

# On Eagles' Wings Pt 16

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*The sermon emphasizes the importance of waiting on God, overcoming fear and excuses, and living by faith to experience God's strength and power.*

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## Description

In this sermon, the speaker, a field representative and crusade coordinator, encourages listeners to take the time to share Christ with others, especially during the Christmas season. He observes that many people have empty lives and urges listeners not to pass by without sharing the message of Christ. The speaker shares his personal testimony of finding fulfillment in Christ and emphasizes the importance of seeking God's kingdom first. He also offers support and prayer for pastors who may be struggling and reminds listeners of God's promise to be with them. The sermon emphasizes the need for simple faith and fellowship with God.

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## Transcript

Hast thou not known, hast thou not heard, that the Everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not? Neither is weary. There's no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no might, He increases strength.

Even the youth shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall. But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as eagles.

They shall run and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint. We welcome you to On Eagle's Wings, a ministry of encouragement to the local church, to the pastor, to the believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. If you're weary, if you're fainting, if you need strength, we want to be an encouragement to you.

We're for revival. Our land needs to see a moving of the Spirit of God. Let's pray for it.

We welcome you again to another program On Eagle's Wings. I was just thinking, it's that time of year again that we call Christmas time. Sad time to those of us that love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our hearts are broken because He's not in it. So much of it He's left out. It's just a commercial time, pagan time.

I was reading in a little magazine called *The Voice in the Wilderness*, a poem entitled *Mary's Dream*. I never quite read a poem like that, and I thought I might share it with you. I thought it might be appropriate for this time, just to keep our hearts finely tuned to the Lord Jesus Christ.

It goes like this. I had a dream, Joseph. I don't understand it.

Not really. But I think it was about a birthday celebration for our son. I think that's what it was all about.

The people had been preparing for it for about six weeks. They had decorated the house and bought new clothes. They'd gone shopping many times and bought elaborate gifts.

It was peculiar, though, because the presents weren't for our son. They wrapped them in beautiful paper and tied them with lovely bows and stacked them under a tree. Yes, a tree, Joseph, right in their house.

They decorated the tree also. The branches were full of glowing balls and sparkling ornaments. There was a figure on the top of the tree.

It looked like an angel might look. Oh, it was beautiful. Everyone was laughing and happy.

They were all excited about the gifts. They gave the gifts to each other, Joseph. Not to our son.

I don't think they even knew him. They never mentioned his name. Doesn't it seem odd for people to go to all that trouble to celebrate someone's birthday if they don't know him? I find the strangest feeling that if our son had gone to this celebration, he would have been intruding.

Everything was so beautiful, Joseph, and everyone so full of cheer, but it made me want to cry. How sad for Jesus not to be wanted at his own birthday celebration. I'm glad it was only a dream.

How terrible, Joseph, if it had been real. Where's the Lord Jesus Christ in relation to your life? Is he in or out? Is he there as your Savior? Or do you need to invite him in? It's a hard, lonely life without Jesus. If you've got material wealth, money, and things, it doesn't take long to find out that they don't satisfy that longing in your heart.

There's something there missing, and it's Jesus. That's what I found out. I was a 19-year-old college student, psychology major, down in a university in Louisiana.

Raised in church all my life, yet I had that empty feeling. I'd go back to my dorm and cry. I just didn't know what was wrong, and finally one day I picked up my Bible and read a verse Matthew 6:33 that says, Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you.

And that verse began to settle in, and finally one hot summer night, I gave my life to Christ totally. I was his, and he changed me. He came in, and what a wonderful thing that was.

I wouldn't trade you anything for that. Jesus Christ is real. Invite him in.

The Bible says, Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Receive him as your Savior, and then if you if you need some help, you can write to me. Write on Eagle's Wings, Box 1100, Web City.

You can just give me a note, and maybe I can get you in contact with a pastor that will see that you get disciplined, you get fed the Word of God, get you a Bible, will help you grow. This ministry is designed

primarily for the church, the local church, the pastors especially, to encourage them. But you need Christ.

You need to be plugged in to a place where you can be cared for spiritually. So you write to me on Eagle's Wings, Box 1100, Web City, 64870, if I can be of some help to you. And by the way, if you just like to write, you maybe you've been listening to this program.

I realize that it's the times have sort of changed according to some circumstances with this station, but if you'd like to write me, I'd like to hear from you. I work with Gospel Revival Ministries. I'm the Phil representative and Crusade coordinator living down here in southwest Missouri.

God's opening up doors down here to minister to you by radio. We want to encourage you. Take the time to share Christ with someone today, will you? Or at least this week.

This is the time for Christmas, the time for sharing and caring. You go sit down in a mall, and you watch all the people going. You look at their faces.

You look into their eyes. A lot of empty lives out there. We don't want to do that, though.

We don't want to take the time to share Christ, to take the time from our busy schedules. And I know what it's like. I'm busy, too.

It's hard to stop and easy to pass on by. But aren't you thankful that God had time for you? For me? Aren't you thankful that he took the time to come down? Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endureth forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, the psalmist says, Whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy.

They gathered them out of the lands from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way. They found no city to dwell in.

Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them. Are you fainting? Pastor, are you about to faint? Let's get together. Get a hold of me.

Let's pray. Let me encourage you. I was a fainting pastor.

I know what it's like to struggle. Sometimes the load becomes almost unbearable. The things to do are without number.

There's no end to the busyness cycle. Beware of the barrenness of busyness. Many things to do.

Many places to go. Many people to see. Many problems to solve.

But yet, if you don't have the peace of Christ ruling in your heart, be in the umpire, it'll get you down. It'll wear you out. I believe that we're in the day of satanic attack of the sort to where Satan wants to wear out the Saints.

His tactics are very subtle. His strategies are very smooth. His deceptions are very delightful to the flesh.

We need to be careful that we don't succumb to the Delilah's that he's setting out there for us, both morally and spiritually and physically. Pastor, God designed you to be the pastor. Not to necessarily be an errand boy, a fundraiser, a janitor, and all the other stuff that Satan will like to slip in on you.

And sometimes you have to do some of those things as the servant of the Lord. But be discerning. And you folks out there that have a good pastor, you watch him and guard him.

Guard his family. Help with needs. Take care of them as you're able.

Pastors are falling out of the ministry by the dozens every day. Our land's become, our land's going to become a dark land for pastors, godly pastors. Our churches are finding it harder to find good pastors.

If you've got one, you pray for him. You take care of him. You encourage him.

This morning when you go to church, you tell your pastor that you're going to pray for him more. You ask him if there's something that you can do for him. After he gets over the shock of it, say you mean it.

Ask him if you can take care of the kids or something. He led them forth by the right way that they might go to a city of habitation. Let God lead you.

Holy Spirit, guide us. Lord, guide us as we as we seek to do your will, Father, in Jesus name. We should be excited just because maybe I'm low-key on this program doesn't mean that I'm not excited.

I've been doing some studying on in the last month on enthusiasm. Maybe I might share some things with you sometime on it. We should be excited about what God's excited about.

You know, sometimes we get to the place to where we don't realize that we're dominated by fears. And these fears sort of close in on us. And they sort of squeeze down on the outward expression of ourself.

And we're afraid just to be ourself. To let God just live his life through us and fulfill our character. I know many times that when I'm around pastors, I get into some place and the first thing that these pastors want to do is they want to judge me.

Well, why do they want to judge me? And by that I mean I'll go in and they'll want to know what kind of school I went to, what kind of degrees I got, or how big my church is, and stuff like that. Well, I've learned to evaluate those things and to ask myself, well, why are they asking those questions? Well, they're afraid. Many are afraid that their reputation might be ruined if they get somebody in that doesn't hold up to their standard with their other pastors.

There's been quite a vicious war going on in this area. In the last few weeks, I started reading a book by Jack Van Impey. Jack Van Impey is a friend of John Musser.

He encourages him in his revival ministry, and he wrote a book called Heart Disease in Christ's Body. I'd encourage you to find that book and to read it. Maybe I should have brought some with me to offer to you.

But I don't have them. But Heart Disease in Christ's Body by Jack Van Impey is just a real revealing book of how fears dominate, prejudices, these type of these disease attitudes that dominate us, and they make us do things. The fear of men, the Bible talks about, is one of the things to be avoided.

I've been looking at Moses. You know, when Moses came out of the desert, and he met the Lord at the burning bush, and the Lord told him he was going to send him, Moses started coming up with these excuses, and I believe they were actually fears. Because he didn't want to go.

He's afraid to go. There's some reason that he's coming up with these excuses. Many times, we'll come up with an excuse, because we don't want to do something, and really we're just afraid.

One of the things about Christ coming was that he came to set us free. In the book of Luke, Luke chapter 1, 71, 74, 75, in there, the scripture says that he would grant unto us that we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our life, without fear. You know, as long as I am afraid of anything, there's a flaw in my faith.

Perfect love casts out fear, the scripture says. And fear is focusing on my inability, and faith is focusing on God's ability. And what God is going to do with Moses, he's going to train him, to actually disciple him, to say to Moses, he's going to say, Moses, now look, I want you to quit focusing on your inability.

I know you don't have any ability, and I want you to focus on my ability. And so when he comes up with these things, God deals with him in very tenderness, and of course at one point he gets God angry because of his unbelief. Well, chapter 3 of Exodus, in verse 11, Moses said unto God, who am I? Moses said, I'm a failure.

You ever feel like that in your life, in your Christian life, in your life period? Maybe you're not a Christian yet, but you just say, I'm a failure. You feel like that. Well, that's been programmed into you.

Satan is the programmer for failure. He wants us to feel like that. And Jesus, by the way, he said that without him we would fail.

He says, I am the vine, you're the branches. He that bideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit. For without me you can do nothing.

That's failure. Now, you know, one of the things that deserts are good for, and they're not good for many things we think, but they are good for some things, deserts are good for revealing your flaws and your fears. Moses had some time out there in that desert to think.

By the way, you're going through a struggling time or problem or pressure. Why don't you let God use that to reveal the self-life? That's inside of you. Just take some inventory.

Stop, maybe pull off for a couple hours one day, go out in the park or someplace, and let God just open up to you your own heart. Use that desert to reveal your flaws and your fears. Deserts are good for making you face yourself.

So use that time. You know, past failures produce fear. That's why I didn't like tests in school.

When I went through school, I hated tests, and still I will avoid a test if I can, even to take my driver's license test. I don't like it. Why? It's because past failures, when I was in school, when I failed a test, it just devastated me, and I felt dumb.

I felt like I didn't know it in these things. So these failures produce fear, and fear in the script, in the spiritual life, is a lack of faith or trust in God. Paul told the Philippians, he says, listen, forget those things which are behind and reach forth into those things which are before.

Faith lives in the future. You go back to yesterday, and it's going to destroy your faith. You learn from yesterday, and if you have to make restitution for something that you did, but learn from it and go on.

God's not going to beat you down. One of the things that the human being needs is forgiveness. Well, Moses was forgiven, and God's saying, listen, I've got a ministry for you.

And he says, who am I that I should go unto Pharaoh, the children of Israel, of Egypt? He says, who am I that I should deliver them? And the problem of Moses is that he's still living in the past. Fear lives in the past. Faith lives in the present and the future.

By the way, faith commands the present, and it looks forward to the future with hope. As you're getting ready today to go out to meet the challenges of today, pastor you're fixing to go preach, Sanskrit teacher you're fixing to go teach, go in faith. Believe God to do something.

When you got up this morning, did you believe God to do something? Are you living by faith? Moses was still living in the past. And what's God's answer for his fear? He gives him a promise. Because in in verse 12 he said, certainly I will be with thee, and this shall be a token unto thee that I have sent thee when thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.

So he gives him a promise. I'm gonna be with you. Like the little girl that wouldn't go downstairs in the dark.

But if her daddy would go, she'd go. Many times we want God to do supernatural things, and God just wants us to live simply by faith. We want to see unusual things.

The unusual thing is that you can get up in the morning and live with God. You can have fellowship with Him. If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another.

In the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son cleanses us from all sin. Think about it. Are you fellowshiping right now with the Lord Jesus? Are you enjoying Him? Are you letting Him minister to you as you listen to this? And it's not that Moses is going to go, but it's who is going to go with Him that makes the difference.

Like that song, I can face tomorrow. But that song also says, because he lives, I can face tomorrow. The reason that so many people are thinking about suicide in our day is because there's nothing for them to look forward to in the future.

My friend, Jesus Christ is something to look forward to. If you're struggling right now, just bow right where you're at. Tell Him you repent of your sins and ask Jesus to come into your life.

He will change you. He will do it. All you have to do is believe.

Ask in faith. God's saying to Moses and to us, I believe, a couple things. He said, Moses, you've tried in your strength, not try in mine.

My friend, are you struggling in your own strength? Are you trying and it's so hard? He says, you've tried in your strength, not try in mine. Philippians 4.13 says, I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. We claimed the promise but fell so many times to realize that the promise was born out of Paul's desert experience.

He said, I've learned how to be a base and I know how to abound. All the trials and lives, I've learned how to have victory no matter what. I don't let the circumstances get me down.

I've learned to live with Jesus Christ as Lord of every moment of my life. Well, you've tried in your own strength, not try in mine. I believe also he's saying, my presence will take care of your fear or your excuse, Moses.

What was Moses afraid of? Well, another failure. Didn't want to go back again and maybe the consequences. Don't let the past fears dominate your present.

Learn to live free. Learn to live by the grace of God. Do you know how to be filled with the Spirit? The word filled in the Greek means control and we're commanded to be controlled by the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 5.18 says, and be not drunk with wine wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit. A filling with the Spirit comes by a yielding to the Lord Jesus. And also, if you'll study your Bible, you'll find that being filled with the Spirit and being filled with the word is the same thing.

Are you saturating your mind with the Word of God? You're going to have things controlling your life. Unless you're memorizing and meditating the Word of God, these things are going to come in and they're going to dominate your life. They're going to dominate your thinking.

The thought life is one area that Satan uses to try to destroy us and bring us captives. Learn to fly on eagle's wings. Learn to live by the Spirit of God.

Let him direct you. You have a good day today. Let the Lord lead you, direct you, and lift you up on eagle's wings.

If we can help you, you write us. Hear it at just right on Eagle's Wings Box 1100 Web City 64870 God bless you

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