

# "LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"

## BIRDS FLY BECAUSE...



What if all the birds simply walked everywhere? The sky was empty of movement apart from the passing clouds. And instead of the whoosh and rustle of wings, we only heard the click click click of bird toenails, not only on roofs but everywhere. Fortunately **"Birds fly because they know they can."** I don't know of anyone who at some time in their life has looked heavenward and wished they could soar on thermal updrafts with an eagle or dart and twist with the agility of a swallow or lazily flap and glide, flap and glide with the ease of a pelican just skimming the waters. Birds fly because they know they can.

Interestingly, the God of love who I firmly believe made us, and the birds along with all of creation references birds something like three hundred times.

Look around and learn from the birds.

How often have you cursed the sparrows for clogging the downpipe or nesting under the eaves? When feeling worthless and think no one cares – look at a sparrow and remember how valuable you are to God who sent his only son Jesus to die on the cross so you and I can know by the words of his Son Jesus, God gives a lesson in how much he loves and cares for us when he reminds us, "Look I care for even the sparrows, which are considered worthless, now imagine how much more I care about you, my child." **(Matthew 10:29-30)**

When life is hard, or just plain "Yuck" and you feel down, and you're not sure is it all worth the trouble, a believer in the love of God wrote these words to help people remember there is a God of love who cares. "But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." **(Isaiah 40:31)**

Ever felt angry, picked on and you just want to lash out? Of course, who hasn't? Again using a bird as an example of the behaviour he expects Jesus says, "Be as innocent as doves" **(Matthew 10:16)** Don't lash out. Have you ever noticed how doves just get on with their business of living?

We can live a life supported by God's great love because we know we can. After all, he told us we could when he gave two messages. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, (Jesus) that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." **(John 3:16)** "I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of." **(John 10:10)**

In **(Deuteronomy 32: 10-12)** God's Word talks of his love being like an eagle stirring up its nest and hovering over its young to train the young to be able to handle life when life gets tough. There are times when God might let hard times come, not to test, or say "I don't care about you" but He is providing an opportunity for us to not only trust him but learn from his ways how to deal with hardships or setbacks life is sure to throw at us. You might like to check this website. <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/melissa-kruger/why-did-moses-describe-god-like-an-eagle-4-reasons/>

Trust that you can live in God's never-ending love because YOU CAN.

God bless,

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