



Faith is having complete trust or confidence in someone or something.

Objective: While participating in a guided discussion, each airman will discuss the importance of faith in themselves and beyond oneself.

Facilitator Aides

Lesson Outline

Ideal Lesson Time: 60 min.

Introduction

MP 1. Faith – Small Group Discussion

MP 2. Faith – Facilitated Discussion

Conclusion

[USAF Band Link](#)

Airman’s Creed

Oath of Enlistment

Code of Conduct Articles

[A Moment of Truth Video](#)



How important is it for your fellow Airmen to place their faith in you? Remember, religion is only one example of faith.

"Only our individual faith in freedom can keep us free." -- Dwight D. Eisenhower

Introduction

Show music video clip from USAF Band, Max Impact *This Flag* (3:40)

-- Today we are going to talk about faith and how important it is to believe in yourself and something bigger than yourself.

MP 1. Faith – Small Group Discussion

Creed, Oath & Code of Conduct
Discuss Importance of Faith

Facilitator Action: State/share with class:

- *Civilian Airmen take the Oath of Office too.*
- *When it comes to the Code of Conduct and surviving a POW situation, our Air Force doctrine advises:

 - o *Maintaining the qualities of being an “American, fighting in the forces which guard my country and our way of life,” requires a love of and faith in the U.S. and a conviction that the U.S. cause is just.*
 - o *Honorable survival in captivity depends on faith in and loyalty to fellow prisoners of war.*
 - o *The best way for a prisoner of war to keep faith with the U.S., fellow prisoners of war, and him or herself is to provide the enemy with as little information as possible.*
 - o *To best survive the situation, military personnel must maintain faith in their country, in fellow detainees or captives and, most importantly, in themselves.**
- *When it comes to Ethical Values, being faithful to one’s convictions is part of integrity. Fidelity, faithfulness, allegiance, and devotion are all synonyms for loyalty.*
- *In our Air Force Core Values, Service Before Self demands that each Airman keep faith in the system.*
- *Trust is important in creating a healthy team because information needs to be shared and accepted in good faith.*

Anticipated Replies and Side Notes

Facilitator Note:
Break class into groups. Give each group a printout of one of the following (Airman’s Creed, Side-by-side Oath of Enlistment, and Code of Conduct Articles) to read through and discuss how faith is identified in the document and what it means to them. After discussing in the small groups, bring the groups back together to the large group. Ask the groups to read their document aloud and share what their group discovered about the importance of faith.

MP 2. Faith – Facilitated Discussion

Self, Others & Beyond
CAF – Spiritual Pillar

LOQ: Does it surprise you that our civilian Airmen take an Oath of Office? Why do we need to have faith in our civilian Airmen?

LOQ: How important is the ability to call upon faith for a prisoner of war? How is faith depicted in the Code of Conduct Articles?

LOQ: Were you surprised that our Air Force guidance ties faith to integrity, loyalty, service, and trust? If so, why or why not?

LOQ: In what aspects do you have faith in yourself? What about in others? Is there something larger than you or another person that you have faith in?

Facilitator Action: State – Comprehensive Airman Fitness (CAF) has four pillars. Can anyone tell me what they are?

LOQ: How does faith fit into the Spiritual Pillar of Comprehensive Airman Fitness (CAF)? How might faith be different from Airman to Airman? Why is it important for us to honor other’s faith traditions?

Conclusion

Show A Moment of Truth Video, *Not Forgotten* (3:51)

Anticipated Replies and Side Notes

Anticipated Responses:
Commander in Chief is a civilian; we are all Airmen, need to trust our wingmen.

Anticipated Responses:
Might mean the difference between surviving or not; faith in self, fellow POWs, in the system, in my God.

Anticipated Responses:
Mental, Physical, Social & Spiritual

Anticipated Responses:
Various Faith groups are represented, some Airmen do not have faith in a higher being/God but do in humanity, the flag, the U.S.

ASSESSMENT QUESTION: Do the participants have a clear understanding of how Faith contributes to their identity?