

TakeNote

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The Anxiousness of Waiting

—Luke 1:26-56; 2:1-19

Part 1 in the series “O Come Let Us Adore Him”

Anxiety shouts to us that waiting makes everything worse;

Faith shares with us that waiting makes us better.

The More We Wait Patiently, the More We Learn...

1. To Believe Waiting is a Good Thing (Luke 1:35–38)

- Anxiety says waiting is abnormal and hurtful
- Faith says waiting is normal and helpful

2. To Take God’s Word Seriously (Luke 1:38 & 45)

- Anxiety says we should let go of what God says
- Faith says we should cling to what God says

3. To Embrace God’s Perfect Timing (Luke 1:26, 36–37, 57 & 2:6)

- Anxiety says we should fix it now
- Faith says we should let God work it out in His timing

4. To Listen to God Instead of Others (Luke 1:59–64)

- Anxiety says we should satisfy everyone’s expectations
- Faith says we should satisfy God’s expectations

5. To Expect Waiting Throughout Our Lives *(Luke 2:19)*

- Anxiety says waiting can be eliminated from our lives
- Faith says waiting will continue in our lives

**Are you letting anxiety make everything worse,
or are you letting patient waiting make you better?**