

## **The Sparrow and the Eagle**

One day, the Sparrow said to the Eagle, "I wish I were like you—strong, fearless, and a symbol of American strength and power."

The Eagle looked at the Sparrow with a kind smile and replied, "And I wish I could be more like you. Eagles often fly alone, high above the clouds in search of prey. It can be lonely up there. Don't underestimate yourself, little Sparrow. You may be small, but it takes great courage to stand up to larger birds to protect your young. I've seen how fiercely sparrows defend their nests—you are braver than you think."

The Sparrow had never thought of himself that way. To him, his small size seemed like a weakness. But that day, both the Sparrow and the Eagle realized something profound: each had been given unique strengths and gifts by God, designed for a purpose.

In the same way, we are reminded not to compare ourselves to others. Instead, we should focus on living out the purpose God has given us, using our gifts to serve and glorify Him. Just as the Sparrow and the Eagle found strength in their design, we can trust that God has a plan for each of us.

### **Proverbs 3:5-8**

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."

Let us live with faith, courage, and purpose, trusting in God to guide us. Amen.

John 14:27