

Wings for Birds

A legend, centuries old, relates that God first created birds without wings. Sometime later, God made wings and said to the birds, "Come, take up these burdens and bear them."

The birds hesitated at first, but soon obeyed. They tried picking up the wings in their beaks, but found them too heavy. Then they tried picking them up with their claws, but found them too large. Finally, one of the birds managed to get the wings hoisted onto its shoulders where it was finally possible to carry them.

To the amazement of the birds, before long the wings began to grow and they soon had attached themselves to the bodies of the birds. One of the birds began to flap his wings and others followed his example. Before long, one of the birds took off and began to soar in the air above!

What once had been a heavy burden now became the very thing that enabled the birds to go where they could never go before – and at the same time, truly fulfill the destiny of their creation.

What about you? The duties and responsibilities you count as burdens today – as you work in Life Care, American Lifestyles and Life Care at Home, or in your personal relationships – may be part of God's destiny for your life, the means by which your soul is lifted up.

Don't be afraid of pressure. Remember that pressure is what turns a lump of coal into a diamond.

--Beecher Hunter