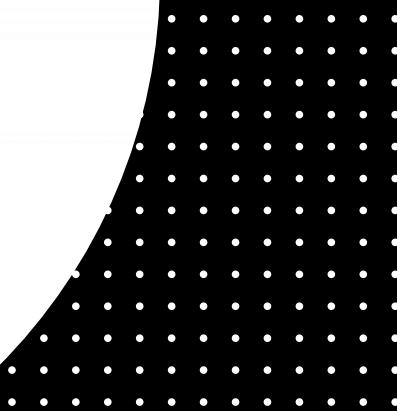
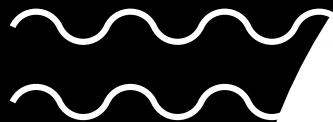




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# *Mary Waited Fearfully*

***“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**