

Thriving in Christmas, pt 2

Something we need

God's heart for us = love

John 3:16

1 John 4:10, 14

Our heart for God

Anna and Simeon: Longing (Lu 2:22-38)

Some things are worth waiting for.

Longings are good for us. They keep us focused & seeking.

Mary: Trust in the face of the impossible (Lu 1:26-38)

When you follow God, others may not understand. Follow anyway & Thrive.

Be willing to be misunderstood, rejected, and suffer to obey God.

Popularity and prosperity are not God's measuring sticks.

Let God do things that seem impossible.

Joseph: Obedience in the face of the confusing and undesirable (Mt 1:18-25)

God often works without telling everyone what He's up to. Let Him work and you will THRIVE.

Waiting, wondering and wrestling while God works takes time and determination to cultivate.

Shepherds: Seeking God when you're surprised

When God breaks into your world, let Him interrupt - and you will THRIVE.

Take it home