

# “NOW”

Acts 10:1-10 NIV

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If we will make ourselves available to God in the ordinary events of our daily routine, we will find these “Wayside Situations” are some of the most POWERFUL opportunities to:

## I. Bless OTHERS

**Matthew 28:19** Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Acts 16:25** About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.

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## II. BE Blessed ourselves

A. They get us “out of our RUT”

B. They get us “out of our BLUES”

**Ephesians 5:15-16** <sup>15</sup>Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise. <sup>16</sup>making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

**Isaiah 58:10** And if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.

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## What will you do with your “Wayside Opportunities”?

### Acts 1:1-10 NIV

<sup>1</sup> At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment.<sup>2</sup> He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly.<sup>3</sup> One day at about three in the afternoon he had a vision. He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said, "Cornelius!" <sup>4</sup> Cornelius stared at him in fear. "What is it, Lord?" he asked. The angel answered, "Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God. <sup>5</sup> Now send men to Joppa to bring back a man named Simon who is called Peter.<sup>6</sup> He is staying with Simon the tanner, whose house is by the sea."<sup>7</sup> When the angel who spoke to him had gone, Cornelius called two of his servants and a devout soldier who was one of his attendants.<sup>8</sup> He told them everything that had happened and sent them to Joppa.

<sup>9</sup> About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray.<sup>10</sup> He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance.