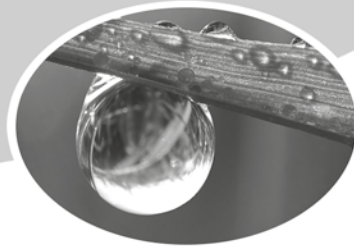


BOOK ONE

30 Days of Inspiration for the Woman's Soul



Dew Drops

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Introduction

Dear sisters in Christ—

May God bless you wherever you serve.

Thanks to all who helped bring this booklet into being.

All honor is the Lord's.

-R. Martin

“The aged women likewise, that they be...teachers of good things; That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed” (Titus 2:3-5).

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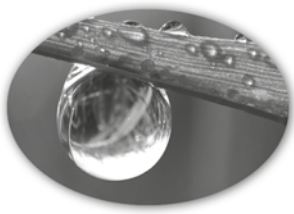
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DAY 1

Refresh, Revive, Renew

“OH MOTHER, THE flowers are dead!” Little Rhoda ran into the house to gasp out this tragic news. “I wonder if they got too thirsty.”

Taking Rhoda’s hand, Mother suggested, “Let’s go out and have a look at the flowerbed.” The petunias, planted in the blazing sun, were certainly a sorry sight. Prostrate on the parched earth they lay, their exhausted petals ugly and shriveled.

“We forgot to water them,” Mother said with remorse. “Tonight after the sun goes down, we will bring these flowers plenty of water.”

Rhoda asked in surprise, “You mean they are not dead? They can stand up again?”

“Yes, I believe they can,” Mother affirmed.

But the evening turned out to be a hectic one, and the flowers were forgotten. The minute she woke up the next morning, Rhoda asked, “Did you water the flowers, Mother?”

Mother clapped a hand to her mouth. “I’m sorry. I forgot.”

Rhoda dashed outside. Moments later she skipped back in high glee. “Mother, they’re standing up again! Come and see.”

“The dew must have revived them,” Mother marveled, gazing at the gloriously unfurled petals that only yesterday had seemed near death.



Bible lands were often parched from lack of rain. No wonder the Bible writers used the morning dew as a symbol of revival and renewal.

Have you ever read the prophet Hosea’s marvelous portrayal of the repentance and restoration of Israel? It’s the last chapter in his book. He begins with a tender call: “O Israel, return unto the Lord thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity...”

By verse 4 we have the Lord’s loving, gracious response. “I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely...”

Then in verse 5, this beautiful picture of the reviving dew: “I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon...”

Solomon in Proverbs draws this striking parallel: “The king’s wrath is as the roaring of a lion, but his favour is as the dew upon the grass.”

Job too, in describing his better days, used the dew as an illustration: “My root was spread out by the waters, and the dew lay all night upon my branch. My glory was fresh in me, and my bow was renewed in my hand” (Job 29:19, 20).

How can sin-parched souls receive God’s refreshing, restoring dew? Going back to Hosea 14, the picture is completed: (v.7) “They that dwell under his [the Lord’s] shadow shall return; they shall revive as the corn, and grow as the vine.” Let us dwell under the shadow of Jehovah’s wings and ever wait to receive the refreshing dew of His Word.