

*Soar on Wings like Eagles*

**Isaiah 40:31**

***But 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.***

Everyone gets tired and weary at some time or another. Verse 30 says, “*even youth grow tired and weary.*”

In these turbulent times of threats to our health, the economy, peace in our society and world, there is plenty to unsettle us economically, emotionally and physically. In an ever-growing pagan society our faith life and spiritual health is also threatened.

In this setting, God comes to us with His assurance that He will renew the strength of all who believe and hope in Him. To “renew” means to exchange our weakness and give way to God’s strength. It is kind of like making a change of clothes. Paul says that believers clothe themselves with Christ. In our baptism, we have put on Christ.

In the summer of 2008 while on vacation with my family, I was sitting at the pool looking up at the sky. I saw three eagles (parents and a young eagle) flying high in the sky. I noticed that every once in a while, the young eagle apparently needed a rest and would fly up on the mother’s back and sit there for a while. After a brief respite, the young eagle would resume flying on its own. This cycle of events was done a number of times until they eagles flew out of site. (Site – Eagle Resort on Eagle Lake just outside of Eagle River, WI – EWB)

God gives us opportunities to try our wings so we might learn to fly on to greater and higher experiences. Often these flights are adventures together with our Lord in ministry to others. Our Father is always in prayer reach and always watches over us and spreads His wings of protection beneath us.

What a wonderful comfort for all “who hope in the Lord!” The entire life of God’s people— their walking, running and soaring – is filled with the boundless and tireless strength of God. Even in death, they mount on eagle’s wings and soar to God in heaven, where God gives them joy forever.

Dear heavenly Father, be our daily port in every storm. Help us to seek your strength in all times but especially when we become overwhelmed. Thank you for your strong Word that invites us to have faith in you for everything we need in life. Amen