

Rediscover Christmas: Good News in Troubling Times
Finding Hope in Our Uncertainties
Luke 2:25-38

Every generation has had its “where were you when” moment with regard to some natural or cultural seismic event. We remember it like yesterday where we were when we heard the news of the moon landing, the day JFK was shot, the day Elvis died, the space shuttle Challenger explosion, hurricanes and tsunamis, 9/11. This generation has decided to go all with their seismic event. The question in future decades will be, “Where were you when 2020 hit?”

1. Hope helps us see beyond our uncertainty.
2. Hope reminds us that God is present in our uncertainty.
3. Hope inspires us to carry on in our uncertainty.

When we receive the promise of hope in God’s Word, we find assurance. When we accept the power of hope granted to us in God’s Spirit, we find inspiration. When we focus on the presence of hope embodied in the birth, life, death, resurrection and return of Jesus, we find strength. We discover that we can take that first step and the second. For Simeon and Anna, hope inspired them, emboldened them, and kept them going. It will do the same for us.