

Waiting Isn't Pleasant

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Luke 2:22-35

Simeon had waited a very long time to see God move in the world and take away the “sorrow of Israel.” Luke 2 notes that he was filled with the Spirit. Simeon was a faithful follower of God. Yet, Simeon waited, and waited, and waited for this to take place.

I know my children think waiting can take an extraordinary amount of time. The Christmas season is a prime example: for a child it is one of the longest times of the year.

Simeon, during his wait, was promised one thing: he would not die before he saw the Christ. What an assurance! And yet, he was not promised to see the change that the Messiah was to bring (that which Simeon most anticipated). God promised Simeon a glimpse of the unfolding of the story.

Sometimes our waiting does not reveal everything we want it to. We may have to wait beyond this life to see the fullness of God's work made complete. Thankfully, God does not abandon us. God gives us the Spirit to guide and comfort along the way.

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