

**BREAKING SILENCE: HEARING FROM GOD TODAY**  
**LUKE 2:25-35**

**NOTES:**

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1. Preparation
2. Placement
3. Persistence

**Questions for Community Groups and Individual Bible Study:**

**For Starters:** Are you a patient person? What causes your patience to wear thin? Is it possible to hear from God without patience? Discuss.

**Quick Fire Round:**

1. Read Luke 2:22-25. What stands out to you and why? Why do you think Simeon was able to hear from God and see Jesus as Messiah?
2. Read Luke 2:29-32. The *Nunc Dimittis* is a Psalm of Praise. How does Simeon's song reveal his heart? What does he mean that his eyes have seen salvation? How is Messiah a light to the gentiles and glory to the people of Israel? If you were to write a Psalm of Praise to God, what would it include and why?
3. Read Luke 2:34-35, 1 Peter 2:7-10, 1 Cor. 1:22-25 and Acts 4:11-12. How is Jesus either a stumbling block to many or the power of God to other people then and now?
4. Read Isaiah 40:27-31. If we are to see and hear from God today, why is patience a foundational virtue? How do you miss God through impatience and what changes are you willing to make to wait upon Him?
5. In order to hear from God, how can you choose:
  - a. Preparation (Read 1 Timothy 4:6-15) - how can you train spiritually?
  - b. Placement (Read Jeremiah 29:11-15) – be in the right place and time?
  - c. Persistence (1 Timothy 4:16, James 1:2-4, 22-25) – press on and don't quit?

**WEEKLY CHALLENGE:** Write a Psalm of Praise to God. Consider how you have seen God work in your life, His promises and love toward you. Keep this as a reminder that He is always close.