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**Resources Used**

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*What do you think of me?* Edward Welch  
*Winning the War in Your Mind* by Craig Groeschel

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