



Momentum

We are Destined to Soar!

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A few months ago, a daring lifelong dream of mine became a breathtaking reality. I jumped out of an airplane at 3,000 meters in a tandem skydiving adventure! Within a few seconds, I accelerated to over 200 kilometers per hour; the force of the wind pushed violently against my body, but the sensation I experienced was one of intense freedom and uncontained exhilaration! For 30 seconds I experienced the thrill of soaring through the atmosphere in an uninhibited freefall. It was an adrenaline-charged, mind-blowing, and intoxicating mixture of terror and delight. At 1,800 kilometers the chute deployed and I jerked from a heart-pounding freefall into a controlled descent that was invigorating and energizing. To quote Isaiah's words, I was soaring "on wings like eagles" (Isaiah 40:31).

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Charles Spurgeon puts it this way: "What fully enchants you to remain in a pit when you can sit on a throne? Do not live in the lowlands of bondage now that mountain liberty is conferred upon you. Do not be satisfied any longer with

your tiny attainments, but press forward to things more sublime and heavenly. Aspire to a higher, a nobler, and a fuller life. Upward to heaven! Nearer to God!"¹

In the opening chapters of the book of Ephesians, Paul transports us from the drudgery of life on earth to the glorious realms above, inviting us to peek into heavenly places. One glimpse leaves us shocked and amazed to see ourselves there "in Christ." He declares, "But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 2:4-6). We are tethered to Christ, bonded together with Him. By virtue of identification with Jesus, we are seated with Him in heavenly places. All things—all rule, authority, power, and dominion—are under our feet right now, in real time!

All this is possible because the life of Christ becomes our life. George Pardington, a brilliant Alliance theologian, described it this way, "It cannot be too strongly emphasized that the Christian life is a Christ-life. It is

not an imitation, but an incarnation. We do not copy Christ, we reproduce Him; or, rather, He reproduces His own life within us by the indwelling of the Holy Ghost.”²

About five minutes prior to the jump, I turned to my instructor, Nick, and said, “When we jump out of this plane, all your experience, wisdom, strength, and expertise actually become mine because I am linked to you!” He laughed and said, “And all your liabilities become mine! I hope you have lived a good life!”

J. Hudson Taylor explains supernatural living as exchanging our life for His life. As we surrender our abilities to Him, He gives us His ability, which is so much greater.³

*“Your weakness is exchanged for His strength.
Your discouragement is exchanged for His joy.
Your fear is exchanged for His courage.
Your despair is exchanged for His hope.”*

I will never forget the moment right before we jumped out of the plane. The wind was rushing past my face; my mind was spinning with a mixture of exhilaration and panic. I could feel my heart pounding in my chest. My instructor leaned toward me and said, “Rest your head on my shoulder!” Talk about radical trust. I had to relinquish all control and completely surrender myself into the care of another. Supernatural living requires us to work ceaselessly to enter into complete rest in Jesus from which all power flows. A.B. Simpson described

this as spiritual breathing, “I had to learn to take from Him my spiritual life every second, to breathe Himself in as I breathed, and breathe myself out. So, moment by moment for the spirit, and moment by moment for the body, we must receive...”⁴

Where is your place of deepest need today? What adventure have you been thrust into that is taking away your breath? What issue is filling you with fear in this moment? Hear the voice of Jesus as He says, “Rest your head on my shoulder.” His supernatural life is yours! Jump!

*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

¹ Charles Spurgeon, Morning and Evening, Christian Classics Ethereal Library.

² Rev. George P. Pardington, The Crisis of the Deeper Life, The Christian Alliance Publishing Company, 1925.

³ <http://awf.world/theology-and-history/>

⁴ Excerpt from Simpson's Sermon, *Himself*

Global Advance Fund Update

The Global Advance Fund (GAF) covers the costs of sending and supporting international workers (IWs) overseas—salaries, benefits, and the costs associated with ministry in various countries. Some is also designated to training IWs.

Through the GAF, IWs take the Gospel to least-reached people groups, people who may never have heard the name Jesus.



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Total 2019 Faith Goal	\$15,232,852
YTD Income	\$10,183,151*
Excess/Shortfall	(5,049,701)

*66.85% of total 2019 Faith Goal