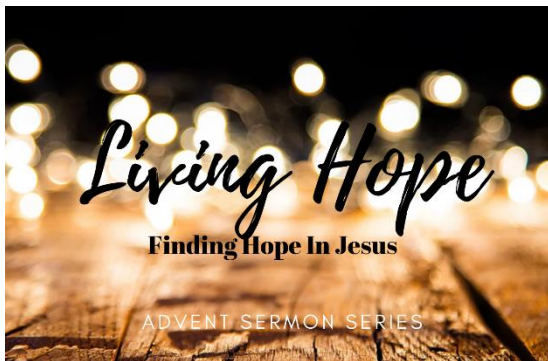


12 – 13: Sermon Listening Guide



Enduring Hope

Luke 2:25 – 35

New International

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25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. **26** It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. **27** Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, **28** Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

²⁹ "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss your servant in
peace.

³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the sight
of all nations:

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel."

³³ The child's father and mother marveled
at what was said about him. ³⁴ Then
Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his
mother: "This child is destined to cause the
falling and rising of many in Israel, and to
be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so
that the thoughts of many hearts will be
revealed. And a sword will pierce your own
soul too."



MAIN TRUTHS:

1. _____ is desperately needed today.
2. _____ flows from the power of your hope.
3. _____ hope is found only in Jesus.



1. Endurance is desperately needed today.

What is one quality or characteristic that you dream to possess in greater measure in your life that will lead to success?

Did you include endurance? _____

What is endurance? _____

Biblical endurance helps us to complete the purpose for which God Himself has called and planned for us to do.

2. Endurance flows from the power of your hope.

Endurance isn't determined by the strength of your own grit but rather in the power of a hope that has gripped you and pulls you forward.

3. Enduring hope is found only in Jesus.

What things was Simeon longing & hoping for all the days of his life?

Consolation: “the comfort received by a person after a loss or disappointment.”
(Oxford dictionary)

Jesus is the only hope that far exceeds our expectations. He truly helps us endure life's struggles until the very end. He gives us an enduring hope that sustains us till the end.

“Consolation probably speaks to those longings for healing and restoration from all the past losses and miseries of life. In Isaiah the people had experienced judgment and exile with all its guilt and fear and loneliness and death. Consolation is when God comes to heal and restore and revive all that has been thrown away or lost.”

- Piper

What longing have you been experiencing?

Do you know that Jesus is the only one who can ultimately fill that?

In order to truly endure in this life you need a hope that is bigger than yourself.

His Endurance is our Endurance!!!!

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. Do you tend to finish things that you've started? _____

2. How does hope encourage us to endure through hard times?

3. Why does Jesus give you true hope?

4. Where does God want you to endure faithfully now? _____
