

SOMETHING TO CROW ABOUT



Message: God is always there

Scripture: Heb 13:5b “God has said, ‘Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you’” (NIV)

Rusty the Rooster had a very important job. It was his job to wake up all the animals on the farm. So every morning he would stand on top of the hen house, and as soon as he saw the sun peeking over the horizon he would crow at the top of his lungs, “Cock-a-doodle-doo! Cock-a-doodle-doo!” Then all the cows and the goats and the chickens and the horses would wake up.

One morning Rusty was standing on top of the hen house ready to crow, waiting for the sun to come up. He waited...and waited...and waited. But there was no sign of the sun. He waited some more...no sun! Now Rusty was worried. So he went into the hen house and woke up Henrietta Hen and said to her, “The sun is gone! I’ve been out there waiting for it, but it never came up. It’s gone!”

Henrietta said, “You silly rooster! The sun’s not gone. You just can’t see it because the clouds are covering it up. It’s still up there up above the clouds.”

Boy, was Rusty relieved! Then he started thinking about that, and he said to Henrietta, “You know, that’s just like God.”

Henrietta said, “It is?”

Rusty said, “Yes. Sometimes when we have trials it seems like God’s not there – because the trials get in the way. But He’s still there. Think of it like this: the clouds come and go, but the sun is always there; our trials come and go, but God is always there.”

Then Rusty went out and climbed back up on the hen house, and even though he couldn’t see the sun, he crowed louder than he had ever crowed before.

Let’s pray: Father in heaven, sometimes when we have trials it seems like You’re not there any more. Help us to remember that the Bible promises that You will never leave us or forsake us. And for that we thank You in Jesus’ holy name. Amen.