

## Sermon Notes

**Big Idea:** Daniel found himself living in a culture not unlike ours. It was a world of rapid change, moral compromise, and pressure to conform. He found himself face to face with a series of future-defining decisions: compromise his values or stand for his convictions. His character, courage and convictions resulted in a reliable roadmap for the church today.

**Communion → Conviction → Character → Courage → Change**

### Four Potential Postures you can take towards the world:

- Separation
- Assimilation
- Altercation
- Transformation

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 (ESV)

### Two “Influence-Killer’s”

Daniel 1:8-9 (ESV)

- Lack of Respect

*Our influence WITH people will never be greater than our respect FOR people.*

- Lack of Wisdom

Daniel 1:10-16 (ESV)

### Three “Influence-Builder’s”

- Be a person of Integrity
- Be a person of Excellence
- Be a person of Love

Daniel 1:17-21 (ESV)

## Discussion Questions

- 1) What impacted you the most from this week’s message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
- 2) Read Jeremiah 29:1; 4-7. What is your current *posture towards the world*? Have you ever had another? What do you see in others? Explain.
- 3) Read Daniel 1:8-16. Which of the two *Influence Killers* do you struggle with the most? Explain.
- 4) Which of the three Influence Builders do you walk in most consistently? Who do you know who lives these out well? Explain.
- 5) Who is your life are you currently attempting to influence toward the grace and truth of Jesus? What could be adjusted after hearing this sermon?