When God Comes to the Waiting

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Luke 2

22 And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23 as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord" 24 and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons."

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First, now, waiting, before, now, night and day

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CAN YOU HOLD ONTO HOPE WHEN YOU'VE GROWN TIRED OF WAITING?

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25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 26 And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, 28 he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said...

Being patient/impatient says more about your soul than your personality

(see Galatians 5)



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29 "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; 30 for my eyes have seen your salvation 31 that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

Luke 2:30

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33 And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. 34 And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed 35 and a sword will pierce through your own soul also, so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

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36 And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, 37 and then as a widow until she was eighty-four...

Profound loss does not prevent profound worship



Luke 2

37 and then as a widow until she was eighty-four… She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day.

38 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.

Luke 2:37

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The thing you're waiting for does not have to put your whole life on hold.



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The Prophet Isaiah

For he says,
"In a favorable time I listened to you, and in
a day of salvation I have helped you."

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold,
now is the day of salvation.

2 Corinthians 6:2

11 For the grace of God has appeared,
bringing salvation for all people, 12 training
us to renounce ungodliness and worldly
passions, and to live self-controlled, upright,
and godly lives in the present age, 13
waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing
of the glory of our great God and Savior
Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to
redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify
for himself a people for his own possession
who are zealous for good works.

Titus 2:11-14

Let's close our time by responding

Where is waiting wearing down your hope?

What would it look like to live expectantly this week?



SING – GIVE – PRAY – REFLECT