HELEN SANDERS 1-5-2024 RENEWED LIKE THE EAGLE

A favorite bible passage is found in Isaiah 40:30-31, it reads, *"Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the LORD 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."*

What an awesome promise to those of us that spend time alone with God. In his presence brings hope and refreshing like no other place can.

The story is told of the eagle that when it gets old its talons have lost their sharpness. Their feathers are not what they once were, and their sight isn't as good as it was. I am sure if you are over 50 you can relate!

So, just what does an eagle do to be renewed? The eagle goes to a lonely private place and plucks off all its feathers. It pulls out its talons, and waits there, very vulnerable, as the new feathers and talons grow in. I am not sure how long this takes, but it isn't overnight. Their eyes are renewed too. They leave that place completely restored and ready for another season. They live up to 30 years or more.

Many of you are in that vulnerable place. God has taken you to a lonely place where he is doing a work in you. The feathers are representative of what you have had for security and enabled you to "fly" for God. They are being shed and it has been painful. The talons were your physical strength, which has been weakened at the place you are at now. But.... God isn't done with you. He is bringing newness into your being as you wait before him. The key to this transformation is in the waiting upon the Lord. I am here to prophesy over you that you will rise up again, stronger than ever. Know that God is in this lonely place with you my friend as he works out the transformation!