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Mary Waited Fearfully

“Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.”

Luke 1:39-31

Isaiah 41:10 “Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God.”

Luke 2:14

Joseph Waited In Doubt

“But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.”
Matt 1:20

- Doubt does not disqualify us from obedience
- God often speaks while we are “considering” things
- Waiting may require us to trust what we cannot explain

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.”
Prov 3:5-6

Simeon Waited In Anticipation

“Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.” Luke 2:25

- Waiting can be active, not passive
- The Holy Spirit sustains hope over long seasons
- God always keeps His promises, and is NEVER late

“For the vision awaits its appointed time... If it seems slow, wait for it.”
Habakkuk: 2:3

Anna Waited In Faithfulness

“She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day.”
Luke 2:37

- Waiting is not wasted when filled with worship
- Faithfulness in obscurity is precious to God
- Long obedience produces deep joy

“But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.”

Isaiah 40:31

Today

- Wait obediently through your fear
- Wait honestly, through your doubt
- Wait expectantly with hope
- Wait faithfully in worship

“Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!”

Psalm 27:14