

Mother's Wings like Eagles

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Pr 31:10 *"Who can find a virtuous (Hayil: a strong force) woman?"*

Where does her strength come from? (Phil. 4:13; Isaih 40:31) *"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles"* Why like Eagles?

Deut. 32:11,12 *"As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: so the Lord alone did lead him..."*

Deut. 32 reminds us that God intentionally grows us much the same way as a Mother Eagle prepares her young for flight. In many ways the way God uses Mothers parallels this journey.

Why does God (and Moms) "Stir up" our Nests?

1. To move us out of our comfort zones.

Nests are places of preparation, not destination!

A. The Comfort of the nest.

1) Built with great care and effort.

Huge (>5' and weigh up to 1 ton); Comfortable; High (Usually >75' in trees or cliffs.)

2) Mom's have a powerful "nesting" instinct! They're natural "comforters".

Titus 2:5 *"keepers at home"* Oikourgos': domestically inclined, guardians of the "nest".

B. The Challenge of Change Deut. 32:11

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1) Mother eagles (and moms) "stir up the nest" by:

a) Removing the comfortable lining. (Which she put there in the first place!)

Stirreth: 'ûr: to wake up! (opening the eyes)

b) Motivating responsible independence *"fluttereth over her young"*

raw-khaf': to move or shake. (It's easy to grow apathetic in the comfort of the nest!)

2) Moving a child from complete dependence to independent "flight" is a painful journey!

2. To Remind us of our own inadequacy.

A. The Provision Of The Parent.

- 1) In the nest, everything is provided for. *It is easy to live off of the labor of others, But mom knows she won't be around forever!*

B. The Presumption Of The Proud

- 1) Young eagles gain a pound every 5 days. *(They're almost full size by 6 weeks.)*

- 2) Their wings are developed by 8 weeks and they feel "grown up."

Their Bodies have outgrown their brains!

- 3) Parents drop live food in the nest for them to kill.

- 4) Soon they feel they don't need mom, *even while they're still in her nest!*

- 5) They begin to fight mom! Dt. 32:15 *"But Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked"* (bā'at: despised)

- 6) The parents progressively and intentionally bring less and less food!

- a) The young eagles begin to resent their parents!

- It's usually the immature who think they can handle the world alone!

Jn 15:5 *"Without me ye can do nothing!"*

- It's often through failure that we're humbled, and through humility that we find success!

1 Pt. 5:6 *"God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble."*

- The "turbulent teen" Years take a terrible toll, but the parents are willing to pay the "toll" of their children's anger because they understand the importance of independence.

Micah 2:10 *"Arise ye, and depart; for this is not your rest: because it is polluted, it shall destroy you, even with a sore destruction."* Destruction: ḥēbel: Cord or noose, ruin!

Wood Ducks have to leave the Nest after only 1 day to avoid predators!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bDJw43BJtCE>

Conclusion: Why does God stir up our nests?

- To Move us from our comfort zones.
- To Remind us of our own inadequacy.

Ultimately to Prepare us for Flight! *"Mount up with wings as eagles"* Is. 40:31

Is God Stirring up your nest?

- Moving us from our comfort zones? (Or making them less "comfortable")
- Reminding us of our own inadequacy?

Perhaps He's simply preparing you to fly! Is 40:31 *"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings as Eagles"*

A Mother's Prayer

Had I been Joseph's mother, I'd have prayed protection from his brothers.

"God, keep him safe. He is so young, so different from the others."

Mercifully, she never knew, there would be slavery and prison, too.

Had I been Moses' mother, I'd have wept to keep my little son:

praying she might forget the babe drawn from the water of the Nile.

Had I not kept him for her nursing him the while, was he not mine? –

and she but Pharaoh's daughter?

Had I been Daniel's mother I should have pled 'Give Victory!'

—this Babylonian horde, godless and cruel—Don't let him be a captive—

better dead, Almighty Lord.'

Had I been Mary, Oh, had I been she, I would have cried as never a mother cried,

'Anything, O God, anything...—but crucified.'

With such prayers importunate my finite wisdom would assail Infinite Wisdom.

God, how fortunate that Infinite Wisdom should prevail."



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