



There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

Luke 2:36-38  
NRSV

“Now what?”

December 30, 2018

### Surviving Christmas Recap:

1. Worship Fully
2. Spend Less
3. Give Differently
4. Love All

Christmas is over. Now what?

**The Problem:** Once the Christmas tree goes back in the attic, life goes back to \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus’ birth doesn’t appear to make a \_\_\_\_\_ difference in our lives.

### The Scripture: Anna’s Response to Jesus’ Birth

For about 60 years, Anna spent her days \_\_\_\_\_.

“... [Anna] began to \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_ about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.” Luke 2:38

The way Anna spent \_\_\_\_\_ was changed because of Jesus.

An encounter with Jesus changes the way we live. But a changed life is \_\_\_\_\_ to sustain.

To remain faithful, we need to recommit \_\_\_\_\_.

### Renewing our Covenant – John Wesley’s Covenant Renewal Service

1. Set apart some time, more than once, to be spent in \_\_\_\_\_ before the Lord.
2. Compose your spirits into the most \_\_\_\_\_ frame possible.
3. Grab hold of God’s \_\_\_\_\_ and rely upon God’s promise of grace and strength.
4. Resolve to be \_\_\_\_\_.
5. At some convenient time set apart for the purpose, get to \_\_\_\_\_.

### Action Steps

1. Set aside time this week to pray, reflect, and (re)commit yourself to Jesus.
2. Choose one specific way you will live more faithfully in 2019.
3. Pray the Wesley Covenant Prayer daily.