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TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

THE ONGOING WORK OF JESUS BY THE SPIRIT THROUGH THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

The Book of Acts - Part 13

“WHEN PROBLEMS THREATEN TO DERAIL OUR PRIORITIES”

“Turning Obstacles into Opportunities”

(Acts 6:1-7)

INTRODUCTION:

1A. THE _____ THE CONGREGATION: (v. 1)

“Now at this time while the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint arose on the part of the Hellenistic Jews against the native Hebrews, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily serving of food.”

1B. The _____ of the Complaint: (v. 1a)

“Now at this time while the disciples were increasing in number...”

2B. The _____ of the Complaint: (v. 1b)

“...a complaint arose on the part of the Hellenistic Jews against the native Hebrews, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily serving of food.”

1C. There was a _____ component.

2C. There was a _____ component.

3C. There was a _____ component.

2A. THE _____ THE CONGREGATION: (v. 2-4)

“So the twelve summoned the congregation of the disciples and said, ‘It is not desirable for us to neglect the word of God in order to serve tables. ³ Therefore, brethren, select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this task. ⁴ But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.’”

Five Benefits that Obstacles Provide:

#1: Obstacles give us the opportunity to _____ our _____.

“So the twelve summoned the congregation of the disciples and said,...”

#2: Obstacles give us the opportunity to _____ our _____.

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#3: Obstacles give us the opportunity to _____ our _____.

“Therefore, brethren, select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this task.”

3A. THE _____ THE CONGREGATION: (v. 5-6)

“The statement found approval with the whole congregation; and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch. ⁶ And these they brought before the apostles; and after praying, they laid their hands on them.”

#4: Obstacles give us the opportunity to _____ our _____.

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#5: Obstacles give us the opportunity to _____ our _____.

“...they brought before the apostles; and after praying, they laid their hands on them.”

CONCLUSION: (v. 7)

“The word of God kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith.”