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In the Middle of October 24 “the Lord woke me up in the middle of the night saying “**I am making up for lost time**”. I had a sense it had to do with vision. He wants to make up for things that should have come to pass but they haven’t. “**I am going to make up for lost time.**”

There are things in all of our lives that we have prayed for, stood for and have known they should have come to pass and for whatever reason they haven’t. Well, we are in a new season. “**He is making up for lost time and things will come to pass**”.

“**We are in a season of things culminating**”. Culmination is the highest or climactic point of something, especially as attained after a long time; the end or conclusion of something. The outcome of growth or development that represents an attained objective; the climax of a story, the final crowning achievement, or the end result of years of research. The end point of something you have been working towards or something that’s been building up.

I keep hearing “**get them into the fields the harvest is ripe**”.

John 4:34-38 Ampc. “Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to **finish His work**.³⁵ Do you not say, It is still four months until harvest time comes? **Look!** I tell you, **raise your eyes and observe the fields and see** how they are already white for harvesting.³⁶ Already the reaper is getting his wages [he who does the cutting now has his reward], for **he is gathering fruit (crop) unto life eternal**, so that he who does the planting and he who does the reaping may rejoice together.³⁷ For in this the saying holds true, One sows and another reaps.³⁸ **I sent you to reap a crop** for which you have not toiled. Other men have labored and you have stepped in to **reap the results of their work.**”

- “get them into the fields the harvest is ripe”.

Matthew 9:35-38 Ampc. “And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming **the good news (the Gospel) of the kingdom** and curing all kinds of disease and every weakness and infirmity.³⁶ When He saw the throngs, He was moved with pity and sympathy for them, because they were bewildered (harassed and distressed and dejected and helpless), like sheep without a shepherd.³⁷ Then He said to His disciples, **The harvest is indeed plentiful**, but the laborers are few.³⁸ So pray to **the Lord of the harvest** to ^[m]force out and thrust laborers **into His harvest**.

WE WANT THE ATTITUDE OF A LION AND THE VISION OF AN EAGLE!

We learned last week the importance of having the attitude of a lion. How a lion thinks different which affects the way he believes and acts. We are supposed to live with the characteristics of a lion.

Proverbs 28:1 NKJV “The wicked flee when no one pursues, But **the righteous are bold as a lion.**”

Its time for the church to ROAR and let the lion inside of you come alive.
“He is making up for lost time.”

Tonight I want us to look at the EAGLE. The mindset of the lion and the eagle are important to help position us for God to make up for lost time!

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- When we get closer, we get stronger not weaker

When God refers to Himself, He relates to the lion who is the king of the animals and an eagle who is the king of the birds. He doesn't refer to Himself as a pigeon or a duck, but an eagle.

Success principles we can learn from the eagle: an eagle represents freedom, strength and hope. God wants us to remember who we are as His children, and have the characteristics of the lion, eagles...

Ex: when I do funerals I look at all the graves and wonder what died inside of those people because the wealthiest place in the world is not the diamond mines of Africa or the oil fields. The wealthiest place in the world is the cemetery. Businesses never discovered, books that were never written, dreams that were never fulfilled, visions that never become realities, songs that were never written. I don't want that to be us. Part of my purpose is to help people know God and be the best them that they can be. I want us to die empty, releasing everything that God has put in us.

Ex: of this old man that noticed that a rich man and some people were cutting down this big tree and piling it up to be burned. The old man asked if he could have one of the logs and the rich man said sure, we are just going to burn it because its in the way and its just junk to me.

So the old man took the log home and set it down looking at it and begin to carve, hammer, chisel for hours and hours until out of this piece of log became an eagle. The rich man passed by and stopped because it was so pretty and asked how much for this beautiful sculpture. The old man sold it for \$5,000 dollars. You might look like nothing to some people but to God, He sees an eagle, a piece of art, something valuable in you. Let me be that sculptor, with the word of God helping you see the eagle in you.

There is more in us than what we are walking in right now. God is saying **“I am making up for lost time”**.

The brokest man in the world is not a man without money but is a person without a dream, purpose, vision, without a plan. We want to become aware of what God has placed in us and what He has for us. We aren't made to be normal, we are made to be leaders, lights shining in darkness, difference makers for the kingdom of God. Lets look at some principles of EAGLES.

1. **An Eagle fly's high.** When **they are flying high** like that, if they come across another bird, they know it has to be another eagle because no other birds fly at that altitude. So if you keep running into pigeons or ducks, then you are flying to low.

When we decide to be all that God has called us to be, then it will make the ducks and pigeons that you've been flying with, uncomfortable because they will have to deal with the truth that they are made for more but choosing to stay comfortable. That includes even family members, old friends, etc...

Eagles don't need the approval of others in the bird family, they don't care what the pigeon says, the ducks says, the swan or any other bird. They are created to fly at high altitudes.

2. **Vision-** the eagle has the sharpest eyes in the animal kingdom. It can see a rabbit from 5 miles away. They fly high but see in detail.

An eagle not only flies high but they have great vision, they can see 50 times better than a human. When it sees its target then it dives like a bullet, aware of everything but focused on one thing. It doesn't get distracted by everything else going on. It doesn't matter what rain is falling, lightning is going on, storms are going on, what others are doing, they have vision and are focused. Its not a jack of all trades, it has vision and is focused. The power of vision causes the success of the eagle. He is the king of birds because of vision.

WE WANT THE ATTITUDE OF THE LION BUT THE VISION OF AN EAGLE!

Proverbs 29:18 Ampc. *"Where there is no vision people perish"*

Eagles are not distracted by ducks or pigeons. Today, put your vision back on paper, begin to write what it looks like to be your best in every area of life. Like the Eagle we will fly high and stay focused on our vision. Its in you...

Di means two, it splits the word. The word vide means one and Di-vide, means split the one. Vorce- single power, di-voice means split the power. The word vision, comes from the word optica which means single sight. Di-vision, means split the sight. That's why its important to know your vision....

Why do you want to do what you do? Why am I doing what I'm doing? Is there a passion to know God and be my best. Leadership is about a conviction.

Leadership isn't about us, it is a deep conviction that I was born to make a difference. Are you a leader or are you just doing a job. Leaders can never retire. If you can stop doing what you are doing and still be happy then you are not fulfilling your purpose. You can't retire from yourself, from your purpose. Conviction, passion, vision, are apart of being a leader.

We need to see clearly. What's our target? What does it look like to be the best you, you can be? Can you see what you are created for?

3. **Focus-** the eagles eyes are fixed on its prey. It doesn't get distracted by other animals. It fixes its eye on its target and gets it.

Hebrews 12:2 Ampc. *"Looking away [from all that will distract] to Jesus, Who is **the Leader** and **the Source** of our faith [giving the first incentive for our belief] and is also its Finisher [bringing it to maturity and perfection]..."*

The enemy, social media, people will try and distract you from who you are and what God has called you to be if you let them. Don't waste your time on things that don't matter. Don't get caught up in others people's drama.

Mark 4:19 Ampc. *"Then the cares and anxieties of the world and distractions of the age, and the pleasure and delight and false glamour and deceitfulness of riches, and the craving and passionate desire for other things creep in and choke and suffocate the Word, and it becomes fruitless."*

One of the ways to stay focused and not be distracted is to crave and passionately desire the word.

Isaiah 41:10 NKJV ¹⁰ *Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, (don't lose focus) for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."*

4. **Eagles only eat live food.**

John 6:63 NKJV *"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life."*

It doesn't eat grapes or apples, or dead animals. An eagle demands fresh meat because of their metabolism. If we are going to grow and become then we can't depend on dead teachings, dead information. Be where God has called us to be and eat living word. That's why we produce all that we do because its important to have fresh word, living word in order for it to produce life and life more abundantly.

As an eagle we need to make sure we aren't hanging out with dead people, dead dreams, dead vision. We want to connect to people that are alive, going after the dream, that have the attitude of a lion and the vision of an eagle

5. **Action**- it doesn't just sit in the nest and dream about its catch, no it acts. It dives, it soars, it goes after it.

Dreams and visions without action, don't put food on your table, they don't make us successful by themselves, no it takes action.

James 2:20 NKJV *"²⁰ But do you want to know, O foolish man, that **faith without works is ^hdead?**"*

What actions am I taking to bring the dream into a reality? Success doesn't just fall in our laps, we have to go to it. "Go get it." The purpose isn't just fulfilled, we have to "Go get it". The vision doesn't just come to pass, we have to "Go get it".

6. **Resilience**- it builds its nest high up in the mountains where the winds are high and storms are fierce. Eagles don't run from problems.

It doesn't run away when the storm comes. The pigeon runs, the duck runs, the other birds run from the storm and look for cover but not the eagle.

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Let the storm winds carry us higher than the storm. That's turning adversity into advantage. It flies into the storm and uses it as a time to spread its wings and rest.

1 Corinthians 16:9 Ampc. *"For a wide door of opportunity for effectual [service] has opened to me [there, a great and promising one], and [there are] many adversaries."*

Psalms 23:5 Ampc. *"You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies"*

When life gets tough it is our choice to step down or step up. Make the decision to rise higher. Okay the relationship didn't work, okay I'll keep working on myself and God will restore me. That business didn't work, okay great, I'll learn and now I know some things that don't work.

Micah 7:8 Ampc. *"Rejoice not against me, O my enemy! When I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord shall be a light to me."*

Resilience is about bouncing back stronger, learning from every set back, growing from every failure. Don't allow the storm to take you out but to take you up.

7. **Renewal**- at different times in its life, it goes through a renewal process. It finds a high mountain and plucks out its feathers, sheds its beak and waits for them to grow back.

Romans 12:2 Ampc. *"Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] **renewal** of your mind [by **its new ideals and its new attitude**], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you]."*

This is a painful process but its necessary. Without this they will die. They have to make a decision, I'm going to go through the renewal process or die. We all have to learn what it takes to renew ourselves.

8. **Courage**- the eagle is known for its courage. Its not afraid to fly into a storm, its not afraid to take on things that are bigger than itself, its not afraid to stand alone.

We need that same courage. Courage to take risk, its for those who are willing to get back up when life knocks them down, its for those who are willing to fail, its for those who are willing to go for the dream.

Joshua 1:9 Ampc. *“Have not I commanded you? Be strong, vigorous, and very courageous. Be not afraid, neither be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”*

Ask ourselves who would I become if I wasn't afraid? What would I pursue? What would I attempt if I was a person of courage?

When you feel fear, you feel the fear and do it anyway.

9. **It lives beyond itself. It test before it trust**, it builds a nest, raises its young, it passes on it skills, to the next generation.

That's significance. Success is about us becoming our best but significance is about helping others be their best. Making others better.

What legacy are you going to leave? Make it about helping others

Everyone of you have greatness in your DNA just like the eagle. No matter how hard things are just like the eagle you can soar.

Deuteronomy 32:9-11 Ampc. *“⁹ For the Lord's portion is His people; Jacob is the place of His inheritance. ¹⁰ “He found him in a desert land And in the wasteland, a howling wilderness; He encircled him, He instructed him, He kept him as the ^[d]apple of His eye.*

*¹¹ As **an eagle stirs up its nest**, Hovers over its young, spreading out its wings, taking them up, Carrying them on its wings,.”*

Ex. When the male and female eagle start to mate, the female **test the male before she trust the male**. She finds a twig and flies up high and the male is

following the female but then she drops the twig to see if the male will go after it. And the male brings it back and she takes it higher and does it again to see if he'll go after it once he does they will mate. When she is fixing to hatch they will start building the nest and first its twigs, the cotton or clothe, then thorns, and more cotton, then leaves and then they hatch and she pushes them onto the rocks even though they get back in the nest because its comfortable, she nudges them again to get out then she tears up the nest and the thorns start poking them so they will get out of the nest. So she comes close and they get on her wings and then she drops them. Remember the male diving for the twigs earlier now he dives for the eaglet and brings it back up until it learns to spread its wings and do what it was created to do.

Have the courage to fly, get your vision back, focus on who God has created you to be, make sure you are eating the right material, flying with other eagles, being resilient. **GOD IS MAKING UP FOR LOST TIME!**

Resist the fear of failure, the fear of success, being afraid of losing certain relationships in our lives. Jump and build your wings on the way down.

OFFERING:

Ecclesiastes 3:1 *“there is a time for every season...”*

Galatians 6:7-9 Ampc. *“For whatever a man sows, that and ¹⁰that only is what he will reap...⁹ And let us not lose heart and grow weary and faint in acting nobly and doing right, for **in due time and at the appointed season we shall reap**, if we do not loosen and relax our courage and faint.*

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