

SOAR LIKE EAGLES

Our eyes are on Jesus and our resting place is living in the presence of the Most High God.

**'He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High,
shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. - Psalm 91:1**

Spending time with God in prayer, praise and the Word helps us rise to new heights through the power of the Holy Spirit. We begin to soar in our spirit like eagles. The word eagle in the Greek language is aetos. It can mean: to blow as the wind or become one with the wind. The Holy Spirit is like the wind. God wants us to let Him take us wherever His wind of the Spirit takes us. What an adventure! When I first began preaching occasionally I would look for illustrations to use in my messages. I bought this book of 20,000 sermon illustrations which was over 5 inches thick! As time went on, I never used it again. God had provided me with illustrations from my own adventures of walking with Him. You have been reading some of them in these messages. This past summer some of our Tuesday night prayer meetings deprived me of some sleep time, but the afterglow of his presence gave me energy for the next day.

**'Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall
mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.' - Isaiah 40:31**

To wait on God is to put our hope and expectation in Him. As we do so, He raises us up to a higher place, a place where eagles soar! Airline pilots have seen eagles soaring at 15,000 feet (2.8 miles/4.57km). Eagles can reach 10,000 feet in just minutes. Although eagles are very strong, when they are at lower elevations they can be harassed by smaller birds such as hawks and crows and even be grounded.

When we are living at the low levels of daily life, there are annoying people and circumstances that can weigh us down with discouragement. They do not have to. Jonah had reached a very low place, trapped in the belly of a great fish and wrapped with seaweed. He then remembered the Lord and made his sacrifice of thanksgiving to Him. God launched him up to a higher place which happened to be the dry land.

- Jonah 2:6-9

Turbulent winds are what allow the eagle to reach its highest altitudes where it glides effortlessly. When we face the headwinds of life, we can make headway as we remember Jesus and his promises to us. We are seated with him in the heavenly realms far above all principalities and powers - Ephesians 2:6. At that great height, our daily life struggles can take on a different perspective, for we can see farther.

Eagles can see farther at high altitudes. The eagle's eyes are six times clearer in vision than human eyes. Humans have difficulty seeing a quarter (25 cent coin) at 35 yards away. An eagle can see a quarter from 200 yards away and can see a small fish in water a mile (1.6km) away. Our vision goes beyond the natural into supernatural realms when we are sensitive to the Holy Spirit, who has all wisdom and knowledge.

Jesus promised that his Spirit would show us things to come - John 16:13-14. There are other benefits to soaring higher.....falling in love!

During mating season, the female eagle will carry a stick up to a high elevation and drop it near a prospective male. If he is interested in her, he will swoop down, grab the stick and return it to her. This flirtation may be repeated a few times. Both of them will then soar to a great height, lock their talons together, draw in their wings and tumble downward in the air together in the mating process. They unlock their talons before hitting the ground and then spread their wings to ascend once again.

During the summer and autumn of 2014, I soared in the Spirit with a small band of prayer-mates who also wanted to go higher in their spiritual journey. We grew closer to God and one another. Many good things were conceived among us, including this weekly letter. The greatest benefit. We fell in love!

Prayer produces intimacy.....with God and with one another.

Want to soar with me and other spiritual eagles? Meditate on Ephesians 1:15-23 in the coming messages.

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