



Eagle Vision Partner Letter

Soaring Over Storms

December 2006

Dear Partner,

I pray this letter finds you continually controlling your emotions and giving thanks. God has truly been good to us all.

This month I am going to show you how to soar over the storms of life. I believe there are many people who have had storms come their way this year. Storms will come, but how we respond to the storms will determine how we come out of them. The eagle is one animal whose response to a storm will cause it not to be destroyed. One of the qualities that stands out about the eagle is its ability to rise and soar over storms. The eagle allows the storm's winds to propel it to greater heights. You see, the very thing that comes along that "could" destroy it, ends up helping it go to a higher level. God says in **Exodus 19:4** Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare (exalted) you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself. **When the Believer faces the storms of life, we must respond to them with faith and trust in our God.** One way that we show God that we trust Him is by keeping a heart and attitude of thanksgiving.

The Bible says in **Philippians 4:6** Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. The **Amplified Bible** says Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything, but in every circumstance and in everything, by prayer and petition (definite requests), with thanksgiving, continue to make your wants known to God. The part that I want you to focus on is thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is an attitude that determines your destiny. It's an attitude of gratitude. Thanksgiving is an attitude that attracts success and victory. Instead of complaining about the current situation, thank God for what He's already done for you and what He's about to do and you'll soar to greater heights!

As a Believer 'how you wait on the Lord' will have a direct effect on 'how long you wait'. God never said that we would not face trouble, but His Word tells us the correct way to respond to it. The Israelites had an 11 day journey but it ended up being a 40 year journey through the wilderness. Daniel was only in the lions den for a short period before he received his deliverance. The difference was Daniel responded the correct way by trusting in God but the Israelites complained. The Bible tells us in **Deuteronomy 8:2** And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, **to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.** I'd rather humble myself than to be humbled. (What's in your heart, thanksgiving or complaining?) Your response to this question may be the root to your problems. If we learn to respond to storms the correct way and maintain our focus, I believe we would arrive at our destination sooner than later. Some storms require more patience than others, but they all require us to trust in God in order for us to get through them. We might as well enjoy the trip. **I Thessalonians 5:18** In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you, **not "for" everything, but "in" everything.**

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In **Isaiah 40:31** it says 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. Have you made a choice to wait with a heart of thanksgiving? To wait is to expect, to look patiently, to collect and to gather. Are you expecting and trusting God to move? If you are, you will soar through the storm.

Steps to Soar Over Storms

1. Make a decision to use the storm to take you higher. (**Deut 32:11-13**)
2. Schedule time to spend with God in prayer and the Word and keep it. (**Luke 18:1**)(**Matt. 6:33**)
3. Make a decision not to complain (and avoid others who complain). (**I Corinthians 10:9-11**)(**Rom 16:17**)
4. Trust God to bring His Word to pass no matter how long it "seems" to take. (**Psalm 37:9**)(**Psalm 37:34**)
5. If times seem to be getting rougher, get closer to Him in His presence. (**Psalm 91:1-16**)
6. Stay determined to get to the other side. (**Luke 8:22-25**)
7. Find a reason everyday to be thankful. (**Jeremiah 30:19**)

Thank You!

We pray each of you have a very **Merry CHRISTmas** and a **Happy New Year!** A special "Thank You" goes to all of our faithful members and partners for your prayers and financial support this year. We look forward to the best year ever in 2007! We would also like to invite you and your family to join us for one of our dynamic services. May God continue to bless and increase you and your family.



We Love You!

Harold, Deirdre & Micah

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