



# VISTAS

For Independent Baptist Churches in the Mountain West United States

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## FIELD REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

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### WINGS AS EAGLES

Lesson # 3 - Taking the High Road - Isaiah 40:31

For those that "wait upon the Lord" Isaiah 40:31 gives us the promise of renewed strength and eagles wings. What a blessing to know that the Lord will provide for us a way to soar above all of the tumult of this present world. He gives us a way to "take the High Road" in life and not let all of the noise and problems beset us.



In the legend of the Eagle and the Crow there is a truth that would do us well to remember. The crow sometimes flies up on the back of the eagle and sits and pecks the neck of the eagle while in flight. The eagle does not fight back nor waste strength by responding to the attack of the crow. Instead the eagle spreads its wings and rises higher and higher in the sky. As the eagle with the crow riding on his back gains an extremely high altitude the crow has to dive off the back of the eagle for lack of oxygen. We need to apply this story to our lives. When the crows of life come along to attack us, let us mount up with eagles wings and not respond in kind to their attack. Let us learn to "take the High Road." Just quietly keep ascending and even though the crows might be along for the ride they will soon give up and fall off. Do not let them distract you but "keep your eyes on Jesus" and keep rising above and beyond. "Take the High Road" with God!

Here are some real life examples and how we should respond. 1. When someone says something unkind to us, "Take the High Road" and do not respond in kind. 2. When someone says something about us that is a lie or wrong "Take the High Road". 3. When a coworker tries to put us down to elevate himself

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"Take the High Road" and continue to work faithfully with diligence and a good spirit and God will reveal the truth and bring vindication. Jesus Never Fails.

Matthew says in Chapter 5:44 "... and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;"

Remember the Apostle Paul's words in Romans 8:18, "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

Let us remember to "Mount up with wings as Eagles" and not let the cares of this life keep us from all that God has planned for us. Always seek to take the "High Road" when others might take the "Low Road". The Lord always took the "High Road" and He continues today in the same Christlike path!

Happy Trails, Dr. Paul and Cindy Hoover

**IT IS OUR PRAYER THAT WE MIGHT RELAY TO OUR READERS THE VISTAS OF THE GLORIES OF CHRIST AND HIS WORK, ENJOY THE SWEET FELLOWSHIP OF GOD'S PEOPLE, AND SHARE OUR BURDEN FOR THE GREAT AND NEEDY HARVEST FIELDS OF THE IMBF.**

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth! Isaiah 52:7

# SPRING PREACHING CONFERENCE 2024 MARCH 18 - 19



First Baptist Church  
400 Seventh Avenue  
Laurel, Montana

Pastor Walter Widdis and the First Baptist Church of Laurel are again hosting this great meeting. As we prepare for springtime and God's continued blessings on our churches we need to plan to attend this time of refreshing, fellowship and challenge!

Please put these dates on your personal and church calendar. It all begins on Monday evening and continues all day on Tuesday. You will be blessed by the preaching of the Word and hearing about the efforts of new church plants throughout the Mountain West. There will be a great time of fellowship, church reports, and prayer.

First Baptist Church of Laurel always prepares a great meal on Tuesday Evening that you will not want to miss. Also the coffee breaks are always a great time of laughter and encouragement. Plan to bring your church and family! You will return to your church and ministry with a blessing!



Pastor Daniel Grover  
Libby, Montana



Pastor Clayton Moss  
White Sulpher Springs, Montana



## NEW BABY CHURCHES IN THE MOUNTAIN WEST

Please pray for Pastor Clayton Moss and the new church in White Sulpher Springs, Montana.

Please pray for Pastor Daniel Grover and the new church that will be starting this fall in Libby, Montana.



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