



# Way of the Eagle

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## GIVING YOUR ALL TO JESUS

**W**hat hinders our life from accomplishing God's will or destiny with God. It could be a variety of things, such as:

People -people that don't believe God's calling for our life or they feel uncomfortable to what is God calling us to do and so they don't want us to go where God is calling us to go. These are not our friends (can also be parents, family members, "church" members). They mean well but they are used by satan to hold us back from fulfilling our call or destiny with God.

In **Luke 14: 26-30** Jesus said: "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his [own] father and mother [in the sense of indifference to or relative disregard for them in comparison with his attitude toward God] and [likewise] his wife and children and brothers and sisters—[yes] and even his own life also—he cannot be My disciple. Whoever does not persevere and carry his own cross and come after (follow) Me cannot be My disciple. For which of you, wishing to build a farm building, does not first sit down and calculate the cost [to see] whether he has sufficient means to finish it? Otherwise, when he has laid the foundation and is unable to complete [the building], all who see it will begin to mock and jeer at him, Saying, This man began to build and was not able (worth enough) to finish."

All of our life has to be put on the altar especially our inner self: such as personal wants, bitterness, resentment, unforgiveness, judgement, criticism, arrogance, spiritual pride, emotions, murmuring, grumbling and complaining.

Feelings: We need to go beyond our feelings for what we want. We must willingly submit our lives to God in order to obtain our full potential.

Instant Results: Many people are like Esau (he sold his birthright for a bowl of stew); they trade instant gratification for a lifetime of blessings. The flesh wants everything now but God is an investor. We need to go through the pain of crucifying the flesh and wait in the wilderness before God can promote us to the great plans and destiny He has for us. And we can't be stagnant in our walk with God otherwise we will go backwards. Jesus said in **Luke 5:28** that Levi the tax collector forsook everything and got up and followed Him. Everything meaning in our terms today could be family, a job, friends, social status, whatever we need to give up to give our all to Jesus is worth it. I'd rather suffer in the flesh and receive God's radical blessings than go with my "wants" to get momentary, fleeting enjoyments of life.

Crutches: Crutches can hinder our destiny with God. We lean on religion, or what people tell us to do to be our decision makers when it comes to our destiny with God. This is laziness and idol worship. We must reject this handicap and throw away the crutches that are hindering our walk under God's will!

The World: Consider Moses who was raised in the luxury of the Pharaoh's royal court. He had everything, any materialistic thing he could possibly want but he refused this lifestyle and chose God rather than a sinful, worldly life.

"[Prompted] by faith Moses, after his birth, was kept concealed for three months by his parents, because they saw how comely the child was; and they were not overawed and terrified by the king's decree. [Aroused] by faith Moses, when he had grown to maturity and become great, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, Because he preferred to share the oppression [suffer the hardships] and bear the shame of the people of God rather than to have the fleeting enjoyment of a sinful life. He considered the contempt and abuse and shame [borne for] the Christ (the Messiah Who was to come) to be greater wealth than all the treasures of Egypt, for he looked forward and away to the reward (recompense). [Motivated] by faith he left Egypt behind him, being undismayed by the wrath of the king; for he never flinched but held staunchly to his purpose and endured steadfastly as one who gazed on Him Who is invisible. By faith (simple trust and confidence in God) he instituted and carried out the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood [on the doorposts], so that the destroyer of the firstborn (the angel) might not touch those [of the children of Israel]. [Urged on] by faith the people crossed the Red Sea as [though] on dry land, but when the Egyptians tried to do the same thing they were swallowed up [by the sea]." Hebrew 11:24-29

Lack of Faith: God said in Hebrews 11:6 that without faith it is impossible to please God: "But without faith it is impossible to please and be satisfactory to Him. For whoever would come near to God must [necessarily] believe that God exists and that He is the rewarder of those who earnestly and diligently seek Him [out]".

There are many heroes in the Old Testament who exercised faith: Esther had to walk away from everything to serve God, but she ended up saving a nation. Ruth instead of choosing comfort she chose to be with Naomi who was in poverty without a home, because she believed she was in God's will. Ruth married and became the great-grandmother of David. Joseph went to prison for 13 years rather than to compromise his integrity. Joseph was elevated by God to become one of the most influential men in Egypt. Abraham was told by God to leave his land and go to a place where he was destined to receive an inheritance. He became the father of a nation.

"And what shall I say further? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who by [the help of] faith subdued kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promised blessings, closed the mouths of lions"... Hebrews 11:32-33.

People have a tendency to go only if they sure where they can see. But God works differently. He wants us to believe first, take the step He directs us to take, then He shows us what's waiting for us!

Give your all to Jesus and don't look back, because if you do, you're not going to make it by yourself or under religion or under some person's will. By faith in your heart put everything on the altar: money, career, influence, reputation, friends and say: "God I give you my all, and I believe with all of my heart that anything that you take is for my own good and wherever you take me or want me to do is for my benefit and prosperity, that will glorify You. I want what you want for my life Lord"!

Go with God!