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For Jeremy Camp, it all boils down to loving people well.

As a young boy growing up in small-town Lafayette, Indiana, Jeremy's impressionable young heart watched his parents model this behavior on a regular basis. It was not uncommon for Jeremy to accompany his father to a local prison or boys' home to minister through words and music, and when his father started a church when Jeremy was only 14, his eyes were truly opened to the remarkable impact of pastoring and ministering. Between caring and providing for him and his siblings and his father entering full-time ministry, the importance of caring for and loving well the people put in your path was not lost on the blue-eyed boy with an affinity for music.

But like any other adolescent who grew up in the church and acquired the pastor's kid label, Jeremy faced his own doubts, temptations and rebellion. As a teen, he found himself living a double life—partying and drinking behind his parents' back and showing up with his halo seemingly intact on Sunday mornings. But at 16 years old, listening to a pastor at youth camp, Jeremy heard God say to him, "I want to use you, but you're on the edge of a cliff. You're about ready to jump off. You need to run as far away from the cliff as possible."

That day a switch flipped and Jeremy submitted his life to the Lord. When he left home for bible college two years later, he was ready for the road that lay ahead.



JEREMY'S STORY

FROM PREACHER'S KID TO
AWARD WINNING ARTIST

"My focus was on trying to figure out what God wanted me to do next. While my parents' focus was on what I was doing for God at the moment."

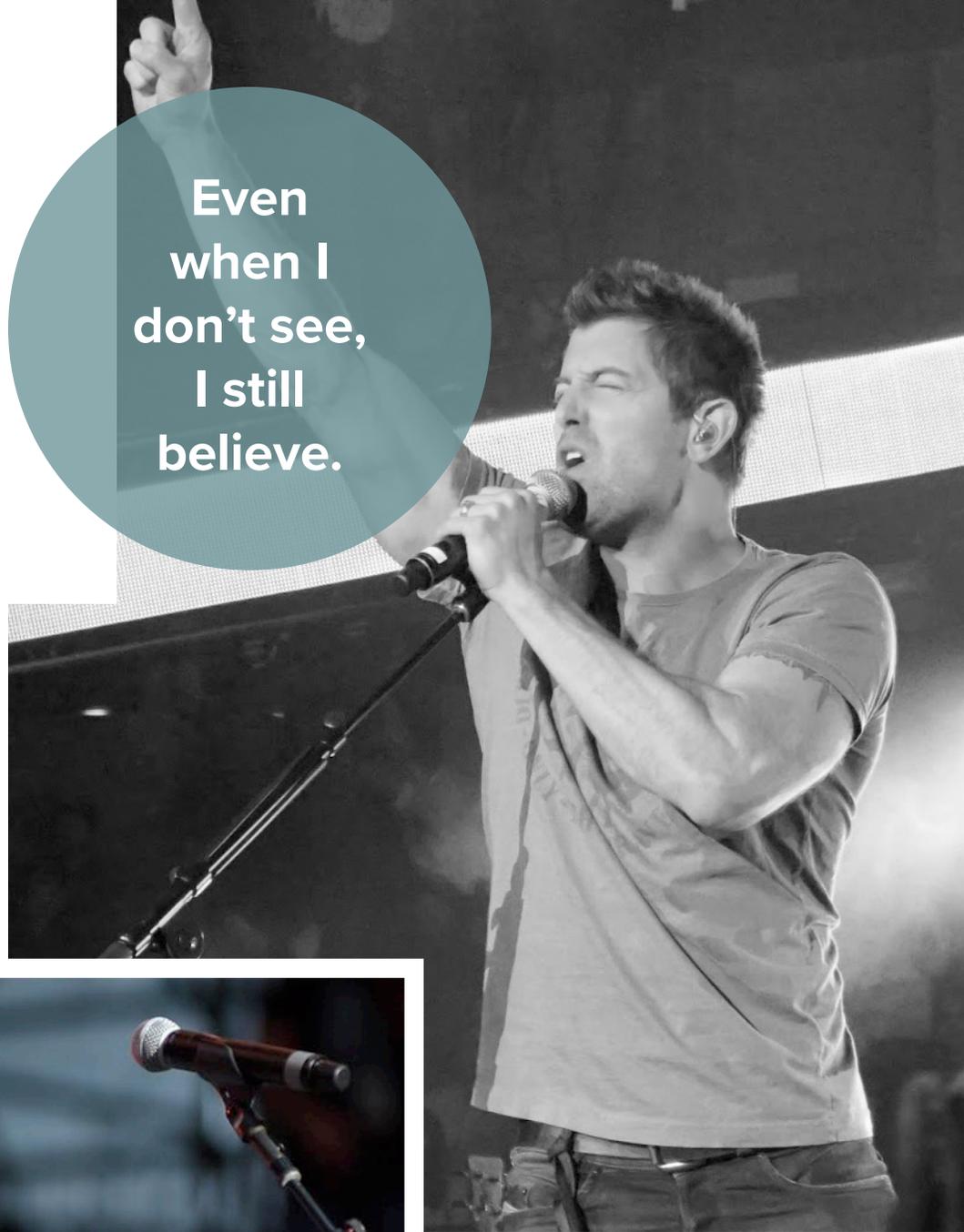
After Jeremy graduated bible college and while leading worship at a bible study on campus, he spotted her—a beautiful woman with her hands raised toward heaven. Jeremy was captivated by Melissa, totally lost in worship and oblivious to the world around her. Their relationship began as a flirtatious friendship but their connection was clear—undeniably magnetic. Caught in somewhat of a love triangle between Jeremy and the friend who introduced them, Melissa abruptly ended the two’s budding relationship. Jeremy’s heart was broken.

But when he got word that Melissa had cancer, Jeremy dropped everything and immediately drove to be by her side. After a God-ordained hospital proposal, chemo treatments during their engagement and a huge joyful wedding once she entered remission, the cancer returned.

As his wife battled cancer, Jeremy continued performing for audiences in Southern California, sharing their testimony and asking and believing for a miracle. When Melissa lost her battle in 2001, Jeremy completely lost his desire to continue making music. After meeting with a pastor who had endured much suffering of his own, Jeremy was encouraged to keep going amidst his grief and pain. Melissa’s immense and unwavering faith that her battle with cancer and ultimate death would be worth it if even only one person came to know the Lord also propelled Jeremy to continue sharing his testimony after her passing.

Jeremy was determined to keep sharing God’s faithfulness through his greatest trial, and the Lord continued to use his words and lyrics to minister, touching thousands of lives in attendance.

Even
when I
don’t see,
I still
believe.



“Joy comes from having a relationship with the unchanging God and transcends any trial we can face on this earth.”



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“I come alive when I see beyond my fears.”

In 2002, Jeremy released his first nationally distributed album, *Stay*. While touring to promote the album, Jeremy crossed paths with The Benjamin Gate singer Adrienne Liesching. The two got to know each other on tour, hit it off, and were married in 2003. They have since been blessed with three children, Bella, Arie, and Egan. In 2003, both a critical and commercial success, six songs from *Stay* reached the top of the Christian singles chart, and the first song he wrote after Melissa’s death, “I Still Believe”, went to #1.

Between 2002 and 2017, Jeremy released 11 albums, four of them RIAA-certified as Gold. He has sold nearly 5 million albums. His original music, a mixture of ballads and up-tempo rock songs, has earned him numerous awards and nominations across the Christian and secular music industries, including five GMA Dove Awards, one Grammy nomination, three American Music Award nominations, and four ASCAP Songwriter of the Year Awards. His 2017 album, *I Will Follow*, debuted at #1 on the Billboard Top Christian Album and in the top 25 on Billboard Top 200. In 2010, Camp was named Billboard’s #2 Christian artist of the decade. In 2013, Tyndale House

Publishers released Jeremy’s memoir, *I Still Believe*.

In early 2018, following a hard year of watching someone close to them walk through addiction, talks about turning Melissa’s story into a major motion picture with the Erwin Brothers progressed, and Jeremy began experiencing sudden and debilitating panic attacks. The trust and fear issues he faced after Melissa passed away had resurfaced, and the enemy was attacking Jeremy with everything he had.

Walking through a hopeless fog of panic, dark depression and debilitating anxiety for about a week, with the constant companionship of and prayers from his wife Adrienne, Jeremy finally heard from the Lord: “You can trust me. Perfect love casts out fear. I love you perfectly...I want

you to be free of this. I want you to know that I love you so much and that you can trust me.”

For the next six months, Jeremy spent time with the Lord, relearning and experiencing the breadth and depth of his love and surrendering the things he discovered had been holding on to. In the midst of that process, God started downloading songs into Jeremy’s heart. And Jeremy started writing—determined to be completely open and honest about his feelings and what he was learning in this hard season.

The result? Nearly 20 years after recording his first album, Jeremy is set to release what he is calling his most vulnerable, authentic music yet—*The Story’s Not Over* (Sept. 20, 2019). Featuring 11 songs and a new, energizing sound, the album is a reflection on one of the hardest years in Jeremy’s life; the valley he walked through, how the Lord spoke to him and carried him through it, and what’s to come in this season of newfound clarity, life and ministry—one marked by absolute surrender.

Songs like “Dead Man Walking,” the first album single released in May 2019, “Still Alive” and “Keep Me in the Moment” feature honest, soul-bearing lyrics thanking the Lord for rescuing him from the darkness, for reminders of life when he didn’t feel alive, and for showing him what matters in the midst of his trials.



Every track on the album is undeniably marked by transparency, vulnerability, surrender and complete honesty.

With *The Story's Not Over* releasing six months prior to the Erwin Brothers' biopic *I STILL BELIEVE*, and a marriage book written with Adrienne releasing in 2020, Jeremy is thankful to be entering a new season of ministry on the other side of the valley, one where he feels the Lord is going to minister through him and his story like never before.

I STILL BELIEVE, which chronicles Camp's personal story of love, loss and faith, is being produced by the Erwin Brothers' (*I CAN ONLY IMAGINE*), newly formed studio, Kingdom, in association with Lionsgate, and is scheduled for a nationwide theatrical release in March 2020. The movie features K.J. Apa as Jeremy, Britt Robertson as Melissa, Gary Sinese as Tom Camp, and Shania Twain as Teri Camp.

The gifts of new music, a movie and a marriage book all come on the other side of a year of tremendous hardship, pain and growth; they are the fruits of learning to really trust the Lord again, crying out to him in the midst of a dark place. Jeremy's desire in sharing his journey—not sparing any detail or hiding any unpleasantness—is to be a minister of the gospel in its entirety. He wants his listeners to know that he goes through hardships like everybody else does. The same God that's loved and rescued him time and again, will—and wants—to do the same for them.



“When God’s leading and directing, you don’t have to kick the doors open.”



1999

- Jeremy meets Melissa at a bible study at her college campus and the two strike up a friendship that turns into a budding relationship.
- Melissa abruptly ends their relationship, breaking Jeremy's heart.

2000

- Jeremy records "Burden Me"
- May – Melissa is diagnosed with cancer; Jeremy proposes
- Summer – During surgery planned to remove her tumors, doctors find that Melissa is cancer free – no hysterectomy or surgery to remove tumors is needed. This miracle is an answer to prayer, and Melissa enters remission.
- October 21 – Jeremy and Melissa wed in the presence of many friends and family at a ceremony in Southern California.
- November – Jeremy and Melissa return from their honeymoon to learn that her cancer has returned and spread rapidly. The doctors give her weeks to months to live, at most.

2001

- February 5 – Melissa loses her battle with cancer and Jeremy is devastated. He puts his guitar down and takes a break from music while he grieves.
- Jeremy is contacted by BEC with interest in his music.

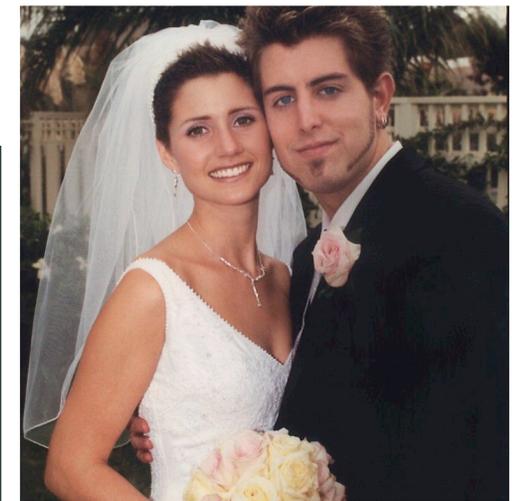
2002

- Jeremy signs with BEC and releases his first studio album, *Stay* (six #1 singles).
- September – Jeremy opens for his first big tour, Festival Con Dios, with 11 other bands and shares his testimony. He meets Adrienne Liesching, former frontwoman for The Benjamin Gate, who is also on the tour and they strike up a friendship. Adrienne is deeply ministered to by Jeremy's faith.

TIMELINE

DISCOGRAPHY

"Melissa said, 'I am doing okay, because I have been thinking, if I were to die from this cancer, if one person were to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, it would all be worth it.'"



2003

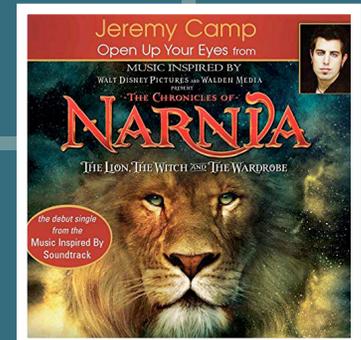
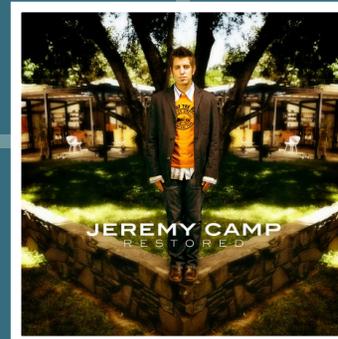
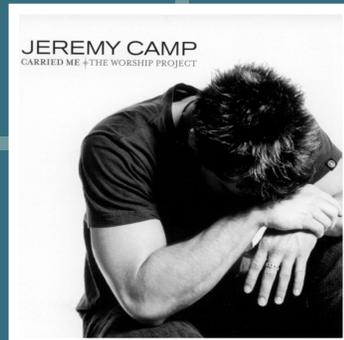
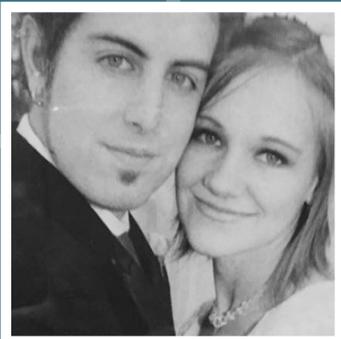
- April 10 – Jeremy and Adrienne get engaged.
- December 15 – Jeremy marries Adrienne Liesching

2004

- Camp released his second album for BEC, *Carried Me: The Worship Project* (Two #1 singles)
- Awarded GMA Dove Award for Male Vocalist of the Year
- Awarded GMA Dove Award for New Artist of the Year
- GMA Dove Award nomination for Pop/Contemporary Recorded Song of the Year (“I Still Believe”)
- September 25 – Jeremy and Adrienne’s daughter, Isabella “Bella” Rose Camp was born.

2005

- Camp released two albums—a studio set, *Restored*, which rose to number 45 on the Billboard Top Albums chart and gave three #1 Christian singles, and a live disc, *Live Unplugged* from Franklin, Tenn.
- He recorded the song “Open Up Your Eyes” for the soundtrack of THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE, which earned him another Dove Award.
- Awarded ASCAP Songwriter of the Year
- Awarded GMA Dove Award for Male Vocalist of the Year
- Awarded GMA Dove Award for Rock Recorded Song of the Year (“Stay”)
- Voted Best Male Artist in Christianity Today’s Reader’s Choice Music Awards
- Both *Stay* and *Carried Me: The Worship Project* become RIAA-certified as Gold



2006

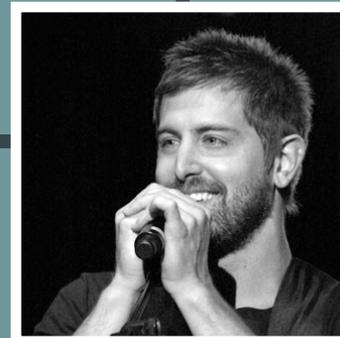
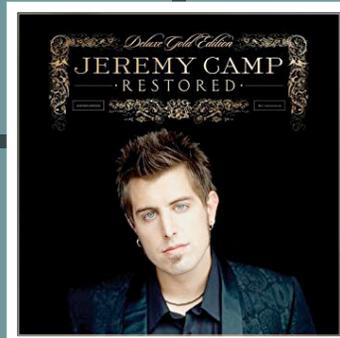
- April 5, 2006 – Jeremy and Adrienne’s second daughter, Arianne “Arie” Mae Camp was born.
- Awarded ASCAP Songwriter of the Year
- Awarded ASCAP Song of the Year (“Take You Back”)
- Oct. 31 – Camp released another studio album, *Beyond Measure* (Oct. 31), which reached #29 on the Billboard charts and produced six more hit singles
- GMA Dove Award nomination for Artist of the Year
- GMA Dove Award nomination for Male Vocalist of the Year
- GMA Dove Award nomination for Pop/Contemporary Album of the Year (*Restored*)
- GMA Dove Award nomination for Rock Recorded Song of the Year (“Lay Down My Pride”)

2007

- American Music Award nomination for Favorite Contemporary Inspirational Artist
- GMA Dove Award nomination for Male Vocalist of the Year
- Awarded GMA Dove Award for Recorded Music Packaging of the Year (*Beyond Measure*)
- GMA Dove Award nomination for Long Form Music Video of the Year (*Live Unplugged*)
- *Restored* became RIAA-certified as Gold

2008

- *Speaking Louder Than Before* released and earned Jeremy his first Grammy nomination.
- Awarded First Family Ambassador Award
- Awarded ASCAP Songwriter of the Year Award
- GMA Dove Award nomination for Song of the Year (“Give You Glory”)
- GMA Dove Award nomination for Inspirational Recorded Song of the Year (“Give Me Jesus”)



2009

- Released *Jeremy Camp Live*, featuring songs from all other albums to date
- American Music Award for Favorite Contemporary Inspirational Artist nomination
- GMA Dove Award nomination for Male Vocalist of the Year
- Started non-profit Speaking Louder Ministries

2010

- Released *We Cry Out: The Worship Project* (three #1 singles)
- Awarded ASCAP Songwriter/Artist of the Year Award
- Grammy Award for Best Pop/Contemporary Gospel Album nomination
- GMA Dove Award nomination for Male Vocalist of the Year
- GMA Dove Award nomination for Pop/Contemporary Album of the Year (*Speaking Louder Than Before*)
- *Beyond Measure* became RIAA-certified as Gold

- August 17 – Jeremy and Adrienne’s son, Egan Thomas Camp was born.
- GMA Dove Award nomination for Praise & Worship Album of the Year (*We Cry Out: The Worship Project*)
- GMA Dove Award nomination for Recorded Music Packaging of the Year (*We Cry Out: The Worship Project – Deluxe Edition*)

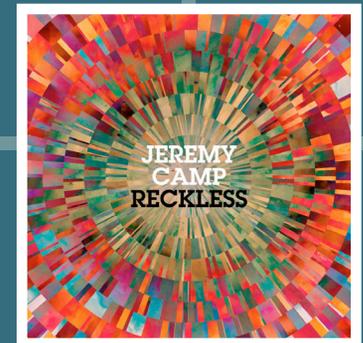
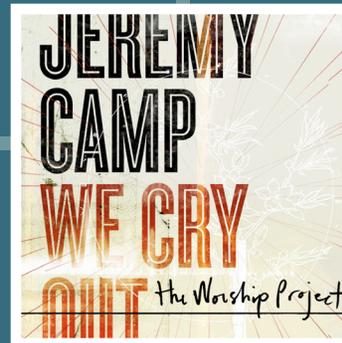
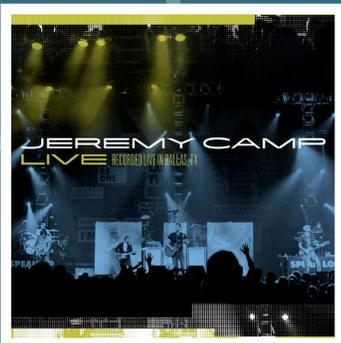
2011

- Released *Christmas: God With Us*
- American Music Award for Favorite Contemporary Inspirational Artist nomination

2012

- Released *Reckless* (Three Top 10 singles)

2013



2015

- Released *I Will Follow*, which debuted at #1 on the Billboard Top Christian Album and in the top 25 on Billboard Top 200 (Three #1 singles)

2017

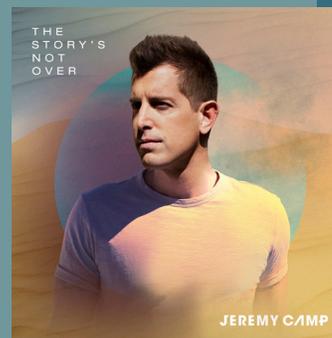
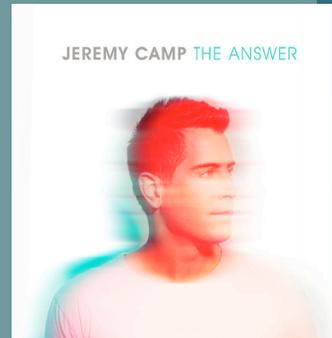
- Released *The Answer* (Three Top 10 singles)

2019

- Sept. 20 – Release *The Story's Not Over*

2020

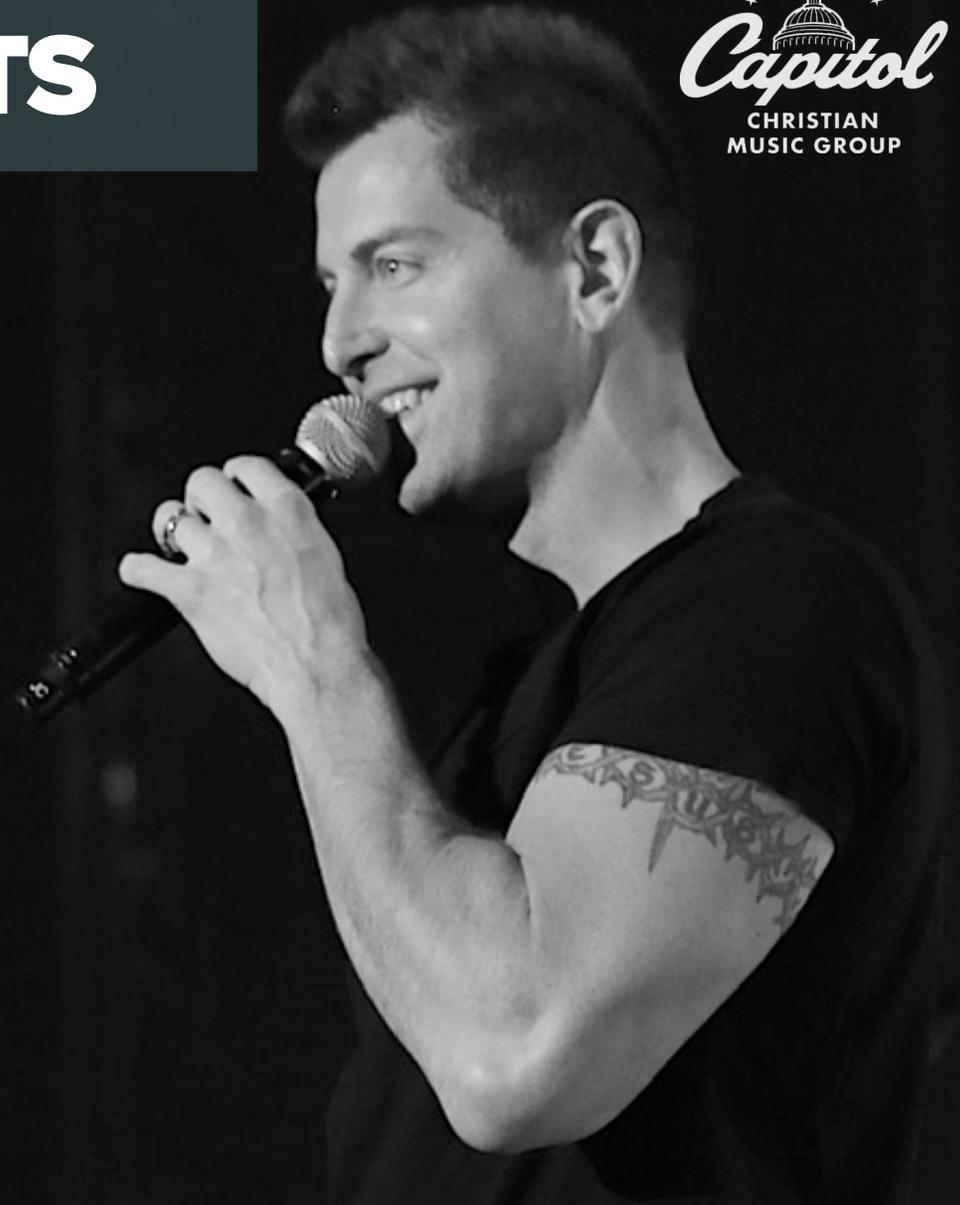
- February – W Publishing Group, an imprint of Thomas Nelson, to rerelease updated version of Jeremy's memoir, *I Still Believe*
- March – Erwin Brothers' biopic *I STILL BELIEVE* releases nationwide
- March – Harvest House Publishers to release *In Unison*, a marriage book written by both Jeremy and Adrienne Camp



CAREER HIGHLIGHTS



- Lifetime consumption over 4.5 million
- Previous album *I Will Follow* debuted #1 on Billboard Top Christian Albums & top 25 on Billboard Top 200
- Holds the title for the most #1's among solo artists on the Christian Airplay chart
- 40 #1 radio hits across all formats
- 4 RIAA certified gold albums and 1 gold single
- 1 Grammy nomination, 3 American Music Award nominations, & 4 ASCAP Songwriter of the Year Awards



2.4M LIKES



521K FOLLOWERS



412K FOLLOWERS



78M PLAYS