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# Jamie MacDonald Earns Two First Grammy Nominations After Breakout Debut Year

*A true story of faith under pressure. Read the first half below, then continue online.*

**KEY SPIRITUAL TAKEAWAY**

*"Left It In The River"*

*(Transliterated from the original Hindi.)*

They had gathered only to pray. When prayer itself becomes the target, faith is proved not by words but by staying.

## The Story - Part One

Capitol Christian Music Group recording artist Jamie MacDonald has earned two Grammy Award nominations following a breakout 2026 debut year, the Recording Academy announced on 16 November 2026. Her self-titled debut album, released in January 2026, is nominated for Best Contemporary Christian Music Album, while her No. 1 Hit "Left It In The River" is nominated for Best Contemporary Christian Music Performance/Song. The 69th Annual Grammy Awards take place on Sunday 7 February 2027 at Crypto.Com Arena in Los Angeles.

Two years ago, Jamie MacDonald had 2,000 online fans. Today she has 2 million. That is the number to hold in your head while you read the rest of this story, because everything else - the nominations, the awards, the records - grew out of that single, startling leap. In two years, a young singer with a guitar went from playing to a roomful to playing to a crowd the size of a city.

Her debut album made history as the biggest streaming debut ever for a female Christian artist and the largest debut album streaming launch in Capitol CMG history. Those are not small records. Capitol Christian Music Group has launched some of the biggest names in the genre, and MacDonald's first album out-streamed them all. The album, released in January 2026, is now nominated for Best Contemporary Christian Music Album at the Grammys.

And then there is the song. "Left It In The River" spent 12 weeks at No. 1 At Christian radio, won Song of the Year at the 2026 K-LOVE Fan Awards, and is now nominated for Best Contemporary Christian Music Performance/Song. Twelve weeks at the top of the chart is a long time for any song to hold on, and it tells you something about the way this one landed: listeners did not just hear it once and move on. They kept coming back to it.

### Jamie MacDonald Grammy Nominations: A Breakout Year Of Firsts

The nominations cap a year in which MacDonald won the GMA Dove Award for New Artist of the Year, earned her first two RIAA Gold certifications, and scored three back-to-back No. 1 Radio hits. Read that list again slowly, because each item on it would be a career highlight on its own. New Artist of the Year. Two Gold records. Three straight No. 1S. And now two Grammy nominations. All of it in a single debut year.

## The Turning Point - What Happens Next

The story reaches a life-changing moment that changes everything -- and what seemed like the end is only the middle. Two reports disagree on the numbers, and one question is left unanswered: will the CCTV footage ever come out? Read the full story to find out what happens next.

### PERSONAL REFLECTION & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When gathering to pray carries a real cost, what keeps a community coming together anyway -- and what would keep you coming?

2. The pastor's sister shielded him with her own body and fainted under the blows. What does costly, self-giving love look like in your own family or church?

3. When justice is delayed and a complaint is withdrawn under threat, how do believers hold on to truth without giving in to fear -- or to hatred?

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