

Taking Flight

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How do eagles soar so effortlessly to such amazing heights? Without so much as a flap of the wing, they glide on and on in wide circles across the sky. Through God's creative design, they are specially equipped to take advantage of updrafts or thermal currents created by differences in air temperature between the surface and higher elevations. Their ability to use these invisible forces enables them to cross over even the highest of mountains. For as they draw near, the upward force grows stronger and stronger until the mountain is no longer an obstacle, but an adventure.

We need greater awareness of the unseen forces that can work within us. Too often, we grow tired because we have not garnered the power of God's presence in our lives. Other times, we have chosen, instead, to ride the downdraft of negative thinking so eagerly provided by the world. Direction is a spiritual mindset. God says, "Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth" (Col. 3:2). With practice, we can learn to adjust the tilt of our wings and lean into the power of God "who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us..." (Eph. 3:20). The power to rise above even the highest obstacle is available if we are willing to trust and set our course in His direction.

God "gives strength to the weary, And to him who lacks might He increases power. Though youths grow weary and tired, And vigorous young men stumble badly, Yet those who wait for the LORD Will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary" (Isaiah 40:29-31).

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