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Luke 2:22-36

The nativity scene is often at the forefront of our minds when we think about Christmas. We line up Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, some shepherds and a few sheep.

In Luke 2, we discover someone never associated with the nativity scene and rarely thought of in relation to Christ's birth: Simeon. When Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple, God kept his word. Simeon, who was to see the Messiah before he died, was moved by the Holy Spirit to go to the Temple. He saw Jesus.

Mary had a personal, intimate witness to who Jesus was, even as a baby: she was his mother. Simeon (and his fellow worshipper, Anna) was outside this relationship. He was not there the first night when angels sang to shepherd on a hillside. He was not present when the angel announced to Mary that she was to give birth to the Messiah. And yet Simeon is another voice, another witness to God's plan of salvation.

God uses a variety of people to share his Good News. How is God calling you to share today?

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