

INSPIRE MINISTRIES

Empowering Christian Leaders for Lasting Impact

²² When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”), ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.”

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

²⁹ “Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel.”

³³ The child’s father and mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

³⁶ 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, ³⁷ and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. ³⁸ 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. - Luke 2:22-38

"Hope That Shines at Christmas"

As the days grow shorter and the nights colder, the lights and music of Christmas stir a familiar anticipation in our hearts. I remember as a child huddling with my family near the heater, eyes fixed on the tree, wondering what surprise might be waiting beneath it. That longing—that ache for something good to come—still stirs in us, even as adults.

Today, it may take a different shape: a clean medical report, the safe return of a loved one, breakthrough for someone struggling with addiction, or reconciliation within a divided family. For many, the longing is for peace after a season of pain, injustice, or loss. Simeon and Anna knew that kind of longing. These two faithful servants of God lived under the oppressive shadow of the Roman Empire, yet their hearts remained anchored in a greater hope—the promise of God’s salvation. Simeon, led by the Spirit, waited for the consolation of Israel and was told he would not see death until he saw the Messiah. When he finally held the infant Jesus in his arms, he rejoiced, calling Him “a light for revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.”

Anna, an elderly widow who had spent decades worshiping, praying, and fasting in the temple, also recognized in that child the fulfillment of every hope she had carried. Seeing Jesus, she spoke of redemption to all who were waiting.

Like Simeon and Anna, our hope today rests not in the promises of earthly powers but in the living person of Jesus Christ. He has come—our salvation made visible—and He will come again to set all things right. This is the steady hope that fuels our mission in Inspire Ministries: to point people everywhere to the One who is both the Light of the world and the soon-coming King.

As we look back on what God has done through Inspire Ministries in 2025, I give thanks for every life touched, every message shared, and every door opened by His grace. And as we move into a new year, our hearts echo the longing of Simeon and Anna—serving with joy and perseverance, knowing that the same Jesus who came in humility will return in glory.

Until that day, we serve with hope.

Inspire Ministries gives thanks to God for a year filled with opportunities to encourage Christ's people for His glory and for lasting impact within and beyond the local church. Throughout 2025, the ministry focused on preaching, men's discipleship and mental health, global leadership development, and equipping believers to respond biblically to the politics of fear.

Preaching and Teaching

- Preached sixteen times at various churches and gatherings, including Community Bible Church (Ventura), Christ Community Church (Winnetka), Granada Hills Community Church, Ventura Missionary Church, and Journey Church (Ventura).
- Will return to preach God's Word at Journey Church in Ventura on Sunday, December 28 at 10 a.m.

Men's Events and Mental Health

- Spoke at three men's conferences and Men's Breakfast gatherings focused on spiritual growth and encouragement for men.
- Participated in five Men's Mental Health Conferences, sharing a Christian perspective on depression, suicide, and the unique challenges men face today.

Global Leadership Development

- Led a virtual leadership development conference for ministry team leaders of Christian Life Ministries in Burundi, Africa, strengthening church leaders for faithful, Christ-centered service.

Writing and Publishing

- Worked with editor Daphne Williams to complete Faithful or Fearful? Responding to the Politics of Fear, soon available in hardback, softback, and digital formats on Amazon.
- Planning a book signing and discussion event to equip believers to discern today's political issues through timeless biblical truth, resisting fear and manipulation with faith and clarity.



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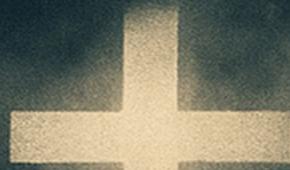
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