



*September 2014*

## On Eagle's Wings

After I'd witnessed an eagle in flight, I understood why God used this bird to describe a relationship with Him. The eagle—which simply opens its wings and soars—is wholly dependent upon air currents to keep it aloft.

In contrast, we often beat our wings trying to be better Christians. We resolve to read the Bible more or to improve at keeping our temper. We strive to escape old habits and temptations. But instead of flying to the mountaintops, we remain on the valley floor with tired wings. This is because believers sometimes get confused about what a spiritually mature person looks like. The godly believer isn't someone who tries and tries to do well. I've been a believer long enough to know that I can't live the Christian life. This flesh of mine isn't a bit better today than it was the day I was saved.



Spiritual maturity means recognizing that we do not change ourselves. Flesh is corrupt, and its vices cannot be suppressed by any human means. But our omnipotent Father subdues believers' human impulses through His Spirit. For example, God's indwelling Spirit calms anger and wields His strength to weaken the lure of old temptations. While others tire from trying to be good, the mature believer relies upon God and will "mount up with wings like eagles"

Isaiah reminds us that even young men stumble and grow weak. Anyone trying to change himself into a model Christian will burn out beating his wings against the world system and his own flesh. God didn't make these human bodies, minds, or spirits to fly solo. He created us to soar on His strength.

Dr. Charles Stanley



# It's Time for Pescador Orientation

Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am

Lifepoint Church

1224 Pedrick Road

Tallahassee, FL

Please attend if you have never attended a PO and are planning to serve on the upcoming weekend, or if you have not attended PO in the past 2 years, it's time to come back and review. It is vital for us to not stray from the essentials. A couple hours of your time is all it takes.

No Children Please



**OPEN**  
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**Saturday  
September 13  
1:00 pm**

Home of Cal & Rachel Lauder • 536 Joyner Road • Calro, GA

The Meat Will Be Provided • Community Please Bring A Side, Covered Dish or Dessert

**DON'T FORGET TO BRING...**

Family & Friends  
Covered Dish or Side to Share  
Smiles • Hugs & Joy

Fishing Poles & Bait  
Bathing Suit • Sunscreen & Towel  
Chairs & Blankets To Sit On



**UPCOMING WEEKENDS**

**Fall 2014**

**Men's #51 • October 2-5**

**Jim Arrington, Rector**

**Women's #51 • October 16-19**

**Lillian Arrington, Rector**

**Spring 2015**

**Men's #52 • April 9-12**

**Marty McClamma, Rector**

**Women's #52 • April 23-26**

**Ginny Sapp, Rector**

