

unlikely HEROES

who you could be will surprise you



MESSAGE: Dare to Be Different

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Some people thrive on being different!

Being different scares most of us to death!

We are wired to conform
Being different in any way feels heroic to many of us!

Being different is only heroic when you do it for the right reasons and in the right ways

Daniel's story . . . (Daniel 1)

Points of connection with us:

He was living in a strange land
He was living in a culture that was hostile to his faith
His struggle was learning how to live faithfully in that hostile culture

What are some heroic reasons to be different?

To blaze a new trail
To stand up to an injustice
To remain faithful to your convictions
To increase the reputation of God in the world

What are some heroic ways to be different?

Be different discreetly
Be different in a way that is results oriented
Be different in a way that reflects the heart of the matter

Looking back on Daniel's story compels me to look forward to ours . . .

As the culture around us is becoming more intolerant of our faith, it is increasingly important that we dare to be different for the right reason and in the right way

"So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." (John 13:34-35 NLT)

The right reason for being different is so the world will know the grace and love of Jesus

The right way to be different isn't by

Being weird

Being hyper moral

Claiming the authority of the Bible

but by being more loving!

THE TEN DAY DANIEL DARE

**For the next ten days, before I interact with anyone in person, online, in an email, or on the phone I will ask,
"What does Jesus' love require of me?"**