



Way of the Eagle

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CHANGE YOUR FOCUS

In the Message Bible **Psalm 103** says:

**“O my soul, bless GOD.
From head to toe, I’ll bless his holy name!
O my soul, bless GOD,
don’t forget a single blessing!
He forgives your sins—every one.
He heals your diseases—every one.
He redeems you from hell—saves your life!
He crowns you with love and mercy—a
paradise crown.
He wraps you in goodness—beauty eternal.
He renews your youth—you’re always young in
his presence.”**

GOD makes everything come out right; He puts victims back on their feet.

If you’ve ever been a victim of abuse or rejection, God has a plan of redemption and healing. God is a God of justice and He will bring justice in our lives if we trust Him. There are promises in the Bible that God will bring justice in your life:

“The sons of those who afflicted you shall come bending low to you, and all those who despised you shall bow down at your feet, and they shall call you the City of the Lord, the Zion of the Holy One of Israel. Whereas you have been forsaken and hated, so that no man passed through you, I will make you [Jerusalem] an eternal glory, a joy from age to age.” Isaiah 60:14-16

The assurance of believers is based upon the certain knowledge of God revealed in creation; His mighty acts in history; upon the certainty of his promises; the vindication and resurrection of Christ and the inward testimony and outward demonstration of the power of the Holy Spirit.

“Blessed (happy, to be envied) is the man who is patient under trial and stands up under temptation, for when he has stood the test and been approved, he will receive [the victor’s] crown of life which God has promised to those who love Him.” James 1:12

Under trial, our emotions go haywire, and we have dozen of questions why?

Why does this keep happening to me?

What are you trying to do Lord?

Maybe God is allowing so many trials in your life so that He will prepare you for what comes next? How secure you are in Christ is how you will behave when you need to pass the rejection test; the forgiveness test; the praying for the enemies test. All of them are painful on emotions, but we can do the right thing even though our emotions don't approve of our decisions. We live more by what the word of God is telling us what to do, rather than how we feel. Feelings are fickle.

You may be feeling that God has forgotten you but God is working behind the scenes and all of a sudden He brings your breakthrough. God is working in your life! Trust requires unanswered questions.



In **Isaiah 61** God makes a promise to those who are captives and bound spiritually:

“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed and qualified me to preach the Gospel of good tidings to the meek, the poor, and afflicted; He has sent me to bind up and heal the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the [physical and spiritual] captives and the opening of the prison and of the eyes to those who are bound, To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord [the year of His favor] and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, To grant [consolation and joy] to those who mourn in Zion—to give them an ornament (a garland or diadem) of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, the garment [expressive] of praise instead of a heavy, burdened, and failing spirit—that they may be called oaks of righteousness [lofty, strong, and magnificent, distinguished for uprightness, justice, and right standing with God], the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified. And they shall rebuild the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former desolations and renew the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.”

God is rebuilding our walls and devastations of many generations. We don't have to live in bondage anymore. We can draw the blood line of Jesus Christ and break every curse that will not go any further in our family.

Isaiah 61:7-8 continues with those promises:

“Instead of your [former] shame you shall have a twofold recompense; instead of dishonor and reproach [your people] shall rejoice in their portion. Therefore in their land they shall possess double [what they had forfeited]; everlasting joy shall be theirs. For I the Lord love justice; I hate robbery and wrong with violence or a burnt offering. And I will faithfully give them their recompense in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant or league with them.”

If someone mistreats you and you want to do something about it but God says, “Wait”, it can be so frustrating. But we must remember that God restores and renews for all injustices done to us.

God is carrying us through the storms of life. **Exodus 19:4** says:

“You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to Myself.”

On eagle’s wings describes how God is bringing us from insecurity to abundance into the promise land... from disappointment to reappointment; from brokenness to restoration.

Every time we struggle; the result is always frustration. God has predestined us to be confirmed through the image of Jesus Christ. We are to grow in God and reflect His glory.

God’s glory is the perfection of His character; the manifestations of bringing out in the open what can be seen as all the greatness of our God. It’s the character of Jesus Christ in the way He dealt with people; the way He handled Himself; the love the mercy He walked in; the kindness, the goodness, the fruit of the Spirit lead life. When we see how Jesus behaved, it prompts us to imitate Him. None will see what we’ve got except when we behave like Him. We need to show them Jesus. We need to learn how to be carried on eagle’s wings. God says, “I bore you, come to Me and take My yoke, for My yoke is easy (**Matthew 11**). Eagles’ sore, they don’t flap. If we try to flap our way out of circumstances we’re always going to be frustrated. It is by My Spirit says the Lord (**Zechariah 4**).

You can say something like this to yourself, “God will carry me through whatever I need to do. I don't have to fight my own battles and struggle with people around me that are hard to get along with. I cast my care upon Him, will readjust my focus off of myself, off of others, off of circumstances and focus on His will and His direction for my life and my destiny with Him. I will be anxious for nothing.

Life is not worth living if we are disappointed and upset all the time. We need to have peace. We need to change our focus onto Him!