

Wings like Eagles

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Isaiah 40:31 *"They that wait upon the Lord shall... mount up with wings 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 "stirs 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!)

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.

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.

4) Soon they feel they don't "need" mom.

5) They begin to "fight" mom! Dt. 32:15 *"But Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked"*

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

➤ 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."*

Mom (and God) knows that there's danger in staying in the nest too long!

The “turbulent teen” Years take a terrible toll!

So they’re willing to pay the “toll” of their children’s anger!

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!

3. To Teach us to Fly! *“Mount up with wings as eagles”* Is. 40:31

A. Preparation for flight.

- 1) Mom Stops dropping food in the nest!
- 2) Holds it just out of their reach, forcing them to “jump up” to get it.
- 3) They lose a lot of “baby fat” doing this.
(What he thinks is cruelty is actually preparing him for flight!)

B. Separation from the nest.

- 1) His hunger drives him to the edge.
- 2) His wings catch the wind and he glides to a landing to find his own food.
- 3) He usually fails to find food and doesn’t know how to fly from the ground!

C. Now He’s Finally Teachable!

- 1) The parents watch from a distance.
- 2) If he fails to find food, they help him.
- 3) They teach him how to “take off” and hunt.

Is God Stirring up our nests?

- Moving us from our comfort zones? (*Or making them less “comfortable”*)
- Reminding us of our own inadequacy?
- Teaching us to Fly?

Conclusion:

- 1) Many of our “hard times” may simply be “preparations for flight!”.
- 2) We’re not called to “succeed”, but to obey.
- 3) Therefore our failures need not be final!
- 4) Faith doesn’t grow through comfort, But through Crisis!

God is watching and waiting, just beyond our obedience,
to bless us and take us to the next phase.

Application:

Parenting is an important, but exhausting job! It’s easy to get disappointed and discouraged!

Isaiah 40:31 *“They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength;
They shall mount up with wings as Eagles”*

Wait {kaw-vaw'} means to bind together. Are you willing to “bind” your heart, soul, and mind together with God to accomplish His Purposes through you?