



Sunday 8th January 2023

Simeon & Anna – The faithful older ones patiently longing for the Kingdom of God (Luke 2:22-40)



1. Be obedient to God's Word

2. Be moved by the Holy Spirit



3. Be joyful in Jesus the Saviour

Questions to process and pray through during our Prayer & Fasting week

What sort of person do you want to become?

- How has Jesus been transforming you over the past year?
- In what aspect of your character would you love to see the Lord bring change in 2023?
- Spend time asking God to grow you over the year ahead

Be obedient to God's Word

1. Joseph and Mary took God's word seriously by dedicating their son to the Lord, as required by the Law. In 2023, how might you dedicate to God:
 - Your relationships?
 - Your time and opportunities?
 - Your talents and gifts?
 - Your money?
2. Along with Simeon, "wait" upon God this week for biblical comfort – look up Bible verses of God's promises in Jesus, and find assurance in them.
3. Along with Anna, how might prayer and fasting play a part in your worship to God? Could you fast, even for one meal, to feast on God, and experience His sustaining power?

Be moved by the Holy Spirit

1. How did the Holy Spirit make a difference in Simeon's & Anna's lives?
2. How does the Spirit help us to "Live by faith, not by sight" (2 Cor 5:7)?
3. Pray that you will be moved by the Spirit this year, led by Him into God's purposes for you. If you feel the Spirit might be saying something to you, perhaps turn to a trusted Christian friend to pray it through with you.

Be joyful in Jesus the Saviour

1. Why was life complete for Simeon once he held Jesus in his arms?
2. Do you sometimes feel like Jesus is not enough for you, and that there is more that you want than simply him?
3. Ask God to give you such a joy in Jesus this year, that he truly is the fulfilment of all your hopes.
4. Ask God to make you like Anna, keen to speak to anyone who wants to hear about the hope that can only be found in Jesus