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Characters of Christmas: Simeon & Anna vs. Innkeeper

Luke 2:25-38

- Simeon the Waiter

- Understand God is a saving God
Isaiah 63:1, Matthew 1:21

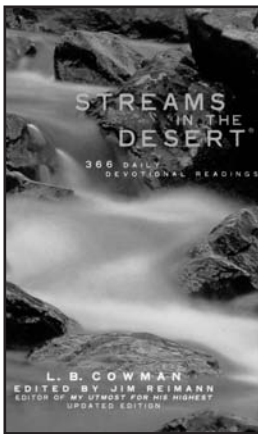
- Journey by God's directing not our planning
Isaiah 30:21, Proverbs 3:5, Psalm 37:23

- Worship is sweeter when waiting is patient
II Thessalonians 3:6, Isaiah 40:31, Psalm 40:1

- *Nunc Dimittis* Hymn → Latin for "dismiss now"

Simeon and Anna's lives were now complete, so can
it be with ours.

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