

Title: The Unexpected Joy in Waiting!

Text: Luke 2:25–35

Topic: Simeon, Hopes, Disappointment, Waiting

Big Idea of the Message: Even though he had experienced disappointment, Simeon found great hope when he saw the Messiah, Jesus.

Application Point: We will be hopeful people while we wait on God.

I want to invite you to turn in your bible today to Luke chapter 2.... We are for today going to look past the birth of Jesus and look at his dedication in the temple. What we are going to look at is a guy by the name of Simeon and how he was impacted by seeing this newborn Messiah.

I want us today to see that while we wait; I believe we can find The Unexpected Joy in Waiting.

To understand these times and ceremonies, it will help to understand the background. Jewish families went through several ceremonies soon after a baby's birth:

- (I) Circumcision
- (II) Redemption of the firstborn
- (III) Purification of the mother.

Through Simeon we see that there is Unexpected Joy in Waiting, notice with me what we can learn from him in his waiting:

1. There is Activity in waiting!

Simeon's secret was in his worship and expectation for God. Worship and praise were natural to him; they were the center of his life.

The major question is; Is this activity transforming us?

Transformational Activity happens in our waiting as we stay connected to God.

2. There is Hope in Waiting!

Nothing is so bleak as a day without tomorrow.

With God, however, every day has hope and good cheer.

Requires us to keep our eyes on the truth of God's promises...

3. There is Fulfillment in Waiting!

Not just when you see what you think you have been waiting on, but to see God in the midst do what only God can do.

If you want to be stronger?
If you want to have more faith?

You are in good company....

Things to Remember:

We need Jesus while we wait.

We need to see Jesus before we die.

Simeon was declared faithful for his faith while Waiting

Correct waiting involves looking forward with anticipation

Main thing is don't lose Sight of Jesus.