

Advancing Through Adversity

September Sermon Series

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Experiencing Success Through Adversity

Lesson One

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Growing Closer to God Through Adversity

Lesson Two

*The Eagle Christian
Soaring Through Adversity*

Lesson Three

Scripture Lesson:
Isaiah 40:31

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Exodus 19:4, You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself.

Revelation 4:7, The first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight.

**“The eagle has no fear of adversity.
We need to be like the eagle and have
a fearless spirit of a conqueror!”**

Seven Traits / Principles:

Trait 1: Eagles Fly At High Altitudes.

**Principle: Soaring Christians
Associate With People Who Can Help
Them Grow.**

TRAIT 2: Eagles Have Powerful Vision.

**Principle: Soaring Christians Must
Have A Clear Vision And Focus To
Succeed.**

Then the LORD answered me and said: “Write the vision

And make *it* plain on tablets, That he may run who reads it. For the vision *is* yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie.

Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come,

It will not tarry.

Habakkuk 2:2-3 (NKJV)

TRAIT 3: Eagles Feed Only On Fresh Prey.
**Principle: Be Careful What You Feed
Your Eyes And Ears.**

**Psalm 119:37, Turn my eyes away
from worthless things; preserve
my life according to your word.**

TRAIT 4: Eagles Have A Conquering Spirit.

**Principle: We Can Use The Storms Of
Life To Rise To Greater Heights.**

**“An eagle earns its honor from
the storms it endures.”**



**“Calm Skies Don't Make
Skillful Eagles.”**



TRAIT 5: An Eagle Tests Before It Trusts.

**Principle: Test The Commitment Of
People Intended For Partnership.**

John 6:66-68, From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve. Simon Peter answered him, "LORD, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

TRAIT 6: An Eagle is Challenged and Taught to Use their Wings to Fly.

Principle: God Often Uses People To Push Us To Higher Heights.

Four Things We Must Do In Order To Soar:



1. We Must Face the Headwinds.

“Even though I walk through the
darkest valley, I will fear no evil for
You are with me” Psalm 23:4

2. We Must Rest on God's Strength.

“...Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might” – Ephesians 6:10

3. We Must Let God Lift Us.

“Humble yourselves before the Lord, and
He will lift you up” – James 4:10

4. We Must Allow God to Sustain Us.

“Surely God is my help; the Lord is the one who sustains me” – Psalm 54:4
