



# In the Waiting

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*“Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means ‘God is with us.’”*

**Matthew 1:23 NLT**

## 1. Simeon, waiting for the Messiah

- **Promise from God**
- **Growing older, nothing happening**
- **Fulfillment and more**

<sup>25</sup> At that time there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel. The Holy Spirit was upon him <sup>26</sup> and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. <sup>27</sup> That day the Spirit led him to the Temple. So when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required, <sup>28</sup> Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying, <sup>29</sup> “Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised. <sup>30</sup> I have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup> which you have prepared for all people. <sup>32</sup> He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!” <sup>33</sup> Jesus’ parents were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them, and he said to Mary, the baby’s mother, “This child is destined to cause many in Israel to fall, and many others to rise. He has been sent as a sign from God, but many will oppose him. <sup>35</sup> As a result, the deepest thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your very soul.”

**Luke 2:25-35 NLT**

## 2. God is present especially while you are waiting

- **God’s timing is different than ours**
- **Trust God and learn patience**
- **Change your expectations**

<sup>8</sup> But you must not forget this one thing, dear friends: A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day. <sup>9</sup> The Lord isn’t really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.

**2 Peter 3:8-9 NLT**

<sup>13</sup> Yet I am confident I will see the LORD’s goodness while I am here in the land of the living. <sup>14</sup> Wait patiently for the LORD. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the LORD.

**Psalms 27:13-14 NLT**

*As for me, I look to the LORD for help. I wait confidently for God to save me, and my God will certainly hear me.*

**Micah 7:7 NLT**

## Next Steps:

- Invite a friend to Christmas Eve service
- Read Luke 2:21-40 (Simeon and Anna)
- Commit to trust God and his timing when I want something that isn’t happening
- Allow God to build patience in me as I wait and focus on God’s presence and timing
- Let go of any bitterness or anger for not getting what I’ve wanted in life
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