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BIND US TOGETHER, OH LORD

One of many Christians favorite and best-known verses from the prophets is Isaiah 40:31 where it says, ***“But they that wait upon the LORD (Jehovah) shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as eagles. They shall run, and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint.”***

Let us go to Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance of the bible to learn the deeper meanings of the original God-breathed words of the Hebrew text.

The opening line of “But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength” is literally just four Hebrew words and they are:

1. “But they that wait upon” is the single word “qavah” (pr. kaw-vaw’) which is Strongs 6960 which means “to bind together” like as when you twist two or more strands together to form a single chord.
2. “The LORD” is “YHovah” (pr. yeh-ho-vaw) or Jehovah, Yahweh,
3. “Shall renew” is “chalaph” (pr. khaw-laf’) (Strongs 2498) which properly means “to slide by,” implying that any challenge or difficulty will hasten away.
4. “Strength” is “Koach” meaning firmness, or more literally “with forceful vigor.”

So, rendering that opening line could from Hebrew understanding, be paraphrased as we “bind together with Jehovah, (we) slide by firmly with forceful vigor.” We tirelessly “slide by or past or beyond” any challenges of life.

The wings of eagles demonstrate how it is that we “slide by” because we are lifted up above those storms of life. God said in Exodus 19:4 to Moses, that in coming out of Egyptian bondage, ***“I bare you on eagles wings...”*** to deliver them.

When we bind ourselves together with the LORD, He will protect us and deliver vigorously with strength.

Qavah Yhovah Chalaph Koach. (Kaw-vaw’ Yhovah Khawlaf ko’akh.) Say it. Mean it. (I challenge you.)