



“I am about to do something new.”

Isaiah 43:19

I'm a renewed convert to the New Year's resolution.

I confess that past failures at maintaining my new year's resolve had turned me into a skeptic. As the saying goes, “resolutions go in one year and out the other.” But a new book persuaded me to give resolutions another shot.

According to Daniel Pink's book, *When: The Scientific Secrets of Perfect Timing* (Penguin, 2018), humans are actually hardwired for fresh starts. Special days like New Year's, say, or our birthdays create temporal landmarks that help us navigate time's relentless flow and give us launching points from which to reimagine ourselves as new and improved. But here's the secret: one fresh start is seldom enough. To succeed, we need multiple fresh-start landmarks throughout our year to keep on track to our “new and improved.”

God is a God of the fresh start.

From the moment we first rejected him, God has persistently interfered in human history to set our wrongs on track to his right.

In Isaiah 43, God reminds exiled Israel of the fresh starts he'd given them, from creation to their exodus from Egypt. And then, unexpectedly, in v. 18 he tells Israel, “but forget all that!” Instead of looking back, God focuses attention on what he's going to do!

In verse 19, God promises a fresh start to trump all fresh starts. Something impossibly new and unprecedented. A game-changer that reimagines not only Israel's immediate future, but the future of the entire cosmos.

We believe God is doing something new and unprecedented at Horizon.

Over the past several months, God has been revealing a future for our college that's like rivers in the desert, reimagining Horizon in impossibly new and unprecedented ways.

We're excited about the game-changing opportunities before us, and we want you to share in our excitement. We'll be sharing more about these unprecedented opportunities at several Town Hall meetings, and we warmly invite you to join us at one for desserts, discussion, and (of course!) to donate to what God is doing at Horizon. Donation envelopes are also included here.

These are truly exciting days for our college. I hope we'll see you soon!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeromey Martini".

Jeromey Martini, President





INTERVIEW

WITH A

STUDENT

Meet **CODEY ALLUM** (HCS 2017) and **TODD POIRIER** (HCS 2014), roommates who both serve in Winnipeg. Codey is Associate Pastor at Grace Community Church, and Todd is Administration and Connections Pastor at Immanuel Pentecostal Church.



CODEY



TODD

TELL US ABOUT YOUR MINISTRY

C: I started in 2015, before graduating. I work primarily with Jr. High and High School, but it's a true associate role where I get to do a little bit of everything.

T: I started ministry in 2013 and have been at IPC since May 2016. I oversee the administrative operations of the church – human resources, finance/budget, facilities. I also oversee worship, and work with Alpha.

WHAT'S SURPRISED YOU MOST ABOUT MINISTRY?

C: The importance of longevity in ministry – how important building long-term relationships are. It's inspiring to see youth pastors and others who have stayed in their positions for 10 years. It takes time to build relationships for effective ministry.

T: Coming from a ministry home, the surprise isn't so much in knowing but in experiencing different elements of leadership. How much ministry isn't leading in a conventional sense but is being an agent of change where you bring the people along with you.

HOW IS IT BEING ROOMMATES OUTSIDE OF COLLEGE RESIDENCE?

[Both] Our schedules are so different we hardly see each other!

WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR SOMEONE PREPARING FOR MINISTRY?

C: It sounds cliché, but to be relevant – especially for youth – you need to “be in the world but not of it.” You need to dive into youth context, especially understanding social media.

T: Get involved outside college life and learn how to juggle a life schedule. Get a job while you're at school. It gets you involved with non-Christians, and helps you avoid student loans!