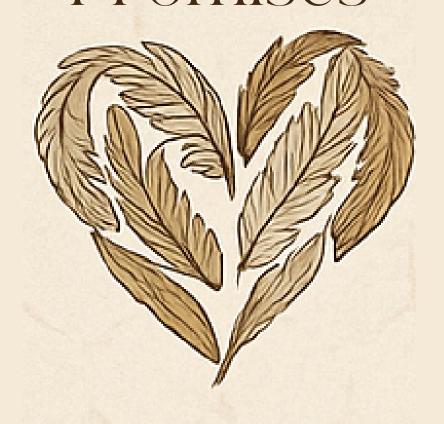
Pecking
Through God's
Promises



A Five Day Country Devotional

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DAY 1 Under His Wings

"He will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge; His faithfulness will be your shield and rampart."

PSALMS 91:4 (NIV)

Devotional: The Bible is an excellent place to get mental pictures of the unconditional love God has for us. I love that birds are sometimes used to paint pictures of God's love, in fact, birds and fowls are listed 300 times throughout the Bible, just like this verse in Psalms.

When life gets scary, isn't it good to know God's got the fluffiest feathers around? Just like a mama hen who protects her chicks when trouble visits the coop, God shelters us underneath His love. When storms brew and the ground shakes or when predators draw near, we can huddle under His wings, safe and snug. His covering isn't just for the birds—it's for every person looking for rest and refuge.

God is with us every moment of every day, but it's up to us to remember to ask Him for help when we feel helpless. He is our Comforter. When we call on His name, he will provide a peace that surpasses all understanding.

Prayer: Lord, when I'm scared, please wrap me up in Your care. In those moments, please help me to remember to call on Your Holy Name asking for help and guidance. Keep me under Your mighty wings and remind me I'm never alone. Amen.



DAY 2 A Feathered Faith

"IF YOU HAVE FAITH AS SMALL AS A MUSTARD SEED, YOU CAN SAY TO THIS MOUNTAIN, 'MOVE FROM HERE TO THERE,' AND IT WILL MOVE. NOTHING WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU."

MATTHEW 17:20 (NIV)

Devotional: Hens greatly depend on their rooster to alert them of danger around the coop, such as a hawk flying in the air or a fox hiding in the trees. It doesn't matter where the hens are around the farm, whenever they hear the low, growling "warning" sound come from the rooster, they stop what they are doing to quickly find a place to hide. There is no hesitation, the birds follow their leader's command immediately no matter what.

The faith and confidence that hens have with their rooster, reminds me about the faith and trust that we should have in God. Through our faith, we should constantly depend on God to get us through the demands of every day. Jesus said that faith as small as a mustard seed—a teeny-tiny speck—can move mountains. A little faith in a big God goes a long way.

So, when life feels overwhelming and you wonder if your prayers are enough, they are. God is always listening. Your faith, even when it feels small or shaky, is precious to God. He's the one who does the heavy lifting—you just bring the mustard seed.

Prayer: Lord, thank You that I can always trust in You. Take my small, sometimes shaky faith and use it for something big and beautiful. I trust You to do what I cannot. Amen.

Cluck & Reflect: What "mustard seed" step of faith can you take this week, trusting God with the outcome?

DAY 3 The Rooster Crows

"THE LORD TURNED AND LOOKED STRAIGHT AT PETER. THEN PETER REMEMBERED THE WORD THE LORD HAD SPOKEN TO HIM*** AND HE WENT OUTSIDE AND WEPT BITTERLY."

LUKE 22:61-62 (NIV)

Devotional: Every morning on the farm before the sun rises in the east, my rooster crows to wake up everyone in the neighborhood. Some people love the cock-a-doodle-doo sound, while some other people would love for the rooster to "sleep in" occasionally. But every time I hear that crow, I'm reminded of Peter.

Peter was bold, brave, and a little too quick to flap his beak. He promised Jesus he'd never deny Him—then did it three times before the rooster had finished his morning solo. And yet, that wasn't the end of Peter's story.

Jesus didn't give up on him. In fact, He built the early church on Peter's back—flaws and all. Because that's the kind of God we serve: One who sees our mess-ups, loves us anyway, and still calls us by name.

So, next time you hear the rooster, think of Peter. God is not done with us yet. Every morning is a new and wonderful opportunity to Love God, Love People, And Live The Good News!

Prayer: Lord, thank You for loving me in spite of my flubs and feathers. When I fail, remind me You still call me to follow You. Roosters may crow, but Your mercy always rises with the sun. Amen.

Cluck & Reflect: When have you felt like Petermessing up when you meant to do right? How did God show you grace?

DAY 4 God Feeds the Flock

"Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?"

Matthew 6:26 (NIV)

Devotional: My hens gather near my front door every morning, clucking and scratching as if to say, "Hey lady, where's the breakfast buffet?" And sure enough, I always bring them sunflower seeds, scraps, or whatever chicken delicacy is on the menu. They don't worry about tomorrow's meal—they just trust that I'll show up.

Jesus tells us to live with that kind of trust. Birds don't stress about their next meal, and yet God feeds them. How much more will He take care of us—His children? When we let worry run wild, we forget who's in charge of the coop. God doesn't just know what we need; He's already working to provide it.

So, the next time you feel anxious about the future, remember the birds...or, better yet, my hungry hens. They've never once gone to bed fretting about breakfast.

Prayer: Lord, help me to trust You with my needs the way the birds do. When I start to worry, remind me that You love me and You're already working things out for my good. Amen.

Cluck & Reflect: What's one thing you can stop worrying about today and place fully in God's hands?



DAY 5 The Broody Season

"THERE IS A TIME FOR EVERYTHING, AND A SEASON FOR EVERY ACTIVITY UNDER THE HEAVENS."

ECCLESIASTES 3:1 (NIV)

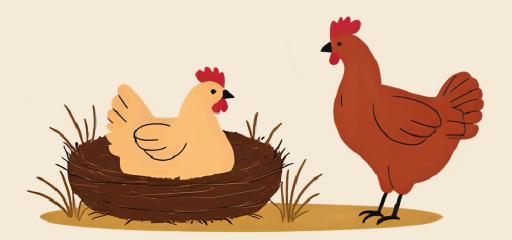
Devotional: When one of my hens goes broody, it's like she's settled in for a long sit with no intention of budging. She parks herself on that nest with determination in her eyes and fluff in the air—waiting patiently (and a little grumpily) for something to hatch.

Waiting is hard. Whether it's an answer to prayer, a next step, or a breakthrough we've been begging for, most of us want results now. But God often works in seasons, not seconds. And just like that broody hen, sometimes He calls us to sit still—not because nothing is happening, but because something is being prepared in His perfect timing.

The world tells us to hustle and push, but faith sometimes looks more like patience—like trusting that God knows what He's doing, even when we can't see a single crack in the shell yet.

Prayer: Lord, give me the patience to wait on Your timing instead of rushing into my own. Help me trust that You are working even when I can't see the results yet. I'll stay in the nest as long as You ask. Amen.

Cluck & Reflect: What is something you're waiting on right now? How can you practice patience as you trust God's perfect timing?





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