

Remnant Life Church
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Becoming An Eagle Christian

Part IV

“Born To Soar”

Isaiah 40:31

Review:

- Part I – The birds of the church
- Part II- The eagle throughout the history of culture
- Part III – Learning to fly

YOU WERE BORN TO SOAR!

Unrivaled in Flight

1. Certain types of eagles have been documented at heights of 25,000 feet.
2. Eagles have been observed over the ocean between New York and England.
3. One was spotted over 900 miles south of Greenland.
4. With their incredibly powerful wings they can, in just a matter of moments, obtain heights in excess of 12,000 feet.

On Eagles Wings

1. Three primary characteristics of the eagle’s wings that set it apart –
 - a. Lightness
 - b. Flexibility
 - c. Great Strength
2. Slots between the wings reduce drag caused by the air flowing around the wing giving it greater efficiency to make use of even the slightest updraft.
3. Not only can it use the lightest breezes but the wing structure allows it to hover virtually unmoving in gale force winds.
4. The wings also allow for tremendous speed – one type of eagle has been tracked at nearly 200 mph in a dive to capture prey.
5. Aircraft designers have unsuccessfully tried to copy the slotted wing structure.

Mounting Up

Isaiah 40:31

1. Mount up, in the original language, means to ascend or be high up; other meanings - to increase, grow, recover, restore, and to perfect.
2. Knowledge of the thermal currents is important
 - a. As the sun rises the air begins to heat up.
 - b. The “flappers” of the bird kingdom take to the air early
 - c. The eagle waits often until mid-day before its first flight of the day.
3. The eagle flies on the winds of the thermal currents.

- a. The eagle has control of the flight but the current provides the power.
- b. Power does not originate within us
 - i. **Exodus 3** – Moses at the burning bush – “I don’t speak well”
 - ii. **Judges 6** – Gideon called to be the leader of his people – “I am from the smallest tribe:”
 - iii. **John 5:19** – (Jesus says) “*Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.*”

Greater Vision

1. Eagle vision is many, many times more acute and sharper than human.
2. Altitude adds to the field of vision.
3. The Chicken and Turkey, confined to the ground can only see a few feet in either direction.
4. The Crow, flying at 30 feet can see a few hundred yards,
5. An eagle soaring at 10,000 feet can see clearly on the ground for many miles around.
6. The higher we soar in the spirit the further off we can see to spot the approach of the enemy.

Soaring in the Church

1. The thermal wind of the Holy Spirit is available to us.
 2. Many Christians are unaware of it because they will not sit and wait for it.
 3. Flapping Christians rely too much on their own efforts and miss the move of the Holy Spirit.
 4. Eagle Christians wait on the Lord so that when they rise it is in the strength of the Lord.
 5. Eagle Christians are never satisfied to be “earth bound” but always desire the thermal winds of the Holy Spirit to lift and move them.
- YOU WERE BORN TO SOAR!
 - This does not mean that everything is perfect in your life
 - **Matt 13** – the parable of the soils
 - Jesus said, “*When persecutions come...*”
 - Satan wants you to believe the lie that with each difficulty it means you are “grounded”
 - The times of difficulty come to enable us to soar through and sometimes even above them on the thermal wind of the Holy Spirit to God’s glory!
 - Are there things in your life that you are allowing to remain that are keeping you grounded?