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2:22-24 *Faithful doing.* Jesus' parents do all that the law specifies – their own faithfulness matters both for Jesus and for us. It is their obedience which sets the scene for what will follow...

2:25-28 *Faithful waiting.* Simeon, a Spirit-filled man, has been waiting for the fulfillment of God's promised Messiah. In fact, he had been told by God that he would – himself – see the arrival of the Messiah.

2:29-35 *Faithful fulfilling.* Simeon's waiting turns into a prayer when he sees Jesus: God has kept His promises, and how people respond to this Messiah will change everything – for them and for the course of history.

The Point: Jesus' arrival changes everything – He is a challenge to all who reject Him, but a hope to those who trust in God's promises and power.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, how amazing that Your plan and purposes throughout the ages all come to a point right here in **Luke 2**. Thank you for Jesus – thank you for the Savior who gives us light and life and hope! Work in us that we would faithfully await the day when we are with Jesus forever.

Application: What will you do with Jesus – will you trust Him as God's promised Messiah? If you already trust Christ, how can your obedience and faithful waiting be part of your testimony about Jesus?

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
