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Dear Journey family, friends, and others,

I wanted to take a moment to thank you for the season we are in and try to create a little clarity on a couple of things.

First, thank you for creating the healthiest ministry season of our church's history! Our minds continue to be boggled in all that God is doing, the favor He continues to share, and the miracles that He continues to perform. I have never been prouder, and more importantly, all glory to God!

Second, I want to give clarity on a few things that are happening. Several years ago, one of the scriptures the Holy Spirit spoke to me and our elders, was this:

When the next Sabbath came around, practically the whole city showed up to hear the Word of God. Acts 13:44 (MSG)

As we prayed for a picture of what that might look like, Good Friday in the Park was birthed. Once again—mind boggling!!! I drove up to the first one expecting a few hundred people, and found a few thousand! Over the years, the Good Friday experience has been nothing short of fabulous!

This year as we are continuing to rebound with everyone else along with our state economy, we simply asked the question: Do we need to spend all the money we are spending for this experience? Is it hitting it's mark? Are we accomplishing all the goals God spoke to us? After searching our own hearts, we felt like we could do a better job stewarding this moment that God has given us favor in. I know anytime it feels like "change" is about, rumors can run. That is where I need to do better to create clarity.

We believe Good Friday in the Park 2017 will be our best yet, by God's grace!! While we are saving thousands of dollars due to great friends, and ministries (like Gateway) we will be hitting all of our aspects as well as ever!

Will it be different? Yes!! How? You!! We want to design an experience that celebrates our God in you, your friends, and our cities. So the team has crafted an experience that continues to include food trucks, great community, things for our folks to do together to address poverty in our city, group creative elements, different artists of all types having space to be celebrated, culminating with a short word from me, with thousands of people worshipping together! All to the glory of God!

Second clarity point – Cinq 5663 is a new worship experience that we are designing for families to worship, learn, grow, and serve together. I'm not ready to give away too many of the details, because we are launching something fresh, and I don't want to give away the freshness.



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It will be on Sunday night's, beginning at 5:00 PM. The worship experience will be targeted at parents and their elementary age children. There will be community aspects like we've never done, then spiritual growth opportunities for all age groups on campus in one night. The message will be the same as on Sunday morning, with me teaching live each week. The difference is that it will be shorter, hopefully funnier, and captivate all ages. We begin building the core group this week, so if you want to be on the ground floor of something new, fresh, and great, come join us at 5:00 PM this Sunday night!!!

Hopefully, that creates a little clarity. I never want to take for granted the thousands of people who keep us going, and when we are re-calibrating some things to be more effective in our call to serve the youngest generation alive, I know it will create good questions.

Personally, I have never been more excited, or humbled, to lead with this house. Our elders, lead team, staff team, dream team, and church family is the most tenacious, single minded, unified, focused group I have ever seen! Truly humbling! I am so grateful for all God has allowed us to walk through to be the healthiest we've ever been, and stepping into our greatest effectiveness of ministry we have ever seen.

The credit goes to you and the glory to God! Thank you for the honor of serving such a great house!

Love you. Proud of you.

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