

## The Falling Eaglet

When it's time for eagle chicks, or eaglets, to learn to fly and leave the nest, the mother eagle simply throws them out of the nest.

The eaglet flaps its wings furiously – too furiously – and starts to fall. Then the father eagle flies beneath the falling eaglet and guides it to a nearby tree so it can try again.

Eventually, it relaxes, learns to use its wings and the wind, and flies.

What the eaglet experiences in this process is useful to any being that has to struggle to survive and succeed:



- You have the instincts and strengths that you need, but it takes work to apply them.
- It's necessary to take the risk of falling in order to fly.
- Others are there to help you, but the final responsibility is yours.
- It's as self-defeating to try too hard as it is not to try at all.
- Your Heavenly Father is ready to catch you when you fall and lift you to a place where you can try again.

And that should be great assurance for each of us.

– Beecher Hunter