

## Life Group Notes – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December

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- What enabled Simeon to hear this promise?
- Share testimony of times when you have heard a promise from God.
- What do you think you could do to hear promises from God more often?

Simeon didn't give up spending time with God once he had the promise. He was known as being righteous and devout; and as he waited for the promise to be fulfilled, he would have continued to read the scriptures to remind himself of Gods faithfulness in keeping His promises.

- Share how you are reminded of Gods faithfulness

#### Read I Peter 5:8-9

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- How can we encourage others in the family of believers to stand firm?

#### Read Luke 2:27-32

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- Share times when you have stepped out in faith?
- How can stepping out in faith increase our trust in God to keep His promises?

#### PRAY

Discuss any promises from God that you find difficult to have faith in or any areas of your life that you would like God to speak into.

Pray for one another that each of you will:

- Hear Gods promises for you
- Believe in Gods promises and live by His truth
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## GODS PROMISES TO YOU

### 1. God will always love you

**Romans 8:38-39** <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### 2. God will always be with you

**Psalms 139:7-10** <sup>7</sup> Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? <sup>8</sup> If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. <sup>9</sup> If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, <sup>10</sup> even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

### 3. God plans for your good

**Jeremiah 29:11** <sup>11</sup> For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

### 4. God will give you the strength you need

**Philippians 4:13** <sup>13</sup> I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

**Isaiah 40:29** <sup>29</sup> He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

### 5. God hears your prayers

**John 5:14-15** <sup>14</sup> This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. <sup>15</sup> And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

### 6. Jesus will come again

**Matthew 24:30-31** <sup>30</sup> “Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. <sup>31</sup> And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

### 7. You have an eternal home in Heaven

**John 14:2-3** <sup>2</sup> My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

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