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**From Obstacles to Opportunities**

Kingdom Building, part three

1 Corinthians 16:8

“I have … been exposed to death again and again. **24**Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. **25**Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, **26**I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers.

**27**I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked.”

2 Corinthians 11:23-27 (NIV)

*“But I will stay on at Ephesus until Pentecost,****9****because a great door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many who oppose me.”* 1 Corinthians 16:8 (NIV)

*“Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise,****16****making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.”* Ephesians 5:15-16 (NIV)

**Don’t see obstacles as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ circumstances. See them as great \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them.**

**Paul was successful in his ministry because he had a \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Him.**

**We need to think \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and look for new ways to build God’s kingdom—even outside the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**