



**Finding Hope at Christmas**  
**The Story of Anna**  
**Luke 2:26-38**  
**Calvary Baptist Church**  
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**I. HER STORY (Luke 2:36-37A)**

**A. Her Name**

**B. Her Father**

**Phanuel** - **Face** of God. Little known about him, but perhaps in her father, Anna saw the reflection of her Heavenly Father.

**C. Her Tribe**

**D. Her Age**

- It is not the years that count, it is whether or not our years have **counted**.
- It is not about how many breaths we take, but about how many times life takes our **breath** away!

**E. Her Marriage**

**F. Her Tragedy**

**II. HER SERVICE (Luke 2:37-38)**

**A. Her Role**

(Cf., Judg. 4:4; 2 Kgs. 22:14; Ex. 15:20; Isa. 8:3; Acts 21:9)

**B. Her Routine**

1. **The Place**
2. **The Pattern** (Cf., 1 Tim. 5:5)
3. **The Persistence** (Cf., Josh. 1:8; Ps. 1:2)

**C. Her Reason**

- This is the only motivation to service that will cause a person to **endure**.
- Faithfulness comes from within the heart that loves God **completely**.

D. Her **Reward**

E. Her Response

1. **Praise** (Cf., 2 Cor. 9:15; Lk. 17:16; 1 Tim. 1:12)

- Hearts in touch with God always reveal this by **lips** that quick to praise God.

2. **Proclamation** (Cf., Lk. 24:21; Rom. 3:24; Col. 1:14; Gal. 3:13; 1 Tim. 2:6; 1 Pet. 1:18-19; Rev. 5:9; Mk. 10:45)



## APPLICATION

Anna Did Not Allow **Widowhood** to Remove Her Joy or Her Service

Anna Did Not Allow **Old Age** to Remove Her Joy or Her Service

What Was Anna's Secret?

1. She never ceased to **worship**.
2. She never ceased to **pray**.

**QUOTE:** The years had left Anna without bitterness and in unshakable hope because day by day she kept her **contact** with him who is the source of strength and in whose strength our **weakness** is made perfect. *Barclay's Daily Study Bible*

3. She never ceased to **serve** God and others.
4. She never ceased to cling to God's **promise!**



## CONCLUSION:

- In times of deep spiritual darkness, Luke has revealed godly faith.
- Zacharias, Elisabeth, Mary, Joseph, Simeon, Anna are all a testimony to godly faith in **dark** times.
- Anna is said to speak of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.
- Anna had surrounded herself with **godly** people in a godless time!
- Through Simeon and Anna, the other faithful learn of the birth of Christ.
- May we, like them, be **faithful** in a faithless time.
- May we, like them, tell everyone we know that a **Savior** is born!