

King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon besieged Jerusalem and took its people into captivity. He chose from them the most skillful, wise, and educated of their youth to be trained for three years to become his servants.

Daniel was among them. The foods they were being fed were not in alignment with the Jewish faith, so Daniel respectfully asked his leader to test him and his countrymen with their diet for 2 weeks and then decide.

The leader did this, and found them to be superior to all others in his care.

Today's Christians are **BLENDING IN** with the culture.



We have been **CALLED** to live in a culture hostile to God.

We're not victims

We're on mission

Our approaches to culture change:

- Separation**
Removing ourselves from culture and not engaging.
- Assimilation**
Look just like the culture around us.
- Infiltration**
On mission behind enemy lines always working.

Daniel knew the culture and humbly met his leaders where they were.

How do we change the culture?

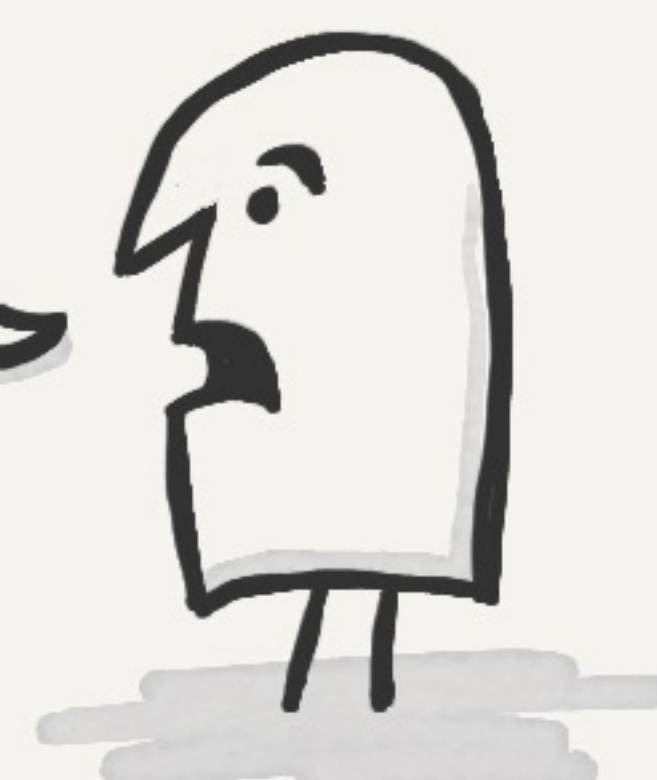
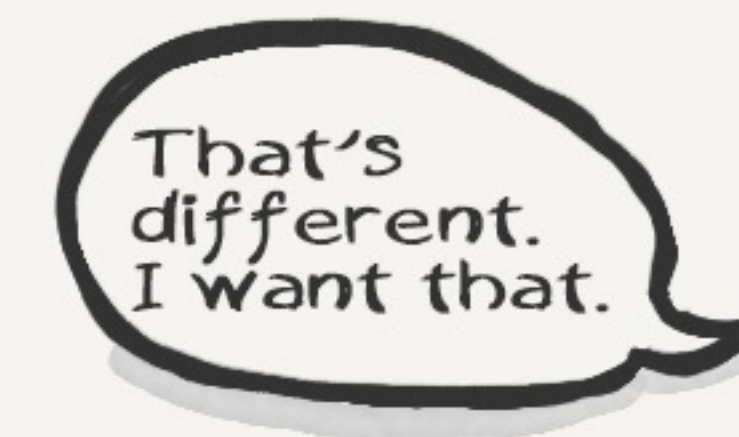
- Conviction**
Know who Christ is to you and what you believe.
- Character**
Your behavior aligns with your beliefs.
- Consistency**
Pursue God daily and live every day on mission.

You can't change the world around you without convictions within you.

Do this with...

~~hatred~~
~~judgement~~

humility
grace



Let the world see the **difference.**