

Luke 2:22-40

- Where is our hope in the waiting?

- Waiting requires us to let go of the controls...
...and allows us to hold on to hope in the face of the unknown.
- The end of Simeon’s waiting also meant that he would soon see death.
- Where our hope rests in our waiting directly impacts what we do next!
 - Anna’s hope is fulfilled and her heart shifts from waiting to reaching.
 - Israel was waiting but their hope was misplaced.
 - Our hope rests where the Holy Spirit lays it!

- What do we hope to see?

- Whatever we hope to see should be to be grace-filled and Spirit-driven!
- The outcome that I hope to see is always missing pieces.
- Living by what we hope to see can blind us to seeing Jesus!

- When the watching is worth the wait!

- The victories that we get excited about aren’t always immediately tangible!
- To see God keep His promises was worth the wait for Anna and Simeon...
...and it is with each baptism, confession, confirmation, & funeral for us too!
- We shouldn’t be surprised IF God does something miraculous...
...we wait and see with confidence in hope for WHEN He will!

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