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Journey Enews

Things to Know:

Tuesday Night Men's Group will resume meeting Tuesday, February 25th @ The Burley Market & Cafe at 5 PM.

Join us this weekend as we continue our series titled "Do. Love. Walk."

Journey Community Christian Church
Service Times:
Saturday @ 6 PM
Sunday @ 10:30 AM

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Five Stars

How do you feel when a police officer pulls you over, but then lets you off with a warning and a stern, "just slow down"? Your heart is racing as you see those flashing lights in your rear view mirror. You're thinking to yourself, "I didn't need this today." But after the standard greeting and request for driver's license and proof of insurance, he simply lets you go, saying, "Have a nice day!"

Grace is amazing, whether it's coming from a speed trap, an unruly classroom, a referee on the basketball court, or around the kitchen table after a family dispute. Who hasn't had some kind of dust up with people and then discovered how nice a second chance really is.

We've all gotten used to checking online reviews for restaurants and movies before investing our time and money. We want to know what kind of experience other people have had before we decide whether or not to go. This is also something that happens regularly for people considering a new church. Most guests who arrive at your door have already researched what others have said about their overall experience.

If you've received a poor rating from someone who had an unpleasant experience, it may be challenging to overcome. If someone goes to a restaurant and the service and the food do not meet their expectations relative to the cost of the meal, that person is probably not the one to recommend a new guest.

How do churches today overcome negative reviews when so many consumers have a negative impression of religion in general? It seems like many people who never go to church have concluded that the experience is not a pleasant one. They've read the reviews. Maybe one answer is to practice sharing the stories about our God who regularly celebrates every personal victory, no matter how small. The God who loves people relentlessly, like a loving parent endlessly giving mercy and grace.

If you've ever discovered a little hole-in-the-wall eatery or coffee shop that was the best ever, you'd want to share this news with others. An opportunity for a great church experience might be someone's best kept secret. Share your story with people; give a great review of our God who loves even messy people like me.

Here's another idea: Google Luke chapter 15. This is one of my favorite places to go in the Bible, finding how far and long God will go to reach all of us. If you haven't read this lately, check out the "Lost sheep, lost coin, lost son," trilogy. Wow, God, let the party begin (Luke 15:24). Five stars!

Moving Forward. God is Good.



Bobby D.