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Eagerly Waiting

God's Plans Often Stretch Us Before They Settle Us

Luke 2:25-35 - *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 him²⁶ and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Messiah.²⁷ 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, 28 Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying,²⁹ "Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised.³⁰ I have seen your salvation,³¹ which you have prepared for all people.³² He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!"³³ Jesus' parents were amazed at what was being said about him.³⁴ 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.³⁵ As a result, the deepest thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your very soul."*

There Are No Coincidences In Jesus

The Law And The Spirit Came Together For A Miracle

Simeon Was Waiting For Relief

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Sometimes God Gives Us Words To Hold On To

God Has A Plan

Doubt, Fear, And Oppression Were About To Meet Their Answer

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Feeling The Pressure Is The Space Where Faith And Trust Mature

Romans 11:33 - *Oh, how great are God’s riches and wisdom and knowledge! How impossible it is for us to understand his decisions and his ways!*

Serving God Doesn't Remove Adversity

2 Corinthians 4:16–18 - *That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. ¹⁷ For our present troubles are small and won’t last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! ¹⁸ So we don’t look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.*

Jesus Came To Meet Us Right Where We’re At