



Week #2: Waiting In Peace

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Luke 2:25-33 (NLT)

1. Peaceful waiting requires _____.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)

...when I am afraid, I will put my trust in you.

Psalms 56:3 (NLT)

2. Peaceful waiting is _____.

Faith... if it has no works, is dead.

James 2:17 (NKJV)

3. Peaceful waiting opens our _____.

...let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace.

Colossians 3:15 (NLT)

4. Peaceful waiting produces _____.

For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

2 Corinthians 4:17 (NIV)

"I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid."

John 14:27 (NLT)

For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6 (NLT)

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Discussion questions:

1. What promise, prayer, or area of your life has you in a season of waiting, and how can you wait with the same kind of trust and hope Simeon showed?
2. What does waiting patiently for Jesus look like in everyday life?
3. Who in your life has helped you recognize God's presence or work, and how can you be that kind of presence for someone else this week?

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