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Engaged and Distinct...for the sake of the kingdom

In 1 Peter 12 we're told to "Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us."

Much of the next issue of byFaith is about living visibly good lives, for the sake of the kingdom.

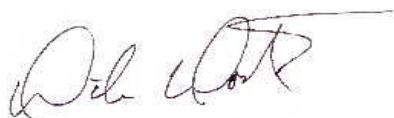
In the coming issue, subscribers will be challenged to consider a world where Christians go to work every day eager to do their best. They'll be asked, tacitly, to consider a community where Christians, from 8-5 Monday-Friday, view every task, every encounter, and every relationship through a redemptive lens, always asking themselves: How, in this situation, can I push back the effects of the Fall?

By the time you've read through the magazine, you'll have to consider a community where Christian men demonstrate, every day, what a godly marriage looks like. You'll have to think about the impact of men who exhibit what good fathers do and say, and how they spend their time. And you'll wonder how your city might be changed if every man in every PCA church decided that he, in conformity with biblical principles, would savor the good gifts God has given, including the gifts of worship and rest.

Readers will be angry and shocked by Susan Fikse's article about sex and teens. But they might also be forced to wonder: What would our city look like—today and 20 years from now—if every kid in our church understood what the Bible said about sex and marriage? And what if our kids could paint a picture—not of some vague and (seemingly) arbitrary morality—but of the bride of Christ, of the intimate and everlasting unity between God and his chosen people? It's possible that you'll come away from this article discouraged, but asking yourself: How would our neighborhood be transformed if our kids presented a more fulfilling picture of sex than the world's, "if it feels good, do it"?

And if your whole congregation subscribed to byFaith perhaps you'd all be thinking and talking together about how to expand the kingdom. And your neighbors, as they see the subsequent good deeds, might be forced to wonder—perhaps even aloud—what makes you different?

For the sake of the kingdom,



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