NEW COVENANT CHURCH

The Secret of Soaring

From Striving to Soaring



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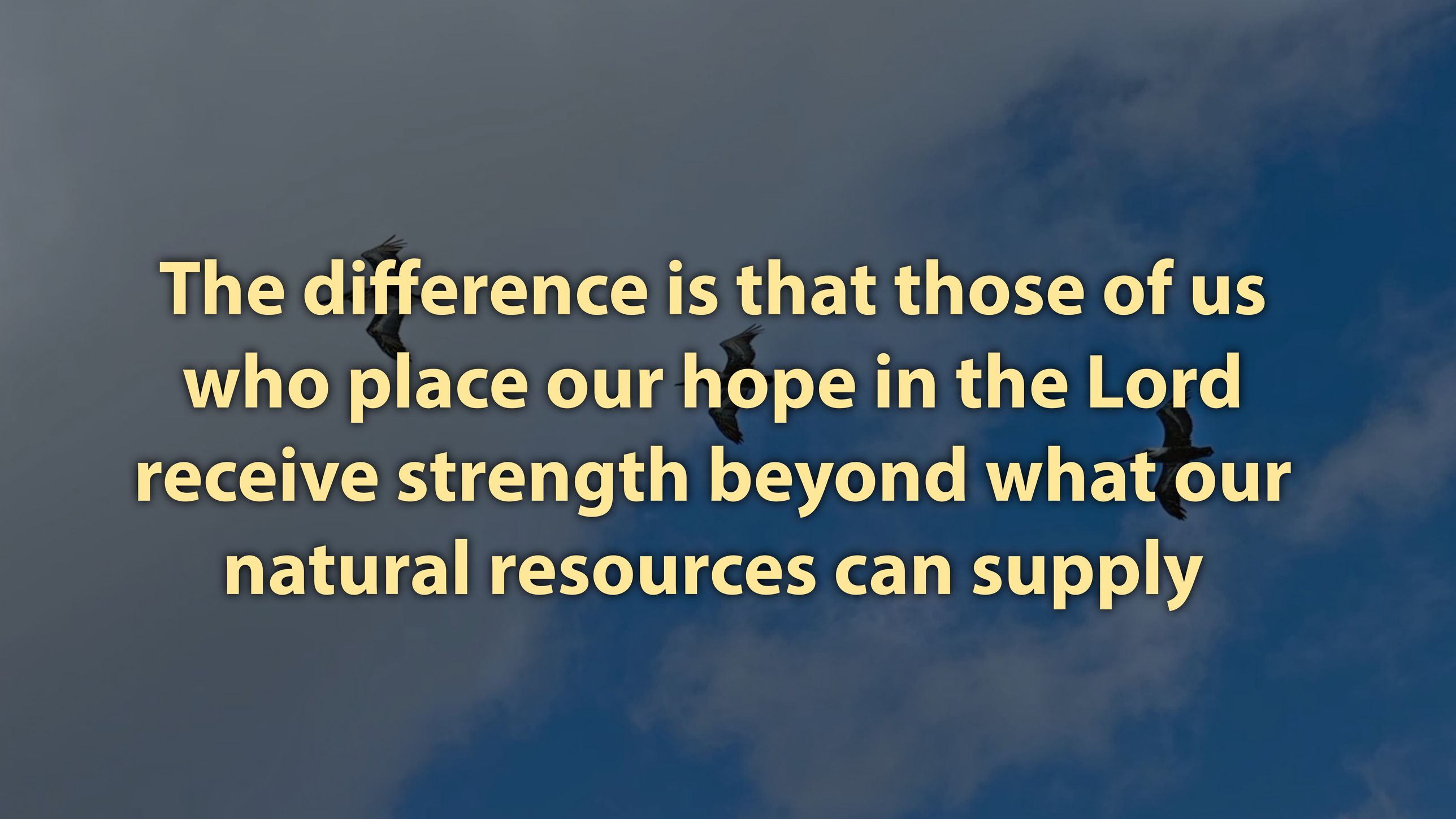
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2 Corinthians 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. 5 For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ.


What’s the Difference Between
Striving and Soaring?


The difference is that those of us
who place our hope in the Lord
receive strength beyond what our
natural resources can supply

Spiritual strength does not originate in human determination alone.

We should have determination, but being determined by itself won't make a lasting difference.

We are laborers together with God.

- Jesus told the fishermen to launch out into the deep.
- He told the man to pick up his bed and walk.
- He told the leper to show himself to the priest.
- Jesus asked the boy for his fish and loaves.
- Before He raised Lazarus, Jesus told the people to roll away the stone from in front of the tomb.

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Forgetting God Always Brings Trouble

Isaiah 40:27, *“Why do you say, O Jacob,*
And speak, O Israel: ‘My way is hidden
from the LORD, And my just claim is
passed over by my God’?”

God Asks the Question Then and Now

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God's Strength Is Available to the Weak, Not the Strong

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Being Renewed in Strength Is the End of Striving and the Beginning of Soaring

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But those who wait on the Lord shall renew [exchange] *their strength*

Waiting on the Lord is the active orientation of your confidence toward God. Your faith develops.

What is the Exchange of Strength?

- It is not surrendering your strength to receive God's strength in return.
- It is not about giving your tired, worn-out self to God, and getting a new self in return.
- **It is about RENEWED STRENGTH.** God's ability to sustain you beyond the limitations of your natural capacities.

What Renewed Strength Looks Like?

- Outward circumstances may remain difficult while our inward strength is being renewed.
- God's renewal does not always remove the weight.
- **God supplies strength that the weight cannot overcome.**
- God's weight of glory is greater than the things trying to weigh you down.

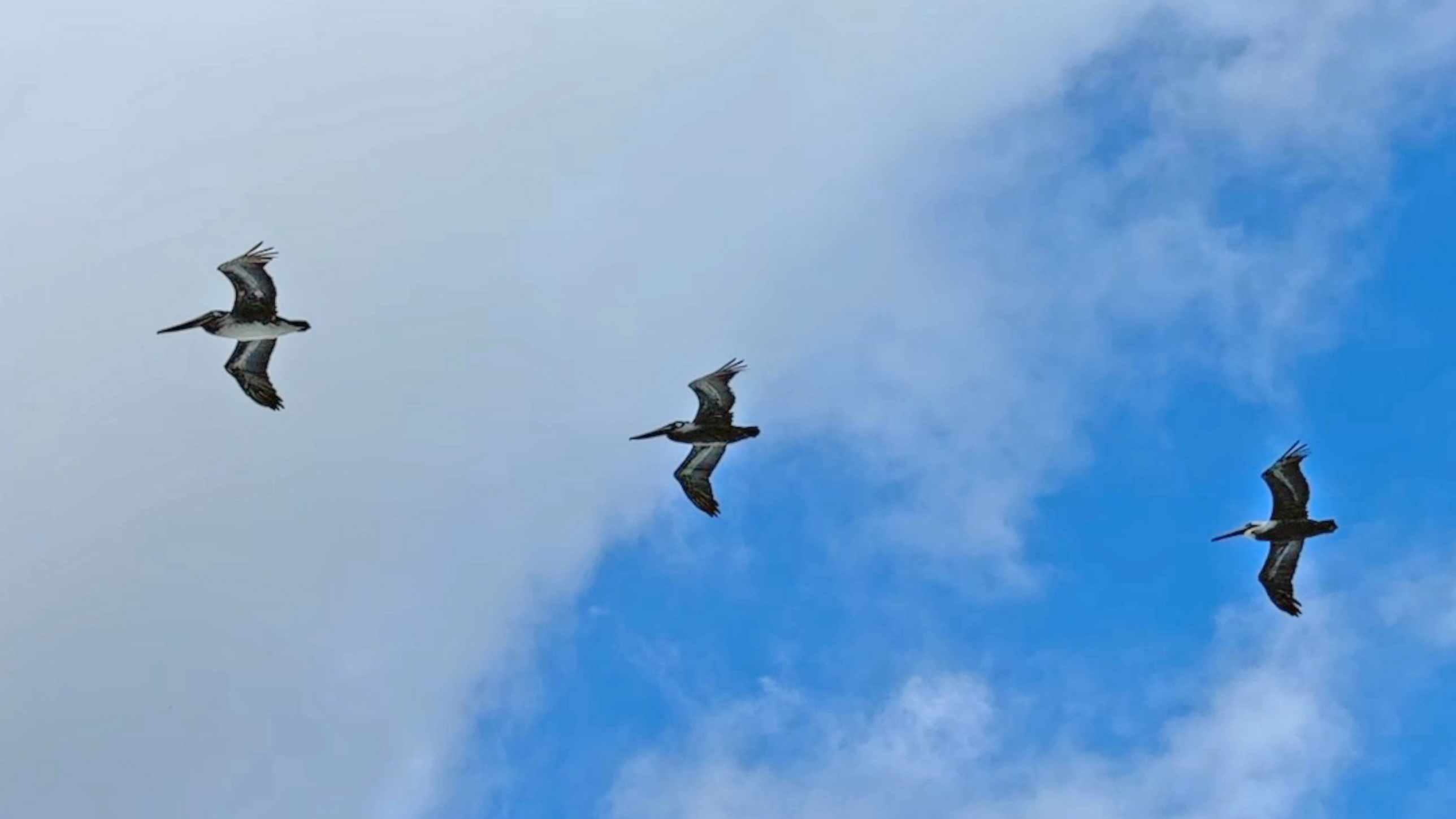
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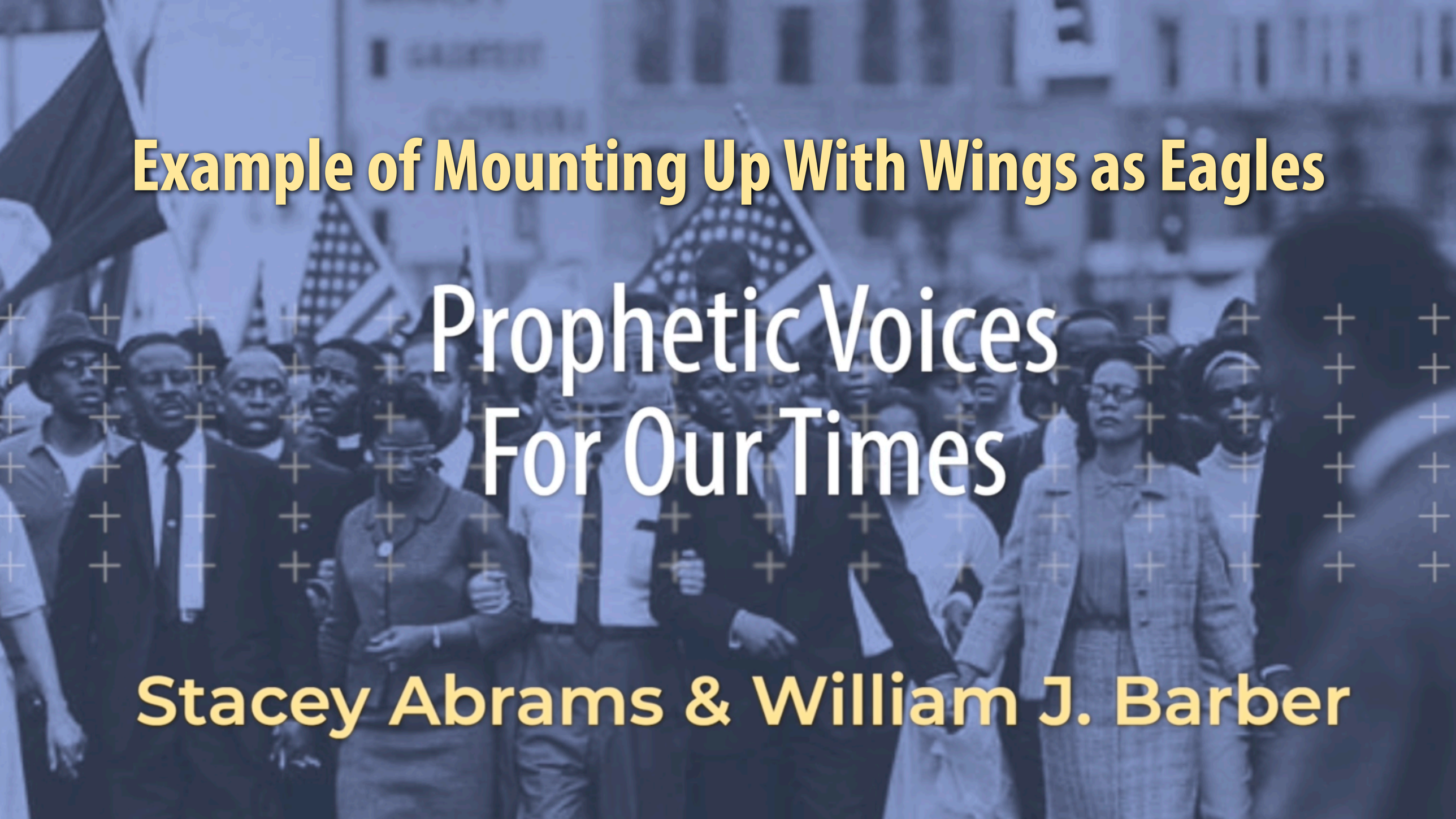
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The secret of soaring is not flapping your wings harder and harder.

It is about extending your wings of faith to capture the energy God is providing.




Example of Mounting Up With Wings as Eagles
Prophetic Voices
For Our Times
Stacey Abrams & William J. Barber

Let's Talk About Soaring

- Waiting upon the Lord positions believers to receive strength that they cannot manufacture.
- Prayer, worship, obedience, doing the word, and faithful service.
- These practices do not generate God's power. They help orient our hearts toward God's power.

Learn to Soar, Run, and Walk

Isaiah 40:31, ***T****hey shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.*

So when we learn how to soar, we'll be able to run and not be weary, and walk and not faint.

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You Will Walk and Not Faint

Isaiah 40:31, *They shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.*

So when we learn how to soar, we'll be able to run and not be weary, and walk and not faint.

Walking reveals the sustaining power of God in everyday life.