

# The 2:10 Effect

IGNITING KINGDOM IMPACT

**Ephesians 2:10**, For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

## YOUR GIFT — GOD'S IMPACT

## WELCOME TO THE 2:10 EFFECT

God touched Randy Reese's heart with Ephesians 2:10 while driving California's 210 Freeway, (you can read the story on our website) – "2:10" seemed just right.

Be encouraged by these stories of God's work, made possible by your giving.

Thank you for joining in the vision to take VP3 to more people and more churches in North America. Read how God is growing us beyond those borders – even to Nigeria!

Thank you for sharing these few moments with us, and for joining us on this journey.



**Pastor Joe with the children of the seminary – much joy in a war-torn land.**

You probably experienced *The Journey* in a safe North American setting, with friends you grew to love. But God is using *The Journey* in Nigeria, a place known more recently for conflict and violence.

While Bulus Galadima was in the States to attend seminary, he attended Immanuel Church in Gurnee, Illinois, where VantagePoint<sup>3</sup> processes have become an important part of church life.

Bulus was part of a *Journey* group and saw the potential for church leadership in Nigeria. When he returned home as provost of a Nigerian seminary, Bulus showed *The Journey* to other leaders. With financial help from the church in Illinois and a significant scholarship from VP3, "The Journey Nigeria" was launched.

*"Before I enrolled in The Journey Nigeria, I was confused. I had no confidence that anything good could come from my life. But God poured his clean water into the dirt and sin cup of my life. His work is renewing me as I am being transformed into a better person through God's love."*

**"GOD Poured HIS CLEAN WATER INTO THE DIRT AND SIN CUP OF MY LIFE."**

*"One day in prayer, I sensed God leading me to share my story – parts I had been afraid to share because of my shame. When I obeyed, God brought healing, restoration, and encouragement to others."* Rebecca Dauda, Kaduna

### "NOT SO WITH YOU"

*"The words 'not so with you' challenged me to servant leadership. I am called to serve, not to be served. The Journey introduced me to the concept of mentoring. It is so helpful to have someone listen as I share my life. My mentor responds with words of encouragement, empathy, and he prays with me."* Israel Malong, Jos

*"It is so fulfilling to know we had a part in bringing VP3 to the leaders in a country ravaged by terrorism and war. Those leaders have been helped to stand courageous because of God through VP3,"* says Joe Boerman, Pastor of World Outreach at Immanuel Church.



**Nigerian church leaders are committed to helping their people grow deeper in their faith.**

# You are part of Kingdom work

## A TIME TO LISTEN

Randy Reese is the founder and president of VantagePoint3. Since he heard "a strong impression from the Lord" in 1996, he has been about creating and developing this ministry. This year in their wisdom, the board of directors encouraged Randy to take some time to listen to God's voice.



Psalm 119:88 became important to Randy during this extended time.

**"IN YOUR GREAT LOVE REVIVE ME SO I CAN ALERTLY OBEY YOUR EVERY WORD."**

*"In your great love revive me* moved from a hopeful prayer to a real encounter. I was reminded who I am and how much my life has been blessed. There were many times when I sensed the real presence of the Lord. It is remarkable the perspective one gets when you remember you are loved deeply by God.

*"So I can alertly obey your every word* reminded me I have been called out to serve in obedience, and to trust that what beats in my heart is the word that needs to be lived for this time and place. *An alert obedience* requires paying attention and then taking action."



Sharon (L) and Jody are thankful for your partnership!

Helping people take their next step...

**"My purpose in life is to help people take their next step toward Christ."**

Jody Gras knows why she was created! But she hasn't always been able to articulate her purpose. Jody was in charge of Children's Ministry at Emmanuel Reformed Church of Paramount, California, when she was first exposed to the ministry of VantagePoint3.

"I began to notice how God had uniquely made me," Jody says. "God shifted my world through *The Journey*. It changed the way I parent, the way I relate to my husband. Everything became about developing others."

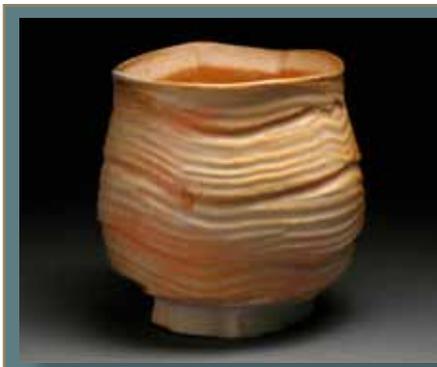
Jody is now the Director of Adult Discipleship and Development at her church. Time spent in VP3's Vista Cohort has helped her develop goals and plans for this new role – a role she was "created for."

She gets to spend time with people like Sharon . . .

Sharon was a retiring teacher who was unsure about God's "next steps" for her. She responded to an invitation to *The Journey* and says, "I had no idea what that decision would mean!"

She completed *The Journey* with a clear vision for personal ministry. She began leading a Bible study, and then she knew God wanted her to write Bible study curricula for women.

"When people take *The Journey* and other processes, I love the clarity they find about their purpose and their specific ministries," says Jody. "And there's a trickle effect as people see life changes in others who have participated."



## GOD IS USING YOU IN SO MANY WAYS

God used you to help Rebecca realize, "God poured his clean water into the sin cup of my life," and to help Jody understand her purpose in life. Thank you!

Will you consider an extra, year-end gift to help us replenish our scholarship fund (almost empty)? This will help us answer some of the many requests.

Bless you, friend, as you continue to pay attention to God's very good work in and through you.

The VantagePoint3 Team