

# Why are we afraid?

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**Fearless Discussion 1**

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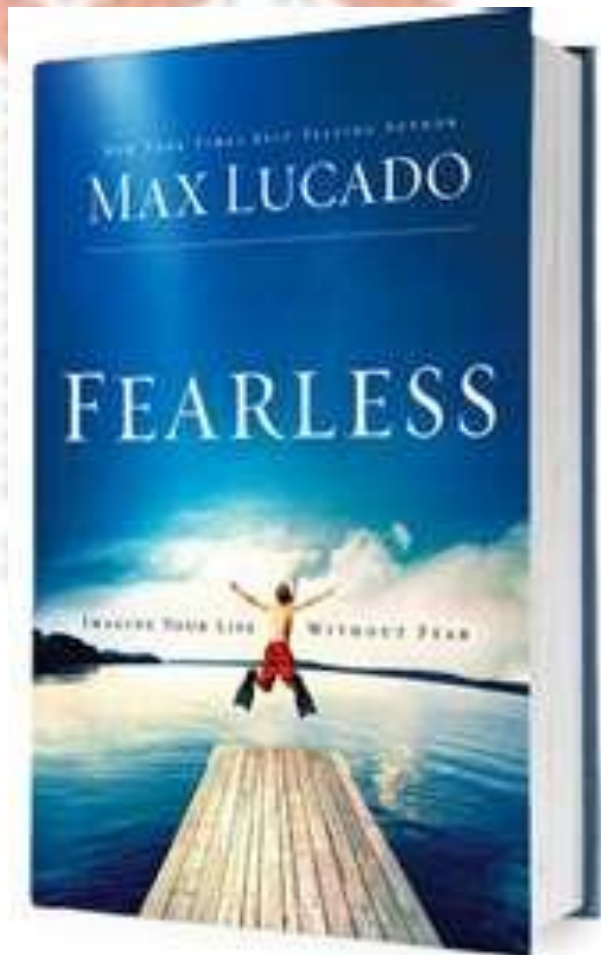
**January 30, 2012**

# AGENDA

7 pm to 8:30 pm

- MUSICAL WORSHIP: 7:00 to 7:10 PM
- FEARLESS VIDEO: 7:10 to 7:15 PM
- INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS 7:15 to 7:30 PM
- GROUP DISCUSSION 7:30 to 7:40 PM
- SHORT BREAK 7:40 to 7:45 PM
- TABLE DISCUSSIONS 7:45 to 8:15 PM
- GROUP DISCUSSION 8:15 to 8:25 PM
- CLOSING COMMENTS 8:25 to 8:30 PM

# Let's Watch Max Lucado Now

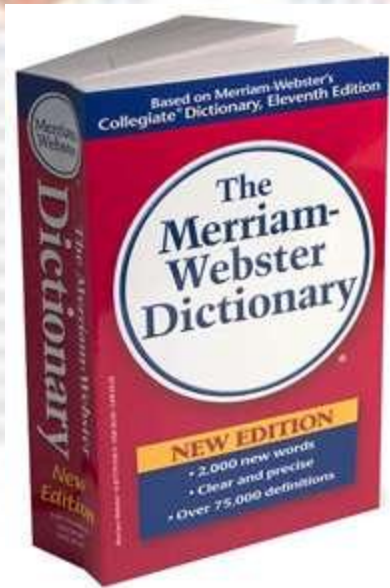


## 7:10 pm



# INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

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**FIRST, LET'S DEFINE OUR TERMS.**

# Definition of FEAR

*from Merriam Webster's Online Dictionary*

- **Meaning:** an uneasy state of mind usually over the possibility of an anticipated misfortune or trouble
- **Synonyms:**
  - alarm,
  - anxiety,
  - dread,
  - fright,



# Definition of FAITH

*from Merriam Webster's Online Dictionary*

- **Meaning:** firm belief in something for which there is no proof; complete trust in God
- **Synonyms:**
  - Trust,
  - Belief,
  - Hold

Know

Believe

Rely



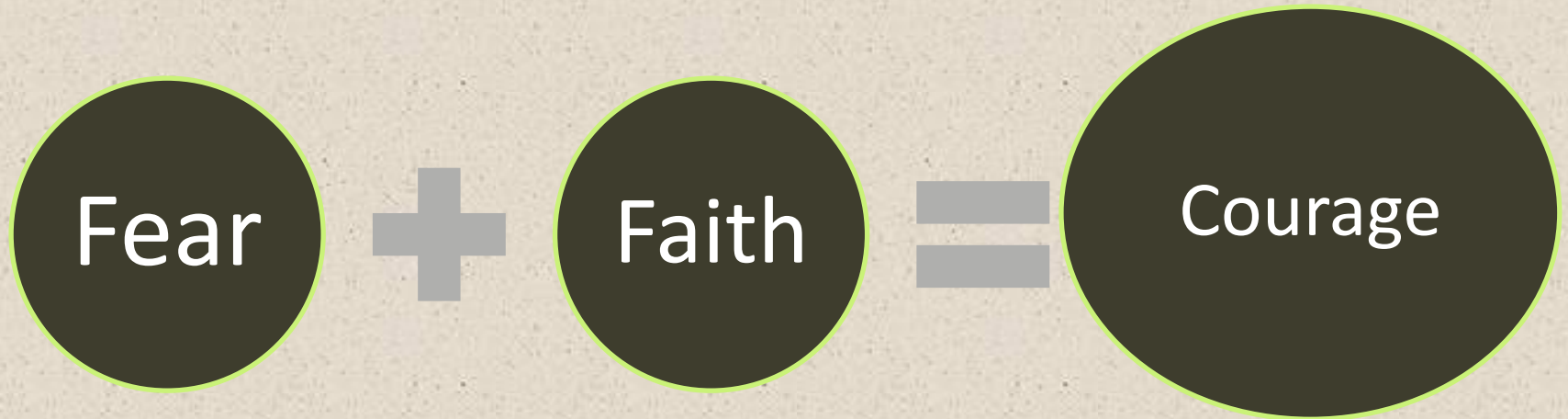
# Definition of COURAGE

*from Merriam Webster's Online Dictionary*

- **Meaning:**  
strength of mind  
to carry on in  
spite of danger
- **Synonyms:**
  - bravery,  
daring, fearless



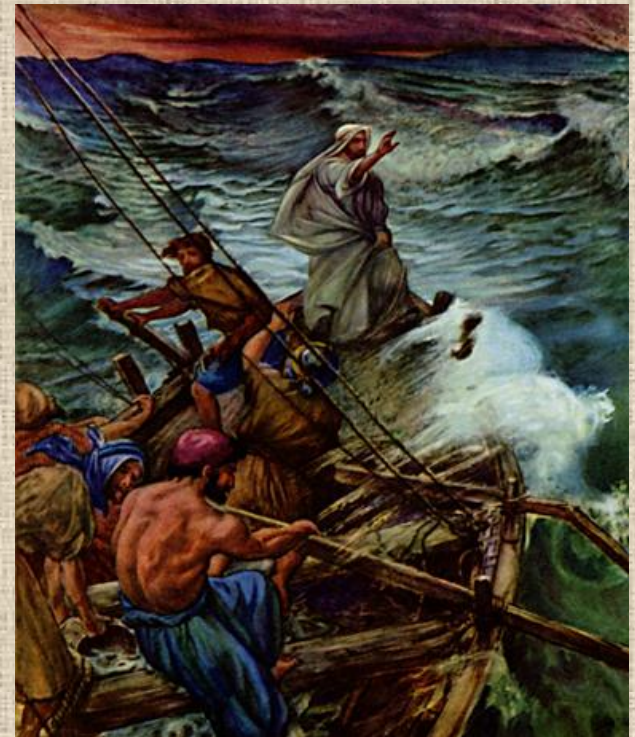
# Relationship between Fear, Faith and Courage



# Group Discussion

## 7:30 pm

- **Matthew 8:23-27**
- **23 When He got into the boat, His disciples followed Him.**
- **24 And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being covered with the waves; but Jesus Himself was asleep.**
- **25 And they came to Him and woke Him, saying, “Save us, Lord; we are perishing!”**
- **26 He said to them, “Why are you afraid, you men of little faith?” Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and it became perfectly calm.**
- **27 The men were amazed, and said, “What kind of a man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?”**



# Table Discussion

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- 1. What kinds of storms do believers face today?
- 2. Does God promise you a life without storms?
- 3. What purposes do storms serve for Christians?
- 4. What's the key to weathering the storms of life?

# Table Discussion

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- 1. How Does Fear Corrode our confidence in God's goodness??
- 2. Why does fear make it harder to love?
- 3. Has fear stopped you from accomplishing things for God?
- 4. How can you stop feeling afraid?



## **CLOSING COMMENTS**

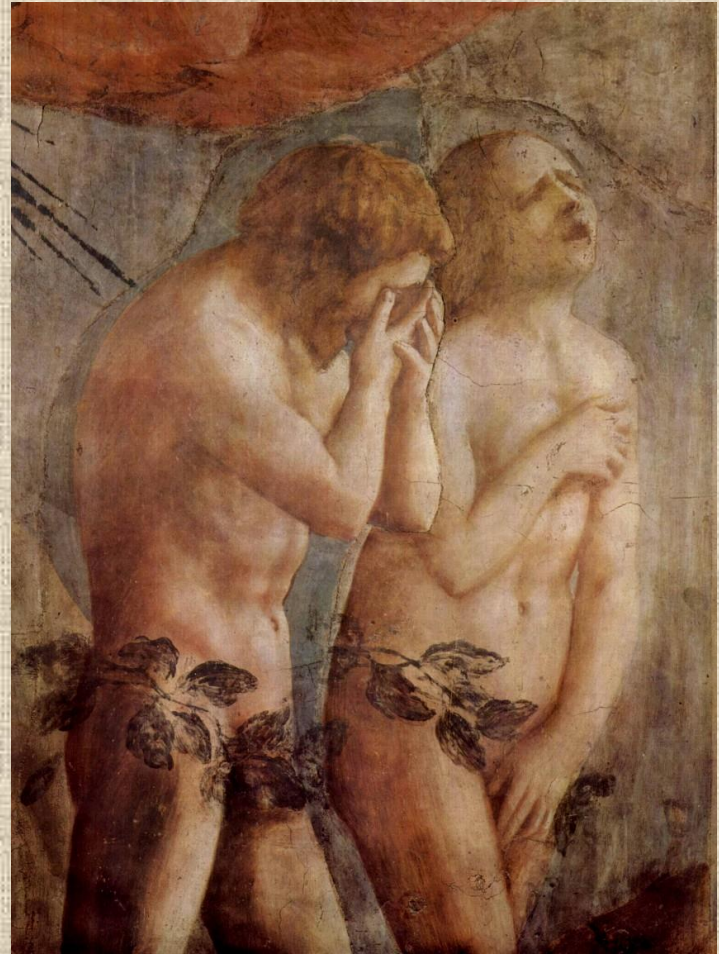
**8:15 PM**

**SO THEN, WHY ARE WE AFRAID?**

# We are afraid because we're sinners

Genesis 3:10

- He said, “ I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.”



# We are afraid because we're sheep

- **Deuteronomy 20:8**
- Then the officers shall speak further to the people and say, ' Who is the man that is afraid and fainthearted? Let him depart and return to his house, so that he might not make his brothers' hearts melt like his heart.'



# We are afraid because we're human

- **Genesis 26:7**
- When the men of the place asked about his wife, he said, “ She is my sister,” for he was afraid to say, “my wife,” thinking, “ the men of the place might kill me on account of Rebekah, for she is beautiful.”