

The Push of an Eagle

The bald eagle was chosen as the national bird of the United States of America by an act of the Continental Congress on June 20, 1782. It is a proud and majestic bird, and most Americans accept it as an appropriate symbol of our nation.

Recently, I read an interesting account of life among the eagles, written by David McNally in a book entitled *Even Eagles Need a Push*. Here it is:

The eagle gently coaxed her offspring toward the edge of the nest. Her heart quivered with conflicting emotions as she felt their resistance to her persistent nudging.

“Why does the thrill of soaring have to begin with the fear of falling?” she thought. This ageless question was still unanswered for her.



As in the tradition of the species, her nest was located high upon the shelf of a sheer rock face. Below, there was nothing but air to support the wings of each child.

“Is it possible that this time it will not work?” she thought. Despite her fears, the eagle knew it was time. Her parental mission was all but complete.

There remained one final ask – the push. The eagle drew courage from an innate wisdom. Until her children discovered their wings, there was no purpose for their lives.

Until they learned how to soar, they would fail to understand the privilege it was to have been born an eagle. The push was the greatest gift she had to offer. It was her supreme act of love.

And so, one by one, she pushed them and ...

They flew!

What conclusion do we draw from this real-life story of the eagle?

It's the push!

Sometimes we need it. Sometimes we need to give it.

It can be the greatest gift you ever give. It can change a life forever.

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As a leader in Life Care and Century Park, you may find yourself dealing with some adversity or difficult challenge. It could be the moment God is pushing you to make you stronger, to stretch your wings, and to soar as the leader He intends you to be.

You also have the opportunity – like the mother eagle – to push those you lead to become all that they can be. You have the power to change their lives for the better.



But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint (Isaiah 40:31 ESV).

– Beecher Hunter