

## WAITING ON A LIFT

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Isa 40:28-31 Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: 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.

Flying is something that I enjoy doing. I learned how to fly airplanes in 1983. I learned how to jump out of airplanes in 1991. (It's really not hard; you just open the door and fall out.) I took my first para-motor flight in 2004. In 2005 my paraglider collapsed and I fell 152 feet and crashed. By the mercy of God, I walked away and lived to fly another day. I jumped off the top of the Sacramento Mountains in 2016 and I learned how to fly a fixed wing glider in 2018. I enjoy flying. It is peaceful thousands of miles above the earth. Less traffic. Less noise. Just me and Jesus and occasionally a few birds.

Have you ever noticed birds just circling around in the sky? Not flapping their wings, just going around in circles. You may have thought that they were looking for something on the ground, and that is a possibility, depending on the kind of bird, but what they are really doing is waiting on a lift.

The lift that they are waiting for is called a thermal. In the desert it is sometimes called a dust devil. It is a gust or swirl of wind that comes along and produces lift for the bird to stay in the air with minimal effort.

The Bible says that those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles.

If we want to be able to soar into the heavens, we have to learn to wait upon the Lord.

We can run around flapping our wings, putting forth a lot of effort on our own and growing weary in the process or we can learn to wait for a lift. We can learn how to feel after the Lord, like the bird who is feeling after the wind. If we can learn that, we can soar a lot higher, with a lot less effort than we can if we are depending upon ourselves and our own strength.

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