



Going Deeper into "The Good Life" – Luke 2:36-38

Luke 2:36-37 introduces us to Anna, a woman whose life turned out much different than she planned. Few people's lives turn out the way they planned.

People would have looked at Anna's life as one that had been derailed from happiness. What in your life has "derailed" you from past hopes and plans?

Though Anna's life did not follow her original plan, she seems to have embraced her situation and made the best of it. How has your life been different from what you planned? Have you accepted these changes, or do you fight it still?

Anna found purpose in worshipping and serving God. Where and how have you found purpose in your changing circumstances and life?

Pastor David said that Anna is an example of the Heroes of Old from the book of Hebrews. Read Hebrews 11-12:1.

A common attribute of the people of faith is that they rejected the world they had for the country, and people, of God. Can you say you have a similar attitude of rejecting this world?

What evidence speaks to your being a stranger and exile on the earth?

Anna looked for God's redemption and continued to tell others about Jesus. How do you tell others about Jesus as you wait for His return?

Please pray: Heavenly Father, thank You for the changes in my life that have led me to follow Jesus and to grow closer to You. Help me to live in the world as a stranger and exile, looking for a better country. Show me how to use my time here on earth to share with others the hope I have in Jesus Christ. Amen.