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Luke 2

25 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. **26** It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. **27** 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, **28** Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: **29** "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. **30** For my eyes have seen your salvation, **31** which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: **32** a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel." **33** The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. **34** Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, **35** so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."



Questions for Discussion

1. Read Luke 2:25-35
2. What does Simeon have to say to Joseph and Mary? What is the significance of what he says?
3. Why might God have come to earth as a baby instead of just speaking out of the clouds?
4. What do you think Joseph and Mary felt as they heard about what was going to happen?
5. In what ways has God surprised you?
6. How might your life change in the next year if you lived fully committed to Jesus?

Take time to pray for one another.