

Rejoice in the Lord always I will say it again: Rejoice! Phillipians 4:4

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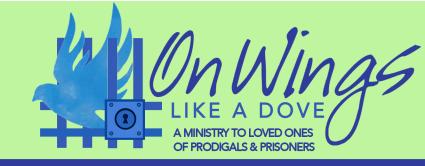
Monthly Prayer Support Monday Night April 5th Prayer and Praise

River Oaks Church Clemmons, NC 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 6:30 pm Room #4 Led by Jeff & Sherye Hall

## Ladies Bible Study

Each Tuesday at On Wings Office from 12:30 - 2:00 We are studying Finding I Am by Lisa Terkuerst

Come join us for fellowship and learning



A Newsletter from On Wings Like A Dove Ministry

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Whispers of God's Love

He brought me to the banqueting house and His banner over me was love Song of Solomon 2:4

We had planned a ladies retreat in 2020 entitled, Whispers of God's Love which was postponed due to the virus. It was still on our hearts this year, so we plan to pursue this same subject at Apple Hill Lodge on May 21-23. We need to learn to listen for His whispers.

In our first office on Fifth Street, we had the name Jehovah Nissi on the wall in the front entrance. The name was there for the seven years we leased the space. The name Nissi means, "The Lord is my Banner". We sensed His banner of love wave over us as On Wings was launched fifteen years ago and it has never stopped.

His banner has continued to wave as He led us to our current home in God's Acre. As we prayed for new space God took me to a passage in Joshua 3:5, "Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you". The next morning, I arose and said, "Ok Lord, I am ready to see great and mighty things.". He led us that day to the place we have called home for the last eight years.

As I prepared to write today, I began to think of all of God's whispers of love over the years. Let me share a few recent ones here:

- 1. His whisper came at the beginning of a hard journey with my Dad's illness and passing. He said, "I am with you Sandra, and that's all you need". I repeated that often as the days got difficult.
- 2. His whisper that said, "Get your Dad home today". Within two hours he was home in his bed thanks to the swift actions of Hospice. At his home, his family had freedom to come and visit making memories for a lifetime.
- 3. His whisper that said, "it's not too late for your Dad to baptize his youngest grandson. And so, he did right at his bedside that day. I would have never thought of that on my own.
- 4. His whisper in the sound of the dove and its appearance as I stepped out on my front porch by myself before leaving home for my Dad's service. What hope that brought to my heart.
- 5. His whisper that He was soon coming for my Dad. I then leaned over and whispered it in his ear, and he said, "no more pain or suffering". Two hours later He met Jesus.
- 6. His whisper that He was working all things together for good and His glory in my daughter's recent deep distress.
- 7. His whisper that He was bringing our son to the end of himself to call him to fulfill his purpose in His kingdom which had been my prayer for all his life.

Think about how God has whispered to you most recently and jot down the ways so that you can look back and experience His love in each instance. He speaks to us all if we are listening. It is in the gentle whispers or nudges that He guides us and covers us with His banner of love. Plan to attend the Ladies Retreat and discover other ways God whispers as we fellowship together in community.

~ Sandra

SPRING RETREAT! Apple Hill Lodge



## May 21-23

Whispers of God's Love

Speaker: Janelle Siebsen Musician: Helen Morris

Arrive at 3 PM May 21st Depart at 11 AM May 23rd

> TOTAL COST IS \$100 Due when you sign up to reserve your spot

**FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE** 

WHEN A TRAIN GOES THROUGH A TUNNEL AND IT GETS DARK, YOU DON'T THROW AWAY THE TICKET AND JUMP OFF. YOU SIT STILL AND TRUST THE ENGINEER.

~ CORRIE TEN BOOM

If every mother brought her troubles to the marketplace and they assembled them all in a great pile — Each mother, upon seeing the rest, would be content to take her own and return home

## Prayer Thoughts

## Six Traits of an Eagle

Eagles are uncommon birds, depicted in the Scriptures as a picture of the victorious Christian life. These six traits of eagles should encourage us to soar higher in our life of faith.



**TRAIT #1:** Eagles fly at high altitudes, not with low-flying birds like sparrows or other small birds.

**Principle:** If you want to be an eagle Christian, you need to fly with other eagles and stay away from sparrows and ravens.

TRAIT #2: Eagles have strong vision, with an ability to focus on objects up to three miles away. When an eagle sights his prey, he will not move his focus from the prey until he successfully captures it.

**Principle:** In order to succeed, we must have a clear vision and remain focused no matter what the obstacles may be.

**TRAIT #3:** Eagles feed only on fresh prey, never eating dead things. Vultures eat dead animals, but eagles will not.

**Principle:** Be careful about what you feed your eyes and ears with, especially on the Internet, movies, or TV.

**TRAIT #4:** When storm clouds gather, eagles get excited. An eagle uses the storm's wind to lift himself higher, far above the clouds. In the meantime, all the other birds hide in the leaves and branches of the trees.

**Principle:** We can use the storms of life to rise to greater heights. High achievers thrive on challenges and use them profitably.

**TRAIT #5:** An eagle tests before it trusts. When a female eagle meets a male and they want to mate, she first tests his commitment. Then and only then, will she allow him to mate with her.

**Principle:** Whether in private life or in business, one should test the commitment of people intended for partnership.

**TRAIT #6**: During the time of training her young ones to fly, a mother eagle throws the eaglets out of the nest. Because they are scared, they jump into the nest again. Next, the mother eagle pushes the eaglets off the cliff into the air. As they shriek in fear, father eagle flies out and catches them up on his back and brings them back to the cliff. This goes on for some time until they learn to start using their wings to fly.

**Principle:** The people who love us do not let us languish in sloth but push us hard to grow and prosper. Even in their seemingly harsh actions, they have good intentions for us—and these steps are necessary to teach us to fly.

Eagles don't always have a soft and easy life, nor will we. But just as eagles illustrate, God is calling us to wait on Him and learn to soar higher, above the cares, trials, and trivial pursuits of life:

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.

Isaiah 40:31