



Bezael and Oholiab are two Old Testament characters that you probably didn't hear about in Sunday school, nor will they be honored on top baby name lists any time soon. The story of these two minor, but important figures is told in Exodus, and it's one of the strongest examples in the Bible of God's appreciation for beauty, craftsmanship, and art. In chapter 31, God tells Moses that He has chosen these master craftsmen as the lead designers on the Tabernacle project. *No pressure, right? Just build the earthly dwelling place of Almighty God.* The Lord always equips those He calls, saying in verses 3–5, "I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills—to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, to cut and set stones, to work in wood, and to engage in all kinds of crafts."

We often breeze past these passages in the Bible: the ones full of census accounts, family lineage, and building instructions. As an artist, hearing this story for the first time opened my eyes to the way God cares about art and design, and as you'll read in this issue, there is purpose and pleasure in our making, as we reflect God as the Ultimate Maker and enjoy Him and His creation.

The cover design for this issue was inspired by the three Makers you'll meet in our Feature story. They are artists, filled with the Spirit and filled with skills to engage in all kinds of crafts, and they honor God with the way they bring beauty to life, restore what was broken, and make the most of the resources they have.

We hope you find beauty, purpose, and pleasure in the 2019 issue of *The Pilot*.

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