

#2 Eagles in the Bible

I.

- Cry, Eat, & Sleep
- Mom & Dad have to hunt constantly to feed the whole family
- Baby eagles of this type grow twice as fast as some birds in Falconiformes family (Vultures)

- In the Bible we see there is a difference between new and experienced believers.

...1 Cor. 3:1 And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. 2 I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; 3 for you are still carnal.

...John 21:15 So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of [a]Jonah, do you love Me more than these?"

He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I [b]love You."

He said to him, "Feed My lambs."

16 He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of [c]Jonah, do you love Me?"

He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I [d]love You."

He said to him, "Tend My sheep."

17 He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?"

And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You."

Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep."

- We see there are different levels of believers
(...XTRA - As a leader, to minister to the mature requires a deeper level of Love toward God.)

- Baby/New believers in the church/faith should be kept in the right environment.

Acts 2:40 And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this [l]perverse generation." **41** Then those who [m]gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. **42** And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' [n]doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. **43** Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. **44** Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, **45** and [o]sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.

- If in the right environment they will grow much faster than people who are not. (Unless they choose differently)

II.

- The nest is changed - From comfortable to uncomfortable

- Things are removed from the nest that forces the babies to use their feet.

- Instead of sitting they have to stand on branches, this STRENGTHENS THEIR TALONS.

- This is important because the talons need to be strong so they can catch prey to eat. (Difference in life & death)

Hebrews 5:8 though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. 9 And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,

...learned obedience - the development of self discipline and control

...suffering - the seasons of discomfort and struggle

- On my journey of faith God has led me through seasons of comfort and discomfort as a continuous cycle
- Me obeying and enduring through the suffering/ discomfort enabled me to mature and develop into what is needed in my life but also for what is to come.

- v.9 And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation - We see Jesus became perfected and fulfilled his purpose because of his obedience in suffering

-Like the baby eagles who was forced out of there comfort to strengthen their talons so they could stay alive in the future. We too are forced out of comfort zones so God can strengthen in us what we need but also for what God can use in us.

...This can be faith, gifting, purpose, empathy, compassions, etc.

- Don't despise the hard times JUST PUSH THROUGH

(step by step)

- Isaiah 40:31 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.