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Believe in the Promise

Message Key: Simeon shows us what it means to believe in God's promises even when we have to wait.

Isaiah 7:14 Behold, a virgin shall conceive and a bear a son. And He shall be called Immanuel… God with us!
Micah 5:2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

The Christmas story is filled with things that require f_____.

Question: What do you do when God has made a promise, but you haven't seen it fulfilled yet?
The people of Israel were waiting for God to fulfill a promise that had been made generations before they were even born.

GOD MADE A P_____.
700 years before Jesus was born, God had already begun telling His people that a Savior was coming.

ISAIAH 9:1–7

By divine revelation…by spiritual calculation…by celestial anticipation..
Isaiah saw the coming Messiah.
4 Titles:
Wonderful Counselor
Mighty God

Everlasting Father.
Prince of Peace.

* He would bring hope to the h_____.
* He would bring universal peace to the p_____.
* He would bring government to the u_____.
    * His government will be p_____.
    * His government will be p_____.

The z_____ of the Lord will accomplish it!

Faith is learning to t_____ God's promise even when you can't yet see God's fulfillment.
Living in the g___ between the promise and the fulfillment.

GOD'S PROMISE IS WORTH W_____ FOR.
Luke 2:22–33

God was working in the gap. Isaiah 40:31

BELIEVING THE PROMISE CHANGES HOW WE L_____ TODAY
Luke 2:27-32

If God kept His promise at Christmas, we can trust Him with the promises we're still waiting on.