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Whenever there is a storm in the jungle, because birds do not like to get wet, they do not like to be drenched in the rain, because when they get drenched, their feathers will become wet, they cannot fly, they become very cold, and they begin to shiver. Some of them may even die,

So whenever there is a mighty tropical storm coming, every bird will begin to run frantically to their nests, they will be flapping their wings, screaming in terror, but the eagle does the exact opposite.

The first thing it does when there is a storm is that it will face the direction of the storm.

It does not run from the storm. [It faces the storm.](#)



Secondly, the eagle waits for the storm to come, and just as the storm is about to hit it, it lifts its wings, and the speed of the storm will just lift it.

And then it will begin to rise on top of the storm, and when it gets to the top of the storm, it turns and looks at the other birds, which were now being thrown here and there by the storm, and begins to laugh.

The eagle rejoices over all the other birds who could not ride the storm like itself.

The spiritual eagles (Children of God) are expected to do these three things when the storm comes:

#### #1 Face the storm

In James 4:7, the Bible says:

**“Submit yourself therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”**

It is not enough for you to be born again. After submitting yourself to God, you are to face the storm. You are to resist the devil”.

In Ephesians 6:13-17. The Bible says,

**“Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand the evil day, and having done all to stand...”**

When you want to resist the devil, so that you will be able to stand on the evil day. Then the Bible lists for you all the armour you are to put on.

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There is something for your head, something for your chest, something for your girdle, something to wear, a shield, a sword, but there is nothing for your back. This tells you straight away that as a disciple, you are never to turn your back on the enemy.

You are never to run from the enemy. You are never to run from the storm.

You are to face the storm. Anytime there is a storm, you are to face it.

In 1 Sam. 17:48, the Bible says that when Goliath drew near, David ran into the battle. He ran to go and meet Goliath.

He did not turn his back on Goliath. He faced the enemy. This is the way you are to meet any storm.

## #2 Ride on the Storm

The second thing the eagle does is that the eagle rides on the storm. In other words, it flies on top of it. The Bible says in **Eph. 1:19-23** that God has put all things under the feet of Jesus Christ, and you are part of the Body of Christ, whatever part you may be, even if you are the sole of His feet, you are already far above principalities and powers. God expect you to ride on your enemies. You are to be far above them, walking on top of them.

In **Psalms 20:7-8**, the Bible says our enemies may trust in horses and chariots, but they are going to stumble, they are going to fail and that we are going to stand upright.

It means we will be walking over our fallen enemies. Just like the eagle is riding the storm, just like an eagle will fly above all mountains, in the same manner, we are expected to ride above our enemies. We are to ride above our problems if they do not exist at all.

In **Matt. 14:22-29**, we have the story of Peter walking on the water to go and meet Jesus. Unfortunately, he began to sink later as he took his eyes off Jesus, but let us not forget the fact that he had begun to sink, and first of all, consider the fact that he walked on water.

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At least he walked, no matter how few the steps; if he had kept his eyes on Jesus, he would have kept on walking.

Remember that there was a storm when he was walking on the water and at the time he was walking on the water, he was not born again, he was not baptised at the time.

We are born again. The greater one is already dwelling in us. We are filled with the Holy Spirit, [as there is no reason why we cannot walk on storms.](#)

Well, how do we do it? Peter is again our example. Later on, when he was born again, he got baptised in the Holy Spirit, he showed us how to walk on storms.

In Acts 12:5-7, he was being kept in prison, and the king was going to kill him on the morrow.

What did Peter do?

Like a true eagle now, he was not weeping. He was not grumbling. He was not afraid, but he slept.

He slept so soundly that when the angel came to release him, he had to wake Peter up.

The angel had to beat him and wake him up. Peter was walking now like an

Eagle.

### #3 Rejoiced over the Storm

The eagle faces the storm. It rides the storm and it rejoices even as it rides the storm.

In **Isaiah 40:31**, the Bible says,

**“But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as eagles...”**

When we say that the eagle laughs or rejoices when it is riding the storm, those of us who grew up in the village can hear the eagle when there is a storm.

You can hear the laughter.

It is as if somebody is shouting Alleluyah, again, again and again.

Then what does **waiting upon the Lord** mean?

It means praising Him, worshipping Him, rejoicing before Him.

This is what Paul and Silas did in **Acts 16:25**.

They were in the biggest storm of their lives. They were in a maximum security prison. They were going to be killed also the following morning but what were they doing?

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Like two eagles, they began to sing. They began to praise God.

They did it so loudly that they woke up every prisoner in the prison. No wonder there was an earthquake.

Whenever there is a storm, face it, ride it and rejoice as you do so.

Also, in 2 Chronicles. 3:21-22 is the story of Jehosaphat. He came against three mighty Kings, and how did he face them? He faced them by getting a team of choirs.

They were singing and saying, "Praise the Lord, for His mercy endureth forever".

They rode the storm, and they rejoiced as they did so. According to the Word of

God, the Almighty God gave them a victory so mighty that it took them three days to carry the spoils.

So, as an eagle, how will you face the storm? How will you deal with the storm?

You must face it. Don't run.

Don't forget you are a king anyway. A king does not run. Face the storm.

Ride it, because all enemies are under your feet anyway.

And whatever happens, rejoice in the Lord always, and I say rejoice.

So, why don't you spend some minutes now and rejoice, and you will suddenly discover that your problems will begin to contract.

Because as you praise the Lord, you will realise how Big your God is and suddenly you will realise how little your problem is, compared to Almighty God.

So, rejoice a little, and God will surprise you.



Action Point

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