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**"PRAY AND ACT WISELY"**  
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**COLOSSIANS 4:2-5 (ESV)**

**I. PRAY FOR WISDOM TO FULFILL GOSPEL OBLIGATIONS (v. 4).**

**INSIGHT:** Not everything that comes from heaven has your name on it, but something does!  
(Ezekiel 3:17-21)

**TRUTH:** There are certain people in your life you are supposed to share Christ with.

**TWO COMFORT TRUTHS IN TIMES OF UNCERTAINTY:**

1. I'm like a sheep.
2. God can use anything to accomplish His will.

**INSIGHT:** If God can use a donkey to convey divine truth to a straying sinner, why do you and I fear He can't use us?

**II. PRAY FOR ABILITY TO PURSUE NEW GOSPEL OPPORTUNITIES (v. 3).**

**INSIGHT:** Paul could have said, "I've done my part," but he kept knocking for the next open door to the lives of the lost.

**TRUTH:** There are two Bible truths that drive our zeal: Eternity is real, and lost people matter to God.

**INSIGHT:** Our mantra isn't "If we build, they will come," but rather, "Since they keep coming, we must be faithful to build, too," as God says, "Enlarge the borders of our tent."

**III. PRAY FOR STRENGTH NOT TO WASTE GOSPEL CIRCUMSTANCES (v. 3).**

**TRUTH:** Paul saw his imprisonment as a divine arrangement for the sake of the gospel.

**\*INSIGHT:** While most of us are not literally in chains, what if we saw the circumstances of our lives as opportunities for the gospel transmission?

**IV. ACT WISELY.** Colossians 4:5, "Walk in wisdom toward outsiders...;" Psalm 90:12; Acts 13:36

**ADMONITION:** Let Acts 13:36 be the motto of your life, child of God.

**INVITATION:** What God is saying to us in Colossians:

1. Life is short, and we don't know when ours will end (Isaiah 40:6).
2. Men are lost and headed to hell without Christ (John 9:4).

**TRUTH:** Only two things in life last forever: The Word of God and the souls of people... Let's invest there.