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Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, “King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty’s hand. But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.” Daniel 3:16-18 (NIV)

What Would It Look Like for Us To Be UNBOUND ?

Know Your IDENTITY

More than ever before, technology has made it possible to live a double life. We hide behind our profiles and statuses, only showing the world the parts of us that we find acceptable. We can be whoever we want to be online, never needing to reveal who we really are. We allow our value to be determined by what we wear, how unique we can make ourselves, or how many “likes” we receive. But God knows us to be so much more. Because of Christ, we are sons and daughters, victors and friends. Our identity is in One who loves us as we are and who freely forgives us for what we are not. God is calling us to find our identity in Him and to courageously show our true selves to the world, proud of who we are and unafraid of how we may be received.

Confront the IDOLATRY

Idols today may not be made of gold or sit on our mantels, but continue to be defined as anything in our lives that we put before God, that we dwell on more than Him. God deserves our complete faithfulness, but often we split our devotion among other things. Where our admiration, dedication, and passion are, there our hearts are also, whether it’s the phone in our pocket, winning the championship game, or getting into that prestigious university. When our goals, activities, or desires take priority over our relationship with God, they can become idols in our lives. Modern idolatry may be more sneaky or harder to define, but is just as destructive. God is calling us to give our heart to him, undivided, that we may live freely and rightly. Let’s start by casting aside the things that get in the way of knowing Him more.

Respond in BRAVERY

It was profound commitment that compelled Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to remain standing, refusing to bow before any other god, no matter the consequences. Their actions were so powerful that the course of an entire nation was changed. Elijah, assured of God’s power and existence, fearlessly challenged hundreds of prophets of Baal. Esther confronted the king of her land on behalf of God’s people. Paul boasted of Christ to whomever would listen. Peter stepped out on water. How is God compelling you to respond? How can you expose injustice, defend the oppressed, or commit to integrity? You may not be facing a fiery furnace, so what does it look like to be brave in the small things, the every day things? Stand up with Christ and you’re sure to stand out - just 20 seconds of bravery can change your life, the lives of those around you, and who knows... maybe even a nation.

MORE TO EXPLORE

Peter Steps Out on the Water
Matthew 14:22 -33

Elijah Challenges the Prophets of Baal
1 Kings 18-19

Joshua Leads Them into the Promised Land
Deuteronomy 31:1-8

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There Are More

MARTYRS TODAY

Than Ever Before in History

Many of Our Brothers and Sisters Are Persecuted

Our theme this year is rooted in the biblical record of three young men who were thrown into a fiery furnace because of their belief in God. Miraculously, they were saved.

Their story resonates strongly in our world today because so many believers are being imprisoned, tortured and killed for their faith. Literally thousands of Christians are murdered each year. Countless more are persecuted in subtle and not so subtle ways.

Most likely, your students will have never experienced any sort of real persecution. And most likely they'll be relatively unaware of what's happening in places like Syria and Nigeria and the fifty other restricted and hostile nations where Christians are truly suffering.

Why am I telling you this? Because I think we need to be sensitive. We need to be aware of and acknowledge the real truth about persecution, and not just use this theme as a metaphor. Now don't get me wrong, we believe God wants to use this Unbound theme to help our students understand that they don't have to be trapped by their sin. They don't have to be entangled by poor self-image and encumbered by habitual sin.

But I think it would be disrespectful to those that are suffering to just think of the scriptures in metaphorical terms. Persecution is real. Our brothers and sisters in Christ suffer things we can't even fully imagine.

By the grace of God, I pray that none of our students will ever literally face death for their faith. I hope none will have to bow down or be shot. But let us all recognize that many of our brothers and sisters around the world are having to be brave in the face of the unimaginable. Let's not cheapen their faith. Instead, let's be aware, and as the author of Hebrews writes, let's:

“Remember those in prison, as if you were there yourself. Remember also those being mistreated, as if you felt their pain in your own bodies.”
Hebrews 13:3 (NLT)

So what does this mean for your Mission Adventures ministry? I don't know, exactly. I'm not suggesting that you have to somehow make your students feel something for the persecuted church around the world. I'm not saying that you even have to educate them on the specifics

of what's happening, (although, that might be a great idea). I am saying that we need to treat this theme with respect. And I'm saying it would be good for you to get before the Lord and ask him how he feels about this and what your response can be in the context of *Unbound*.

Peace,

Craig

Here are some resources with more information about persecution around the world:

persecution.com

ijm.org

UNBOUND TEES

ONLY
\$14!

Two Designs!

We've got two amazing designs to illustrate the Unbound theme. You can choose one or the other for your teams, or you can get some of each—it's up to you!

The Garment

This athletic-cut unisex tee is made of a lightweight, super-soft, 60/40 cotton/poly blend. It's heathered, so it's got that cool texture and it looks vintage. And, get this, it's offered in the hottest color for 2015. The construction is all double-needle, so this shirt is designed for years of use.

The Print

The white ink really pops off this tee color. And it's got what they call a *soft hand* in screenprinter's lingo. What that means is that you can barely feel the ink on the shirt. This is one tee that your students are going to love to wear again and again—even after they get home from their outreach.



The Tees Come in a Cloth Sack

The tees come folded and nestled in their very own nifty cloth sack. I can't tell you how many times partners have told us how awesome these little cloth sacks are. Just you wait, you'll see when you get 'em ;)

TEE DETAILS



Unbound Ship

The ship design expresses the freedom of the sea where there are no roads, only unbound adventures. (See what I did there?) The elements include a killer sailing ship surrounded by a rope design. The vintage/hipster look will surely be a favorite, and inspire your students to live out the theme.



Unbound Seal

This seal design is right on point with the hottest hipster trends. All at once it's both a timeless design and it is so very right now! Each element, from the lettering bursting out of the seal, to the birds in flight, to the "Stand Up Stand Out" phrase, illustrates our theme. Your students are gonna love this design!

THE NEXT MA JOURNAL

The Second Edition

The next edition of the *Mission Adventures Outreach Journal* is even better than the first. The MA Design Gnomes™ went over every aspect of the Journal and improved it in oh so many ways.

New Size

We made the Journal more portable—perfect for the on-the-go outreach lifestyle. Even though it only measures six inches wide by nine inches tall, the Journal still has all content you and your students demand.

New Bible Reading Tracks

Although physically smaller, the Gnomes have tripled the number of Bible reading tracks. We're still challenging students to read the Bible every day for 31 days straight, but now, your students will have three different tracks to choose from.



Also Available: Vintage Clic Pen

Perfectly tapered, light weight, with that sweet click action... This is the perfect companion to the Outreach Journal! Available now, for just \$1.00!

MISSION ADVENTURES BAGS

The Mission Adventures Field Bag

This vertical messenger bag is made of heavy duty cotton canvas. It's sleek style and just-right size makes it the perfect bag for outreach or school. Your students are sure to love it's solid construction and unique style. Features include:

- 100% cotton canvas for long-lasting durability
- Enzyme-washed and dyed for a smooth look
- Cotton webbing straps
- Front flap with antique brass turn-buckles (No noisy velcro!)
- Inside hanging zippered pocket
- Just right for a laptop at 12"W x 16"H x 3.5"D)
- Sweet embroidered Mission Adventures logo patch



The Mission Adventures Cinch Backpack

Made of heavy duty cotton canvas to last and last, this bag is a bag that your students will choose to use again and again, long after they've returned home. Features include:

- 100% cotton canvas for long-lasting durability
- Enzyme-washed and dyed for a smooth look
- Cotton webbing straps, (not cheap, uncomfortable strings!)
- Zippered front pocket, (made of metal)
- Roomy at 14½"W x 17½"H
- Sweet Mission Adventures logo silkscreen

UNBOUND STICKERS

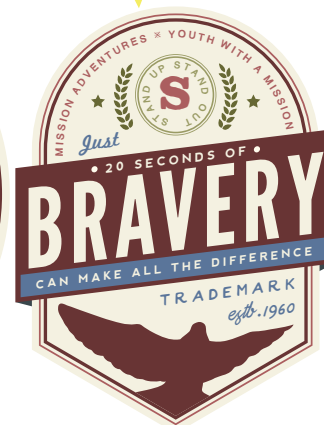


FIVE Designs!

The Mission Adventures Design Gnomes™ couldn't stop themselves! Once they whipped up that spiffy diamond-shaped Unbound badge, they got inspired! The Chief Gnome decided to include three more oval shaped designs—one for each point of emphasis of the Unbound theme. And they decided to round out the collection with a super-sweet hex-shaped MA logo sticker.

Quality, Quality, Quality

These aren't your average cut-rate stickers. These Weather resistant badges are made to stick, and made to last. Your students are gonnu love customizing their stuff with these sweet designs.



NAME TAGS & TATTOOS

Name Tag

We've upgraded the Mission Adventures Name Tags in a big way for 2015! Of course, we have an awesome, thick card stock name tag that features our cool Mission Adventures logo and a large writeable space. But now, it comes with a clear plastic sleeve! That's right, no more tearing! These tags are gonna last all week, and then some! Plus, there's room in the name tag for a schedule or a room key or a very small dog!*

Not only that, but we've really upped our game on the lanyard. This year's lanyard is soft and flat—your teams will really appreciate how this feels on their necks!



*No dogs will fit in the name tag sleeve. Sorry.



Temporary Tattoos!

By popular demand, we've repurposed the amazing tee shirt art into some amazing temporary tattoos! Each design has been miniaturized down to a 3 inch tattoo that's easily applied and long-lasting. They come as a set of two, one of each design, and your students will love to apply them!

STAFF GEAR

The MA Unbound Baseball Tee

Your staff can really show off their team spirit with the baseball tee! It features a super sporty Unbound logo on the front with a big number 20 on the back!



Back Detail

The MA Snapback Cap

It's a classic...flatbill, mesh, with a snapback closure all come together to make one of the sweetest caps ever. Your staff will treasure this bad boy!



Logo Detail

The Twenty Seconds Tee

It's been said that twenty seconds of bravery can change the world... and your staff are gonnu love that they can wear this sweet, lightweight, vintage navy tee to uh... change the world in!



Back Detail

Want the "Twenty Seconds" art on this garment? Or would you prefer the "Unbound" art on the short sleeve tee? We can do that! Just note that on the order form.

Ladies Cut Available!