

# Vocare - Member Testimonials

Lauren,

.... I want to thank you and Vocare for all of your help and support over my 19-month job transition. Your Vocare sessions were very helpful in helping me polish my resume, practice interviewing skills, and improve my networking skills. But most of all, I want to thank Vocare and all of its participants for helping deal with the emotional issues of being out of work and helping me with my relationship with God. It is easy to get depressed and think that God has abandoned you when you are out of work for an extended period. The support I got from attending Vocare meetings helped me through some very tough periods. Thank you and every member of your extremely helpful organization.

I pray that God blesses your group, and I pray that everyone quickly finds rewarding and fulfilling employment.

Kevin Hobbs

Vice President of Bible Marketing, Zondervan Publishing

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I first read about Vocare ("What are you called to do") Networking Support Group in the weekly bulletin for Ascension Lutheran Church. I've been looking for a full-time job for the past 37 months and have been blessed with consulting projects showing up at the "right" time. I went to Vocare thinking I could share what I've been doing in my job search and learn from others as well. Vocare has provided me with new ideas to enhance my job search, and more importantly, an opportunity to fellowship with people going through the same struggles with self-esteem, self-confidence, and whether God is listening to my prayers to land a job. For me, having God back in the center of my job search, which Vocare has played a major role, keeps me grounded in reality and helps with those difficult days on the emotional roller coaster of not having a job. Vocare has helped me realize that my purpose in life and my identity is not defined by my job or lack there of, but by the fact that I am a "loved child of God." Thank you Vocare!

*Michael MacDonald*

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Participating in Vocare has made me more aware of the spiritual, emotional and faith based needs of job applicants during a job search or career transition. Being able to provide encouragement and direction to others in a Christian-based employment network and support group bring me fulfillment and satisfaction in a "Pay It Forward" manner.

*Jan Younger*

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Vocare has been helpful to me beyond the usual job search resources. Like other job seeking networks, it provides tools to help with the "physical" aspects of the search - job leads, help with resumes, interview tips, etc. But the difference for me is that Vocare provides the spiritual and emotional tools needed to help guide me during this time of unemployment. It helps to be with fellow Christians and to talk about finding a job beyond just "work" and income. It acknowledges that we should look at our jobs as having a sense of purpose and a calling. Vocare allows us a safe environment to grieve the loss of becoming unemployed. Even the simple act of praying for each other takes the job search process to a whole different level. By sharing our pain (and also the positive things that have happened during this time in-transition), the burden is lessened and I feel a sense of comfort. I am SO grateful to Lauren for providing leadership and the Vocare team for supporting me in these uncertain times. The Vocare Networking Support group is truly a blessing to me.

*Susan Roe*

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