

The Power of Non-Conformity

7/8/62 am.

The Situation

① The Babylonian Captivity of Judah.

- Great, Powerful Nation Crushing Everyone.
- Judah is Taken Captive.
- These are a Despised Minority.
- Stubborn Idea of One God - Unseen.
- Their Strange Customs of Prayer and Religious Observance.
- Their Simple Way of Life.
- Their Nostalgia for Home.
- Babylon Threatens to Smother the Life of Judah.

② Nebuchadnezzar's Idol and the Three Young Men.

- Building an Idol and Demanding Three Weapons ^{unseen}.
- Symbolizing Power, Honor and Human Ego.
- Three Young Men Refuse.
- Their Lives are Voted in a Different Battle.
- Thou shalt not have graven images or idols before me.
- The Experience of the fiery furnace.
- That a Fourth walked with them.

Their Statement.

- "Our God will care for us. Even if he doesn't we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image which you have set up."

Then in the furnace: The King

- "But I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods."

- The Victory of the Non-conformists.

The Spirit of the Age

① The Spirit of Ease and Luxury

- Changing Channels on T.V. automatically.
- Failure of Americans to pass physical Exams.

② The Spirit of the Sharp Deal

- "Took Lew 2 took him to the cleaners or what I got away with."
- Inspired by Eddie Gilber, youthful president of Bruce Company.
- Motivation was social acceptance & financial success.
- Bruce climbed from 17 to 28 million in assets and from 26 to 42 million in sales.
- Acquired villa on French Riviera and a 35 room town house in New York.
- Much in his sharp dealing he over-reached himself: buying Celotex, DuPont and a shaky stock market finished him 2 million of the Company's money.
- Fleed to Brazil. Eventually he will have to come home and face trial.

③ The Spirit of Ease and Mission

- The Heater, Home & More. - Tropic of Cancer or Forer.
- Run on our Appetites - Alcohol Mile

- The working of Sex. - Anita Ekberg.

④ Face of Inner Longness

- Key is Safe. Watch for Security and Inner Being.
- We lose inner psychological and spiritual strength to be true to ourselves.
- We become wanderers, floaters, lose people looking for someone to help us.
- Loss of Right and Wrong.

His Spine Wants to Squeeze Us Into Its Mold

① Becomes like Air We Breathe

↳ Disease Germs Which Attack Us Subtly.

- We soon are not aware what it means to be well.

② His Spine Crows and Pushes Us.

- Mass Media Which Can Brain Wash Us.

- The Great Structures That Force Us.

- The Cult of Conformity to Which We All Belong

③ The Great Realities Simply Slip Away

- Liberty is Squeezed.

- Sense of Right and Wrong Disoriented.

- Holy Sense of God Prostituted.

We Are In Desperate Need of Creative Minors

① In the General Sense.

- Socrates The Father of Ideas.

- William Wilberforce Defeating Slavery.

- Abraham Lincoln Suffering Alone.

- Charles Fincham The Lone Eagle.

② In the Christian sense

- John the Baptist.

- Paul in Athens.

- William Carey the Cobbler going to
India

The House of Christian Non-Conformity

① To Become a Christian

- Case aside all other Gods for the One Lord.
- To live in Obedience to His Masters.
- To openly profess Him.
 - "You had the Courage to Come down ^{here}."
- The Best Man going to Church so people would know what side he was on.

② To Be a Christian Parent.

- To Pass time by the Values that Last.
- To Take the Time with The Family.
- To Tell Your Wife You Love Her and
Even Ask her forgiveness now & then.

③ Your Voice in This Community

- Your Attitude in the Word Love.
- Speaking the Word where decisions are ^{Made}.

④ Christ Will Be With You

- He will stand with you in the furnace.

First Baptist Church

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES

July 8, 1962

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

"Yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and for whom we exist."

AT THE DOOR OF THE CHURCH

Organ Prelude—"Aspiration"Titcomb
Processional Hymn—"For The Beauty Of The Earth"167
Invocation
Lord's Prayer and Gloria
Dedication of Parents and Children

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INVISIBLE RESOURCES

Reading of the Holy Scriptures—Daniel 3: 1-7; 24-30
Choral Call to Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
Choral Response

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Anthem—"Come, Ye Disconsolate"Buck

Come, ye disconsolate, where e'er ye languish,
Come to the mercy seat fervently kneel.
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish,
Earth hath no sorrow that Heav'n cannot heal.

Joy of the comfortless, Light of the straying,
Hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure;
Here speaks the comforter, tenderly saying,
Earth hath no sorrow, that Heav'n cannot cure.

Here see the bread of life; see waters flowing.
Forth from the throne of God pure from above.
Come to the feast of Love, come ever knowing,
Earth has no sorrow but Heav'n can remove.

THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

Christian Greetings
Receiving Our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory Solo—"God So Loved The World"MacDermid
Mrs. Merle Schmidt, soprano
Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

THE WORD OF GOD

Sermon by Pastor Fredrikson—"The Power of Non-Conformity"

HUMBLE ENOUGH TO BEGIN

Hymn of Dedication and Decision—"Are Ye Able," said the Master360
Benediction
Choral Response
Postlude

*First Service Only **Second Service Only ***Ushers may seat latecomers

This morning Pastor Fredrikson will greet folks at the balcony door, Pastor Rowe at the side door and Pastor Babcock at the main door.

The service this morning over KELO is sponsored by Kirk's Fine Foods.

EVENING SERVICE

7:30 P. M.

Prelude

Fellowship Singing

Christian Greetings and Announcements

Scripture—Philippians IV

Call to Prayer

Prayer

Prayer Response

Singing a Hymn

Receiving the Offering

Special Music by Cynthia Strom

Evening Message by Pastor Fredrikson—“*When God’s Peace Guards Our Hearts*”
(The last in a series)

Closing Hymn—“Under His Wings”.....231

Benediction—Closing Moments—“When I Survey The Wondrous Cross”

Postlude

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, 6:00 p.m.—Membership Class—Session One

TUESDAY, 10:00 a.m.—Women’s Bible Study
10:00 a.m.—XYZ Meeting in the Parlor

WEDNESDAY, 7:30 p.m.—Midweek Prayer Service and Quarterly Business Meeting

THURSDAY, Noon—Trustees at YMCA
7:00 p.m.—Scouts in Youth Room

SATURDAY, 3:00 p.m.—Faith at Work Tea in Parlor

CHURCH STAFF

Ministers:

Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson.....Pastor
Rev. Albert H. Babcock.....Christian
Education
Rev. James E. Rowe.....New Life

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Assistant
Mrs. Clarence Anderson.....Church

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Dr. Lee Bright.....Director
Dr. Maynard Berk.....Organist
Mr. Harold Wortman.....Youth
Miss Lois Harchanko.....Children

Hostess:

Mrs. Vera Fredrikson

Sextons:

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ysbrand
Mr. Lamont Reichelt