

“A Most Disruptive Blessing”

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Waiting and Waiting and Waiting Luke 2:25-26

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

The Waiting Season Romans 8:22-25

The Waiting is Over Luke 2:27-28

Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: “Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.”

A Disruptive Salvation Luke 2:33-34

The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed.”

Matthew 2:16-18

The Great Disruptor

- Jesus disrupts our traditions.
- Jesus disrupts our priorities.
- Jesus disrupts our behaviors.
- Jesus disrupts our attitudes.
- Jesus disrupts our relationships.

Also, the thoughts of our hearts will be revealed.

One Final Ominous Note

“And a sword will pierce your soul too.” Luke 2:35

What Can We Take From This?

- Jesus came into the darkness of His day and He is with us in the darkness of our day. Hope has arrived and will return in glory. It's gonna be okay.
- Are we willing to be disrupted?
- Jesus disrupted the cycle of sin and death that enslaves us. We have been saved.

Jesus is the great disruption and the great hope.

Talk it over...with your friends, family, or Growth Group.

Talking through the ideas presented in Sunday's message helps us apply God's word to our individual lives. These questions and thoughts are designed to help you put His words into action in your life this week. We encourage you to talk these over with other Christians that you are close to.

Has any aspect of the Christmas Story become more amazing to you this year than it has in the past? If so, what was it?

What hinders your ability and/or willingness to trust God?

Now that you have thought about it, are you planning to do anything differently this year? Why or why not?

Can you think of situations where you have had to learn about "waiting"? How has this gone?

What are some areas in which your life has been disrupted for the sake of Kingdom? Have you resisted or embraced these disruptions? Do you believe that God is calling you to something disruptive currently?

What are things you can do to demonstrate the joy that emerges from being saved?

What is your main "take-away" from this week? How do you plan to live that out?

SONGS OF Christmas



SERMON NOTES