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Introductory Thoughts

When we think of opportunities, we typically think in terms of glorious things that appeal to our pride and our own resources.

But God opens doors for us that neither appeal to our pride or to our own power.

Proof of this truth is quickly seen in a survey of the early church.

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*Opportunity Looked Like A
Lame Beggar*

Acts 3:1-4:4.

**What many might see as an inconvenience, proved to be
the catalyst for many obeying the gospel.**

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*Opportunity Looked Like A
Church Problem*

Acts 6:1-7.

There's no trouble like church trouble.

But this church problem resulted in good.

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***Opportunity Looked Like
Persecution***

Acts 8:1-4.

**While none would desire persecution,
it often results in good.**

**Because of the persecution,
the disciples scattered, taking the gospel with them.**

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***Opportunity Looked Like
Personal Conflict***

Acts 15:36-41.

**While some people allow personal conflict to overthrow
their faith, Paul and Barnabas didn't.**

In fact, it doubled their efforts in teaching the gospel.

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Opportunity Looked Like Imprisonment

Acts 16:20-33.

Paul and Silas were imprisoned for their faith, but it resulted in the conversion of their jailer.

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Closing Remarks

Opportunities come in many shapes and sizes.

Don't just look to serve in big and glorious ways, rather open your eyes to the small and unlikely ways in which we can serve God.

Let's take advantage of the opportunities and doors God opens for us.

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