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Now consider where you see similar forces at work in our own society. How do forces of entertainment, business, politics, culture, etc. work to undermine our Christian identity or re-orient us toward some other ways of thinking, behaving, and being in the world?

Which of these might you be most susceptible to?
How do you need to actively guard against it?

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Is this what you would have done? Why or why not?

How do you think Daniel determined where to take his stand?

What does Daniel's example teach us about where and when we decide to take a stand on things?

Notice the way in which Daniel takes his stand. How would you describe his attitude? What characterizes his interactions with Ashpenaz and with the Babylonian Guard?

In a world of division, conflict, and increasing incivility, what can this teach us about how we behave toward others?

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