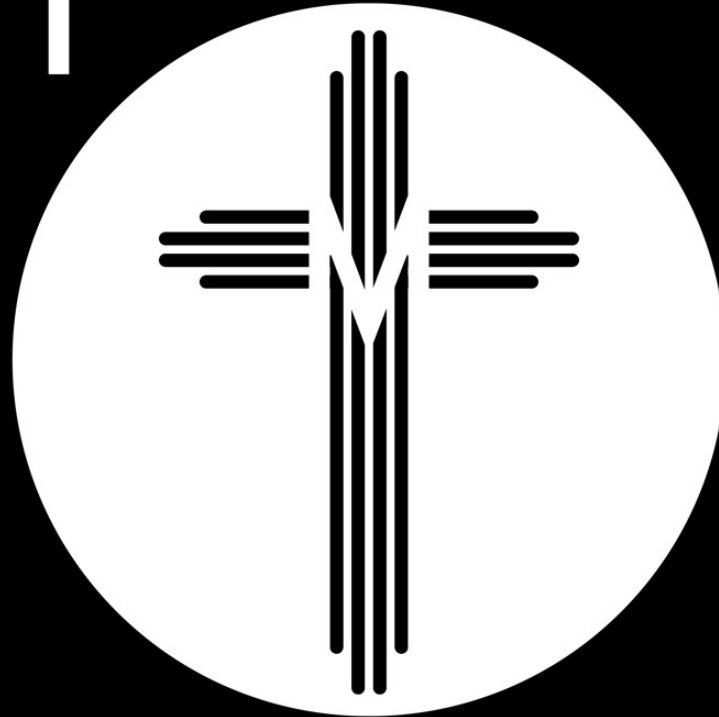


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Daniel 1:8-21

Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do.

1 Corinthians 8:8

Trusting God For Wisdom Amidst A Toxic Culture

Daniel 1:1-7

(1) The King's Determination To Assimilate The Exiles

Behold, the days are coming, when all that is in your house, and that which your fathers have stored up till this day, shall be carried to Babylon. Nothing shall be left, says the Lord. And some of your own sons, who will come from you, whom you will father, shall be taken away, and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon."

Isaiah 39:6-7

Daniel 1:8-16

(2) The Exiles' Determination To
Rely Upon The LORD For Wisdom

In those days I, Daniel, was mourning for three weeks. I ate no delicacies, no meat or wine entered my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, for the full three weeks.

Daniel 10:2-3

At the end of the ten days they looked *healthier and better nourished* than any of the young men who ate the royal food.

Daniel 1:15 (NIV)

At the end of the ten days their appearance seemed better and they were *fatter* than all the youths who had been eating the king's choice food.

Daniel 1:15 (NASB)

Daniel 1:17-21

(3) The LORD's Faithfulness To
Provide Wisdom To The Exiles

Daniel 1:2, 9, 17

Proverbs 3:13-26; 5-8

See, I have taught you statutes and rules, as the Lord my God commanded me, that you should do them in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

Deuteronomy 4:5-8

1 Corinthians 1:10-31

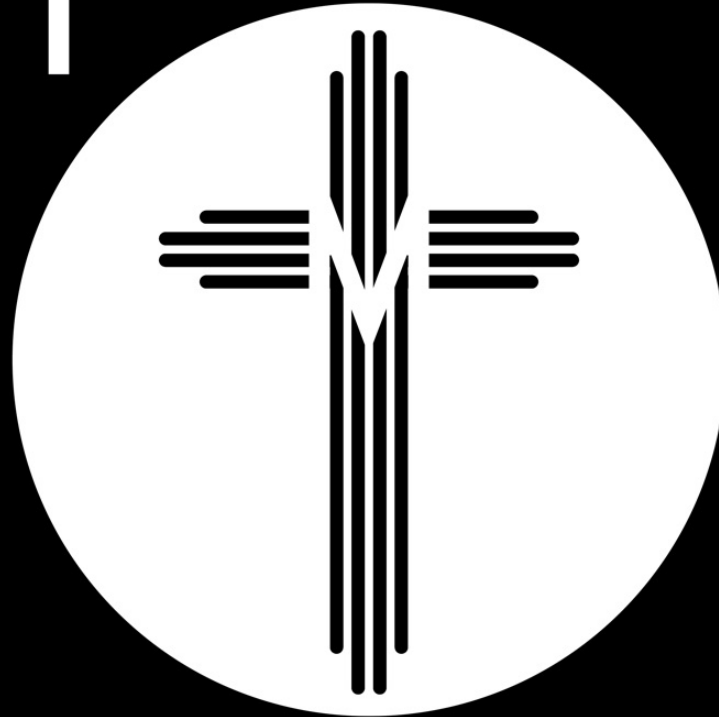
(4) In A Toxic Culture, Relying Upon The
Lord's Wisdom, The Gospel Of Christ,
Will Set Us Apart

1 Corinthians 1:10-31

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

1 Peter 2:9-11

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