

# Ugh...Wasn't Expecting That: God Works While We Wait

## **Monday**

**Luke 2:22-36**

After reading the story of Simeon, when are some moments that you feel like God's presence has been with you through a season of waiting? How are ways you are like Simeon and what are ways you are different? What are some ways that you could grow from learning Simeon's story, or what are ways that you already wait well that can be celebrated?

## **Tuesday**

**2 Corinthians 5:17**

The new year is a great time to start or restart something that provides a sense of renewal in your life. Good thing God is in the "make all things new" business all year around. What is one thing you would like to start, stop, or keep doing spiritually or relationally?

## **Wednesday**

**Luke 2:22-36 | Psalm 34:18 | Matthew 5:4**

After reading the story of Anna what similarities or differences do you have with her? Grief is such a unique journey. Are there ways you have experienced God's presence in the waiting room of grief? What are they? Also, if you are processing the loss of a loved one in any way, we want to invite you to GriefShare. Visit Next Steps after service to get started!

## **Thursday**

**1 Corinthians 10:13**

The whole Christmas story is about God seeing we have made a mess. Instead of scolding us or withholding his love He goes as far as sending His own son to rescue us. Sometimes we need to be rescued from ourselves. Our habits, our attitudes. Is there a moment in your life when God rescued you while you waited for your next chapter to begin?

## **Friday**

**Romans 8:32**

God provides. He is at work while we wait. What are some ways He has provided for you this past year? Has there been a time that He provided something different than what you expected?

## **Saturday**

**Proverbs 16:9**

We have great plans sometimes. Other times our grandest plans limit what God has already planned for us. Are there areas in your life, maybe even choices, that you think God is calling you to do, but you keep putting off? Salvation? Baptism? Serving? Or maybe you're waiting beautifully on your next step. Whatever it is, God has a plan, and He may not show you the entire blueprint. He may just show you your next step. Where do you think He's leading you? To wait or to move?

## **Sunday**

**Deuteronomy 31:8**

The Bible has much to say about God's promises. There are many stories about how we can make a mess while we wait for the Lord. How are ways you already trust in His promise? You don't have to understand why you do, or be able to articulate why, but what areas do you already trust him? Finances? Relationships? Work? Family? Marriage? Parenting? What are ways you trust in yourself more? Are there things you would like to do differently?