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Made
for you:

A look back at this year's incredible stories, ministries, and miracles from across Journey Church of the River Region.



Annual Review

Stories of life-change
Stories of mentorship
Stories of sacrifice
Stories of impact

The Big Give

Stories of Brazil
Stories of Montana
Stories of local schools



Our Vision

Journey Church exists to **REACH** people who are disconnected from God & **LEAD** them to become **FULLY DEVOTED** followers of Christ.

Dear Journey,



Mike Mozingo
Lead Pastor

This year, we have witnessed God move in powerful ways—changing lives, stirring hearts, and building His church. We have seen decisions made for Christ, believers baptisms, discipleship through mentoring and Life Groups, and people stepping up to serve Jesus by serving others. Only God could do what is happening here, and we give Him all the glory! This year brought incredible Kingdom impact. Over 200 decisions for Christ, 90 baptisms, growth and community through 48 Life Groups, 51 new mentors trained, and more than 200 Dream Team members serving faithfully each week. Our young adults completed five local mission projects, 185 kids encountered Jesus at One Big Week, Celebrate Recovery impacted lives on our campus and inside local jails where lives are being transformed, and we sent two mission teams to Livingston, Montana, to support church-planting efforts and share the hope of Jesus beyond our city.

As you look through this booklet, I pray that you see more than numbers and events—I pray you see stories of life change, real people that God loves and Jesus has redeemed. Every decision, every baptism, and every act of service represents someone experiencing the transforming grace of God. What a privilege it is to be part of a church that is alive, on mission, and making an eternal difference for His Kingdom.

Thank you for your faith, generosity, and commitment to reaching those who are disconnected from God and helping them become fully devoted followers of Christ. I truly believe our greatest days are ahead, and I am grateful to walk this journey with you.



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Professions
of Faith



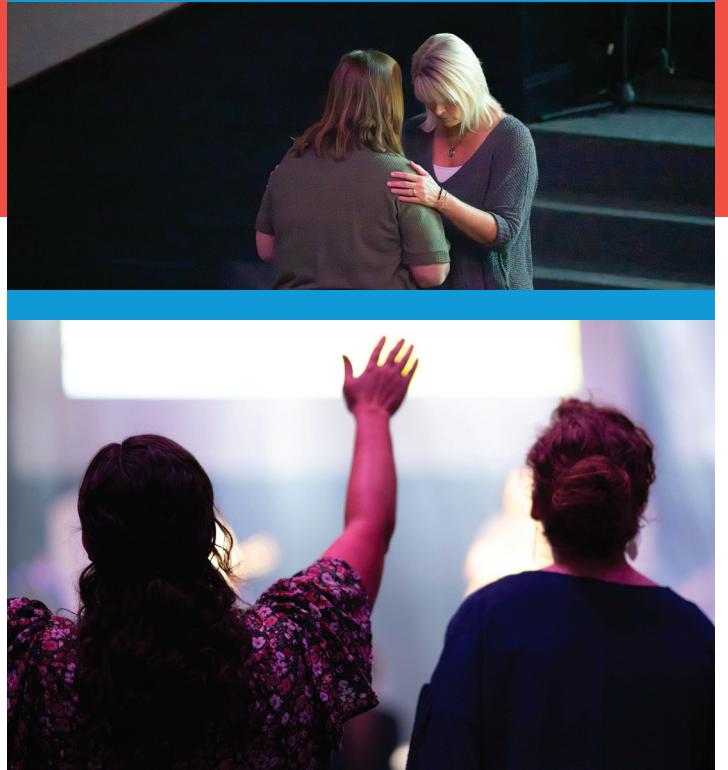
90
Baptisms





908
average
**Weekly
Attendance**

205
New Givers





The Sunday that Changed Everything

Pam Bradley found faith, family, and a fresh start.

Born and raised in Chicago, Illinois, Pam Bradley always knew about God but never felt fully committed to Him. Four years ago, after moving to Prattville, she worked hard to provide for herself and her family. She remembers passing Journey Church almost every day for nearly two years—until one Sunday, a little over a year ago, she decided to stop in for a visit.

I immediately felt like this was “home and wanted to be a part of this family.”

That day, Pam sat in service and felt like the message was meant just for her. “Pastor Mike was speaking about how other things can become our ‘god,’ and I realized, right then, that my job had become mine.”

Not long before that, Pam had faced a sudden medical crisis that forced her out of work. During that season, she discovered how much she had relied on her own strength and ability to provide. But now, with nothing else to depend on, she had to

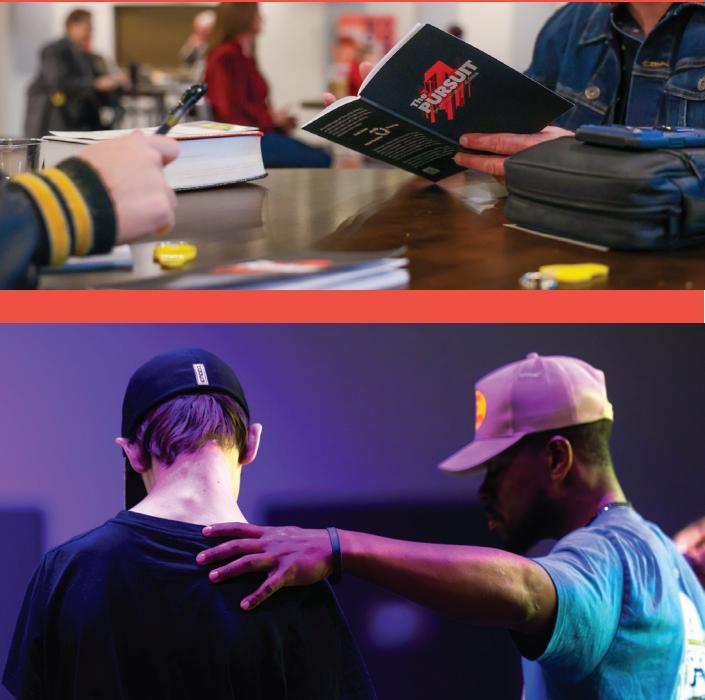
trust God fully—and she saw His faithfulness in a powerful way. “I never lacked and often felt like I had more than enough when I was working so God used that time as a personal time with me.”

These realizations led Pam to raise her hand for salvation that same day. “I surrendered my life to Christ.” After service, she went to the VIP Room for prayer and to learn more about baptism. “I wanted to do it right. I wanted to follow Jesus!” Two weeks later, Pam came to church ready and excited to be baptized. “I wasn’t scared or nervous—I just wanted to do it!” Afterward, she

felt an overwhelming sense of peace and relief, knowing who she is in Christ and that her old life was behind her.

Today, you can find Pam serving faithfully on the Connection Team—greeting guests with a smile and helping people find their place at Journey. Her story is a shining testimony of what God can do when we surrender everything to Him.





51
Mentors
Trained



48
active
Life
Groups



The Power of Mentorship

How God used community to reignite Laura Miller's faith.

Laura Miller grew up in church and accepted Christ at a young age. But it wasn't until her teenage years being surrounded by a vibrant youth group and a passionate youth pastor that she began to truly understand Christ's love for her. Those years helped shape her faith and gave her confidence to lead others to Christ, even though she didn't yet understand what discipleship meant.

College and adulthood brought a different season. Moving away from her church community left Laura spiritually adrift, and in the busyness of marriage and motherhood, her faith grew quiet. "I knew God was there," she says, "but I often felt distant and unsure how to get back."

About four years ago, when her husband began traveling for work, isolation set in deeply. Yet even in that loneliness, Laura sensed God calling her back into community. "He kept nudging me," she remembers. "It was time to take a step." Eventually, she joined a Life Group—and that single act of obedience changed everything.

Through her group, Laura was invited into a mentorship program and paired with an incredible

woman of God. Together, they dug into Scripture and discovered how God's love and purpose meet in everyday life. "Even though I'd heard many of those lessons before," Laura says, "they came alive in a new way. It was exactly what my heart needed."

What began as a mentoring relationship became a deep friendship and sisterhood in Christ. It reignited Laura's passion for discipleship and renewed her purpose.

"When you seek Him, you'll find Him and He'll transform your life in ways you never expected."

— Laura Miller

Today, Laura feels closer to God than ever before. She's passionate about raising her children to be disciples and walking alongside others as they discover what following Jesus truly means. Her story is a reminder that one small step of faith and a "yes" to community and discipleship can open the door to lasting transformation.





87 New Dream Team Members





Called to Go

Ryan Taylor's story of surrender, growth, and following God into a new chapter of ministry.

In July 2021, Ryan Taylor hit rock bottom. "I had been saved since I was 15, but I never truly walked with God. I didn't have anyone to disciple me, and I found myself far from where I needed to be." After a difficult week, Ryan pulled up an old Journey Church sermon from Pastor Mike on surrender. Though recorded a year earlier, it was exactly what he needed.

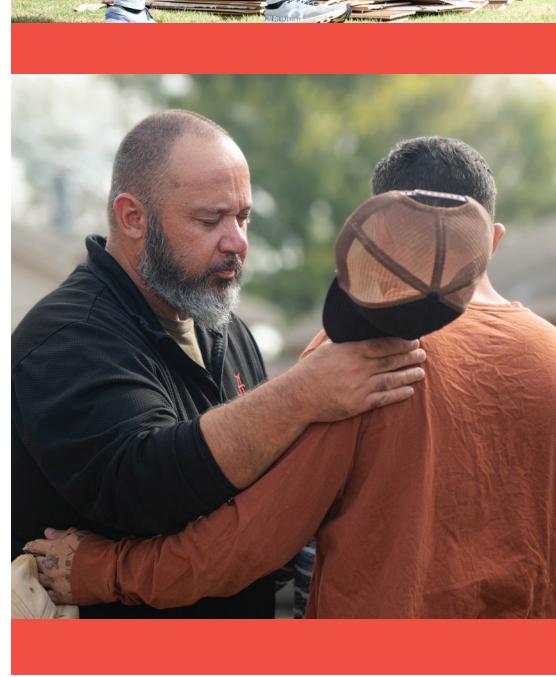
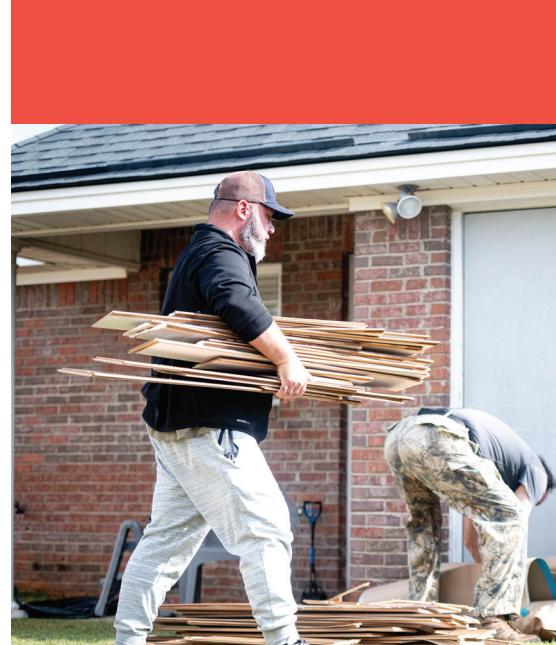


"I immediately texted Mike, 'I surrender.'" The next day, they met to talk about salvation, new beginnings, and discipleship. Ryan began attending a men's Bible study on Wednesdays and weekly Sunday morning services at Journey.

About six months later, Ryan launched a New Believers Life Group to help others grow in their faith, offering the same support he had once needed. "Serving at Journey taught me it's not about recognition or titles — it's about Jesus. He calls us to serve and show His love to others. God's forgiveness isn't ours to keep; it's meant to be shared."

In August 2025, Ryan sensed God calling him to something new. "The Lord began stirring my heart to go and make more disciples, though I didn't yet know where." Around that time, Lifeline Church reached out to Pastor Mike about potential candidates. Ryan met with their lead pastor and he knew God was leading him there.

Now serving as the Associate Pastor at Lifeline Church, Ryan sees every day as another opportunity to live out what God began in him at Journey. Ryan shares, "Leaving was difficult, but obedience matters more than comfort." What he found on the other side was a deeper joy—people to love, lives to serve, and a place where his Journey-shaped faith could take root and grow. In his words, "It's all about Jesus." And the way he continues to lead, serve, and love others proves it.



22 People Responded



On Sunday, September 28, 2025, Journey Church experienced a powerful move of God. One that none of us could have scripted, yet all of us had been praying toward. What began as a normal Sunday quickly became a holy moment as **spontaneous baptisms** broke out across all three services. By the end of the day, 22 people stepped into the waters, declaring Jesus as Lord. It was a day marked by joy, tears, worship, and the unmistakable presence of the Holy Spirit.

What made the moment feel even more significant was the preparation that happened long before the first person ever stood up. In the weeks leading up to that Sunday, our team felt a stirring—an expectation that God wanted to do something deeper in our church family. Staff and leaders prepared spiritually to ask God to awaken hearts. We prayed over every seat in the room. We prayed for boldness. We prayed that people would hear the voice of God clearly. We prepared physically too: towels, shirts, and volunteers ready at a moment's notice.



When the invitation was given, the response was immediate. People got up from their seats to go be baptized! What a sight! Some with tears, some with relief, all with courage. Families celebrated together. Friends stood by each other. Stories were rewritten in real time, and with every baptism, the room erupted in praise, as if heaven itself was cheering with us.

It was a Sunday we will always remember. Not because of the numbers, but because of the unmistakable reminder that God is still drawing people to Himself. September 28, 2025, will always stand as a milestone in Journey's story—a day when preparation met God's power, and lives were transformed forever.

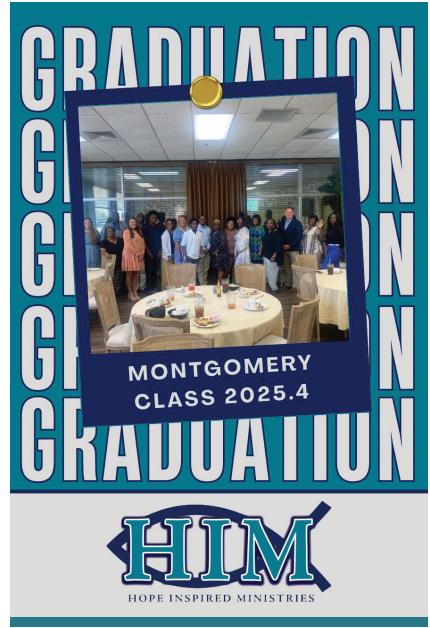
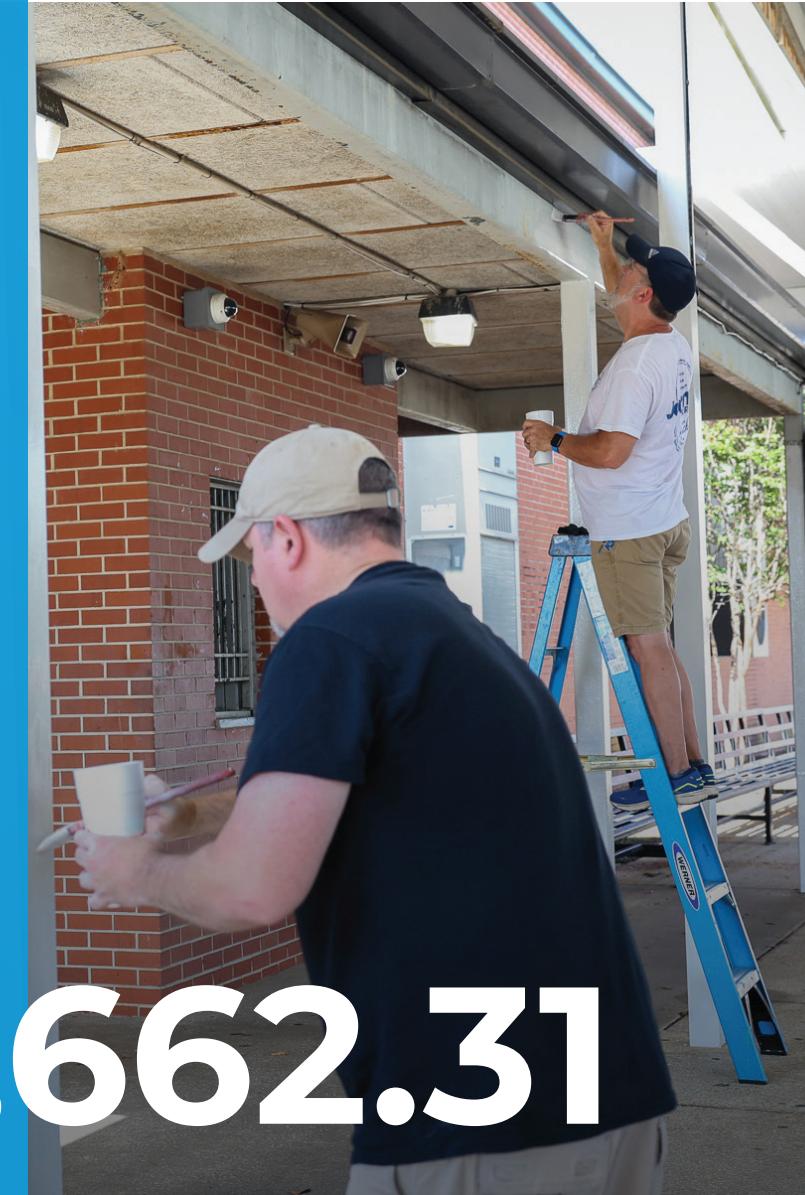


The Big Give

Our Annual Missions Offering

As we approach the end of the year, we are excited to come together once again for The Big Give, a Journey tradition for more than two decades. Every year we pray, we give, and we watch God multiply it for His glory. These gifts fuel missions and outreach locally, nationally, and globally, 100% is directed toward advancing God's mission through Journey Church. This includes direct support for our mission partners and the administrative resources that help make those ministries possible. Through your generosity, we are able to send, serve, and reach people more effectively than ever before. Our goal remains the same: to stay healthy, mission-focused, and ready for everything God has ahead.

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Global

Africa 4 Jesus
Call to Africa
Christian Missions Unlimited
Compassion International
Doulos Partners
Illuminations
Michiko Tsuji (Missionary Japan)
Overland Ministries
Vapor Ministries
Water for Life

National

Alabama Baptist State Convention
Blanket Fort Hope
Bridge the Gap
Campus Outreach
Harvest Evangelism
Sacred Road Ministries
Standing Stone Ministries
The Wellhouse
YOUR Church (Las Vegas)

Local

Autauga Interfaith Care Center
The Dugout
Elmore Baptist Association
Family Home and Parenting
Hope Inspired Ministries
River Region Pregnancy Center
Village Church (Wetumpka)
Welcome Center Food Bank



Grateful Hearts

Partnering in the Great Commission.

Christian Missions Unlimited (CMU) is deeply honored to be a recipient of Journey Church's Big Give 2025. Your generous giving directly supports the ongoing international mission work of CMU — work that began 50 years ago and continues to bring the hope and love of Jesus to communities in need around the world.



For half a century, Christian Missions Unlimited has focused on building ministry teams that bring church stability and compassionate care to some of the most underprivileged areas across Latin America. Through partnerships with local pastors, churches, and volunteers, CMU seeks to share the gospel, strengthen the Church, and meet practical needs such as from constructing churches and feeding families to empowering local leaders to reach their communities.

Through Journey Church's heart for global missions, your giving helps extend the reach of the gospel far beyond our city into communities across Latin America and beyond.

This year, CMU celebrated 50 years of ministry — five decades of faithfulness, from humble beginnings to a global impact. Over that time, CMU has been privileged to help build more than 375 churches, creating permanent places of worship and community for believers across the nations.

In 2025 alone, CMU completed the construction of five new churches and provided food and essential aid to 85 families each month facing hunger and hardship. Each brick laid, meal served, and life touched represents a story of God's faithfulness, and your partnership in His mission.

To our friends at Journey Church, thank you for your consistent and generous support. Your giving through the Big Give doesn't just build buildings — it builds faith, hope, and lasting change in communities that need it most.

As CMU looks ahead to the next 50 years, we do so with immense gratitude for partners like you who help "go and make disciples of all nations." Together, we are seeing lives transformed, churches strengthened, and the gospel proclaimed to the ends of the Earth.



Fallapalooza to the Frontier

Madison Harris stepped out in faith, and God met her in Montana.

So I took the next step and signed up for the May trip!

For as long as I can remember, my parents have been involved in ministry. When I was about ten, their calling shifted from serving on church staff to serving as U.S. missionaries. So when it came to missions, the idea wasn't new to me. But when Pastor Bill asked me at the 2024 Fallapalooza if I wanted to join the Montana missions trip team, I laughed and told him that if my parents agreed, I'd go. I had been on missions trips before, but this would be the first time I chose to go on my own.

My parents were nervous about sending me without them, but a week later my mom took me to the interest meeting after service. I'd been to Montana once before when my family helped a church, but I was still surprised by what I heard. Only about ten percent of the people in Montana identify as Christian. Growing up in the "Bible Belt," I couldn't imagine living in a place with so few churches or so little generational faith. Hearing that, I realized how deep the spiritual need was and I knew it was time to put my faith into action.

A few months later, I found myself serving in Livingston, Montana. One day Pastor Steve taught me how to paint ceilings as we prepared a missions house—I ended up covered in paint. Another day, I wore a bright orange vest to help vendors set up booths and direct traffic at a farmers market. Our team served the community, worked with the cowboy church, and attended Expedition Church's Sunday service. My favorite part was talking with people and pointing them back toward the church encouraging them to go to Expedition.

Looking back, I'm grateful for the Big Give and its role in making this trip possible. When we think about missions, we often picture faraway places like Africa or India, but our own country needs Jesus too. I went to Montana to grow in my faith and discover my heart for missions beyond my family's calling—and I came home changed and thankful for what God is doing in me.

Feeding the Schools

How simple food brought connection and transformation.

Three years ago, when Pastor Darryl began at Journey Church, a new vision took root; one that reached far beyond the church walls and straight into the heart of local schools. What started with feeding athletes has now turned into connecting, encouraging, and helping transform students, coaches, and staff alike.

Journey Church discovered an opportunity to serve where traditional outreach couldn't go. "In public schools, religion isn't allowed in the classroom," Pastor Darryl explains, "but through extracurricular programs, we found an open door."

So the church started showing up — setting tables, serving meals, and sharing moments of prayer. What began as pre-game meals soon became something much deeper. "We realized the most direct way to reach the schools was to feed the students," Darryl says. "We'd meet with coaches, talk with players, and pour into students' lives. Our heart goes far beyond the field."

The impact has been undeniable. Coaches have

seen changes in conduct, motivation, and grades. Players are finding unity across backgrounds and forming teams built on character and connection. "It's not just about Friday night wins," Darryl says, "It's about helping students see that winning starts with who they are off the field, and pointing them to Jesus."

When the Journey team arrives, it's more than a meal. It's greetings, handshakes, and hugs. Each gathering includes a short devotion about mindset and purpose, ending with a powerful moment of prayer that points hearts toward God.

In 2025, Darryl became the official Chaplain and Spiritual Adviser for Prattville High School Athletics, partnering with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes to lead early-morning devotionals. Journey now serves every sport, from golf to flag football, reminding students they are seen, valued, and loved by God.

Pastor Darryl reminds us, "At Journey Church, every win they have is a win we have." He continues, "When we serve, give, and show love, we're part of their success story — one meal, one prayer, one heart at a time."





Impact

This is what impact looks like. Ordinary people saying yes to an extraordinary God. Each story is proof that when we surrender our plans to His purpose, lives change.

The impact of Journey Church is more than moments we celebrate; it's the movement of God's love through us, every single day.

Impactful Events

One Big Week - 185 Kids

Pro-Life Sunday - Protecting the Unborn

Married Life Live - 110 Couples





Journey Kids

170 Each Weekend
42 Kids Went to
Camp



Journey Students

80 Each
Wednesday
20 Serving in Our
Services



Journey Young Adults

5 Local Mission
Projects



Celebrate Recovery



85 Average Weekly Attendance

15 Students & Kids Attend Weekly

Streaming & Social

250 Weekly quality views on Facebook & YouTube

217 New subscribers on YouTube in the past 12 months

478 New Facebook followers in the past 12 months

132 New Instagram followers in the past 12 months



Thank You

Thank you to every team member, every storyteller, and to our entire church. Your willingness to serve, to share, and to celebrate what God has done made this booklet possible. We're grateful for the leaders who opened their hearts, the teams who worked tirelessly behind the scenes, and a church that continues to live out the mission of Jesus with passion and faithfulness. Journey, thank you for being a place where the stories of God's goodness can be told. These pages capture only a fraction of what He has done through you this year, but they remind us just how powerful the Kingdom impact can be when we walk in unity and purpose.

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