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Why did Daniel have so much influence?

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Key Thought: You cannot make a difference unless you are different.

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