



Crazy Faith: Stories from THEN and NOW

Sermon Outline

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Requirements for Crazy Faith

Introduction:

The King asked Ashpenaz to find some youth for his service that:

- have “no defect”
- are good looking
- intelligent
- have common sense and knowledge
- abilities the King can use

The King’s desire was to find these young men, enlist them in a three-year training period, then into his personal service. Interesting note: Even Nebuchadnezzar understood the value of training and discipleship.

The King chose Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. But the King changed their names to pagan names: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego.

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CRAZY FAITH?

1-STEPPING OUT IN CRAZY FAITH will require DISCRETION.

>Daniel made up his mind he would not defile himself with the king’s food. But he honored Ashpenaz in the process. He asked permission.

2-STEPPING OUT IN CRAZY FAITH will require DETERMINATION.

Daniel was determined to abstain from the King’s food.

{Determination=how much you will give or give up in a situation to remain resolute and on course.}

3-STEPPING OUT IN CRAZY FAITH will require DEDICATION.

{Dedication=how long you will remain resolute and on course to accomplish the task.}
Daniel asked for TEN days, but remained resolute for THREE years.

CONCLUSION: your dedication and determination will always affect your destination.

4-STEPPING OUT IN CRAZY FAITH will require a DECISION.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

>How determined are you at following God's commands for your life?

>What temptations are you willing to forego in order to honor the Lord?

>What are you willing to give or, or willing to risk in order to do what God has called you to do?

>How dedicated are you?