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Godly Expectation (Luke 2:21-52)

Authentic devotion brings Godly expectations.

Warmup: As a kid what hobby or pastime were you devoted to?

READ Luke 2:21-52

- What was the expectation of the prophet Simeon and the prophetess Anna? Their expectations were grounded in what sources?
- What is the action of the Holy Spirit in verses 25-28?
- What is God saying to you in these verses?

REFLECT

- From this passage you can surmise that Mary and Joseph had certain expectations of Jesus. Identify the known expectations and ones that you could infer.
- What phrase is repeated twice in 39-52? As you consider the first two chapters of Luke does this phrase seem unique to Jesus? How does growing in wisdom and favor with the Lord connect to the main characters mentioned in Luke 1 and 2?
- How does what Jesus is teaching you in these verses line up with your life?

RESPOND

- In chapters one and two, how is devotion to God lived out? Now, in your own words describe how you can tell if someone is devoted to a person or thing. How is devotion to God the same, or different?
- Verses 25-28 show us that the Holy Spirit leads us and reveals exactly what God wants us to know. How will you cultivate openness to the Holy Spirit? As you invite God's Spirit to speak to you, what is your next step of devotion to God?
- How is the Spirit leading you to respond this week?