# Faith in God’s FaithfulnessLuke 2:21-40

#### When do we have to wait for God?

#### Why is it hard to wait for God?

## The Setting for this Story

### Luke has told the stories surrounding Jesus’ birth:

#### Angel’s words to Zechariah & Mary. Birth of John then Jesus.

## Luke 2:21-40

### 21: \_\_\_ days: Circumcision and naming of Jesus

#### They obeyed the command through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

##### \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years before

#### They obeyed the words of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

##### \_\_\_ months before

### 22-24: \_\_\_\_ days: Purification of Mary and consecration of Jesus

#### Obedience to the Law of Moses brought them to the temple that very day (\_\_\_\_\_\_ years before)

#### They set Jesus apart to God for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ purposes and plans

##### \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ had highest honor, so to dedicate the firstborn to the Lord was to give God your best

#### Even in their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

### 25-33: Simeon prophesied about Jesus, guided by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

#### “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”=expectant hope for the coming Savior

##### Simeon followed the Law of Moses: \_\_\_\_\_\_ years

##### Put His hope in the words of the prophets: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

##### Hoped in the promise of the Spirit: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(?)

##### Followed the prompting of the Spirit: \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_

#### First statement of the Savior being for all \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

#### Joseph and Mary marveled at his words

##### God was working through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as well

##### For a plan that was far \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than they knew

### 34-35: Simeon \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about the challenges ahead

#### “Blessing” also included \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: a hard future

#### Many will oppose Jesus and be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

##### Response to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ reveals heart’s attitude toward \_\_\_\_\_

##### Many \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God

#### Mary will also \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

##### Perhaps in watching her Son Jesus \_\_\_\_\_\_

### 36-38: Anna \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about Jesus

#### Emphasis: very long faithfulness in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

##### She was trusting in God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_

#### There was a community of people “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”

#### Anna was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of this community

### 39-40: Jesus grew over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

#### The journey of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ obedience continued

#### \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the days of His ministry

## The Big Idea:

**God is working out His \_\_\_\_\_\_**

**to bring Salvation and wholeness to all the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**across \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,**

**across each \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**and within each \_\_\_\_\_\_**

### Ecclesiastes 3:11

## Application

### “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” for the unfolding and completion of God’s plan

#### “Waiting” involves…

##### \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and watching

##### \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rather than worrying

###### Trust = anticipatory \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

###### Worry = anticipatory \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

##### Obeying even when we can’t see how it all \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

#### When and how does God reveal His plan?

##### From ancient times: the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

##### Across generations and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

##### Daily & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

### Even in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

#### When the path…

##### is not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

##### is not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

##### involves \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

##### involves \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

### Ephesians 4:16

#### \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ “waiting” and \_\_\_\_ “waiting” are building up the whole \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the one \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ we will enjoy together forever!

### 2 Peter 3:8-9; Colossians 1:9-12

## Reflection

* What does hope-filled “waiting” with head, heart, and hands look like for you? What steps will you take to be more wait with greater trust?