

Awake and Arise

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The Anna Anointing

(Live Long and Finish Strong)

For those of you who don't know me, let me introduce myself: My name is Sue Hext, I am 62 years old, have been married to Fernley (Lead Pastor of Encounter Church,) since 1976 and we have three daughters, Gemma, Kate and Debs, two sons in law, four grandsons and one granddaughter.

What I want to do today is tell you about an 84 year old lady called Anna who is mentioned in just two verses in the bible but has inspired me. So the title of my talk is **The Anna Anointing** but the sub heading is **Live Long and Finish Strong**.

But before we see what we can learn from Anna I want to tell you my story which I hope will encourage you to realise that we can all have that Anna Anointing, even if we're in our senior years.... It's never too late! For those of you who are much younger than me I want you to learn from my story and become an Anna in your 20s. 30s or 40s. Also, this story is not about me but about what God has done in me.....

Please don't switch off as I introduce what I am going to say, even if it appears to be sickly sweet..... it sets the scene!

I love my life. I find it exciting and fulfilling and it just gets better. Most mornings when I wake up now I have a worship song going through my mind. During the day I find myself expecting to hear the still small voice of God whispering something to me. Each day I wonder what amazing things He's going to show me, what prayers will be answered and what He's going to teach me and what He wants me to do for Him. There is always something that happens each day to thank God for.

Before you reach for the sick bag I want to tell you it hasn't always been like this...

I was brought up in a Christian family and have always known how much I was loved. I became a Christian at the age of 11 when my Mum prayed with me. It was a very real experience and I can remember it like it was yesterday. I was **baptised by total immersion in water at the age of 14**. As I came up out of the water I **experienced for the first time God's Holy Spirit filling me**. I didn't recognise it as

such then, as we were in a church that didn't teach that the Holy Spirit was alive and well, but now I know that the warmth and presence that enveloped me was the Holy Spirit as I have experienced that on several occasions since.

However, whilst there was no doubt about my sincerity when I made these commitments, I was a typical rebellious teenager and my life for the next few years was anything but living as God wanted me to. I would never own up in front of my friends to the fact that I went to church. I got in with the wrong crowd, did some things that I'm not proud of and have no intention of disclosing here today.

At 14 I met Fernley and had a huge crush on him from the outset. Eventually he felt the same and when I was 19 we got engaged after just going out together for three months, and we married 12 months later. We have always gone to church and our Christian faith has been important to us. However at times life, babies and children, financial pressures, careers etc got in the way and our commitment to walking close to God waivered. During this time we still had very active Church lives. Together we have run youth work activities, Home Groups and Socials and I have led ladies groups and Mums and Toddlers.

When our eldest daughter Gemma was a toddler Fern and I went to Spring Harvest (a Christian holiday week) and it was there that we had **a life changing experience and received the Baptism of Holy Spirit**. However, being filled with the Holy Spirit is not a one-off. We leak and need to continually be topped up. We didn't get topped up very often and consequently our lives lost "power".

There have been plenty of times when I felt I was walking close to God and hearing his voice, but there have been other times when I would go to church with everything looking good on the outside (always very busy doing things for the church we were attending at the time) but inside I felt that my prayers were not getting higher than the ceiling or songs in church were just that, having a good sing-song and not worshipping God. Maybe some of you can relate to that? I can remember thinking, "oh no, please don't repeat that song again, we've already sung it three times...." As for the Holy Spirit being present in the service.... no, he definitely wasn't in my mind. But what confused me was, some people would talk about "the amazing service that Sunday and how God had spoken to them and wasn't the presence of the Holy Spirit so real"?..... Not for me it hadn't been. I began to convince myself that these were "super- spiritual" people who were so heavenly minded that they were no earthly use as they didn't live in the real world and have the sort of stuff to cope with that I had. And anyway, I told myself, I needed to keep one foot in the "real world" so that I wouldn't be seen as "odd" and not approachable.

Whilst I know I have had a relatively easy life it has not always been smooth; over a period of 5 years I suffered a total of 7 miscarriages. I also had such horrendous PMT that it changed my personality drastically each month so much so that I felt and acted like two different people and Fern will bear witness to that – on one occasion he

even had the bruises to prove it! Then I had ME at a time when I had three children who needed me and I could not do a thing for them for many months and in fact it was a total of 8 years or so that the illness affected our family life. I have also lost friends prematurely to cancer and not understood where God was in it all. Throughout these times life was definitely not running smoothly and there were more “valley experiences than mountain top ones”.

However, God was always there for me and each time I tried to start again and commit to giving him my all and living and growing as I should, He took me back and helped me start over. As time went on, I got tired of “recommitting my life to Christ” again and again and so very much wanted to stay on a more even keel and have a sense of fulfilment in my life. But the “lukewarm” Christian won over the “on fire for the Lord” one almost every time. BUT I had seen something in other Christians’ lives that was different and I wanted it. Amazing how you can carry on doing so many things in your own strength and telling yourself you’re doing it for God! It wasn’t all bad though. I can remember many occasions when things were different and I was walking close to God. However, I could never be consistent and was easily distracted and pulled away.

Just seven years ago at the more mature age of 55, after moving to Winchcombe and facing the imminent loss of my best friend Maggie to ovarian cancer **I had a wakeup call**. My priorities changed. I was aware that God was starting to draw me closer to Him. **I was amazed that in spite of my lack of consistency, He was talking to me**. We knew Maggie probably only had a few months to live (in spite of praying for her healing), and she and her husband Ian asked if Fern and I would go to Brittany for a short break after she finished her 3rd and last course of chemo in 3 weeks time. All of a sudden **I heard God say**, “Go.... but you are not going for a holiday. You are going to bring them home when something unplanned happens”. I didn’t want to acknowledge this thought. Partly because we needed a holiday, and partly because I couldn’t cope with facing the thought of losing her.

I told Fern and the children what I felt God had said to me and desperately hoped I’d got it wrong. Anyway, we went and four days into the holiday I was with Maggie when she suffered a Pulmonary Embolism. Maggie was still conscious although very weak but she was determined she didn’t want a French Doctor or an ambulance called as I think she knew she was dying and wanted to get home and have her family around her. **My head said “get help quickly”, my heart said “Trust God; he brought you here and he will get you all home”**. He did just that in an amazing way. Texts to friends multiplied like wildfire around the country and people who had never heard of Maggie were praying through the night as we drove back to the ferry port. Two cabins next to each other were found for us even though we had not been booked on this sailing. As I prayed with Maggie and said goodnight to her I was so afraid I was seeing her for the last time. Neither Fern nor I slept that night. In the morning we arranged for an ambulance to meet us at the port and within a few hours she was in Derriford Hospital, Plymouth. Her children came from as far away as Edinburgh and she managed to

hang on to life until they were all with her. Once they all arrived Fern and I left them to come home and around 1.30pm that day as we were driving home, I heard God say to me **“Safe in the arms of Jesus”**. I cried as I told Fern, as I really felt she’d gone home. A few hours later a phone call from one of the family confirmed that this was the time she died.

Now, this was a long story to tell you but the purpose of it is to show you that I believe **God was calling me to a deeper relationship with Him** and using me in spite of my lack of total commitment, to give me a taste of what it could be like if I went all out for Him. It also hit me that if God chose to take me to live with Him earlier than I am planning on (and I would love to hang around to see my grandchildren marry and have children of their own!) what would He say to me when I stood before Him. “Well done good and faithful servant”? Hmmm.... I think it may have been something more along the lines of “Well, you tried, you had good intentions and your heart was almost always in the right place, but you never quite reached your full potential did you”?

It was one of those **“Light Bulb” moments** when everything is suddenly clear to you. I knew without a shadow of a doubt that God was talking to me and this was a turning point in my Christian life, with the same importance as when I became a Christian at age 11, got baptised in water at age 14 and filled with the Holy Spirit in my mid 20s.

So what happened next? For our family who looked on Maggie and Ian and their three children as our family, the grief was overwhelming at times. It was too soon.... the timing was all wrong..... her 3rd grandchild was due in 8 weeks and her youngest son was getting married in 12 weeks. However, God came alongside us all and lifted us, comforted us and walked with us through the valley of the shadow of death. **I experienced the power of God in a way that I cannot remember happening before.** I knew God was calling me to recommit my life to him. Don’t ask me how but I KNEW this time it would be different. God came alongside me and promised me that **“If you seek me with all your heart you WILL find me”**. I knew that why it had never worked for me completely before was that I wasn’t totally signed up to doing my part in all this. This time, for me, **failure was not an option.** I was tired of the ups and downs of my walk with God. I knew he was always there for me and that had been almost like a safety net so that when I drifted and didn’t read my bible for a month or so (sometimes even longer), he would still welcome me back with open arms. I didn’t want that hot and cold life any more. I wanted to make a difference. I wanted our marriage taken to a new level, our family to see something different in me. I wanted to show Jesus to the people I met with each day. I wanted to find that amazing fulfilment that can only be found when you are walking close to God. I wanted talking about God to be the most natural thing in the world, not something I got tongue-tied about when I thought I had to “witness” to others.

A line was drawn in the sand that day and a brick wall built on it so that I could not go back.....

HOW DID I DO IT?

Well, it's obvious really isn't it? In any relationship, **if you want to get to know someone then you spend time with them**, talking together and listening to what they have to say. The Bible is God's Word and He speaks to us through it. I started by reading the bible and various bible reading notes daily (but made sure that if I missed one day I didn't beat myself up and feel a failure!). It got to the point that I actually wanted to see what the day's readings were as I was enjoying it so much. I picked up my bible regularly and read different stories from it, often in The Message, a version that's easy to read and understand, but also in my NLT which is a more accurate translation. I started to meditate on a particular verse or phrase making sure it filled my mind. Fern and I started to pray regularly together, something we had struggled with for years and never really got a grip on.

I began to praise God and thank him daily for the things I usually took for granted. The sunshine, flowers, bird song in my garden and just the fact that I had woken up that morning and was breathing!!!! I listened to worship songs during the day and sung my little heart out, grateful that no-one else could hear my squeaks and warbles..... I absolutely immersed myself in church and spent as much time as I could with my Christian friends. Together I have found that we build each other up. As my relationship with God developed deeper I would pray for things that previously I would not have been able to imagine happening, but now they were. Each time a prayer was answered I was encouraged to pray for more.

So, is my life now all "coming up roses"?..... I wish!!!! The thing is, when you go all out for God Satan hates it and does all he can to exert his power over you, in fact, if I wanted a quiet life I would go back to being "lukewarm" for God again. But there is no way I would even consider that..... I go back to one of my first sentences.... I love my life, I find it exciting and fulfilling and it just gets better! I know at some point something *may* happen that will shake my faith to the core.... but I hope I am at a point now in my life where no matter what happens and however devastating it is to me personally, that I will be able to walk through the blackness with God alongside me carrying me and giving me His strength and comfort. (Psalm 23 v 4 - Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me) A friend gave me a picture based on a verse in Isaiah of God cradling us in his arms and I often pray for my friends who are needing God's comfort, that God will give them a "spiritual hug" and that they might physically feel this.

In conclusion then, why have I bared all and told you all this? Because I am conscious that one of the things I believe **God has called me to is to excite and inspire people in their walk with Him**. Life doesn't have to be mundane, boring or lived in fear..... God has given us life in all its fullness to enjoy. When Angela asked me to speak today I tried to think of every reason I could use to politely say 'no'! But then I heard God say (as he's often done before) "Tell them your story... what I've done in you I want to do in others". I'd recently discovered this little old lady in the bible called Anna and she

has inspired me to share with you how each one of us can receive that Anna Anointing.

So, maybe **YOU** need to hear this....

- I want you to know that I am no different from any one else, actually, I'm probably worse in that it's taken me the best part of 40 years to get to this point and it's certainly not something I am proud of and don't really like to admit it.
- I may now be pastoring a wonderful church with my husband but the life changing moment when my faith and walk with God reached another level was just 7 years ago. God doesn't waste time making up for lost time.... We moved to Encounter Church over 8 years ago, had never trained in Christian ministry or had any expectations to lead a church. Five years ago we were asked to become Pastors of this church when the previous ministers left. Encounter became the new name as it sums up everything we want to see – people encountering God. What a ride we've been on since then and whilst there have been some very tough and challenging times when a move to that island in the Caribbean beckoned I wouldn't have missed this for the world and honestly believe that the best is yet to come!
- Having experienced God in a deeper way and knowing how life changing and how life-enhancing it is I am absolutely passionate about challenging you to wake up to this and not settle for second rate Christianity or wander around in circles for so long like I did.
- **Finally**, it no longer matters what people think of me.... what matters is that I do and say the things that I believe God wants me to. God is the only person who I will ultimately have to answer to for the way I have lived my life and praise Him, He won't hold it against me that it took me so long to really get it!!!

So that's my personal story. Maybe you've come along today wondering whether this would benefit you. If you're younger and you can relate to some of what I've said about life getting in the way of your relationship with God and not having enough time to balance everything, then I want to encourage you not to waste time wandering around but to have that lightbulb moment today and realise that life doesn't have to be like it is now.....

If like me you are over the age of 60, you may have thought that today was really for all those younger women who are struggling to balance work/family/church/life and perhaps you've just come along a bit reluctantly? Maybe you feel you're winding down a bit now and you're heading towards Christian Retirement! You don't need to go to so many meetings, be on the committees etc. You've done your bit and you're willing to step back and let some of the younger ones take over.

Well, I've got news for you.... In the Christian life there is no such thing as retirement!

Did you know we are all anointed if we are Christians?

2 Corinthians 1:21–22 tells us *'He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit guaranteeing what is to come'*.

Today ...

- I want to encourage you to stop feeling that life should be winding down now....
- I want to challenge you to think that maybe the best is still yet to come.....
- I want to inspire you to believe that whilst there's still a breath left in your body that God has work for you to do.....
- I want you to go away from here knowing that you have value in God's eyes regardless of your age or physical health and abilities....
- I want you to AWAKE and ARISE!

I WANT TO FINISH WITH A BRIEF LOOK AT ANNA.....

This was what I started with when I was asked to speak today but as I prayed about it I felt God telling me "tell them your story". So that has kind of taken over but I want to encourage you and also to pray for an 'Anna Anointing' over you before we finish.

Anna was a little known prophetess in the bible mentioned just once in Luke 2:36-37.

'Anna, a prophet, was also there in the Temple. She was the daughter of Phanuel from the tribe of Asher, and she was very old. Her husband died when they had been married only seven years. Then she lived as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the Temple but stayed there day and night, worshiping God with fasting and prayer. She came along just as Simeon was talking with Mary and Joseph, and she began praising God. She talked about the child to everyone who had been waiting expectantly for God to rescue Jerusalem.'

Anna was a remarkable lady –

- She was recognised as a prophetess at a time when no man was recognised as a Prophet!
- She was a great age (84)..... She lived long and finished strong!
- She never left the temple
- She worshiped God with fasting
- She prayed fervently
- She persevered - Her life was focussed on God
- She was ever watchful of what was happening around her
- She talked to others to encourage them

This is an 84 year old women who can put many younger women to shame! I want to be an 'Anna'. I believe that we can all have an "Anna Anointing" and that there are four keys to activate this....

- PRAYER
- WORSHIP
- PERSEVERENCE
- WATCHFULNESS

The first key is ...

Prayer

The primary anointing of Anna was to **develop a listening heart that prayed fervent, effective prayers according to the heart and mind of the Lord**. I believe she would have cried out to the Lord for justice and righteousness to fill the earth.

- **What can we learn from Anna and her commitment to prayer?**

For me, the more time I spend quietly with God, getting to know him better, learning how to hear from him, understanding that his ways are not always my ways..... then the easier it is to pray powerful prayers. I've got a higher being who I can communicate with who hears me, talks to me and is with me constantly. **Prayer for me is a two-way conversation.**

The Bible says in John 14:13

'You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father'

So, I need to have such a close relationship with God that I start to think the way he does so that when I pray I'm asking for what I know he wants to do..... Not easy especially when our emotions are affected by our circumstances. How many of us have told God what he needs to do in order to answer our prayers? I'm sure we all have on occasions. But there are times when you're praying and God whispers in your mind to tell you what to pray for. Those are the powerful prayers which will be answered in spectacular ways and will bring so much glory to God as a result! Let me tell you about one such prayer...

The story of Katie and baby Sophie

Katie was struggling to get pregnant after marrying Mike. Investigations showed that it was very unlikely she would conceive naturally. We used to meet from time to time to talk things through and to pray. They had also been thinking about IVF. Katie came forward one Sunday morning for prayer having been told by a Consultant recently that she had a 0% chance of conceiving naturally and less than a 1% chance of conceiving by IVF. As we sat together I tried to listen to God to find out how I should pray for Katie after receiving such devastating

news. All of a sudden I heard the words “Tell her I’ll give her the desires of her heart”... There is a verse in the bible in Psalm 37:4 which says **“Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart”**.

As I heard these words my first instinctive reaction was ... whoa, where did that thought come from? Then “you’ve got to be joking Lord! I can’t tell her that!”. So, I’m still sat there waiting to hear what I should pray for and yet again.... “Tell her I’ll give her the desires of her heart”... Once again my response was similar “that would be setting her up for a fall... I can’t tell her that... her desires are for a baby and medically there’s no chance!”

I need to explain here that I had been very hurt in my 20s when I suffered a number of miscarriages and on a couple of different occasions well-meaning Christians quoted bible verses to assure me that if I trusted God all would be well. One person even told me she knew the date the baby would be born on... devastating when I went on to lose the baby. So that’s what was in my mind at that time. How could I do that to Katie?

Anyway, I heard the same words for the third time and realised it was definitely a God whisper. I said to Katie as we prayed that I believed God was asking me to pray that she had the desires of her heart. I added a caveat..... maybe your desires will change Katie... who knows but I really feel this is what God is saying we should pray for. And we did..... I kept fervently praying that God really would give her and Mike the desires of their hearts as the next few weeks went on.

I’m not sure how long after it was when I met Katie at a church picnic. She drew me aside, looked at me and beamed... “six weeks” she said. It took a few minutes for the realisation to sink in and my reply was “do you really mean *six weeks as in six weeks pregnant?*” Imagine the joy when she nodded, still beaming like a Cheshire cat! We then had to keep it quiet and not let anyone know what we were talking about and I was bursting and wanting to share this amazing answer to prayer with the world, particularly our church who were at the picnic!

That was not the end of it though..... the pregnancy had a complication in that Katie had a fibroid in the womb which was growing. We kept praying that this would not cause the baby any harm. Baby Sophie was eventually delivered by c-section and the fibroid removed.... It was enormous and the medical team were astounded that Sophie had survived! They told Katie she had a miracle baby..... to which she was able to reply that yes, she knew that and it was twice over!

Back to Anna. What was she praying for so earnestly day and night? What made her fast so often? I think her whole life was God centred and so she cried out passionately for God to intervene in every area she saw a need. We need to pray “Anna” prayers.

I believe that this is the hour the Holy Spirit is wooing a generation of women to lift up their voices with bold, audacious prayers. AWAKE and ARISE..... The Anna anointing will empower women to embrace new possibilities in the place of prayer.

Many of us have been trained to pray and ask God for things based on what we think we deserve, **but those who have cultivated an Anna anointing will ask for things based on His love for them.** God loves to give good gifts to His children. As well as our prayers for each other why not **ask Him for nations, cities, revival, and spiritual awakening?** We can pray to have evil rulers replaced, unjust laws reversed, and systemic poverty broken. **Those with the Anna anointing will pray for change in every area of life.**

God promised in Psalm 2:8 that ***if we ask of Him, He will give us the nations for our inheritance and the ends of the earth for our possession.*** Have you really grasped that the destinies of nations are in the hands of intercessors, including women with the Anna Anointing. I am determined to be one of these women! I want to **live long and finish strong!**

The second key to the Anna Anointing was...

Worship

Anna never left the temple. When she ministered in the temple she was worshiping God. **Anna developed a lifestyle of worship. She presented her body as a living sacrifice to God.** Her power to recognize the Messiah came from her lifestyle of worship. **Worship is the primary key to unlock the supernatural resources of heaven.**

Romans 12:1 tells us.... ***And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.***

That verse is all about living 24/7 for God. Those with an Anna anointing will be women who have decided to go all out for God in every aspect of their life.

They will implement three foundational principles:

- They will present their bodies to God – living as He wants
- They will abide in Christ
- They will wait on the Lord

The modern-day Anna will cultivate the virtue of abiding in the presence of the Lord, making her prayers more effective. We learn to abide in Christ by applying the Word of God to our everyday lives. Those with an Anna anointing will gain new strength and endurance while waiting on the Lord in prayer. They wait with expectation and hope.

Women with the Anna anointing will find that the key to power and authority is developing intimacy with the Lord. You can safely trust Him when you surrender your entire life in service to Him.

I can hear some of you saying that it's okay for us older ladies to do this and Anna didn't have any family or other work mentioned so you all have the time to do this..... If you're working full time, maybe have a husband and family too, how on earth does this apply to you? I don't for one minute think we can only do this in church! Every moment of every day we should be able to offer ourselves to God – at work, work as if you are doing it for the Lord, at home whether you're on your own or surrounded by a family live your life knowing he's walking next to you, on social occasions – don't 'leave God at home' and take off your 'Sunday face'. You should be the same person day in day out in every situation. The most difficult place I've found to be a Christian is at home when people know you inside out!

The third key to the Anna Anointing was...

Perseverance

“She stayed in the temple day and night”

If you want God to use you in great ways, you'll need focus. The more focused you are, the more effective you'll be — and the more God will use you.

There's an awesome power in a focused life. Diffused light doesn't have much of an effect on what it touches. But when you focus light — like the sun's light through a magnifying glass — you can light a piece of paper or set grass on fire. If you can focus it even more, that light becomes a laser. A laser can cut through steel and destroy cancer.

The same is true with your life. If your life is directionless, you'll just drift through without impacting much. But if you focus on a few key goals, then you can make a powerful impact on the world for God. LIVE LONG, FINISH STRONG.

The Bible says. ***“Good planning and hard work lead to prosperity, but hasty shortcuts lead to poverty”*** (Proverbs 21:5 NLT).

Set specific targets – don't just say you're going to spend more time reading your bible and talking to God.... Write a specific appointment in your diary and keep to it!

Keep on keeping on with the prayers that you pray. Praying for family members? Never give up... sometimes prayers are answered immediately, sometimes we just need to keep on going. We should always bring our prayers to God and ask him to fine tune them..... they can often have an emotional slant on them and we need to hear clearly how God is asking us to pray so that we pray in his will....

The fourth and final key was...

Watchfulness

Anna was a watchman/prophetess. She set up a vigil around the promises of God. The modern-day Anna will develop a relentless, urgent, watching anointing.

The modern-day Anna will live a life of holy abandonment to the purposes of the Lord Jesus. It is time for the women with the Anna anointing to arise. Be ever watchful. See a need and pray for it.

“O Jerusalem, I have posted watchmen on your walls; they will pray day and night, continually. Take no rest, all you who pray to the Lord”. Isaiah 62:6

Anna was watching when she saw Mary and Joseph bring the baby Jesus to Simeon to dedicate him to God. She knew the promises of God that he would send a saviour to the world and she recognised Jesus and told everyone.

This Anna Anointing is available to everyone but you need to be willing to play your part and choose to put God first in your life. As I finally did 7 years ago, you have to seek him with all your heart. You need to prioritise spending time with Him in study, prayer and worship. You need to choose to surround yourselves with like-minded people who will encourage you and build you in your faith. You need to live a “WYSIWYG” (what you see is what you get) life full of integrity and transparency, so that you are the same around your Christian friends as when you are out socialising with others.

I'd like to close with a prayer now and I hope you will make it your own personal prayer.

Father God, thank you that you are the God of second chances. Thank you that you always welcome me back to you when I've distanced myself. I'm sorry for the times I've let life crowd you out. Now I ask that you will give that Anna Anointing to all those who are here today and willing to receive it.

- For Prayer - Father I ask each person will develop a listening heart to pray fervent effective prayers according to the heart and mind of the Lord. May they cry out to the Lord for justice and righteousness to fill the earth.
- For Worship - May they develop a lifestyle of worship presenting their bodies as a living sacrifice to you. May their worship unlock the supernatural resources of heaven.

- For Perseverance - As women, many times we can be weighed down with the cares of this world, but please give each of these women today an Anna anointing to understand the power of a focused life.
- For Watchfulness - Anna was a watchman and prophetess. Help each of us to develop a relentless, urgent, watching anointing and may we live a life of holy abandonment to the purposes of God.

Amen