

**WAR DEPARTMENT
AIRCREW MANUAL**

Training For A Successful Mission

A MAN OF COURAGE

A characteristic of being a man is to have courage.

WARM UP

A farmer, sitting on the steps of a tumbledown shack, was approached by a stranger who stopped for a drink of water. "How's your wheat coming along?" asked the stranger. "I didn't plant any", the farmer replied. "Really?", said the stranger, "I thought this was good wheat country?". "Afraid it would rain", explained the farmer. "Well how is your corn crop?", enquired the stranger. "Ain't got none", said the farmer, "Afraid of corn blight". The stranger, confused but persevering, continued, "Well, sir, how are your potatoes?" "Didn't plant no potatoes either - afraid of potato bugs." "For Pete's sake, man," the stranger responded, "What did you plant?" "Nothing," said the farmer. "I just played it safe".

Fear kept him from taking risks, and as a result, he lost out.

BACKGROUND

The Lake of Galilee was notorious for its storms - they often came without warning. These storms have been described as being very fearsome. It is not surprising that the disciples were afraid. What they needed to learn was to trust in Jesus. And He says to them, "Do not be afraid, how is it you have no faith?"

READ Mark 4:35-41



QUESTIONS FOR INTERACTION

1. What do you think are the reasons for fear?
2. Is there such a thing as healthy fear?

3. Talk about some of the people that you admire because of their courage.

4. Share with the group some of the things you fear most in life.

5. How can we help one another overcome fear that prevents us from being the men God would have us to be?

CONSIDER THIS

"It takes courage to stand up and be counted, but it takes more courage to keep standing up after you have been counted."

Miguel Cervantes



WRAP UP

Make a commitment with one another to encourage each other to overcome fears that have been expressed tonight.



IT'S TIME FOR PRAYER

MY RESPONSE AS A PROMISE KEEPER

Each day in my prayers I will ask the Lord to give me courage to stand as a Christian man. As a Promise Keeper I will encourage other men to stand for what is right.