

## Why Wait?

Theme: We pray, we wait, and we trust, only to feel like we are waiting forever, and still not receiving what we have hoped and prayed for. This is nothing new, and is the way God acts, as He works out and unfolds His perfect plan. We are called to trust while waiting for His timing.

#1: Simeon: We don't get to see what God is doing. Sometimes we simply must wait  
Luke 2:25-35

- a. Waiting on God's plan to unfold can seem like it takes forever
- b. There are those who wait who never see, on earth, that plan unfold.

#2: Anna, waiting, with Israel, for the long-expected Messiah  
Luke 2:36-38

#3: Parallel Scripture  
Hebrews 6:15 (NIV)

**And so after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised.**

Hebrews 11:13 (NIV)

**All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth.**

We won't have all answers until His return.

1. In America we get what we want "now" no matter what the cost.

In Bible, people get what God promised

The promise seems to come after a long, sometimes, life-long wait

2. God expects people to walk with Him while they are waiting

3. There are some who "see" the answer to their hopes, dreams, and prayers, and others who are called to wait and persevere with God by faith