

## **Spreekteksten – Brandsma, een verhaal voor vandaag**

### **1. Vandaag - ... was sagt uns das vandaag**

Titus Brandsma. What does he mean to us today? Today we will hear about him, from many different voices, from very different angles. First of all, of course, from his mother Tjitske. She remembers, how Titus was born as Anno Sjoerd, and grew up on the farm, near Bolsward.

### **2. Anno Sjoerd ... kinn' wy dat dan net, hjoed?**

At seventeen, Anno Sjoerd joins the Carmelites in Boxmeer. He takes on the monastic name Titus, his father's name. An old fellow brother can still picture him.

### **3. Karmel**

### **4. Rustig ... Solo Dios basta.**

As quiet as life was in the monastery, it is hectic outside. After studying in Rome, Titus ends up in Oss, at first only as a teacher of philosophy for his fellow brothers. But the world knows how to find him, from all sides. And if not, he goes looking for her himself.

### **5. Veel ... Mooi zo en dan nog wat.**

It is 1923. In Nijmegen, the Catholic University of Nijmegen is founded. Titus is one of the first professors.

### **6. Feliciter ... et in terra pax.**

Titus is becoming increasingly troubled by National Socialist rule. When the daily newspapers are obliged to carry N.S.B. advertisements, the limit is reached. Titus writes a letter to all Catholic newspaper editors and distributes it personally.

When the occupying powers find out, things go wrong. The Prior of the convent where Titus lived still thinks back on it often.

### **7. Brief**

( 8. Gefahr )

### **9. Denk aan mij ... dan zie ik hem weer gaan.**

Titus is taken to a cell in Scheveningen. There he immediately stands out. A jailer looks at him with amazement.

## 10. Geheim

### 11. Nabij ... Solo Dios basta

Titus is transferred to Camp Amersfoort. Life there is miserable. Nevertheless, Titus makes an indelible impression on his fellow prisoners.

### 12. Brillenglazen ... Is één met ons. - Is God.

After Amersfoort, Titus eventually ends up in the prison of Kleve. There the ominous name "Dachau" goes around. Titus becomes frightened. He writes a petition to the authorities. But events rumble on. Like a train.

### 13. Wanhoop ... Domine

Titus has been deported to Dachau.

But how can you describe to people of today what it was like there?

That can only be done by someone who has experienced it themselves.

And even then...

A grandfather, talking to his grandchild, makes an attempt.

### 14. Vertel! ... Al is hij niet meer hier.

Titus dies in the infirmary at Dachau, deathly ill and exhausted. Years later, an anonymous nurse testifies, what she thinks she remembers.

### 15. Immerhin ... die Wahrheit sein?

Titus has died. But people keep talking about him. Thinking about him. They continue to hold him in high esteem. So high, in fact, that on May 15, 2022, the Church declared that he is a saint.

One American Carmelite had actually known this for a long time. He has his own story with Titus. A story he, and the church, could not ignore.

### 16. Faith His story breaks free!

But what about us? What is our story with Titus? What can we say about it? At the very least, we can sing together. Will you sing along?

### 17. Veelstemmig

### 18. Nada te turbe