

# On Eagles' Wings Pt 3

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*The sermon encourages believers to seek revival through humility, trust in God, and personal cleansing while sharing powerful biblical examples and personal testimonies.*

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**Scripture:** Exodus 1:8

**Topics:** "Radio Show"

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## Description

In this sermon, the speaker begins by sharing a personal story about facing problems and how God intervened in his life. He then transitions to discussing the story of Moses and highlights the principle that God's way is for the person to be humbled and for the Savior to be exalted. The speaker emphasizes the importance of giving our problems to God and waiting on Him for victory. He also mentions the fear and pride that can motivate people, cautioning against being driven by these sinful motivations. The sermon references the book of Exodus, specifically chapter one, to illustrate the story of the rising king who feared Israel and attempted to destroy them through overworking them.

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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 is no searching of His understanding. He giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no might He increaseeth strength. Even the youths 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 today to the program entitled On Eagle's Wings, a part of the church revival ministry, a program designed to encourage you, to stir us up to pray for revival, to encourage the pastor of the local church that's preaching the Word of God, for God to visit us in an unusual way. We need to see an awakening, we need to see God visit our land, and this program is designed to encourage you in your walk with the Lord, to encourage you to receive Christ as your Savior, if you don't know Him, and we trust that God will use this program to encourage you. Why don't you call your pastor up and have him tune in and listen.

Maybe God can use something that's said today in this program to encourage him, or call up a friend. So just sit back and listen, and we trust that you can get some principles from God's Word that will be a blessing to you. I have some notes from a friend of mine, Ralph Suteria, who's in revival ministry, and he shared some things on the philosophy of revival that I thought I might share with you, and maybe a few other things today.

But he said there's much confusion and mixed feelings regarding the word revival. To some it is either of no value, too risky, or smacks on excess in experience and emotionalism. To others it designated nothing more than professional mass evangelism.

Still others regard revival as a phenomenon of bygone days, the good of which dissipated and the return of which is neither possible or desired. Be convinced, he went on to say, that God wants to do a deep work in our lives, whatever you want to call it. We dare not fuss over words or terms or miss God in the meantime.

Some are more concerned what they name the baby even before they have the baby. Give God the benefit of any doubt or lack of understanding on our part. Here's a definition of revival that he gave us.

He said it is specifically a ministry of cleansing and spiritual adjustment to the inner life of the local church and to the body of Christ in general in bringing back into consciousness and health those who already have life. And we thought it would be good to share this definition with you because when we talk about revival this is what we're talking about a cleansing of the body of Christ not an emotional experience even though we get emotional we get emotional when we get over a traumatic illness we're happy or if God would touch us and heal us of something we get emotional but this is more than emotion this is deeper it has to do with making things right with our God making things right with our neighbor with our husband with our wife let me give you a definition of spiritual awakening specifically it has to do with the unconverted when they become consciously aware of the presence of God at a given point and time God sovereignly and supernaturally compels people in a city or area to respond to him and I might add that I've never experienced a spiritual awakening our land has been pretty dry in this area this is why many are gathering around our continent praying that God would move and send an awakening but when God's people respond then the unsaved see and experience what God is doing I might share a little story with you I'll call the woodpecker story and it was shared in a book by WP Nicholson as in heritage of revival a little booklet that or magazine that I was given when I was up in Canada some years ago and and it was a story about God's glory the title of it was the glory is God's and it was about dr. and ms. Jonathan go for it while they were attending a summer conference which happened to be south of Chicago and it had to do with the introduction of dr.

go forth when he spoke and I'll share this story with you in a few moments but first of all I wanted to share something else with you this from the book of Isaiah a verse that God prompted me about many years ago is evident it was in Isaiah 50 verse 4 and 5 for Isaiah said the Lord God had given me the tongue of the learned that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary he wakeneth morning by morning he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learn the Lord God had opened my ear and I was not rebellious neither turned away back before I could experience the power of that passage God had to break me of my pride as a pastor my bitterness thinking that I could operate as a pastor in the power of the flesh that I could just barrel on through day by day doing what I thought needed to be done and in that breaking process God broke me down to see that I had to spend much time in prayer I had to proceed cautiously and watch and see what he was wanting to do I had to be willing to change my plans I had to be flexible I

had to have my flesh crucified had to deny the self that wanted to always come out and express itself I had to just let go and let God be the Lord and I found that in our land in our churches we have so many programs so many problems so many procedures that we wonder even if God is involved in a lot of it that's going on some of our churches are so dead no one ever gets saved no one even hears the gospel and some churches and some don't even know what the gospel is would you like to have a fresh anointing of God's Spirit on your ministry pastor on your life mr.

Deacon housewife husband teenager young person would you like to experience God in a new way well let me share the woodpecker story with you so that you might see that God's ways are not always our ways our ways are to exalt ourself to lift up the person God's way is for the person to be humbled and for the Savior to be exalted well at that conference just before dr. go forth spoke the chairman introduced him as our brilliant speaker with overflowing praise and while he was praising him and talking about him dr. go forth was sitting with his head bowed and his face hidden and as he stepped forward he stood a moment as if in prayer and then he said this friends when I listen to such words as as we have just been hearing I have to remind myself of the woodpecker story a certain woodpecker flew up to the top of a high pine tree and gave three hard pecks on the side of the tree as woodpeckers are known to do and at that instant a bolt of lightning struck the tree leaving a heap of splinters on the ground the woodpecker had flown to a tree nearby where it clung in terror and amazement at what it had taken place and there it hung expecting more to follow but as all remained quiet it began to chuckle to itself saying well well well who would have imagined that just three pecks of my beak could have such power as that and of course everybody laughed and then when the laughter ceased dr.

go forth went on to say yes friends remember if you or I take glory to ourselves which belongs only to Almighty God we're not only as foolish as this woodpecker but we commit a very grievous sin for the Lord has said my glory will I not give to another I wonder my friend before we have a song in a moment of tis so sweet to trust in Jesus I just wonder is it possible is it possible that you have been taken the glory for your life is it possible that you have been in the limelight you have had to have your way could it be possible that your marriage is on the rocks and just fixing to blow apart like that tree did could it be possible that you're the problem one of the things I discovered in the revival of 85 when God broke me was that I had been blaming other people for in reality what I

was guilty of myself and God come along and blew my tree apart when he blew my tree apart I didn't sit up in another tree and say look at what I've done because I knew I hadn't I hadn't done it I knew God had done it he broke me and he showed me all the selfishness the bitterness that was in there my friend let me encourage you if there's someone that that you have been blaming God for search your heart and see if in reality you're not just angry at God are you're fearful about some situation don't let it exist revival is cleansing cleansing yourself not going out trying to cleanse somebody else but dealing with yourself you can't go around blaming our pastor or our boss for all our problems we need to look within some time and just see who really is the problem maker well are you

trusting yourself are you trusting Jesus to take you through the trials of today I was just thinking about how sometimes things don't work out and we we try to get them to work out but they don't we struggle with it after a little bit maybe we'll even get mad about it upset and all the while we're blaming other people God's been rolling things in he's been rolling these things in one after the other and we just wonder why is there so much going on why is there problem after problem after problem I've I've just been experiencing some of these things lately just with problem after problem rolling in but I've learned over some time I've learned over time to just commit it to God and watch and see what he's doing and to start praising him and

thanking him when these problems begin to pile in

because you know what I've learned about these things I've learned that following all this barrage of problems and things going wrong wrong and everything following all these things comes God's blessing and when God's blessing comes in and it seems like God is always a little bit too late well when these things come in as I wait on God and for his timing it seems that just at the right moment God comes through and delivers me from that and if I give up on Jesus I miss the blessing but if I wait then he pours out his blessing this week we experienced that thing where God just at the right time come through in abundance and delivered us from what we thought could be a devastating problem oh how good it is to trust in Jesus oh my friend trust him Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus, oh for grace to

trust him more.

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him, how I've moved him more. Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus, oh for grace to trust him more.

Oh for grace to trust him more. Oh for grace to trust him more. Have you been trusting him or yourself? Is it true that Jesus can deliver you? Well it's true.

Talking about problems I was having a problem getting a tape to come on the song so sweet to trust in Jesus if you heard some rumblings around it was me trying to get some things put together and out of that I shared a little story with you about some problems coming in and God did just this week I come home and the kids were all excited my wife was all excited and it was just a neat evening with the family as we rejoiced in God's goodness and we had waited we had waited I want to share in the last few moments little bit on Moses and get get a principle out of this that you can use learn a principle from every message that your pastor gives you get something but in the birth and the training of Moses there are some interesting things in the book of Exodus and chapter one first seven

verses was the naming of the twelve tribes and then eight through fourteen of that chapter there was the story of a new king arisen and this king was motivated by fear and I hope you're not motivated by fear sometime I might share some things with you on fear but fear motivated people and pride motivated people both are getting their motivation from their inner self and it's all sin but anyway this king was afraid of Israel and so he planned to destroy Israel verse 11 said that he tried to work plan and so he tried to kill him by overworking them the scripture says they set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens well that didn't work I don't know of anybody really that's been hurt too bad by hard work I guess we could get ourselves wore out maybe get hurt at work but

hard work generally doesn't hurt anybody most of the time in our country it's when we stop working we get in trouble then verse 12 says the more they afflicted them the more they multiplied and grew the principle of the cross is this the more we die to self the more Jesus will be seen in our life the more afflictions that we get victory in the more glory there is for God well the more he afflicted them the more they grew it just wasn't working so they he went to plan to and this plan was to kill the babies it was an abortion effort to get them as a as they came out and he took the main to midwives instructed them what to do but they fear God the scripture says and they wouldn't do it and God honored them and gave them houses of himself in verse 21 but out of this process of suffering came

a child in this child was Moses and so we come into chapter 2 with the birth of Moses and he had a strong strong spiritual heritage his mom and dad when they can when they gave birth to this little baby they

recognized that he was a special son Exodus 2 2 says and the woman conceived embarrassed son and when she saw him that he was a goodly child she hid him three months they knew that he was a special child the scripture says in Hebrews 11 23 that when he was three months old that they hid him by faith Moses when he was born was hid three months by his parents because they saw he was a proper child and they were not afraid of the King's commandment they hid him by faith why did they hide him I'll believe they saw two things they saw God and they were not afraid and I think they were

guided by these three principles by parental instinct do the best give the best you can for your child divine meditation they had meditated on scripture and they knew that it was time for a deliverer to come and they believe that Moses was the deliverer and they were right and then hope in God's deliverance thus I think that they had these three things they had a conviction and this you know conviction always destroys fear if you have a conviction you'll stand up to a lot of powerful enemies and then also they had confidence and confidence always develops faith they hid him three months and then thirdly they had a commitment and commitment dares to follow they committed Moses to God what they wanted they could not keep so they gave Moses to God have you ever thought about just giving

your problem to God and letting him have it and take it James Elliot said he is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose what do you have that you're trying to hang on to that you need to just give to God whatever is given to God is never lost whatever we try to keep we lose you know Jacob had went through some hard things she had to die to self self-effort to save her son survival for Moses she just couldn't do it so she gave him to God when she put him out in those bushes and something else she had to rest on God alone and faith isn't reckless abandonment no she had a one of the Miriam watched the baby out in the bulrushes wasn't gonna let a crocodile get it or something no it's not reckless abandonment but she put her problem in a basket and put her basket in

the river in the hands of God and then she waited on God to see what he do the result was victory short-range Moses was given back to her long-range Israel was freed now you see when Christ went to the cross it seemed like defeat but it resulted in victory when Moses was was put in the water it might have looked like the end of it they didn't know what would happen but it ended up in victory won't you give your problem to God won't you let him take you and build you up and carry you on eagles wings you'll not be tired far from me you cannot see but in the time of deep despair I hear your voice I will lift you up with wings as an eagle you'll not be tired lift you up with wings as an eagle you'll not be tired you'll not be tired

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