

### **News Story Summary**

On Tuesday, April 17, the pilot of Southwest flight 1380 was forced to make an emergency landing after shrapnel from an engine explosion penetrated the fuselage. Passengers on the plane were complimentary of the pilot's demeanor and calm response. Several identified the pilot as Tammie Jo Shults, a former military pilot who was one of the first female Navy fighter pilots. After landing the crippled plane, Mrs. Shults came to the passenger area and addressed each passenger personally. The air traffic controller noted that Mrs. Shults even thanked them for their help after landing the plane.

(For more on this story, search the Internet using the term "Tammie Jo Shults".)

### **Focus Attention**

To supplement the Focus Attention idea, while discussing the questions printed at the beginning of the session (about being in and out of our comfort zone), share the news story about Tammie Jo Shults. Ask: *Do you think the pilot felt outside here comfort zone? Explain.* Continue the step as written.

### **Summarize and Challenge**

To supplement the Summarize and Challenge ideas, begin by reminding the group about Mrs Shults. Ask: *What role do you think her experience played in that situation? How might her experience be an encouragement to other pilots in the future?* Emphasize the importance of what was learned from the experience that might help future pilots. Explain that our experiences can also help other believers as they face challenges. Review the bulleted statements under Apple the Text, completing the step as written.