

War Cry

Do you dare to be a Daniel?

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Young men! Young women! Read what the Director of the War College has to say to you!*

When God called Daniel, He used the same method He often used, He took it upon Himself to designate a servant to carry out a special mission. In the eyes of the world, Daniel was one of the least important---a prisoner who was taken away to Babylon by King Nebuchadnezzar.**

What was it that made Daniel into the man he became in the hand of God?

First and foremost, he dared to follow his convictions. He was willing to go without that which others thought they should have the pleasure of, since the King allowed it to be set before them, up to and including ordering them to eat it.

Do you dare to follow your convictions----even if they are in conflict with the wishes and ideas of your nearest and dearest! For example, when it means to separate yourself from all worldliness and even on the outside show that you belong to the despised Nazarenes. Do you dare, like Daniel, to choose to eat vegetables and drink water instead of to adulterate yourself with food and wine which is offered to you elsewhere. Do you dare, despite all the decrees, to open your windows towards Jerusalem and pray to your God. Or, in other words, do you dare to allow your surroundings to know you are a man or woman of prayer?***

Do you dare to show the colors of Golgatha, even if you know you will be persecuted.

Do you dare to pray when everyone around you is scoffing?

Perhaps you are asking what the consequences would be of such courage. Perhaps the same for you as for Daniel. For his bravery he was thrown into the lion's den. But mark well: he didn't need to stay there, instead he could have been pulled out uninjured, and Darius issued a decree that all his kingdom would respect Daniel's God.

"Ah," I hear someone say, "I, like Daniel, want to make the name of God honored; but I am afraid of the lion's den,"

Let me tell you something. Daniel would surely not have been the benefit he became, if he had not dared to defy everything.

Furthermore, it is better to be thrown into the lion's den with the pleasure of God resting upon you than to come there for the sake of evil like the satraps did.

Let me ask you, young men and women, let me ask you, dear friends: Do you dare to serve God as bravely as Daniel? Do you dare to set your future plans aside when you hear the voice of the Lord say, "Whom shall I send, who will be my implement?", [and] answer, "Lord, here I am, send me."

If you dare to do that, then you ought to speak to your officers or write to the Department for Candidates, Östermalmsgatan 24, Stockholm 5.

God needs saved men and women as His messengers, not only in our own country, but more than ever before there are millions of heathens who call out, "Come over and help us!"

And even obey Jesus's order to us to, "Go out into the whole world and make disciples of all the people."

How long do you think you ought to follow Jesus in this regard?

Do you dare to become a Daniel?

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***this is in the marked rectangle just under the title**

****"tjänare" has several meanings, depending on context; it can be a house servant, but also a servant of the Lord, as it is here.**

*****this is the way he wrote the above paragraph, from "Do you....woman of prayer?" See the original printed article. there are subsequent paragraphs which follow the same format---see the original.**