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We as Eagles for Jesus Christ are like this eagle above. The difference is we are fishers of men and women for Him.

"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

Praise Reports

"I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth." Psalm 34:1

- Praise the Lord for the great work being accomplished on our newest home by volunteers.
- Praise the Lord for those who are volunteering to help with the different projects as Eagles' Nest and the church are growing.
- Praise the Lord for His constant provision for us individually, for Eagles' Nest Ministries and To the Least of These Adults Only Church.
- Praise the Lord for the fantastic weather we have been enjoying here in the desert.

Prayer Requests

<u>"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the</u> <u>law of Christ."</u> Galatians: 6:2

- Please pray for Phynix O. as he his starts this new stage in his life in Nashville TN. Pray for God's guidance as he moves forward with his dream.
- Pray for Bob Y. as he recovers from knee surgery.
- Please pray for Steve B. as he will be having knee surgery in the near future.
- Please pray for Dennis F. as he continues his cancer treatment. Pray he has comfort and peace and healing from the Lord.
- Pray for each other during this holiday period through the end of the year.

To the Least of These Adults Only Church Website

A safe place for registered citizens to worship.

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Founder's Corner

When God Speaks

When God speaks to us, it is important for us to act without questioning. If we are constantly conversing with Our Lord, we recognize His voice. When we hear Him, His words will never contradict the Bible. He cannot change and will never lie. If He gives instruction, we should have no impulse control. Our obedience must be intentional, consistent, continuous and given with resolve. If we hesitate, we will most likely freeze and never act on His message.

God instructs us to pray without ceasing, that is, converse with God at all times. If this were not possible, He would not have instructed us! Conversing is not a one-way monologue...you speak, God answers, God speaks, you answer, and so on and so forth. How many of us have friends that do not listen? They just talk – we may know them quite well, but do they *know* us?

When I was first learning His voice, I would hear Him read with me while I was reading scriptures to Him. Often, I would read scriptures aloud to God. When something was especially important to Him that He wanted me to pay particular attention to, He would read it with me. In this practice, I learned to trust the difference between my thoughts and His voice. One of the first passages He read with me was John 10:27.

This part of the article is my personal experience. In 2012, we were on our way home one day after visiting a friend of ours in Florence, when God spoke, and I had a vision of a family/home where God's men could live in safety and security. He showed me them crying out to Him and told me we should make ourselves available to do what He planned in this area. I must admit, it was exciting! The experience was unique to me. It was like God touched my mind and downloaded an immense amount of instruction and future plans. I felt His heart for you, His men.

Had I taken a minute to think about it, or the consequences it might bring, or the difficulties we might face, I may have lost courage. I may have frozen in fear and doubt...did I actually hear Him? Why would He choose us for this challenge? What skills and talents do *we* have? The truth is, He did speak, and it is His plan! What immense blessings we would've missed by hesitating...

So, my dear brothers, when God speaks, act! He may call your attention to someone needing a word of encouragement – you may not feel that you are good at encouragement or may not "like" the person God is calling you to encourage. Don't hesitate. He may call you to give your time to building up another in a way that only you can build! Build! Do not hesitate! Practice conversation with God. Not only speak but listen. Learn His voice and feel His heart.

John 10:27 <u>"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me."</u>

John 18:37 <u>"Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."</u>

Numbers 23:19 <u>"God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should</u> repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?"

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 <u>"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks;</u> for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

I love you,

Deb

Stand Fast in Him

<u>"For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know</u> <u>whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have</u> <u>committed to Him until that day."</u> 2 Timothy 1:12

<u>Comprehensive Bible Study in Devotional</u> Form

No Charge to All Prisoners Who Request It

Interested in a comprehensive Bible study in devotional form focusing on grace and truth written by pastors, seminary professors, and theologians? Tabletalk is a monthly devotional that works sequentially through a Bible book plus has articles on a focused theme. Ligonier Ministries offers the devotional to all prisoners who request it at no charge.

Ligonier is implementing a tablet based educational program called Edovo which has many resources.

Additional resources such as books, commentaries, and Bibles may be obtained for low to no cost.

Contact information:

Ligonier Ministries Attn: Prison Outreach 421 Ligonier Court Sanford, FL 32771

The following information will need to be provided:

- Full name
- Prison ID
- Prison's name and address
- The inmate's personal mail or PO box number, if applicable.

Family and friends may also make request via:

- Phone: (407) 333-4244, extension 1207
- Email: prisonoutreach@ligonier.org

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Thumbs Up or Thumbs Down?

A simple question for you...

If someone was watching you out in public or perhaps in the privacy of your car, home or even your bedroom with the door closed, would they think "there is a fine example of Jesus" or would they think you were a worldly sinner who has no relationship with our Lord?

Why would I even ask such a "nosy or rude" question?

Because Jesus commands us to "<u>Abstain from all appearance of evil</u>" 1Th 5:22.

He gave us this...

Final Instructions and Benediction

1Th 5:12 <u>"And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour</u> <u>among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;"</u> 1Th 5:13 <u>"And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's</u> <u>sake. And be at peace among yourselves."</u>

1Th 5:14 <u>"Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly,</u> <u>comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all</u> <u>men."</u>

1Th 5:15 <u>"See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever</u> <u>follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men."</u> 1Th 5:16 <u>"Rejoice evermore."</u>

1Th 5:17 "Pray without ceasing."

1Th 5:18 <u>"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in</u> <u>Christ Jesus concerning you."</u>

1Th 5:19 "Quench not the Spirit."

1Th 5:20 "Despise not prophesyings."

1Th 5:21 "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good."

1Th 5:22 "Abstain from all appearance of evil."

1Th 5:23 <u>"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray</u> <u>God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless</u> <u>unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."</u>

1Th 5:24 *"Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."* What does *"abstain from all appearance of evil"* mean for our lives? So often we think that we aren't hurting anyone or because we do the things we do in private no one will know about it so it is ok.

That is not the case. Even should it actually be possible to do things in private in today's world with cameras everywhere, people videoing things going on around them on their phones, smart electronics listening in and tracking what you say and watch... God ALWAYS sees and hears what you are up to. He sees when we: lie, cheat, steal (yes, even a small thing you take that wasn't yours is stealing), He sees us flirt, look at someone with lust in our hearts, look at porn of any kind (pretending you only read the articles doesn't excuse it), listen to music that degrades women and encourages violence against our fellow man, swear, use racial slurs, gossip or listen to gossip (if they will tell you gossipy things about others, they are telling others things about you as well), tell dirty "jokes", engage in magic/tarot, horoscopes/witchcraft, satanism/New Age stuff, & pagan holidays. *** If we look at everything we say, do, read, watch and even think, and base it on two things:

1. Would someone who sees or hears about you doing these things think that was a Christian thing to do and

2. If Jesus Himself was standing there next to you, would you be ashamed that He saw what you thought, said, did, read, or watched?

Based on your answers to these two questions, you will know if He would give you a Thumbs Up or a Thumbs Down.

If you got a Thumbs Up, great – keep up the good work, but stay vigilant as He told us: <u>"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as</u> <u>a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:"</u> 1Pe 5:8

This is a 24/7 admonishment. We can't let down our guard or we will quickly fall into sin and be devoured.

If you got a Thumbs Down, there is still time to make the changes to receive your Thumbs Up!

Ask the Holy Spirit to show you the things you need to change and what to replace them with. Go back up and reread from *** for some help as well. If you have friends/acquaintances that are not helping you stay on the path, it is ok to let them go and find some friends that will help you.

Repent of any sins He brings up, spend some time in praise and worship, then ask the Holy Spirit to reveal things to you as you read/study your Bible daily. Find a Bible teaching church to attend and fellowship with.

Yes, changing these things from worldly to Godly will be hard, but the great thing is that He promises to walk with us as we do it. Keep your hand in His and your eyes on His face. Praise Him and talk with Him all day long. He will help you to become more and more like Him and less like the world. You can do it!

Debbie D.

The Elevator

An Amish boy and his father were visiting a mall. They were amazed by almost everything they saw, but especially by two shiny, silver walls that could move apart and then slide back together again. The boy asked,

"What is this, Father?"

The father (never having seen an elevator) responded, "Son, I have never seen anything like this in my life, I don't know what it is."

While the boy and his father were watching with amazement, a large old lady in a wheelchair rolled up to the moving walls and pressed a button. The walls opened and the lady rolled between them into a small room. The walls closed and the boy and his father watched the small circular numbers above the walls light up sequentially. They continued to watch until it reached the last number and then the numbers began to light in the reverse order. Finally, the walls opened up again and a gorgeous, 24-year-old blonde woman stepped out.

The father, not taking his eyes off the young woman, said quietly to his son,

"Go get your mother."

A Surprising Encouragement

Today was a day of digging trenches. After the backhoe left, I noticed that there was a problem with trench depths and dimensions which would make it impossible to pass inspection. I was fretting and called my sister to get her opinion on what to do. We talked and as we did, I became more concerned that there was no good solution. I created a mess. What I had not done was ask for wisdom.

That night on my way home I stopped to get dinner. After ordering, the next man ordered and while I waited for take-out we sat down. He bowed his head and prayed. After confirming he was a believer, we talked. Turned out he and his son were building houses and in order to get them built, they bought a backhoe.

Intrigued, I told him about my dilemma, my conundrum, my fretting. He asked a couple of questions and then told me how to fix the problem.

It was then that I had the aha moment. Why was I there? Why was he there?

This was another of God's gracious gifts demonstrating His love for His child. It was a reminder of His continuous work in my life, even if I forget.

Take a moment to think through your day. I have no doubt that the Lord is working in your life as well, providing for your needs even when you haven't asked Him and haven't even thought of His provision.

Take a moment to seek Him, and thank Him for all He has done, and is doing in your life. He loves you. And He is working all things together for your good and His glory.

He is here, and His love reaches us where we are, and when we need it.

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