



S E R M O N G U I D E

#### No Limits with Pastor Delman

### It's Turning Around For Me

Luke 2:36-38

# NOTES INTRODUCTION Nobody likes to wait. We live in a society that centers around instant gratification. So when we have to wait for something for any length of time, our reaction usually isn't positive. However, if we're waiting for something we really want, our perspective on the wait seems to change. In other words, when the object of your waiting is deemed valuable, you don't mind waiting because you tell yourself, "It's worth the wait." That is exactly why it is so important that we wait on God. What God wants to give you is more valuable than the things you are accustomed to waiting on. Yet, for some reason, we struggle to wait on the Lord. If you're currently struggling with waiting on the Lord, this message is for you, as we will look at the story of Anna, someone who was determined to wait on the Lord because what she was waiting for was most valuable. **KEY POINTS** 1. Anna still believed in God. With all that's going on in her life and around her, I'm encouraged by the fact that Anna still believes in God. I want you to notice that in the midst of telling us about all of Anna's problems, her barrenness, the kind of family and tribe she came from, her age, that she's a widow, and for how long, the text says something subtle yet significant nonetheless. It says that Anna is a prophetess. That means she is someone who speaks on behalf of God. That's her assignment; that's her purpose. And so even when her circumstances aren't what she hopes for, she still believes in God and pursues the calling and purpose He's placed on her life. What an example for us to follow when we're in a waiting season. 2. Anna stays in the presence of God. Anna was faithful to God and still chose to believe in Him despite being in a difficult waiting season. How was she able to do this? She remained in the presence of God. When you remain in God's presence, you will be able to wait. Exodus 33:14 says, "And He said, 'My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Life isn't always favorable. Sometimes, circumstances are hard, and we must wait on God to act. But we don't have to have everything go our way to remain in God's presence.

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### **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

1.	What is	something you	re waiting on	from God	l right now?

- 2. Does your faith, belief, or trust in God waiver when you're in the midst of a waiting season? Why or why not?
- 3. What is one practical way you can stay in the presence of God while you're waiting?