A YEAR OF NEWNESS AND OPPORTUNITY

This is what the Lord says he who made a way through the sea,
a path through the mighty waters,
 who drew out the chariots and horses,
the army and reinforcements together,
and they lay there, never to rise again,
extinguished, snuffed out like a wick:

 Forget the former things;
do not dwell on the past.

 See, I am doing a new thing!

19 See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland."
Isaiah 43:16-19 NIV

We're trusting God to reveal to us <u>new opportunities</u> and the courage to attempt <u>what seems impossible</u>.

- New ways to get our Church family out in our community on mission and equipped to share the life-changing message of The Gospel.
- New ways of connecting people to our services and campuses where they can experience acceptance and hear the life changing message of The Gospel.
- New services for those not here yet or that won't come on Sunday morning.
- New campuses in the River Region to reach those we can't reach from our current location.
- New energy and new ideas on how to train and equip our people for the work of ministry.
- New ministries that we've never attempted before.
- New partnerships with church planters making a difference where we can't.

God changes lives and we love to celebrate life change.

¹⁷ With the Lord's authority I say this: Live no longer as the Gentiles do, for they are hopelessly confused. ¹⁸ Their minds are full of darkness; they wander far from the life God gives because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against him. ¹⁹ They have no sense of shame. They live for lustful pleasure and eagerly practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰ But that

isn't what you learned about Christ. ²¹ Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, ²² throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. ²³ Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. ²⁴ Put on your new nature, created to be like God - truly righteous and holy. **Ephesians 4:17-24 NLT**

Next Steps for me today...

- Pray for <u>Journey Church</u> to make a difference in our community.
- Do my part by serving, giving and sharing.