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**From the Heart of a
Passionate Proclaimer:**

**The Three Waves of
Proclamation**

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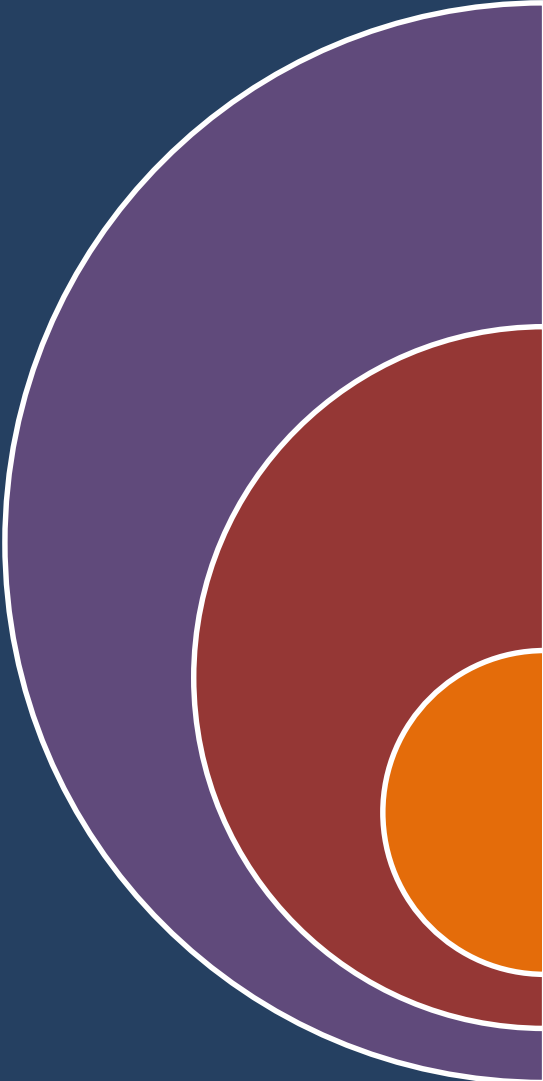
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Waves

- Community involvement
- Sustained momentum



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the greater work.

Prayer IS

THE GREATER WORK.
-Oswald Chambers

Waves of Prayer

- Have the Right Attitudes
 - Perseverance
 - Watchfulness
 - Thankfulness
- Be Specific
 - Co-labourers/ Fellow Believers
 - Doors of Opportunity
 - Clear Proclamation

Have the Right Attitudes

1. Perseverance

– Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. 2 He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. 3 And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’

4 “For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, 5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’”

6 And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. 7 And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? 8 I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

Have the Right Attitudes

1. Perseverance

- Luke 18:1 “...should always pray and not give up.”
- 1 Thess 5:17 “pray continually”
- Rom 12:12 “Be... faithful in prayer.”

Have the Right Attitudes

2. Watchfulness

- Luke 21:36

36 Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.

- Mark 13:33-37

33 Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. 34 It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

35 "Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. 36 If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. 37 What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'"

Have the Right Attitudes

3. Thankfulness

- Philippians 4:6

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

16 Rejoice always, 17 pray continually, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Waves of Prayer

- Be Specific in Our Prayers
 - Pray for our co-labourers
 - Pray for God to open doors of opportunity
 - Pray for clear proclamation

Waves of Prayer

Pray for God to open doors of opportunity

– Philippians 1:12-14

12 Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. 13 As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. 14 And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

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- Acts 16:16-34 (Paul and Silas imprisoned in Philippi)
34 The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.
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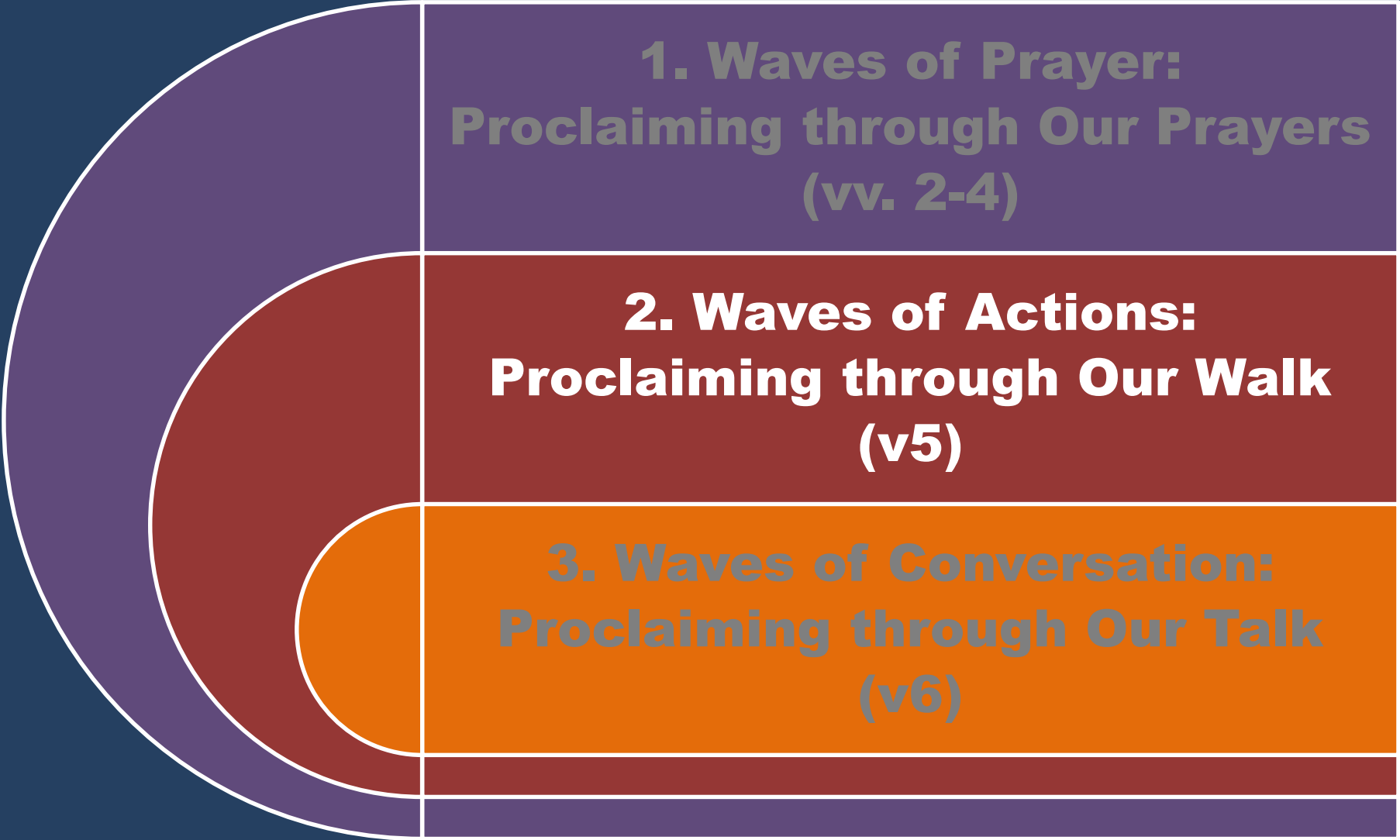
Pray for Clear Proclamation

- “mystery of Christ”
- Colossians 1:25-27
- 25 I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness— 26 the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord’s people. 27 To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Waves of Prayer

Pray for Clear Proclamation

- 1 Cor 2:1, 4-5, 13
- 1 When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God... 4 My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, 5 so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power... 13 This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.



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Waves of Actions

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 - By Redeeming the Time

Waves of Actions

- Greek: peripateō – “walk”
- 97x in the NT
 - Colossians 1:9-10

9 ...we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10 so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;
 - Colossians 2:6

6 Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,

Waves of Actions

- Walk in Wisdom
 - Matthew 5:16
 - 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

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 - 1 Cor 7:29-31
 - 29 What I mean, brothers and sisters, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they do not; 30 those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; 31 those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away.

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Waves of Conversation

"Preach the gospel at all times;
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Waves of Conversation

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Story of Onesimus

- Colossians 4:7, 9
- 7 Tychicus will tell you all the news about me...
9 He is coming with Onesimus, our faithful and dear brother, who is one of you. They will tell you everything that is happening here.
- Philemon 10-11
- 10 that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. 11 Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.

