



THE LORD'S FLOCK GROWTH DIGEST

PASTORAL GROWTH SERIES

As the Eagle (Part 1)

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Reading: Deut. 32:1-12

Moses used an unusual analogy to illustrate how God nurtures His children. God was likened to an eagle, which is trying to teach its young to fly (Deut. 32:11-12).

Eagles are fearless. They never surrender to their prey no matter its strength or size. Eagles know that during storms, all they have to do is go beyond the clouds. Like eagles, we should not be afraid of trials, no matter the size.

Eagles fly high. We should not look down, but up. Do not just stay on the ground. God wants us to fly.

Eagles nurture their young. The eagle, with its keen eyes, symbolizes our vision, courage, strength, and mortality. Eagles are the kings of the sky and we are also known as the King's children. God will cover us with His wings (eagle's) and under His wings we will find refuge (Ps. 91:4).

Eagles build their nest in the clefts of the rocks on the heights of the hills (Jer. 49:16). A mother eagle builds her nests first out of sticks and then lines it with leaves and fur of small animals. The nests are built over 75 feet high in trees.

The father eagle always goes down to find food or and surprises for his eaglets. This is the same with the Lord and us for God is full of surprises.

When the mother eagle begins to stir the nest, the eaglets are troubled. Baby Christians are like eaglets. They are pampered. All their prayers are answered by God definitely. But, time will come when baby Christians need to be stirred up for them to move out of the arena of apathy.

After the stirring of their nest, the little eaglets will go out of the nest and play on the rocky ledge.

While they are out, the mother eagle will remove all the comfortable lining of their nest.

That is why there will be a time we will be put to test. We need to leave our comfort zone and learn to fly. We have to be proven faithful to God. Even though the eagle does not want to do it, she will do it because she wants her eaglets to learn. Pay attention when God corrects you and do not be discouraged for the Lord disciplines His children (Heb. 12:5-6).

Using her powerful wings, the mother eagle swept the nest over the side of the cliff. That night, the little eaglets slept on the cold hard stone as there was no more nest. No more comfort zone. This is the same with us.

After a few days, the father eagle will take over. He will take his eaglets, one by one, and fly. As the eaglets enjoy, he will drop them in midair to teach them to fly. But, when they fail to stay on air, the father eagle will catch his eaglets again and repeat the process. The father eagle will stop doing this only when his baby eaglets can use their wings.

Each time the father eagle drops his eaglet, the eaglet flies a little further. Soon, the little eagle enjoys flying and each time there is a storm, he gets used to it and knows what to do. His vision is sharp and he does not have any problem facing the sun, the symbol of testings and trials in Mt. 13.

Until God sees that we can fly alone over the storm, He will repeatedly do to us just like what the father eagle will do to his eaglets.

Do not be afraid for the Lord is faithful and He will not let us be tested beyond our capacity (1 Cor. 10:13). Sometimes we may feel like we cannot talk to God anymore. We are just in the valley of darkness because we are being trained to fly.

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