

SUNDAY • APRIL 14, 2024



Life Church

MERIDIAN

A Word from our Pastors -

My (Pastor Jerry's) sister saw my sermon online where I talked about the eagles and she sent me this poem she wrote years ago. May it be a blessing.

I AM AN EAGLE

I am an eagle - an Eagle! Just the sound of the word thrills me.
But it was not always so. Once I was in captivity.
My wings were clipped. A leash was fastened around my leg.
For years I was kept a prisoner. I grew from a young bird to my full
stature.

Yet I was not myself. I was incomplete. I was only a pet bird.

Then one day, someone came my way.

He was quiet and gentle, yet strong.

When He spoke, there was a sparkle in His eyes.

Excitedly and confidently He talked to me.

He told me how His Father knew I was imprisoned . . .

That He was sent to make me whole.

He said, "You are loved."

And I saw the love in his face and felt it within myself.

I was freed. He loosened the shackles from my legs.

I was ecstatic. I immediately wanted to fly . . .

And I could hardly get off the ground.

With freedom came change. My clipped wings began to grow.

And while my wings expanded, I too became fuller.

I was stronger—more confident. I became myself.

I was no longer just a pet bird—I was an Eagle!

I could fly and I soared to the heights of the clouds.

For the first time I began to experience the full capacity of my being.

I envisioned myself as I was meant to be.

I took flight—soaring—soaring—soaring.

I am an Eagle - an Eagle.

And the thought of being myself thrills me.

- Sylvia Whitener (1976)

What's Brewin' . . .

- **Wednesday Night** - 6:00pm -
 - **This is My Story** - Come hear a personal story and get to know your church family better!
 - **Pre-teens and Teens** meeting in The Deck with Heather.
 - **Nursery & Children's Class** for kids ages up to 10 in the KidsZone.
- **Prayer** - Saturday morning @ 9 am.
- **April 21** - **Luke Walters** will be ministering in the Sunday service next Sunday.
- **April 28** - **Diaper Shower** for Arifah and Robert. Baby is a BOY! There will be a table set up in the Lobby where you can drop off your diapers that Sunday morning.
- **May 5** - Mark you calendars - **Picnic on the grounds**. Sign up at the Welcome Desk and tell us what you can bring.

POTLUCK PICNIC ON THE GROUNDS



Sunday, May 5, after church.

We'll need food and grills.

Sign up at the Welcome Desk.



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