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Title: The Waiting Room

Text: Luke 2:36-38

Target: The space between your breakthrough and your burden is the place God does the miracle in you.

I. The Significance of Anna: “And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher.” (Vs. 36)

- A. Meaning of Her Name: “Anna” - Finding Favor
- B. Magnitude of Her Title: “prophetess” - One and Only time mentioned in the New Testament.
- C. Mention of Her Father: “Phanuel” -Face to Face with God.
- D. Measure of Her Tribe: “Asher”

II. The Sorrow of Anna: “lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin and then as a widow until she was eighty-four.” (36b-37a)

- A. Reveals Her Past: Became a young widow at the age of 21.
- B. Reminder of Her Pain: Stayed a widow for 84 years. (14+7+84=105)

III. The Steadfastness of Anna: “She did not depart from the temple worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day.” (Vs.37b)

- A. Priority of Proximity: “She did not depart from the temple”
- B. Persistence in Praise: “worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day”

IV. The Surprise for Anna: “And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.” (Vs. 38)

- A. Perfect Timing: “very hour”
- B. Progressive Tense: “speak of him”
- C. Personal Testimony: “who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem”

Takeaway:

- Stay Hopeful in your Hurting
- Do not grow Weary in Waiting
- Keep Believing for Breakthrough
- Be the Evidence of Encouragement