



BRAVE

GOD-SIZED CONFIDENCE IN A
POST-CHRISTIAN WORLD

TAKE NOTE – MOVE #1: KNOW YOUR LINES

DISCUSS

1. What has been your experience of this cultural shift? How have you responded?
2. Read Daniel 1. What specific tactics were used to give Daniel and his friends a new Babylonian orientation (vs 3-7)?
3. What steps did Daniel take to provide a creative alternative to the king's plan (vs 11-14)?
4. What can you learn from Daniel's attitude and actions about how to respond when your biblical values are challenged?
5. Read Hebrews 11:13 and Matthew 10:16. How might the cultural freedoms that believers have enjoyed in the Western world contribute to our confusion about the location of our true home?
6. While Daniel and his friends demonstrated godly resolve, they were not obnoxious rabble-rousers. What might it look like for Christians to demonstrate godly resolve in our culture without becoming a nuisance?
7. Our first move is to know our line. What can you do this week to help you think through what lines you should draw?
8. We may not all draw our lines in the same place. How can we maintain clear convictions while also being gracious toward other Christians who draw lines differently?

WORSHIP MOMENT

Each week we will close our time with a worship moment, focusing on a verse or two from some hymns of the faith. Read these lines aloud and talk about what they mean to you. Spend time in prayer focusing on the truths in these verses and asking God to help you make the right moves.

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not, As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

“Great is Thy Faithfulness” By Thomas O. Chisholm

Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise, Let them flow in ceaseless praise. “Take My Life, and Let it Be”

By Frances Ridley Havergal

SOAP JOURNAL EXERCISE WEEK 1

Read: Esther 4

S - Scripture - Choose one verse from the scripture above and hand write it below.

O - Observation - Describe in your own words what you think the verse is saying. Explore words and phrases and try to put down what you “see” in this verse. You can even re-write the verse in your own words.

A - Application - Write down what you should do because of what this verse says. It may be something you need to keep doing, stop doing, or start new. Make it as detailed and specific as possible.

P - Prayer - Write a prayer thanking God for speaking to you, and ask him to help you focus on what he has said and what you should do.