was one.** After a failed marriage and parenting a child with only one small income, Brown tried dancing. "The first time on stage, I was a little nervous. But once you get a taste of the "easy" money, you become addicted to the lifestyle." Celebrities, politicians, and professional athletes alike frequented Theresa's strip club. At one point in her career, Brown was making more than **30 grand a month**, developing spending habits much like the rich and famous.

After 5 years of dancing, Brown felt alone and desperate. "I remember sitting in a hotel room in Hollywood completely alone. Then my Dad called. He said 'Theresa, *what are you doing?*' That's all it took. **"His phone call was the beginning of change in my life."** What's different about Brown's story is that she did not come from a bad background and was never addicted to drugs or alcohol. Dancing started out simply as a way to provide for her child.

"The money is all-powerful. Why wouldn't a woman want to work three nights a week and make more money in one month than most men make in a year?" The problem is that many dancers don't just stop at dancing. Many go into escorting **and soft-core pornography**. And many of them become addicted to drugs and alcohol. "These girls want to know they are loved. And they want to know they will have a place to belong despite their current lifestyle choices. We want these girls to know that God loves them **NO MATTER WHAT**". That's why she started **the JC's Girls Ministry** at the **Rock Church in San Diego**.

The JC's Girls - a ministry only open to females - is dedicated to reaching out to women who are, and have been, involved in the Adult Entertainment Industry. Our purpose is to minister to these women, at whatever stage they are at in life, **in love and without condemnation**.

Once a month, the ladies in this ministry will get together and visit a local strip club. With the manager's permission, they bring gifts, openly share God's love with the dancers, offer support, and invite the girls to The Rock Church. Ironically, many of the **club owners are welcoming of the JC's Girls and some of the girls have even begun attending The Rock Church**. "These girls are very respectful of our rules and our dancers," says Barry Bogart, manager of Cheetahs Strip Club in Kearny Mesa. "They come in with gift bags for all of us and never outstay their welcome."

Brown was able to bring the first chapter of the **JC's Girls Ministry** to **The Rock Church in San Diego**. **The co-founder of the original JC's Girls, Lori Albee of Sandals Church in Riverside**, has been featured on **CNN, A Current Affair, and Geraldo** to name a few.

For more information on the JC's Girls Ministry or the Rock Church, visit [www.therocksandiego.org](http://www.therocksandiego.org).

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