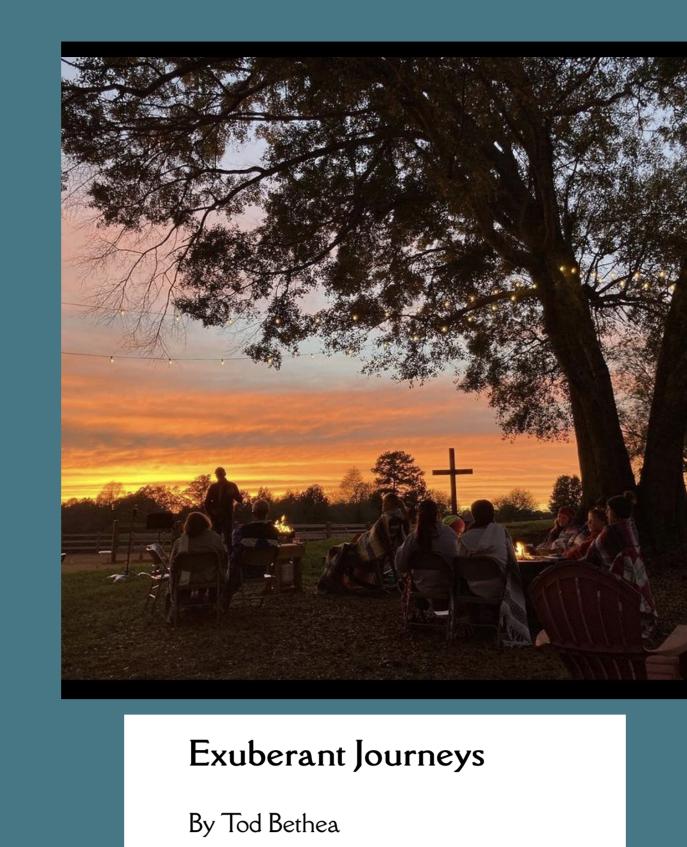


# Journeying with Joy



## After several years of hopes, dreams and prayers, we held our first Seekers and Sowers service

this Fall. It was a wonderful time of

music, fellowship around the fire, and discussion. God even added the bonus of a gorgeous sunset! Our topic for the evening was "Is There More to Life Than This?" I shared a story from my childhood about Jack Brinkley, a U.S. representative from Georgia from 1967 to 1982. He was speaking at a church service I was attending and held up a \$5 bill. He invited anyone who wanted this money to come and receive it as a gift. We were sitting in the back of the church, so I sadly thought I had no chance at getting to that bill before anyone else. This was 1970 and \$5 was a lot of money for an 8year-old. When I saw no one was going for it I took off from the back! My exuberant sprint quelled any thoughts others had of competing against me. I received the bill and after a celebration I'm sure some felt inappropriate for church I went back to my seat elated. Rep. Brinkley then went on to discuss how God has immense gifts for us because we are His children. Unfortunately, because of pride or feelings of unworthiness we do not fully accept them. In our sessions this fall we have been learning about identity. It is so important to find our identity in God and not this world which

truth that we are children of God, created by His hand and forgiven by grace through Jesus. God desires to lavish his great gifts on us. Today I was giving a couple of the herds their first bale of hay for the winter. Those horses showed absolutely no hesitation, worries, or feelings of unworthiness. They attacked those bales with exuberance! It was a good reminder to me, at this time of gift giving and receiving. Let us accept and then

be bold in sharing God's gifts of

exuberance of that boy charging

grace, mercy, and peace with the

down the church aisle for 5 dollars.

Passages of Peace

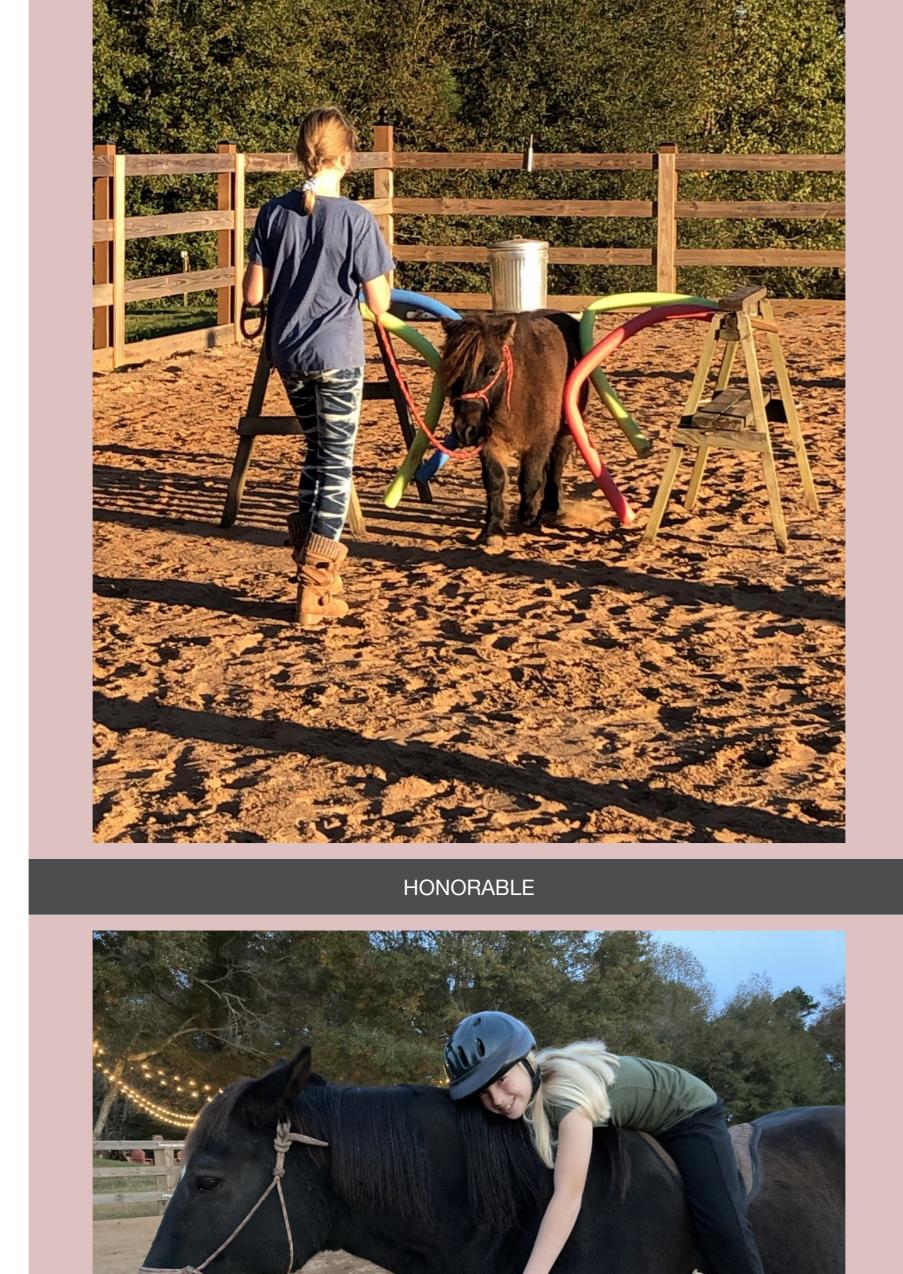
In a wrap-up session of our focus on Identity, we left the kids with the

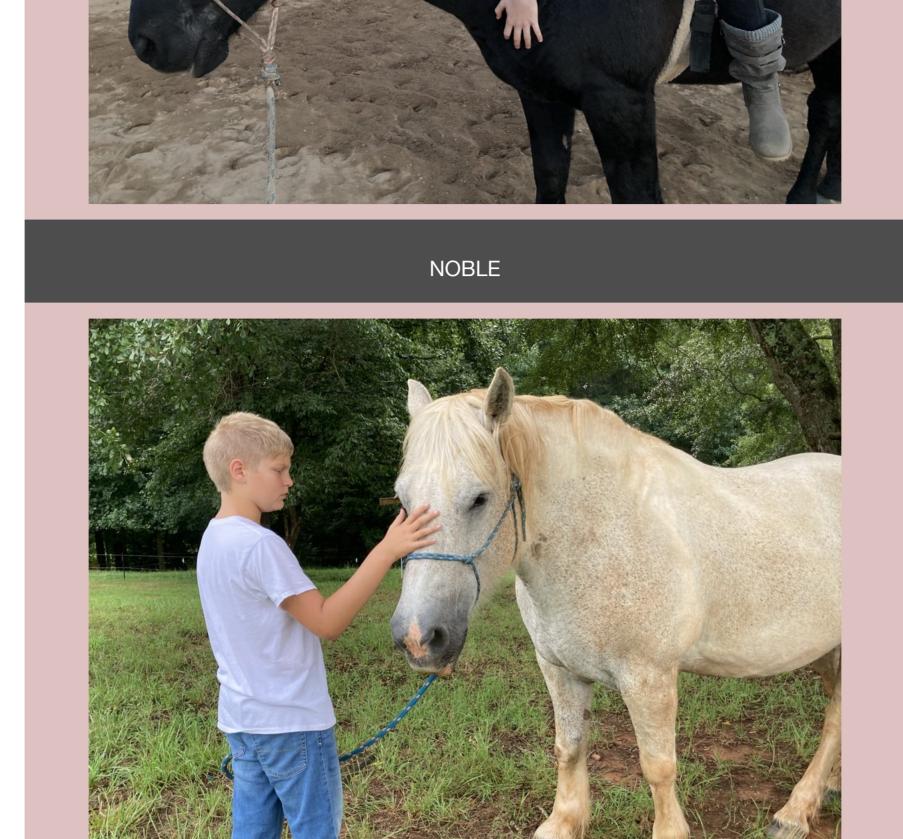
continually tells us we are not

enough. We must embrace the

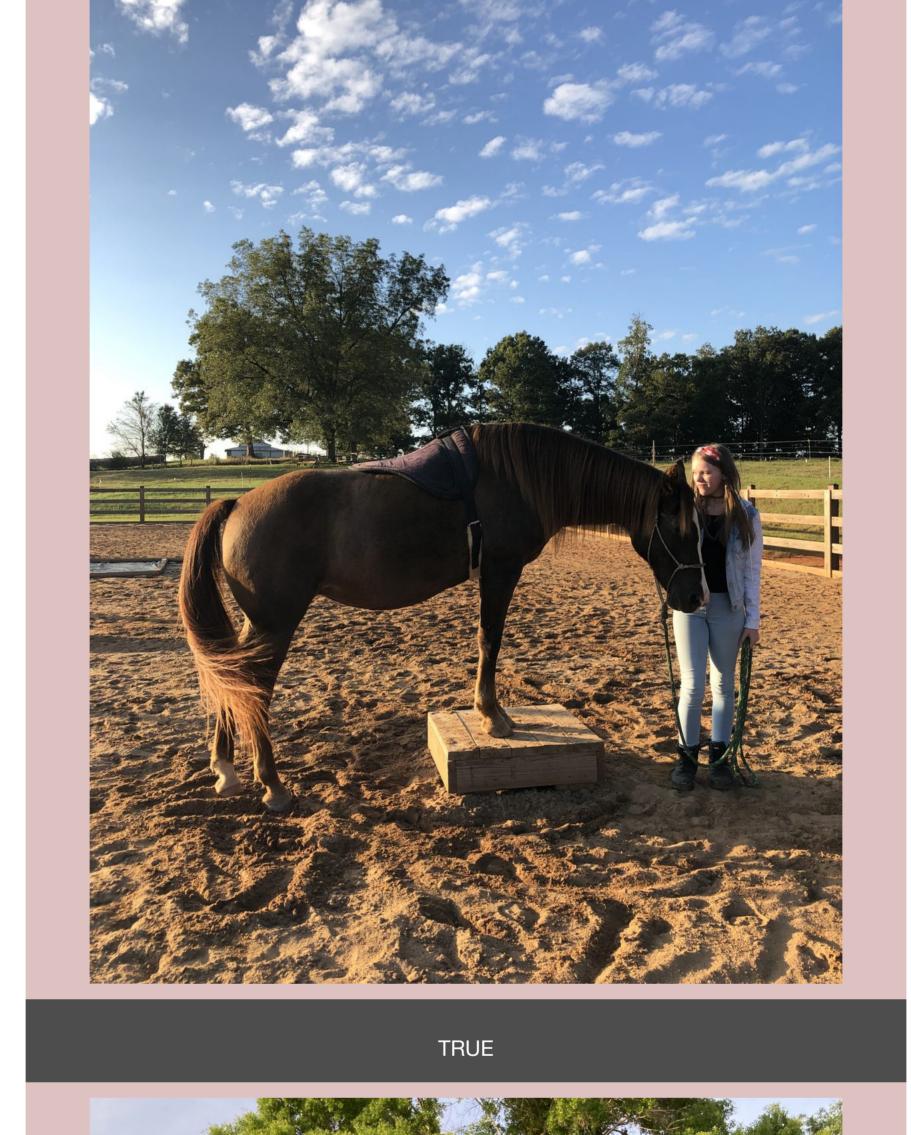
verse below, Philippians 4:8-9. Enjoy these photos that reflect what was learned about things: true, noble, pure, lovely, and honorable. "IN CONCLUSION, MY FRIENDS, FILL YOUR MINDS WITH THOSE THINGS THAT ARE GOOD AND THAT DESERVE PRAISE: THINGS THAT ARE TRUE, NOBLE, RIGHT, PURE, LOVELY, AND HONORABLE. PUT INTO PRACTICE WHAT YOU LEARNED AND RECEIVED FROM ME, BOTH FROM MY WORDS AND FROM MY ACTIONS. AND THE GOD WHO GIVES US PEACE WILL BE WITH YOU."

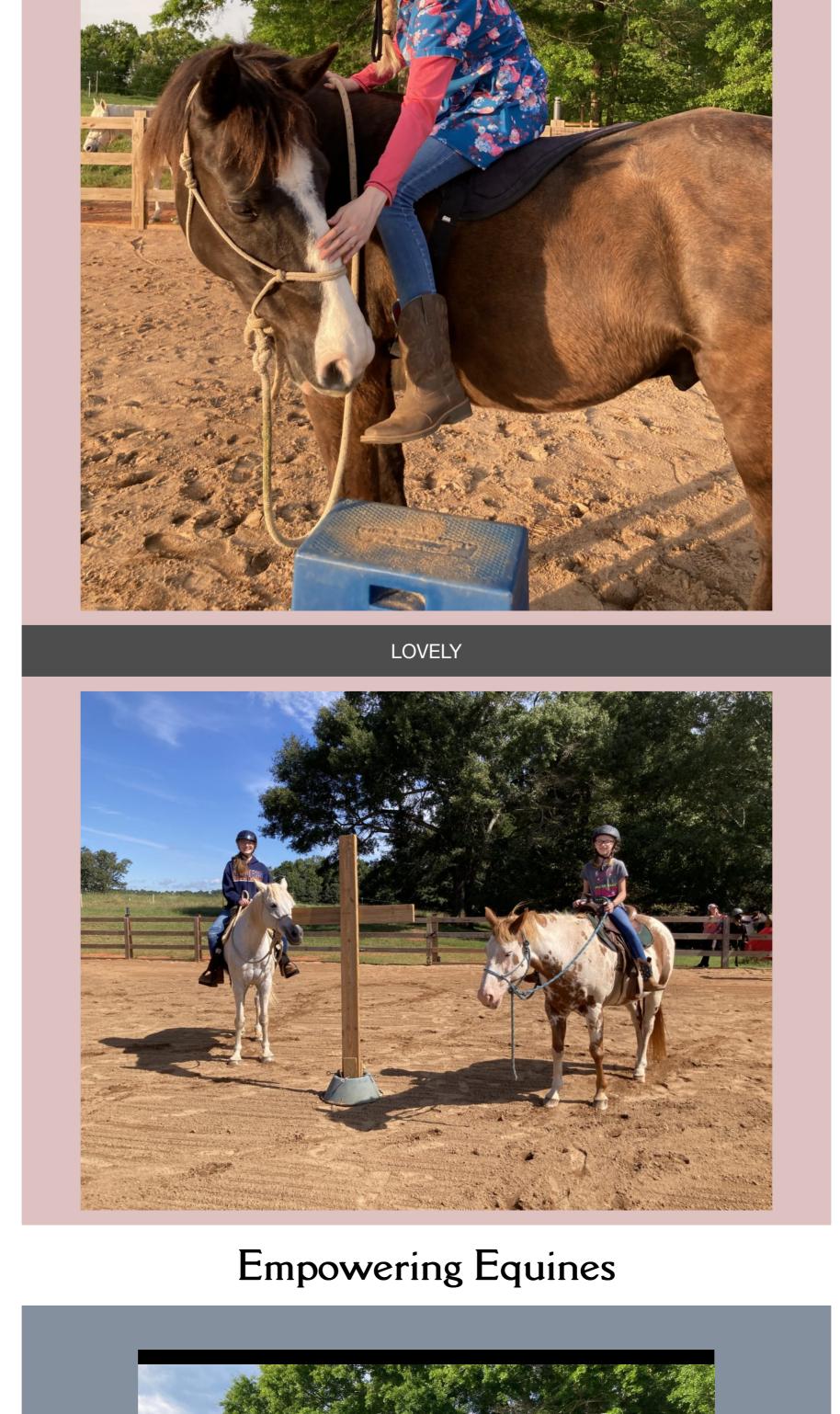
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### in fear or lash out in anger. Either way we start to become someone that God never intended us to be. We can learn a lot from Sadie. Although she was abandoned by her people, she did not abandon her soft heart. For years Sadie has been our horse of choice for anyone with fear. She is gentle and kind

"God wants us to have soft hearts and hard feet. The

trouble with so many of us is that we have hard hearts

Sadie was rescued from a feed lot. She had been

thrown away and was destined for the slaughter

house. How many of us have ever felt discarded,

disvalued, and left to desperation? It's times like these

when survival mode kicks in and we either withdraw

and trustworthy. She found a new job at Steadfast and

Because Sadie is struggling with arthritis, we recently

made the decision to allow her to retire from carting

children on her back. Not to worry, Steadfast will be

her home for the rest of her years and she will relish

the opportunities to be groomed and pampered at

Horse Connection Days. I hope you will join us for

these days in the spring. Sadie will be happy to see

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her feet have hardened through her work here.

and soft feet." -Jackie Pullinger

Sadie

you.

Blitheful Belonging Project "Join-Up" In the horse world, "Join-up" is a training exercise in which the horse is instructed to walk side by side with its handler/leader without force or the use of a rope or rein. The purpose of Project Join-Up at Steadfast Family Farm is to invite the people of our local area into awareness and involvement in the farm so they can experience the ministry pillars of JOY, PEACE, EMPOWERMENT, and BELONGING of our community and in turn, walk alongside us to extend this to others. The goals of this project are to expand our volunteer and donor base, enhance availability of

programs, and simultaneously offer an experience of the ministry pillars for

Farm Call Days, Horse Connection Days, Seekers and Sowers services, and

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all who are involved. Watch for upcoming dates in the Spring of 2022 for

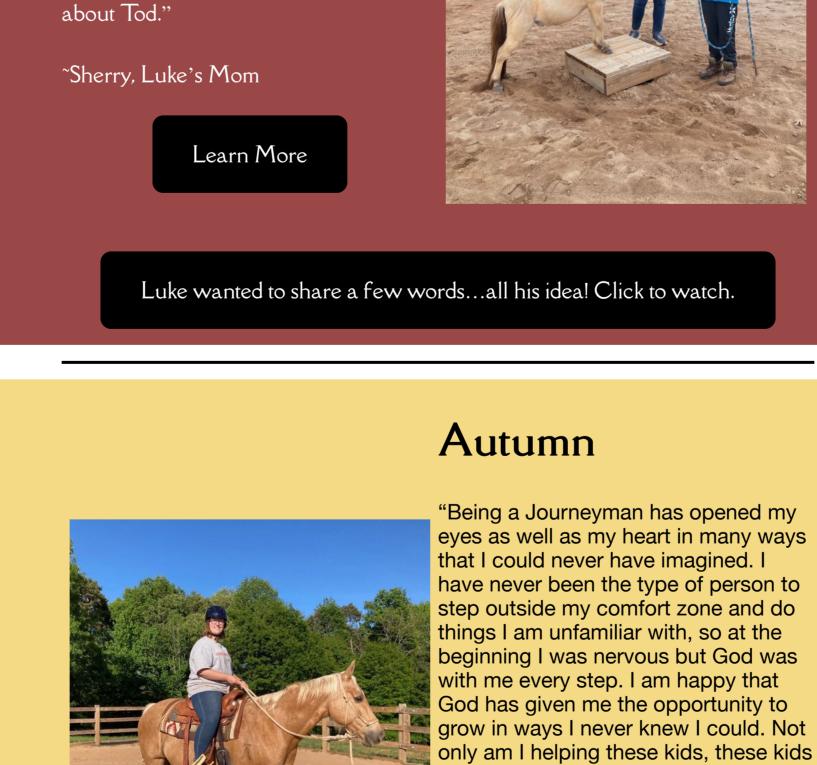
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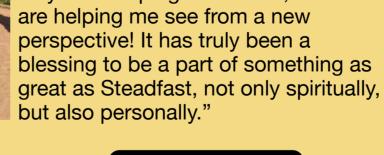
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"After his last session, Luke played his best soccer game ever! He was at peace, settled and confident. But when we got into the car to leave he didn't talk about the amazing game he just had, [He

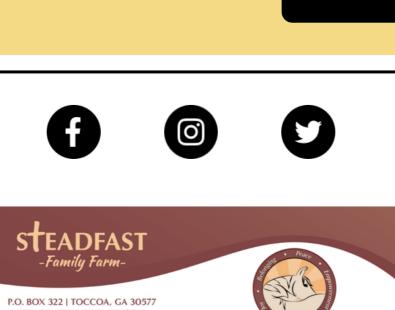
Luke

scored 8 goals!] instead he was telling





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