

## **Waiting Well**

*Experiencing Joy This Christmas*

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*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this. **Isaiah 9:6-7***

**Titus 2:11-14 (Second Coming)**

**Psalms 27:14 (Wait on the Lord)**

**Galatians 5:22 (Patience)**

**Main Idea: Waiting well is expectant waiting! Waiting well is not passive waiting but active waiting expecting God to arrange the best outcome at the best time.**

### **I. Get In Touch With Why You Struggle With Waiting**

*Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. **Isaiah 9:1-2***

## **II. Realize That Waiting Is Normal For God's Timetable**

*Luke 1:5-7—Zechariah and Elizabeth*

*Luke 2:25-32—Simeon*

### **III. Choose To Do What Is Right As You Wait**

*There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup> and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. <sup>38</sup> Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.*

*Luke 2:36-38*

### **IV. Trust God To Fulfill His Plan In His Way And His Timing**

*But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. **Galatians 4:4-5***