

## God Time

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## Luke 2:22-40

<sup>22</sup> Then it was time for their purification offering, as required by the law of Moses after the birth of a child; so his parents took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. <sup>23</sup> The law of the Lord says, “If a woman’s first child is a boy, he must be dedicated to the Lord.” <sup>24</sup> So they offered the sacrifice required in the law of the Lord—“either a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

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<sup>25</sup> At that time there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel. The Holy Spirit was upon him <sup>26</sup> and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup> That day the Spirit led him to the Temple.

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So when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required, <sup>28</sup> Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying, <sup>29</sup> "Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised. <sup>30</sup> I have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup> which you have prepared for all people. <sup>32</sup> He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your

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your people Israel!” <sup>33</sup> Jesus’ parents were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup>Then Simeon blessed them, and he said to Mary, the baby’s mother, “This child is destined to cause many in Israel to fall, and many others to rise. He has been sent as a sign from God, but many will oppose him. <sup>35</sup>As a result, the deepest thoughts of many hearts will be revealed.

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And a sword will pierce your very soul.” <sup>36</sup> Anna, a prophet, was also there in the Temple. She was the daughter of Phanuel from the tribe of Asher, and she was very old. Her husband died when they had been married only seven years. <sup>37</sup> Then she lived as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the Temple but stayed there day and night, worshiping God with fasting

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and prayer. <sup>38</sup> She came along just as Simeon was talking with Mary and Joseph, and she began praising God. She talked about the child to everyone who had been waiting expectantly for God to rescue Jerusalem. <sup>39</sup> When Jesus' parents had fulfilled all the requirements of the law of the Lord, they returned home to Nazareth in Galilee. <sup>40</sup> There the child grew up healthy and strong...

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- Mary & Joseph – When it was time...
- Simeon – At that time... Passing time...
- Anna – Came along at that time... Passing time..
- Coincidence? Dumb luck?
- God Time intersects their time

## Galatians 4:4-5

<sup>4</sup> But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. <sup>5</sup> God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children.



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They had made their time about God  
and God made His time involve them!

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What if every time “God Time”  
intersected with the time of your day,  
it changed the trajectory of something  
in your life?

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Don't miss all the little steps that put us  
in a the right place for the big  
intersections with "God Time"

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What will you do differently in 2018?  
What are you willing to change?  
What will you give time to God to do?  
What are you willing to do (or not do)  
to look more like Jesus?

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