

Slide 1

*The Gift That Keeps On Giving*  
**Luke 2:36-38**

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Slide 2

**Luke 2:36-38 (NIV)**  
  
<sup>36</sup> There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup> and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. <sup>38</sup> Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

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Slide 3

*She Didn't Give Up*

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Slide 4

**Hebrews 12:1-3 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup> Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

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Slide 5

***She Fulfilled Her Purpose***

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Slide 6

**1 Peter 4:10-11**

<sup>10</sup> Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. <sup>11</sup> If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

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Slide 7

***She Trusted The Lord  
For Everything***

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Slide 8

**Psalm 138:7-8**  
  
<sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve my life.  
You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes;  
with your right hand you save me.  
<sup>8</sup> The Lord will vindicate me;  
your love, Lord, endures forever—  
do not abandon the works of your hands.

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Slide 9

***She Was Committed***

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Slide 10

**Romans 5:3-5**

<sup>3</sup> Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup> And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

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Slide 11

***She Was A Strong Witness For Christ***

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Slide 12

**1 John 2:28**

<sup>28</sup> And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming.

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Slide 13

***She Listened To God***

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Slide 14

**2 Corinthians 5:16-17**  
<sup>16</sup> So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

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Slide 15

***She Was Patient***

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Slide 16

**Colossians 1:11-12**

<sup>11</sup> being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, <sup>12</sup> and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.

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Slide 17

***How Do I Relate To Anna?***

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Slide 18

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***Luke 2:36-38***

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