

Soar Like an Eagle

One of my friend's sons has a parrot named Danny. Once when I went to visit, the bird, which was perched on the child's shoulder, screeched so loudly it hurt my ears. I looked nervously at it and then at its owner. Seeing my apprehensive glance, my friend's son spoke to me.

"It's OK; he can't fly because he won't let go." His simple statement stayed with me all that day and the next. I realized that many believers are like that bird.

The Scriptures tell us that as Christians, we are meant to operate like the eagles and soar above the voices of this world. But what exactly does it mean to "Let go?"

A good example of "Letting go" was Peter's stepping out of a boat onto unfamiliar territory—the water. He saw that Jesus was not controlled by natural realm circumstances, and it appeared to be a pretty good idea when he took that first step.

After all, walking on water is an exciting venture—not your everyday routine. Peter wanted that experience.

"Jesus, bid me come to You on the water," Peter told Him.

When Jesus spoke the word, Peter let go of what he knew—the familiar boat—and eagerly jumped over the side. He wasn't really expecting his experience to be "different." When he first got the idea of walking on water, it sounded fun. And as long as he kept his eyes on Jesus, everything was fine.

But the waves were calling out, "Look at us," and the winds were calling out, "Listen to us," and poor old Peter got rattled with those two factors vying for his attention.

When he looked at Jesus he was fine, but when he looked at those waves, he lost his confidence.

Do you, like Peter, have a desire in your heart that you believe God has planted there?

Perhaps He has given you a promise, a word to encourage you to walk on water. Maybe you even heeded the word and began to step out of the boat, but the waves and the wind distracted you.

The problem is that when the wind starts blowing, it carries with it other people's opinions. Sometimes those opinions seem louder than the one you first heard.

So what do you do?

Go back to the place where it's just you and Jesus once again, and ask Him to confirm the word.

When he does, He will impart the faith to go along with it.

Be aware that other things may come and try to get your eyes off Him and away from your vision. Those "things" may be well-meaning saints or good opportunities that appear on your spiritual horizon.

But the GOOD things can take you away from the GOD things. The good things seem safer-familiar territory mostly.

The God things, on the other hand, may be frightening because they are unknown. They may take you to ground that is yet untrodden. To

go there you
must be willing to let go of what you know—like Danny the
parrot needs to
in order to fly.

When you've got the vision in front of you again and the
word in your ears, let go of what you know in the natural
realm, as well as all
the voices and opinions, and fly out in the Spirit. Ask the
Holy Spirit to let
you see what He sees about you and your vision.

Those around you may not be able to see what God has put in
you. They know you so well after the flesh! They will never
draw from your
spiritual resources because they don't see the way God sees.

But there are others who will see and who will draw living
water from your well. God will open the way. Don't strive to
perform or prove
that you can fly.

You don't have to prove you have something from God! Eagles
don't struggle and flap their wings around; they just spread
them naturally and
catch the wind currents that take them to the realms of the
Spirit.

You can do the same. Let Him teach you to *fly*. Let go, and let
God have His way in your life. You
were born again to be borne.

PRAYER POWER FOR THE WEEK OF 6/27/2011

This week ask the Lord to help you see what He sees
concerning you and your future. Focus your prayers on the
truth of His Word and
thank Him that there are no limits to what He can accomplish
in and through

you. Ask God for revival in our nation, unity among our churches and fervency in our commitment to teach His Word and spread His kingdom. Continue to pray for Israel and our nation's role in helping it fulfill God's purpose. Pray that President Obama would have supernatural wisdom when he makes decisions affecting our nation and the world. 1 Thes. 5:17; James 5:16

To enrich your prayer life and learn how to strategically pray with power by using appropriate scriptures, we recommend the following sources by Apostle John Eckhardt: Prayers that Rout Demons, Prayers that Bring Healing, Prayers that Release Heaven on Earth and Prayers that Break Curses. To order any or all of these [click here](#).