

The 2:10 Effect

IGNITING KINGDOM IMPACT

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 to be the perfect title.

It is our hope that you will be encouraged by these stories of God's work, made possible by the gifts of those who are partnering with VantagePoint3.

Thank you for joining in this journey and vision to take VP3 to more people and more churches, and for sharing these few moments with us.

In this issue, read how God is helping us make an impact in local communities and marketplaces.

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.

Ephesians 2:10

Janet Coon was teaching middle school in a Midwest town while going through *The Journey* at her church. During this time she began to notice a young man in her homeroom that always appeared disheveled and tired. He would place his head on his desk and be sound asleep within minutes after sitting down in the mornings. After a few days of waking him up and helping him get organized, she felt a nudge to discover more of what his story was.

What she learned was that he was hungry.

Throughout *The Journey*, Janet began to have a better understanding about her servant heart and the desire to live with a missional attitude. "I believe we each play an important role in what we do every day, even if it may seem insignificant. We are all a part of God's master plan."



Janet Coon

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Knowing this, Janet could not ignore the nudge she felt in her heart to help that one middle schooler. What blossomed from a simple cereal bar one morning is now a thriving program that helps hundreds of students on a weekly basis. This great need touched the hearts of those in her *Journey* group as well, and with the help of their skills, expertise, and talents Food 4 Thought was established. This non-profit organization sends home packs of food for the weekend to over 500 students in both the middle school and high school of the district in which Janet works. She has also helped a neighboring town use the Food 4 Thought model to start their own program.



"IF IT IS OF GOD, IT WILL WORK"

God opened Janet's eyes to see where his Kingdom work needed to be done right there in her classroom. "If it is of God, it will work. Seeing this, I began to pray each day to have eyes to see what he wants me to see, and to be bold enough to do it. He will make a way for it to happen and provide people and resources for it."

You are part of Kingdom work

GOOD CRAFTSMANSHIP

I've always enjoyed watching really good people do things really well. I realize that one of the reasons I put people in the "really good" category is because they are the sorts of folks who seem to care a lot about maintaining a certain expertise, precision, excellence and even pride in what they put their hand to.



I love it when people are really good at their craft. I notice it doesn't matter what the work or discipline (carpenters, musicians, bakers,

welders, athletes, teachers, machinists, surgeons, farmers, therapists, financiers, pastors, administrators, artists, electricians, mechanics, pilots), it is all impressive.

A whole other dimension of amazement surfaces for me when I come to learn that **what motivates these experts to be great at what they do is that they see their craft and the context in which the craft gets played out as part of God's calling for their lives.** They are good at what they do, and they are good at reflecting God's love at the same time. And they love doing both. Almost as it should be.

At VantagePoint3 we care deeply about helping people live into an Ephesians 2:10 workmanship. As people make their way through one or more of the VP3 processes, they get grabbed by the good work God desires to do in and through their lives within the context of their workplace.

How are you excelling at your craft?

How does your craft provide you a platform to serve those within your workplace?



Mick's A Way of Life marketplace group

Finding purpose in your work

Mick Conlin's desire to find purpose in his own work has begun a powerful movement within his community. Not only has it touched several different marketplace arenas, but homes, families, and churches as well.

After years of being in management positions in the banking industry, Mick began wondering if there could be a deeper purpose in his work. He was asked to consider joining a *Journey* group at his church, and took it as an opportunity to help him discover that purpose.

While working through *The Journey* Mick began connecting his faith to his work and saw where he could focus on the two together for a greater more meaningful purpose. He crafted a personal mission statement with God at the center and it has guided his life ever since.

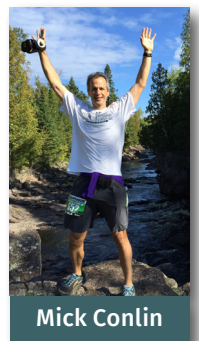
"I CAME TO REALIZE THROUGH THE JOURNEY THAT MY BIGGEST ASSET IN THE WORKPLACE WAS MY FAITH."

Mick began to wonder if others within the marketplace would like to have "the opportunity to experience the process and be able to connect their own faith and work in a unique way."

He found a group of five business friends and God took that group and multiplied it to 10. Mick led this group of 10 businessmen through *The Journey* and they decided to continue on together as a group into *A Way of Life*, the second process on the VP3 Pathway.

Mick has seen each individual in this group commit to living his whole life with more intentionality. Every story has its own unique impact, but Mick sees the group as a whole being better business owners, employees, community leaders, husbands, fathers, sons, etc. Each is more intentional about their church life, as well—longing to make a difference by bringing their strengths to their individual church settings.

Because of Mick's passion about his experience, he is sharing his ideas with others across North America, helping them start *The Journey* with their marketplace peers.



Mick Conlin



WILL YOU PARTNER WITH US?

At VP3 we are committed to the good work of deepening adults in local churches and organizations by providing Christian approaches for adult development. In order for others to experience the transformative impact of the ministry of VP3, we are praying for the Lord to surface 100 people who feel compelled to partner with us by giving \$50 per month, and for 100 people who feel compelled to give \$100 per month.

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