

- **9 For the Lord's portion is His people; Jacob is the place of His inheritance. 10 "He found him in a desert land and in the wasteland, a howling wilderness; He encircled him, He instructed him, He kept him as the apple of His eye. 11 As an eagle stirs up its nest, Hovers over its young, spreading out its wings, taking them up, carrying them on its wings, Deuteronomy 32:9-11**

- **NEST**

- **Have you ever been PERFECTLY comfortable... and Then?!**
- **I Was Stirred. I was pushed.**
- *In his parting words, Moses looks back...*
- *Early on the parent eagles cater to their eaglets' every need. Food is provided and shredded by the parents in the nest. Soon food is no longer shredded and brought to the eaglet's beak, but instead is dropped farther away, encouraging the eaglet to move about the nest.*

- *Parent eagles then flutter over the nest, often with food just out of reach. Doing so compels the eaglets to flap their wings to grasp the food.*
- *The awkward flapping of the wings and foraging strengthens the eaglet's wings, preparing her for flight.*
- **There are times God will stir things up.**
 - *A friend will do you wrong, lost job, business goes down.*
- **He's not just trying to make your life miserable; He's**

STIRRING you into your purpose.

- Every closed door is not a bad thing. Every person that walks away is not a mistake.

God knows we wouldn't go without a push.

- *Swinging as a kid- I could go higher...*
- When everything is good, we're comfortable. We don't want to have to stretch.
- If God had not stirred the nest, we'd be satisfied to stay where we were.

- God loves you too much to let you miss your destiny.
- **It's easy to become comfortable in the nest and forfeit your SKY.**

- You have too much potential, too much talent, too much in you to get stuck where you are.

IF GOD'S STIRRING, SOMETHING GREATER IS ON THE WAY!!!

- Elijah- brook dried up- time to move
 - *"What if 2020 isn't cancelled?"*
- *What if 2020 is the year we've been waiting for? A year so uncomfortable, so painful, so scary, so raw — that it finally forces us to grow. A year that screams so loud, finally awakening us from our ignorant slumber. A year we finally accept the need for change. Declare change. Work for change. Become the change. A year we finally band together, instead of pushing each other further*

apart. 2020 isn't cancelled, but rather the most important year of them all." Dream isn't Dead - Just comfortable

- **This is not meant to stop me, it's meant to elevate me.**
- I may be uncomfortable, I may not like the stirring, but I know God is using it to push me to a new level, to push me to greater influence, to push me into my purpose.

God uses people to Stir You Up.

- **Jesus CHOSE Judas**
 - HE was basically saying- I need a betrayer...
- They may think they're pushing you down, what they don't realize is they're pushing you up. They're pushing you into your destiny.

God will push you into a scary place.

- *Eagle will drop... Natural To Reach Out*
- **God puts us in these situations that force us to stretch.** *Balance & Risk*
- CITYGATE goes to Lebanon...

- You've got a town vision and God has a city vision.

- It's the **PLACE** where you Find Your Wings!

- Rush running back to be scared.

- "Daddy, scare me again". Challenge me again.

Drop/STIR me again, because when you put me in my wind, I find my wings. My wings don't work in my nest.

No matter how comfortable it may appear to my flesh, I'll never find out why I have this, why these things are hanging on me. I'll never know what they're for until you scare me again.

- Even if I didn't get it right the first time and you had to swoop down and catch me, **don't put me back in that nest.** Scare me again.

- **There's something in your life that has the power to take you higher, but you'll never know until you're dropped.**

You're being Stirred for a reason.

- It was good for me- Thank you for dropping me.

- There's something bigger, something better, something more rewarding in front of you.

- *"This sickness is not going to stop me. It's pushing me. I'm coming out better".*

- *"This trouble at work, it can't hold me back. It's pushing me. I'm getting stronger".*

- *"These people that did me wrong. They can't stop my destiny. They meant it for harm but God's using it for my good. He's pushing me".*

- Every difficulty you went through, every storm, every person that did you wrong, it was pushing you to mature, pushing you to know God in a greater way. Pushing you to become stronger, more resilient

★ **What has God been stirring in your life?**

- **Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. 2 Timothy 1:6**

- **Disciples- GO INTO...**

- **God stirred...**
- **Hungry- too heavy to fly**
- ***You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You are able to say to yourself, 'I lived through this horror. I can take the next thing that comes along.' You must do the thing you think you cannot do. Eleanor Roosevelt***
- **Stirring the Nest**
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- **We need power not just words.**
- (1 Corinthians 2:3-5) I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.
- **We need an encounter not just an explanation.**
- We need presence not just practice. (Romans 8:11 Message) It stands to reason, doesn't it, that if the alive-and-present God who raised Jesus from the dead moves into your life, he'll do the same thing in you that he did in Jesus, bringing you alive to himself? When God lives and breathes in you (and he does, as surely as he did in Jesus), you are delivered from that dead life. With his Spirit living in you, your body will be as alive as Christ's!

- **God flies faster than you can fall**
- **Eagle nests** are large stick structures, usually high in large trees near water. The birds **reuse** and add to their **nests** each year.
- Chicks Leaving the Nest The eaglets are poor hunters and may scavenge on dead prey instead. As the chicks develop their flight skills they harass the adults and try to take fish from them. This behavior helps eaglets learn to forage and be independent and will last into September. At 17 to 23 weeks of age, the bond between the adults and their young fades and the adults no longer tolerate harassment from their offspring. This is time when the young eagles leave the territory, following the prevailing winds to more northerly shorelines and water bodies in search of good feeding grounds.
- **Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution.**
- Martin Luther King- April 4, 1968- speech delivered 3/31/68 National cathedral
- First, we are challenged to develop a world perspective. No individual can live alone, no nation can live alone, and anyone who feels that he can live alone is sleeping through a revolution. The world in which we live is geographically one. The challenge that we face today is to make it one in terms of brotherhood.
- On some positions, cowardice asks the question, is it expedient? And then expedience comes along and asks the question, is it politic? Vanity asks the question, is it popular? Conscience asks the question, is it right?
- There comes a time when one must take the position that is neither safe nor politic nor popular, but he must do it because conscience tells him it is right. I believe today that there is a need for all people of goodwill to come with a massive act of conscience and say in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "We ain't goin' study war no more." This is the challenge facing modern man.
- **Growth is a Process**
- Eaglet Growth - The young birds grow rapidly, they add one pound to their body weight every four or five days. At about two weeks, it is possible for them to hold their head up for feeding.
 - At three or four weeks, this eaglet is covered in its secondary coat of gray down. In another two weeks or so, black juvenile feathers will begin to grow in. While downy feathers are excellent insulators, they are useless as air foils, and must be replaced with juvenile feathers before an eaglet can take its first flight, some 10 to 13 weeks after hatching.
- At six weeks, the eaglets are very nearly as large as their parents.
- At eight weeks, the appetites of the young birds are at their greatest. While parents hunt almost continuous to feed them, back at the nest the eaglets are beginning to stretch their wings in response to gusts of wind and may even be lifted off their feet for short periods.
- The....EAGLET WAS now alone in the nest.
- Each time a parent came flying in to toward the nest he called for food eagerly; but over and over again, it came with empty feet, and the eaglet grew thinner. He pulled meat scraps from the old dry-up carcasses lying around the nest. he watched a sluggish carrion beetle, picked it up gingerly, and ate it. His first kill.
- Days passed, and as he lost body fat he became quicker in his movements and paddled ever more lightly when the wind blew, scarcely touching the nest edge; from time to time he was airborne for a moment or two.
- Parents often flew past and sometimes fed him. Beating his wings and teetering on the edge of the nest, he screamed for food whenever one flew by. And a parent often flew past just out of reach, carrying delectable meals: a half-grown jack rabbit or a plump rat raided from a dump. Although he was hungry almost all the time, he was becoming more playful as he lost his baby fat; sometimes, when no parent bird was in sight, he pounced ferociously on a scrap of prairie dog skin or on old bits of dried bone.
- The male eaglet stayed by himself for the most part. He was no longer brooded at night. Hunger and the cold mountain nights were having their effect, not only on his body but on his disposition. A late frost hit the valley, and a night wind ruffled his feathers and chilled his body. When the sunlight reached the eyrie's (the brood in a nest of a bird of prey) edge, he sought its warmth; and soon, again, he was bounding in the wind, now light and firm-muscled.
- A parent flew by, downwind, dangling a young marmot in its feet. The eaglet almost lost his balance in his eagerness for food. Then the parent swung by again, closer, upwind, and riding the updraft by the eyrie, as though daring him to fly. Lifted light by the wind, he was airborne, flying--or more gliding--for the first time in his life. He sailed across the valley to make a scrambling, almost tumbling landing on a bare knoll. As he turned to get his bearings the parent dropped the young marmot nearby. Half running, half flying he pounced on it, mantled, and ate his fill.
- **"Wait On The Lord"- there was time I wished it said anything but "wait."**
- If I was to put a list together of things I like and things I hate, "waiting" would be number one on the list of things that I hate.
- **I hate to wait, and yet I have an anointing on me that causes people and things to make me wait.**
- I honestly believe that I have an invisible sign on me that says "make this man wait." (My wife and children can attest to it) (My recent birthday)
- **The only people that can see this sign are:**
- - receptionists in doctors and dentist offices, doctors and dentists themselves.
- - waitresses and waiters
- - people ahead of me at traffic lights I hear a lot "for some reason"
- - people ahead of me at atm machines
- - people ahead of me at any type of drive - thru windows
- - people at any type of check out line
- - everybody that works at an airport
- **2. But there is a certain kind of waiting that I and others don't mind at all.**
- *The Hebrew word that is translated "wait" is "qavah (kaw-vaw)" which means to look eagerly for, or to anticipate a moment or possibility.*
- **The context here in the passage is that of an eagle waiting on cleft of a rock for a current of the wind.**
- The reason he will wait is because if he catches the wind, the wind will do the work.
- - and his flying will be effortless
- - and his flying will be glorious
- - and his flying will be miraculous
- - in that the wind enables him to do the impossible
- - **Its waiting motivated by promise,**
- - Its waiting for miracle working power.
- - **Its waiting for mountain moving purpose**
- C. Waiting will allow you to renew your strength.
- *The Hebrew word that is translated "renew" is "chalaph (khaw-laf)" which means to substitute something of lesser value for something of greater value.*
- - Its substituting something old for something new
- - **Its substituting something ordinary for something extraordinary**

- - Its substituting something good for something better.
- In this passage the eagle has substituted the strength of his wings for the power of the wind.
- The only thing that he will use his wings for is posturing and maneuvering.
- My gifts don't cause me to fly, but only to posture myself for flight and then give the ability to maneuver myself and the ministry in the right direction.
- Renewing your strength means you are willing to substitute your ability to flap for His ability to soar.
- **TO GO BOX**
- Is God calling you out of the nest?
- How hungry are you?
- The Wind is blowing. Are you willing to take the step?
- *But those who wait on the Lord Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint. Isaiah 40:31*

