

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 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.

A. The Comfort of the nest. 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..."*

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. To Humble us (Remind us of our own inadequacy.)

A. The Provision Of The Parent.

B. The Presumption Of The Proud

3. To Prepare us (for Flight!) Is 40:31 *"mount up with wings as eagles!"*

Nests are places of preparation, Not Destination! Micah 2:10

A. Preparation for flight.

1) Parents stop dropping food in the nest! They hold it just out of their reach, forcing them to "jump up" to get it.

2) They lose a lot of "baby fat" doing this. (What they think is cruelty is actually conditioning them for flight!)

3) The young begin to resent (even fight) their parents! Dt. 32:15 *"But Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked"* (bā'at: despised)

B. Separation from the nest.

1) His hunger drives him to the edge.

2) His wings catch the wind and he glides (crashes) to the ground to find his own food.

3) He usually fails to find food and doesn't know how to fly from the ground!

C. Now they're Finally Teachable!

1) The parents watch from a distance.

2) If they fail to find food, they help him.

3) They teach him how to take off & hunt. 1 Pt 5:5 *"God resisteth the proud, (antitas'sōmai: lines up against) and giveth grace to the humble."*

Conclusion: Is God Stirring up your nest?

Moving you from your comfort zones? (Making them less “comfortable”?)

Reminding you of your inadequacy?

Perhaps he’s preparing you for Flight!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T-po1vJeMHg&t=5s>

Observations:

- Many of our “hard times” may simply be “preparations for flight!” (James 1:2-5)
- Failures need not be final! (Is. 61:1-4)
- We’re not called to succeed, but to obey! (Isaiah 55:6-9) *God is watching, and waiting, just beyond our obedience, to bless us and take us to the next phase.*
- Faith doesn’t grow through comfort, But through Crisis! (2 Cor 4:16-19)
The tonka bean tree, (Dipteryx oleifera) in Panama has developed the ability to benefit from direct lightning strikes. <https://eos.org/articles/some-tropical-trees-benefit-from-lightning-strikes>

Application:

Nests (nurseries) are places of preparation, *Not Destination!*

The same is true of Churches.

1) We Gather to Grow! Eph. 4:11-16 *“for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ;”* (see also Hebrews 5:12-13)

Heb 5:14 *“But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, (telios: complete) even those who by reason of use (hexis: Habit) have their senses (aisthētēr’ion: judgment) exercised (gymnazō: trained) to discern both good (kalos: valuable) and evil.”* (Kakos: worthless)

2) We Grow to Serve! Ex 19:4-6 *“Ye have seen what I did ... and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself. 5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: Ex 19:6 “And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation.”*

1 Peter 2:9 *“ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:”*

Is. 40:31 *“they that wait upon the LORD shall renew (ḥālāp : to Substitute) their strength! (2 Cor. 12:9; Phil. 4:13) They shall mount up with wings as eagles”*

Will you “wait” on the Lord as He prepares you, not just survival, but for victorious service!

Ro. 8:37; 1 Jn 4:4; 5:4