

Title: The Waiting Room

Text: Luke 2:36-38

Target: The space between your breakthrough and your burden is the place God does the miracle in you.

- I. **The Significance of Anna:** *“And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher.”* (Vs. 36)
 - A. **Meaning of Her Name:** *“Anna”* - Finding Favor
 - B. **Magnitude of Her Title:** *“prophetess”* - One and Only time mentioned in the New Testament.
 - C. **Mention of Her Father:** *“Phanuel”* -Face to Face with God.
 - D. **Measure of Her Tribe:** *“Asher”*
- II. **The Sorrow of Anna:** *“lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin and then as a widow until she was eighty-four.”* (36b-37a)
 - A. **Reveals Her Past:** Became a young widow at the age of 21.
 - B. **Reminder of Her Pain:** Stayed a widow for 84 years. (14+7+84=105)
- III. **The Steadfastness of Anna:** *“She did not depart from the temple worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day.”* (Vs.37b)
 - A. **Priority of Proximity:** *“She did not depart from the temple”*
 - B. **Persistence in Praise:** *“worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day”*
- IV. **The Surprise for Anna:** *“And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.”* (Vs. 38)
 - A. **Perfect Timing:** *“very hour”*
 - B. **Progressive Tense:** *“speak of him”*
 - C. **Personal Testimony:** *“who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem”*

Takeaway:

- **Stay Hopeful in your Hurting**
- **Do not grow Weary in Waiting**
- **Keep Believing for Breakthrough**
- **Be the Evidence of Encouragement**