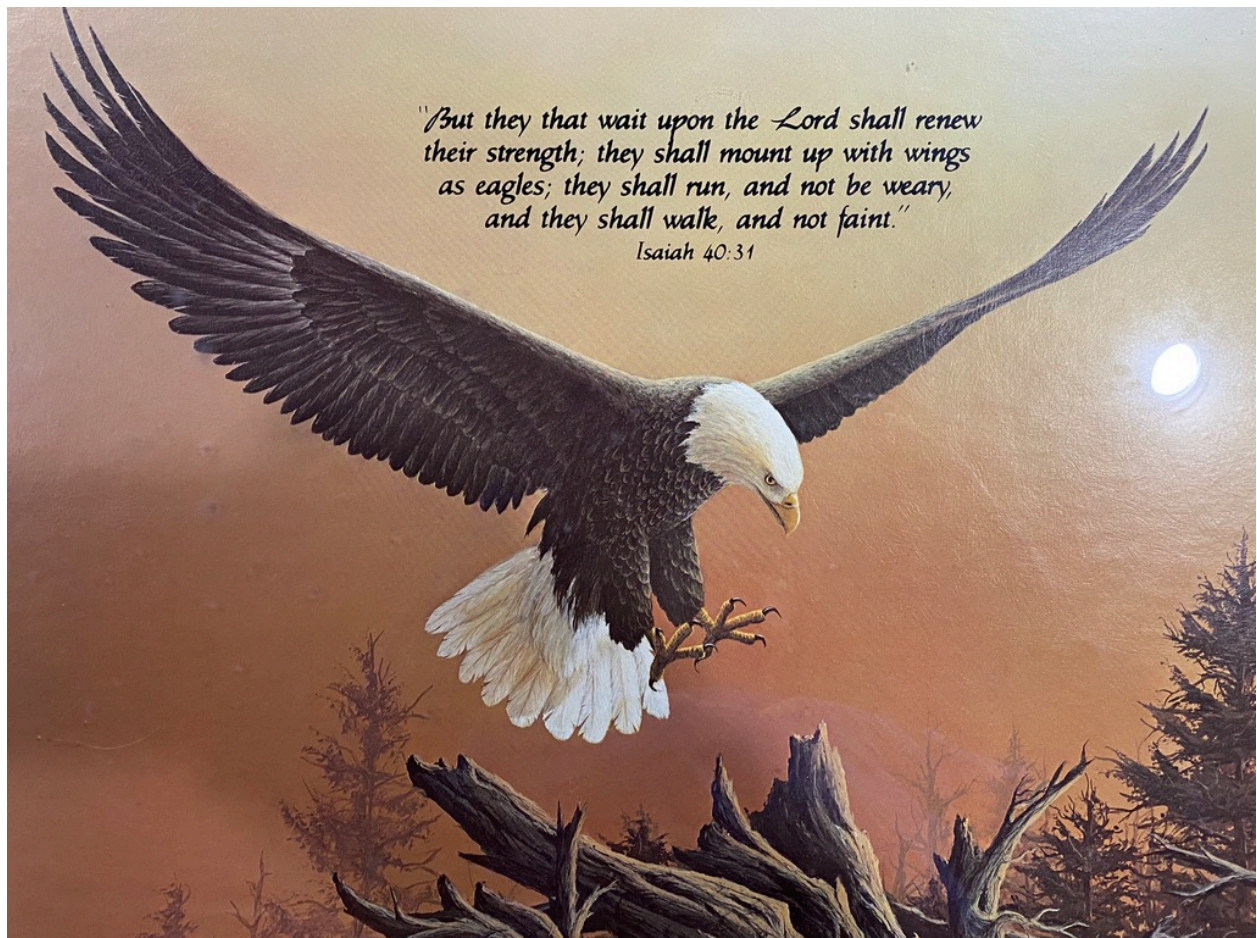


Eagle Wings

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Isaiah 40:31

Those who hope in the LORD
will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

This is a verse of tremendous encouragement. It is also very similar to the verses we have studied the last two weeks. See if you can pick out a theme. Two weeks ago:

Isaiah 26:3

You will keep in perfect peace
those whose minds are steadfast,
because they trust in you.

Perfect peace from hoping in the Lord. Then last week our similar theme was:

Isaiah 30:15

In (turning) and rest is your (rescue),
in quietness and trust is your strength.

Summary: Hope in the LORD with rest in quietness and trust is our strength. How can this possibly work? This is totally inconsistent with what I see and what I experience in life. Many of you may struggle with the same thought. This section of Scripture this morning gives the answer to that dilemma from God's point of view.

First of all, we cannot get around the fact that God requires us to trust HIM. Not only that, we will continually face difficult circumstances that teach us to trust HIM. Therefore, God challenges us to come to grips with who HE is! Thus, God starts off with a question that points out the real problem.

Isaiah 40:25

To whom will you compare me?
Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One.

God helps us to have a proper perspective of HIM.

Isaiah 40:26

Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens:
Who created all these?
He who brings out the starry host one by one
and calls forth each of them by name.
Because of his great power and mighty strength,
not one of them is missing.

God did the same thing to Job so he would have a proper perspective.

Job 38:4 (ESV)

Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me!

God says, "Align your problem with MY power."

Having gotten our attention, God now asks a very penetrating question. This is a great memory verse.

Isaiah 40:27

Why do you complain?

Now with the proper perspective, God, challenges our belief.

HE says, “Listen closely to ME!”

Isaiah 40:28

Do you not know?

Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He will not grow tired or weary,
and his understanding no one can fathom.

**The question, “Did you not know?” God is everlasting,
Creator, doesn’t get tired, and has infinite understanding.
Then God goes on to say, not only that, “I will give all MY
strength to you!”**

Isaiah 40:29

He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak.

**God created all the stars and named them. God is all
powerful, never weary, and fully able to deal with every
possible situation that arises in our life and the entire world
and universe. Which is great, but even better HE gives HIS
strength to us who trust HIM and wait for HIM. Now that we
grasp what HE is telling us, we can embrace the peace and
power of our faith? Back to our opening Scripture:**

Isaiah 40:31

Those who hope in the LORD
will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

Those who hope in the Lord have peace, rest, and in quietness trusting the LORD which is their strength. Hope is strength.

This means that we will have renewed strength and soar on wings like eagles. **Watch an eagle.** They hardly ever flap their wings. The eagle constantly sails and glides. They catch the air current and let it lift them up, around, and down and then back up again. Therefore, when we put our Hope, expectation, in the LORD with every situation, we like an eagle are lifted above the problem, or turmoil on the full current of the Spirit of God. We will not grow weary, we will not faint, renewing our strength because we aren't flapping our featherless wings.

By resting on the Wings of God, problems are actually empowering us. We trust God is working. This is just like our salvation. We Rest, in Quietness, and Trust that we are forgiven and have a home in heaven. Jesus said:

John 14:1 (ESV)

Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in ME!

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