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Dear Friends,

As I reflect on another year of service here at Portland Fellowship, I am amazed at how God has truly blessed PF with years of faithful service. As we shared in the October update, Executive Director, Jason Thompson, celebrated his 30th year on staff this year. In a field where many other leaders have burned out, fallen away, or moved on to other opportunities, Jason's three decades of service offer our participants incredible depth of wisdom and insight. Our Women's Ministry Leader, KathyGrace Duncan, has been out of the transgender lifestyle for almost thirty years and has served with PF for almost twenty-five. Founding Director, Phil Hobizal, continues to help lead worship for Taking Back Ground, bringing with him over thirty-five years of experience. And all of our staff and volunteers have been involved with PF for over six years.

I don't share all of this to "toot our own horn", so to speak, but rather to celebrate with you that God continues to use the quality of leaders here at PF to impact people's lives in deep ways. Galatians 6:9 says, *"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."* We see this happening at PF! God is using KathyGrace to speak into the current gender confusion in our culture, and she can do that confidently because she has decades of walking with the Lord to speak from. And as young Christians seek answers and hope for their sexual struggles, who better to disciple them than someone like Jason, who's spent the last 30 years walking in the Lord's transformation?

This past year has also reminded us that this kind of quality ministry is only made possible through long-term, faithful partners like you. Some of you have been sacrificially supporting us for over thirty-five years! As we continue moving forward in our uncertain post-Covid world, we are certain of one thing: God *"is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us"* (Ephesians 3:20), and He will continue using Portland Fellowship to impact the lives of those seeking freedom and healing from unwanted same-sex attraction and gender confusion. Thank you for praying for us, for encouraging us, and for supporting the Lord's work here.

May the Lord bless you and your family this Christmas.

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