

# Why are we afraid?

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**Fearless Discussion 1**

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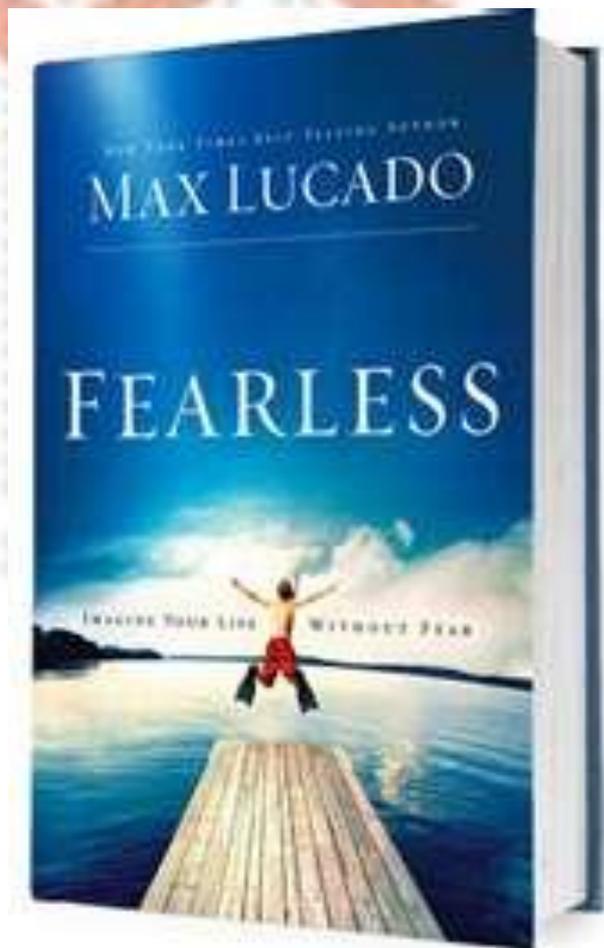
**January 30, 2012**

# 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

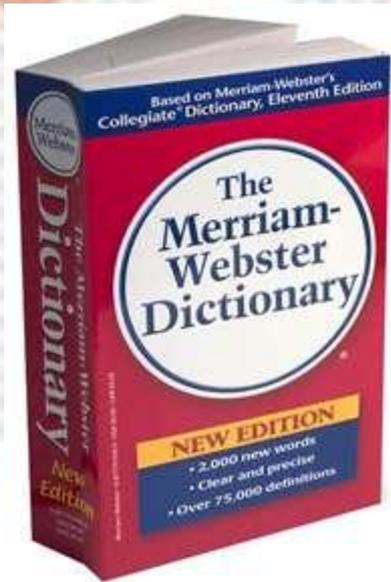


## 7:10 pm



# 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



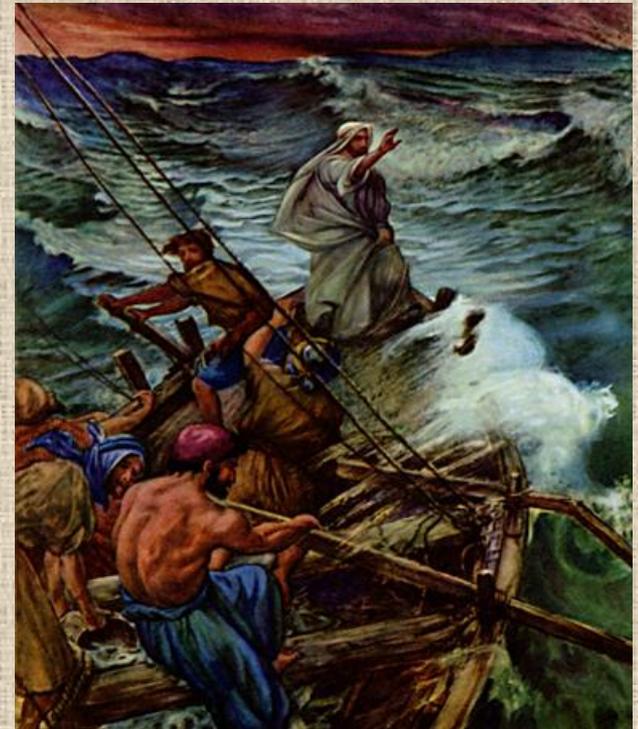
# Relationship between Fear, Faith and Courage



# 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.”