

## **Favorite Scripture – Wanda Smith (2021)**

### **Scripture – Book(s) and Chapter(s):**

Isaiah 40:31



### **Scripture passage(s):**

*“But 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 afraid.”*

### **Why this is my favorite scripture:**

When all other birds try to flee from a **storm** and hide from its fierceness, **eagles, unafraid, fly** into it and will use the wind of the **storm** to rise higher in a matter of seconds. They use the pressure of the **storm** to glide higher without having to use their own energy. They soar above all the fray that is happening below them. They trust in the power of the storm to help them soar and, thus, renew their strength.

Like the eagles, we Christians receive strength from a power beyond ourselves when we trust in the Lord. He gives us strength to face whatever challenges we encounter while living in a secular world. He continually renews our strength, enabling us to do our work without becoming discouraged or weary. Like the eagle, we proceed unafraid. Knowing we are in God's Hands, we soar. He provides all we need. His Grace is sufficient. He is our wind.

### **What it provides to me:**

*Hope, Strength, Encouragement, and Faith*

### **What I hope it brings to others:**

*Heavenly Father, when we become discouraged, please help us to remember Your words in Isaiah 40:31 and to keep trusting in You for renewal, strength, and courage. In Jesus name, Amen.*