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MISSION STATEMENT

MOSAIC CALENDAR 2025-2026

The Foundations of the Church

ACTS 1:1-6:7 | AUGUST 9-OCTOBER 11

Advent and Christmas

LUKE 1-2 | NOVEMBER 29-JANUARY 3

Lent and Holy Week

ACTS 14:1-16:10 | FEBRUARY 18-APRIL 4

The Gospel and Trials

ACTS 21:1-28:30 | JUNE 6-JULY 26

Witness and Life Change

ACTS 6:8-9:43 | OCTOBER 18-NOVEMBER 22

Reaching the Unreached

ACTS 10:1-13:52 | JANUARY 10-FEBRUARY 11

Ministry and Discipleship

ACTS 16:11-20:38 | APRIL 11-MAY 30

So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

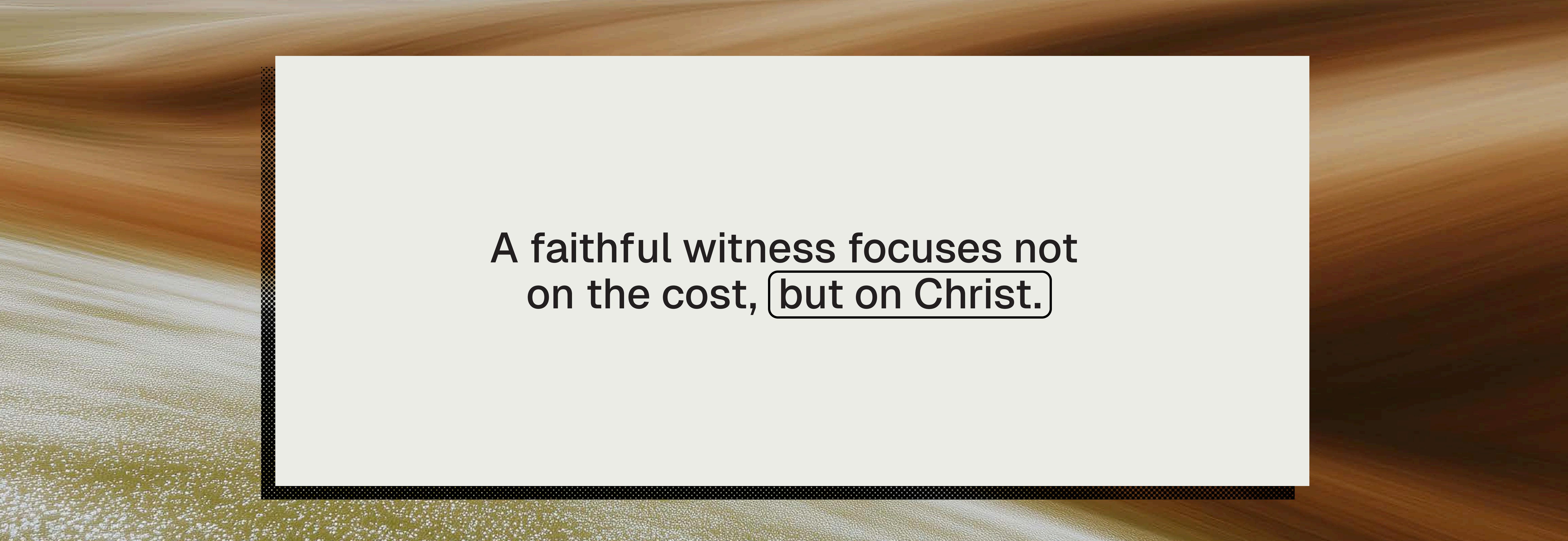
ACTS 6:7 NIV

The Story of Stephen

HIS MINISTRY AND OPPOSITION

HIS DEFENSE

HIS DEATH AND THE AFTERMATH



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on the cost, **but on Christ.**

JESUS

Full of grace and truth

JOHN 1:14

Performed signs and wonders

LUKE 6:17-19

Speaks with authority

MATTHEW 7:29

Betrayed, abandoned, and brought before the Sanhedrin

LUKE 22:23

Forgives those crucifying him

LUKE 23:34

**After his death and resurrection, he commissions his
disciples to take the good news to all nations**

LUKE 24:44-49 & ACTS 1:8

STEPHEN

Full of power and grace

ACTS 6:8

Performed signs and wonders

ACTS 6:8

Opposition cannot withstand his wisdom

ACTS 6:10

Seized and brought before the Sanhedrin

ACTS 6:12

Forgives his oppressors

ACTS 7:60

His death results in widespread evangelism

ACTS 8:4

Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, performed great wonders and signs among the people.⁹ Opposition arose, however, from members of the Synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called)—Jews of Cyrene and Alexandria as well as the provinces of Cilicia and Asia—who began to argue with Stephen.¹⁰ But they could not stand up against the wisdom the Spirit gave him as he spoke.

ACTS 6:8-10 NIV

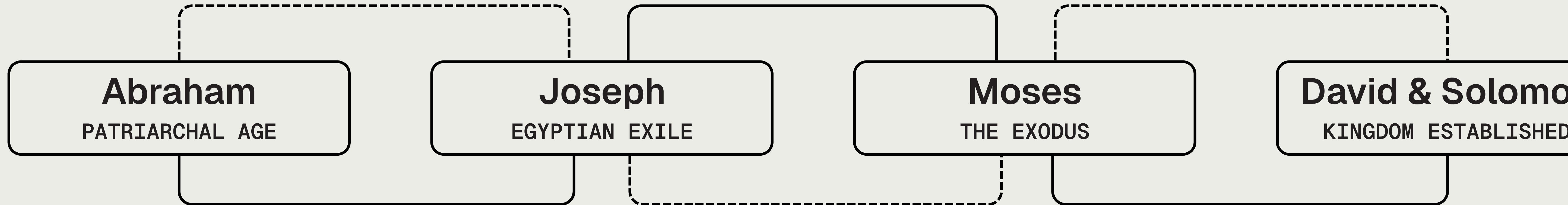
Then they secretly persuaded some men to say, “We have heard Stephen speak blasphemous words against Moses and against God.”¹² So they stirred up the people and the elders and the teachers of the law. They seized Stephen and brought him before the Sanhedrin.¹³ They produced false witnesses, who testified, “This fellow never stops speaking against this holy place and against the law.¹⁴ For we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and change the customs Moses handed down to us.”¹⁵ All who were sitting in the Sanhedrin looked intently at Stephen, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

ACTS 6:11-15 NIV

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD.
³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him.

EXODUS 34:29-30 NIV

THE STORY OF ISRAEL



— THE LAW

---- THE TEMPLE

“You stiff-necked people! Your hearts and ears are still uncircumcised. You are just like your ancestors: You always resist the Holy Spirit! ⁵² Was there ever a prophet your ancestors did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him— ⁵³ you who have received the law that was given through angels but have not obeyed it.”

ACTS 7:51-53 NIV

When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him.⁵⁵ But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.⁵⁶ “Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”

ACTS 7:54-56 NIV

At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him,
⁵⁸ dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

⁵⁹ While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰ Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep.

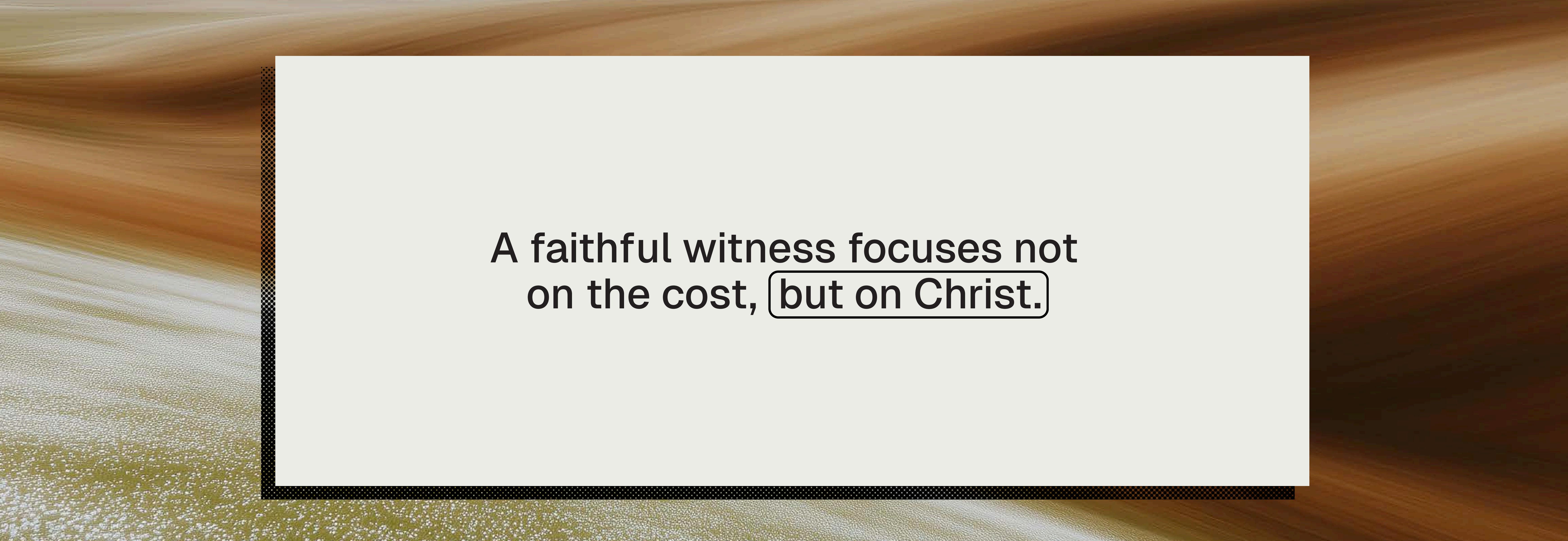
ACTS 7:57-60 NIV

And Saul approved of their killing him.

On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria.² Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him.³ But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison.

⁴ Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went.

ACTS 8:1-4 NIV



A faithful witness focuses not
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“The spiritual life is a life in which we are more and more able to be led, to be guided to hard places, to places we would rather not go. For Jesus it was the cross. For Peter it was the cross. For Paul and all the disciples, it meant a lot of suffering. It is not masochism. It is not self-flagellation. It is not being hard on ourselves. It is being in love. It is being so fully and totally in love that we go to places we would rather not go.”

HENRI NOUWEN | FOLLOWING JESUS

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MISCONCEPTIONS OF EVANGELISM

“I live out the gospel with my lifestyle!”

“Isn’t it wrong to expect someone to change?”

“I need more training.”

“Who am I to lead someone to Christ?”

“Evangelism isn’t my spiritual gift.”

“I’m afraid I will be judged.”

“My schedule is too full!”

“God will bring me someone, right?”

Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul.
¹² Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

1 PETER 2:11-12 NIV

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

MATTHEW 5:16 NIV



BEGIN WITH PRAYER
LISTEN
EAT
SERVE
STORY



WHERE HAS GOD PLACED YOU?