

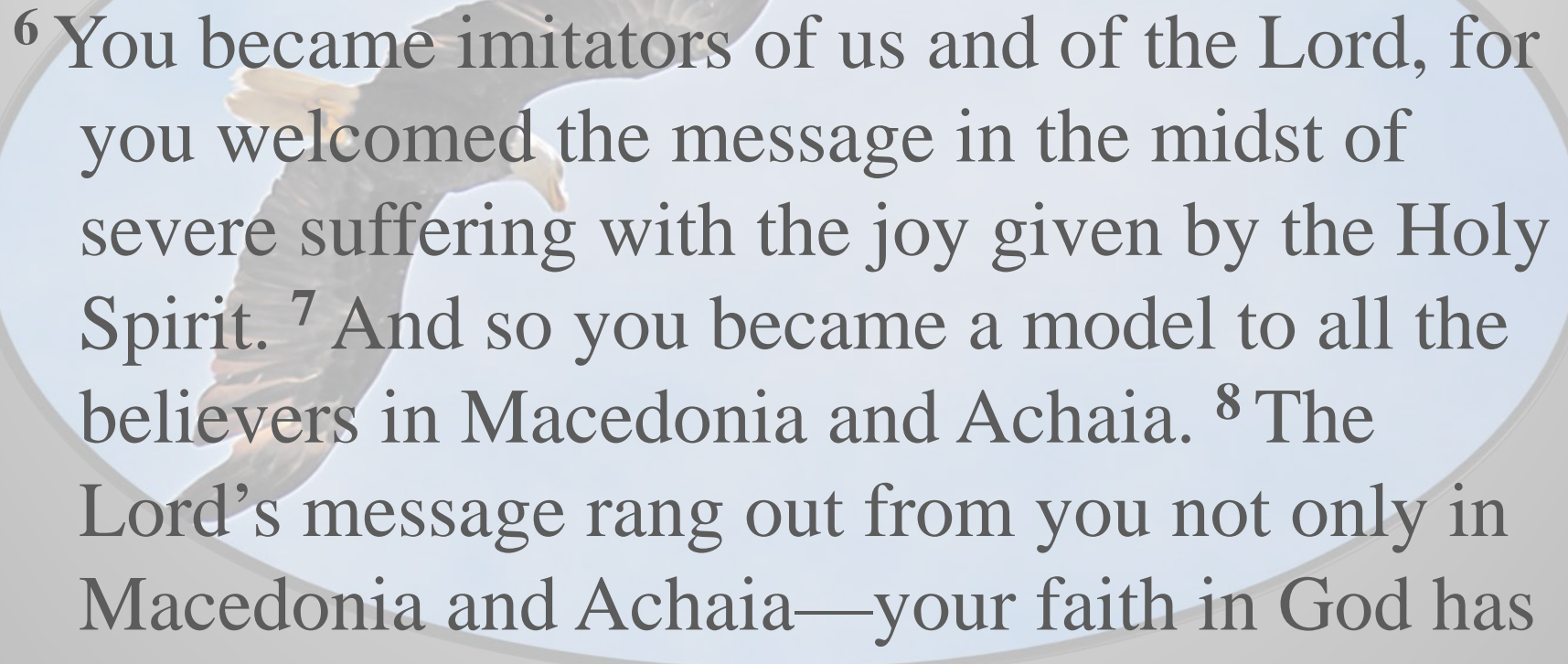


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# *1 Thessalonians 1:1-8 (NIV)*

1 Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you. Thanksgiving for the Thessalonians' Faith <sup>2</sup> We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. <sup>3</sup> We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup> because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake.

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<sup>6</sup> You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. <sup>7</sup> And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. <sup>8</sup> The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it,

*Paul Thanked God:*



*For His Choosing Of The Thessalonians*



## *Acts 17:1-9 (NIV)*

**17** When Paul and his companions had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue.<sup>2</sup> As was his custom, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures,<sup>3</sup> explaining and proving that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead. “This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Messiah,” he said.<sup>4</sup> Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and quite a few prominent women.<sup>5</sup> But other Jews were jealous; so they rounded up some bad characters from the marketplace, formed a mob and started a riot in the city. They rushed to Jason’s house in search of Paul and Silas in order to bring them out to the let them go.

## *Acts 17:1-9 (NIV)*

<sup>6</sup> But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some other believers before the city officials, shouting: “These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here, <sup>7</sup> and Jason has welcomed them into his house. They are all defying Caesar’s decrees, saying that there is another king, one called Jesus.” <sup>8</sup> When they heard this, the crowd and the city officials were thrown into turmoil. <sup>9</sup> Then they made Jason and the others post bond and let them go.

*Paul Thanked God:*



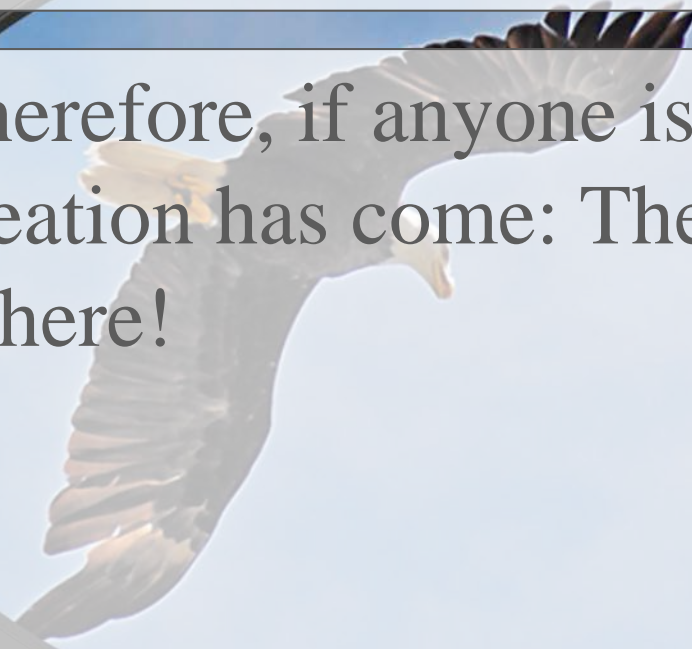
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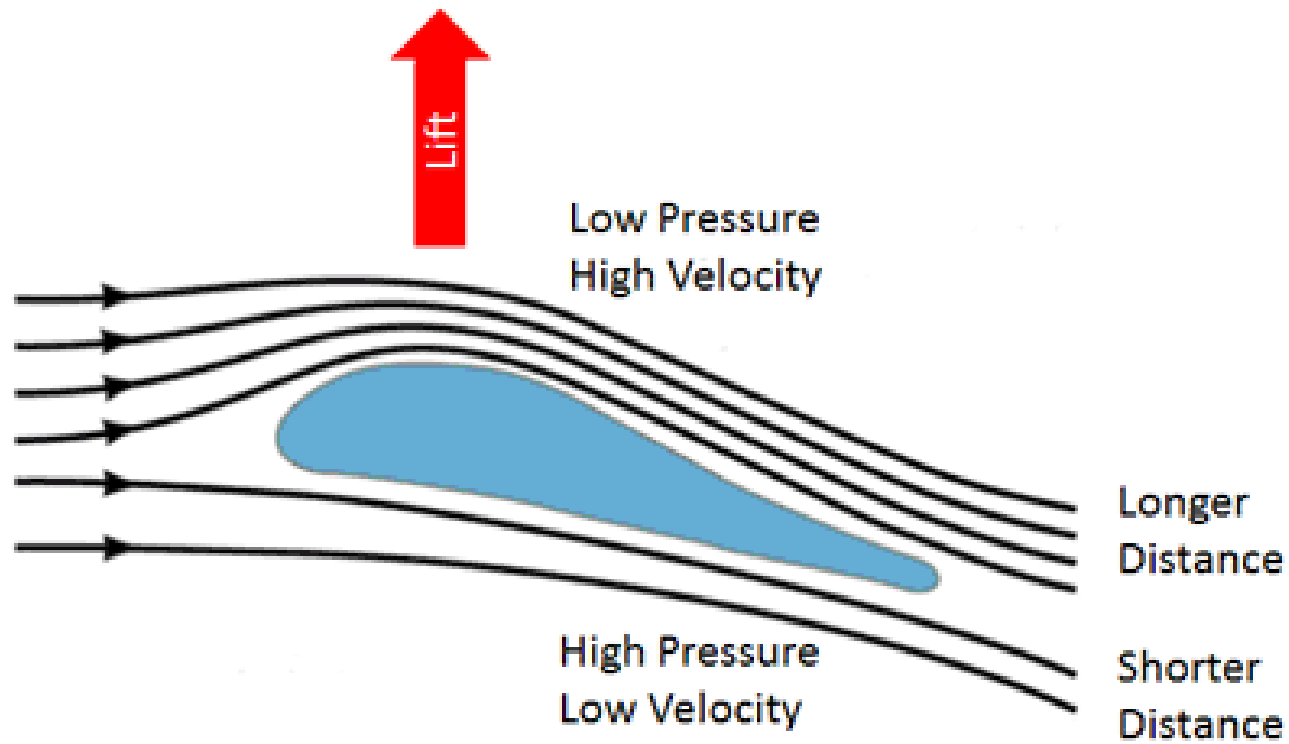
## *2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)*

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!





## Aerodynamic Lift – Explained by Bernoulli's Conservation of Energy Law

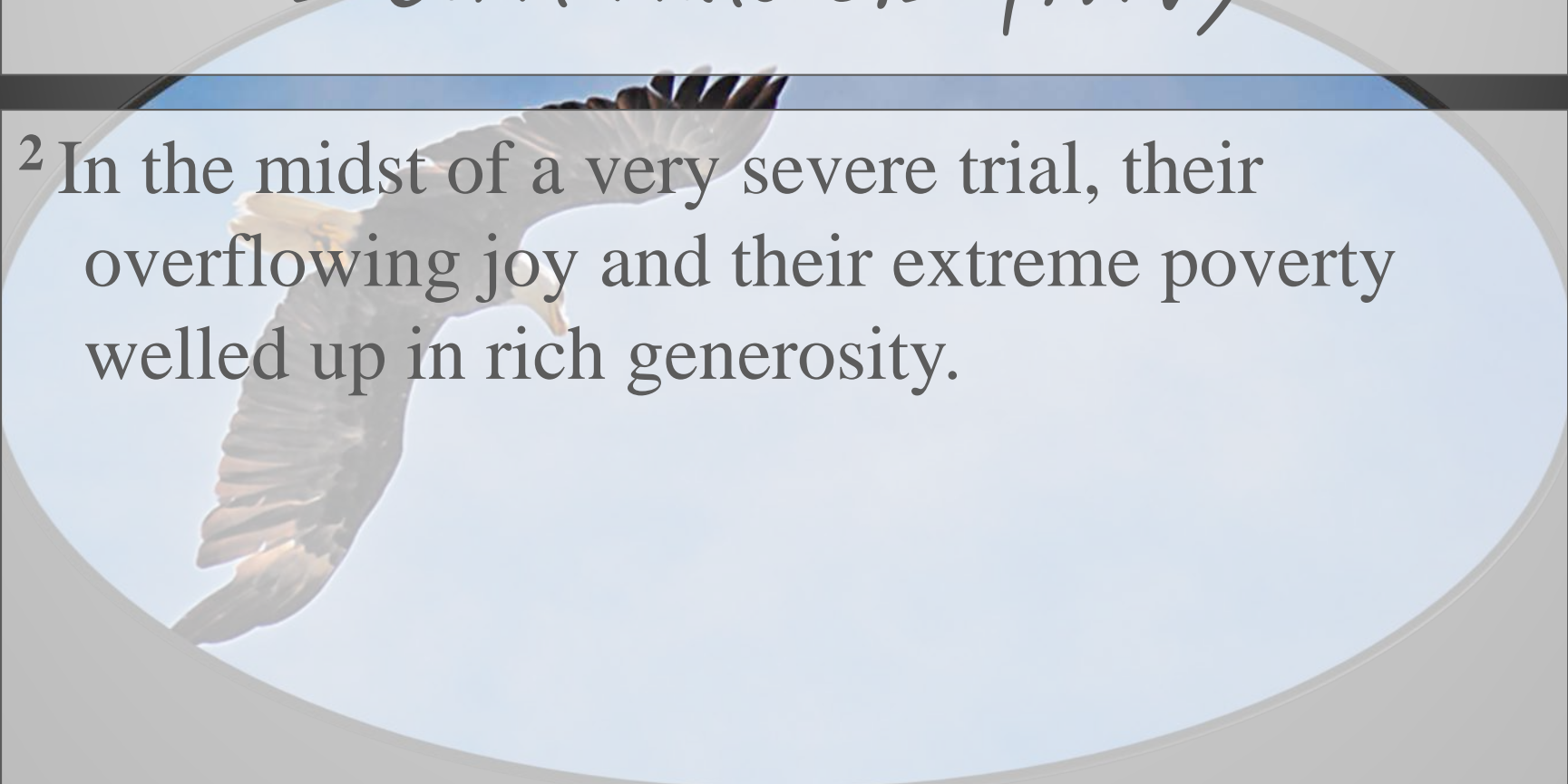


Also known as the "Longer Path" or "Equal Transit" Theory



## *2 Corinthians 8:2 (NIV)*

<sup>2</sup> In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.



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# *Conclusion*



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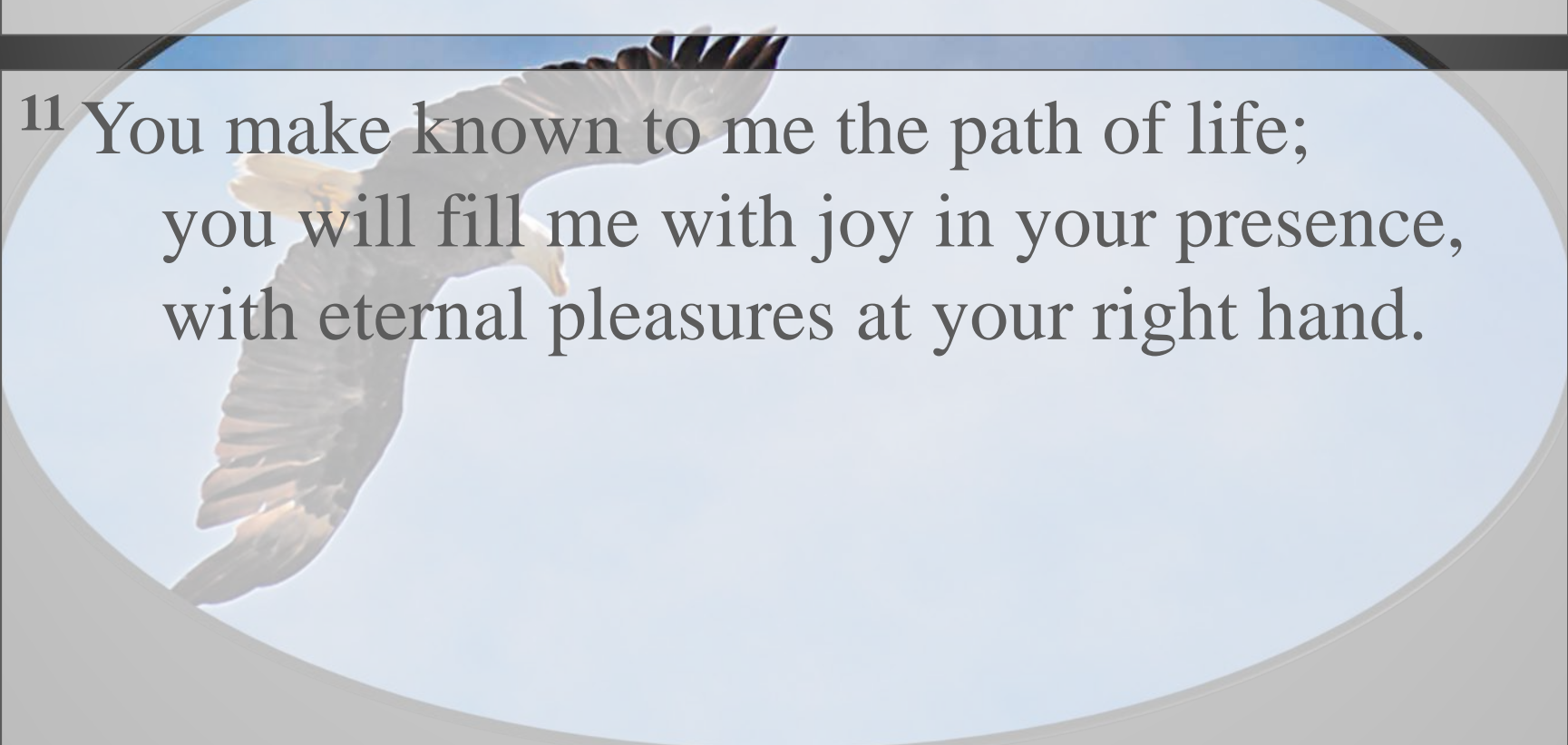


# *1 Chronicles 16:27 (NIV)*

<sup>27</sup> Splendor and majesty are before him;  
strength and joy are in his dwelling place.



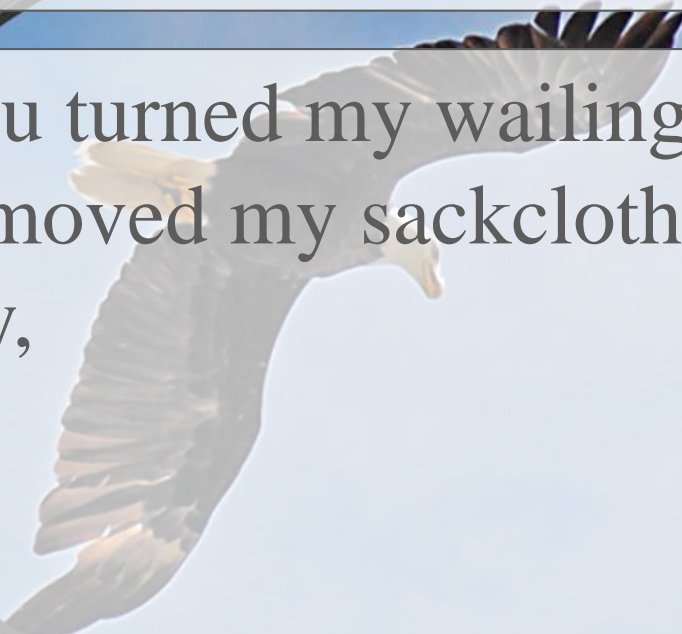
## *Psalm 16:11 (NIV)*



<sup>11</sup> You make known to me the path of life;  
you will fill me with joy in your presence,  
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

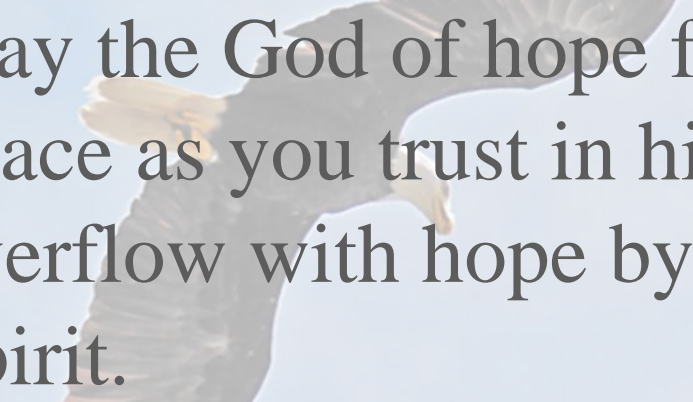
## *Psalm 30:11 (NIV)*

<sup>11</sup> You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

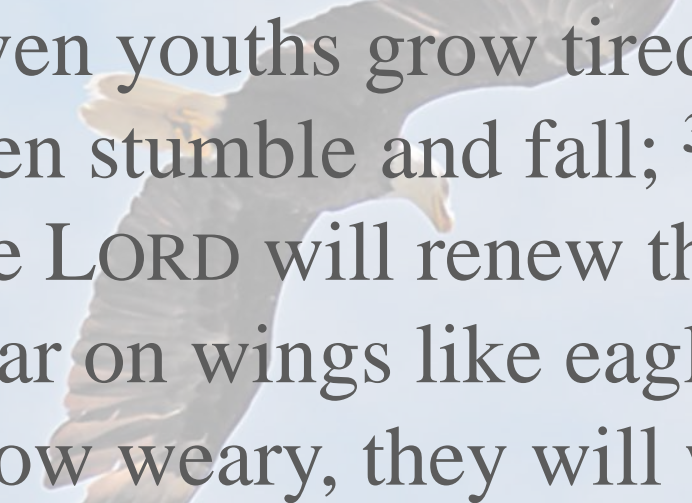


## *Romans 15:13 (NIV)*

<sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.



## *Isaiah 40:30-31 (NIV)*

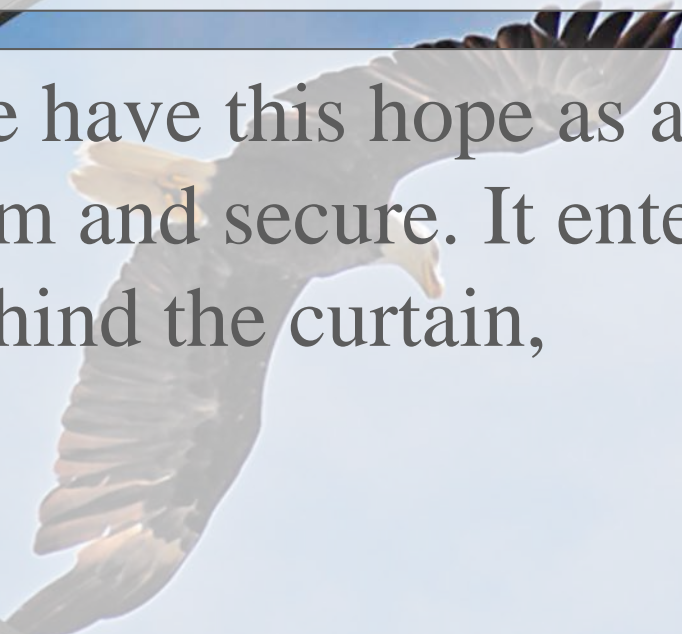


<sup>40</sup> Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; <sup>31</sup> but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.



## *Hebrews 6:19 (NIV)*

<sup>19</sup> We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain,



# Conclusion



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*The Takeaway Is Not "Go Change Your Life"*



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