

THE CULTURE'S GREATEST CULPRIT

talk it
over

KEY SCRIPTURE

Genesis 2.25

Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

Genesis 3.10

[Adam] answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

GROW

Read 1 Peter 2.11 // Philippians 3.20

At the time the events of Daniel 5 took place the Jews were living in exile, or displaced from their own country. They lived in a foreign land, under the authority of a foreign ruler, in the middle of a foreign culture. As followers of Jesus we can somewhat relate to living in exile. Scripture says we are foreigners and exiles of the earth, and that our home is in heaven with the Lord. And just like Daniel, we have been given moments of influence in the lives of those we come into contact with on a daily basis. If we have a moment, then we have stewardship of that moment, and with stewardship comes influence over people and ultimately in culture. Our greatest opportunity for influence is not success in culture, but in service to people. And our success is measured not here, but in heaven as we witness to the glory of Jesus for the good of man.

LOOK

Do you ever feel like a stranger here? Does 1 Peter 2.11 help you understand why?

Do you believe you have influence in at least one person's life?

What moments are passing by that you have been given stewardship over?

Are you leveraging your life- gifts, resources, energy, talents- to influence culture for the kingdom?

Or

Are you allowing culture to influence how you leverage your life?