

# WAR DEPARTMENT AIRCREW MANUAL

## Training For A Successful Mission

### BEING THE MAN

What has happened to the men in our world, the men who were the true heroes of honour, respect and trustworthiness?

#### WARM UP

What does it mean to be a man in today's world? "The NZ Herald" newspaper on June 1st 2006 said, "Where once manliness was defined by our commitment to our families as husbands, fathers and providers; our commitment to our land, our neighbourhood and our community; our service to our country; our courage under pressure, in adventure or under fire, today's manliness seems to be defined by hugely paid sportsmen or mincing 'metrosexuals'".

#### BACKGROUND

The letters of Paul to Timothy are like the advice that a man who is nearing the end of his life passes on to his trusted student. These letters are important in that they clearly show the sort of advice that we need to heed as men if we are to be effective for God. In this reading we are told that our weapons are to be faith and a good conscience.

**READ** 1 Timothy 1:18-20



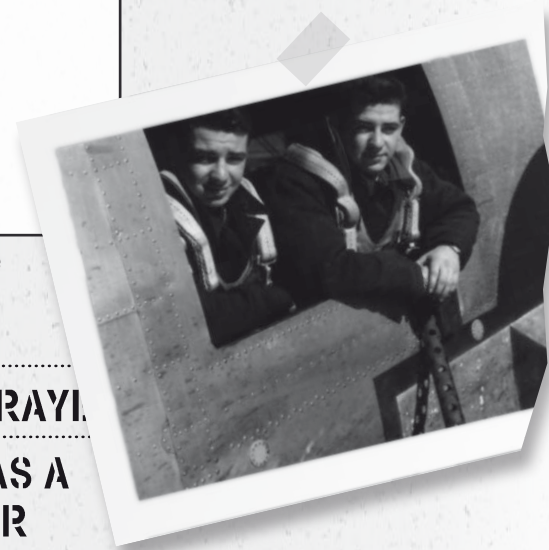
#### QUESTIONS FOR INTERACTION

1. What do you think are the important qualities of being a man?
2. Who are some of the men in society that you could look up to as real men? Describe what it is about them that makes them real men to you.

3. What are some of the manly qualities that you would want to aspire to?
4. Do you think that men today have become "selfish, self-absorbed, greedy, grasping, immoral for which 'I'm alright Jack' is the anthem"?
5. Talk about how as a group you can encourage one another to be better Christian men.

#### CONSIDER THIS

From John Eldredge's book "Wild at Heart":  
"A man is fierce... passionate... wild at heart? You wouldn't know it from what normally walks around in trousers. If a man is the image of the Lion of Judah, how come there are so many lonely women, so many fatherless children, so few men around."



**WRAP UP** Together share what is the most exciting thing you would like to do as a man.



#### IT'S TIME FOR PRAYER MY RESPONSE AS A PROMISE KEEPER

Each day I will resolve to do what is right rather than take the easy way out. I will be a warrior for my family.