

Home for Christmas

For the Quiet Faithful (Week 2)

LifeNotes

TALK IT OVER

Main Ideas

Christmas brings home the truth that God sees and rewards a quiet faith.

Key Scriptures

But the Lord said to Samuel, "Don't judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."
1 Samuel 16:7 NLT

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It has been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required.
Luke 2:25-27 NIV

Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel."
Luke 2:28-32

Lessons from the quiet faithful:

- A quiet faith allows the Spirit to move.

Be still and know that I am God ... Psalm 46:10

- A quiet faith sustains us.

Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you ... Psalm 55:22

- A quiet faith worships God for who He is, not for what He does.

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.
Romans 11:36

Start talking.

- Why do we tend to look down on the "simple and quiet"?
- What is it that draws us often to the loud, boastful, and brash?
- When was the last time you saw a story that celebrated humility?

Start thinking.

- Read 1 Samuel 16:7. What are all the outward ways we judge people?
- Read Luke 2:25-27. What do we learn about Simeon? What can we infer about his life and attitude toward God?
- How long had it been since God had revealed "he would not die" before seeing the Messiah? What sustained him daily?
- Read Luke 2:28-32. What was the "job" Simeon had been set apart for? What would have changed about his life moving forward from this moment?

Start sharing.

- Do you naturally celebrate and/or seek out quiet people? Explain.
- What are/have been the "quiet in the land" in your life?
- What lessons have they taught you?

Start doing.

- Who is one "quiet faithful" person you will reach out to this week to celebrate?
- What one lesson from the "quiet faithful" will you put into practice this week?

Closing prayer.

Lord Jesus thank you for knowing me. Help me to develop such an intimate relationship with you and I would know your movement and leading in my life. Holy Spirit sustain me through the highs and lows of each day and help me to keep my eyes focused on you and your goodness no matter my circumstances. I love you Lord and trust you with my tomorrow.