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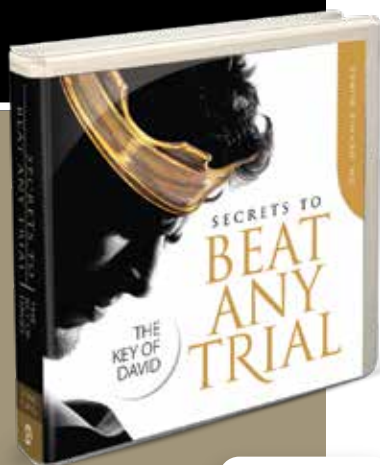


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in a straightforward manner known as “descendant” molt. This regular maintenance guarantees that the eagle will remain at its maximum performance levels.

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In David's days little may have been known about the birds' habits. We now know that over time in every eagle's life it becomes slower in flight. Its feathers can even begin to give off whistling warning sounds which can alert its prey of an attack. This decline of its feathers over time will slow its ability to be the powerful hunter of its youth.

Time takes its toll, and the aging eagle must take needed and concerted action to renew and regain its strength.

A long-time minister and friend of mine, Col Stringer, has spent many years actively involved in the field of wildlife, both in conservation as well as research in the lives of these birds.

In his book, *On Eagles Wings*, Col describes this time in the eagle's life:

Eventually, after days of

preening, plucking, honing, grinding, and washing, the eagle is ready to return to the outside world. He spreads his huge wings, and then alights from the mountain peaks, a new bird. Its youth has been renewed. Once again, the eagle becomes a powerful, dangerous bird to contend with. A bird to strike fear in the heart of every serpent. The king of the sky moves off to survey his domain, with new feathers for soaring, new beak for slashing and a new set of talons for grasping prey. He soars, aloft, rolling, swooping, and diving at incredible speeds of 100 miles an hour. A bird with new life, new strength, and a new joy for living!

He has regrown the damaged feathers, re-honed his beak and talons to lethal sharpness again. He is again the master of his domain.

The picture God gives us for renewal is profound. While we will always face issues that may dull our sharpness and slow our responses or progress, we are not without hope. We are not finished just because we are in a difficult season.

Isaiah 40:31 NKJV says, “But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount

up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.”

Renewing comes as we “wait on the Lord.” The point is not to simply endure as time passes or wait for Him to finally give some attention to our situation. By digging into this verse, the process of renewal becomes clearer.

The word “wait” means to *bind together by twisting, braiding or entwining*. In wrapping ourselves around the Lord and His Word we also allow Him to wrap Himself around us. This results in renewing our strength. To renew is more than only regaining what has waned. This word indicates an actual *exchange*!

The greatest exchange of all is when we gave Him our sin, and He gave us His righteousness. His exchange gives us what we don't deserve.

As a part of this exchange, we have access to all the grace God has provided.

His grace has provided:

- Courage in exchange for discouragement
- Hope for the future in exchange for hopelessness
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- Power over the kingdom of darkness in exchange for weakness
- Strength in exchange for exhaustion

Certainly, the promises throughout scripture go on to reveal so much more.

Our strength must be maintained and at times renewed, restored, and reignited.

Ephesians 6:10 says, "Now my beloved ones, I have saved these most important truths for last: Be supernaturally infused with strength through your life-union with the Lord Jesus. Stand victorious with the force of his explosive

power flowing in and through you" (TPT).

Paul makes it clear that we have access to all of His deposits if we will make the exchange. We have to put ourselves in the right place mentally. The mind is a big battleground. Verse 11 introduces details of how we continue to stay strong:

Put on God's complete set of armor provided for us, so that you will be protected as you fight against the evil strategies of the accuser!

Every piece of armor he describes has a protective aspect which will wrap around

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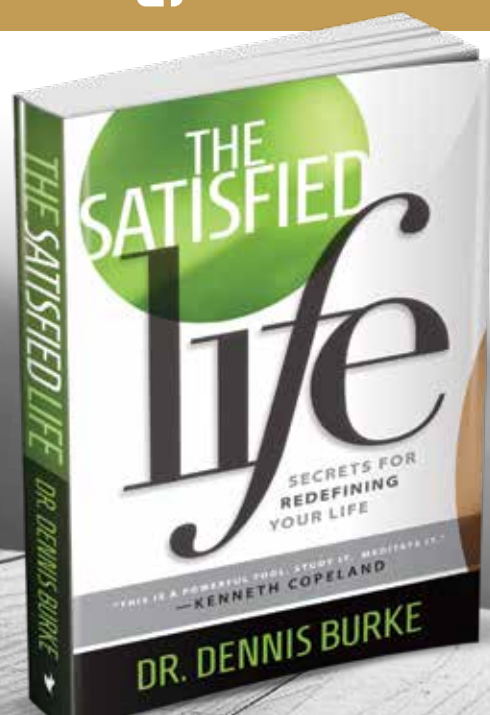
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