

From the book: New Every Morning, Kate Thomas

### **Clipped Wings Renewed**

#### **Be renewed in the spirit of your minds. Ephesians 4:23**

I used to watch my mother gently clip the wings of young chickens in order to keep them in a fenced area. It seemed a little cruel to me for her to do that at the time, but she would patiently explain, "Their little wings will soon grow out again, when they are older and stronger." I came to understand that if the chickens flew over the fence they could be run over by farm equipment or maybe killed by an animal. They weren't ready to fend for themselves. Their wings would soon grow out again-completely renewed and possibly stronger than before.

Clipped wings can be renewed; they will grow out again. So it is with our "clipped wings"-our wounded spirits, our weary bodies and minds, our burdened souls, and our ears numbed by noise. God promises to "make all things new" (Revelation 21:5). That's good to know-and remember.

Burned our energy *can* be restored. Tired, weary bodies and minds *can* know rest and refreshment. Wounded spirits *can* experience healing. Heavy hearts *can* be lifted. It takes time. It may require some intentional waiting on the Lord. It may mean that we have to stay planted where we are for awhile longer while we mature some more. And it may require us, like the little baby chicks, to be nourished awhile longer. We need to be fed by God's Word if we are to be equipped for the next phase in our life.

Mother knew what was best for the little chickens. She never clipped their wings enough to do any permanent damage. Rather, she tried to protect them from pain. She would never have wanted them to remain fenced in forever. Growth and strength and renewal came to their clipped wings as they waited.

God, in His infinite wisdom and love, allows growth times for us-times for us to be renewed in our spirits.

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