



When Opportunity Knocks

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...make the most of every opportunity you have for doing good.

Ephesians 5:16 (TLB)

How do I take advantage of the moments to share Jesus?

1. I look for opportunities.

Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.

John 4:35 (NIV)

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get ready and go south to the road that leads down to Gaza from Jerusalem—the desert road."

²⁷ So Philip got ready and went. On the road he saw a man from Ethiopia, a eunuch.

Acts 8:26-27 (NCV)

2. I respond when God nudges.

The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it." ³⁰ Then Philip ran up to the chariot...

Acts 8:29-30 (NIV)

The true children of God are those who let God's Spirit lead them.

Romans 8:14 (NCV)

3. I go the extra mile.

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Acts 8:29-30 (NIV)

So everywhere we go, we tell everyone about Christ...for we want to present them to God, perfect in their relationship to Christ. ²⁹ I work very hard at this, as I depend on Christ's mighty power that works within me.

Colossians 1:28-29 (NLT)

4. I break the ice.

But before people can ask the Lord for help, they must believe in him; and before they can believe in him, they must hear about him; and for them to hear about the Lord, someone must tell them;

Romans 10:14 (NCV)

Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. ³¹ "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. **Acts 8:30-31 (NIV)**

...do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, ²⁰ for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. **Matthew 10:19-20 (NIV)**

5. I share what I know.

Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. **Acts 8:35 (NIV)**

The Good News [Gospel] we brought to you came not only with words, but with power, with the Holy Spirit, and with sure knowledge that it is true [great conviction].

1 Thessalonians 1:5 (EXB)

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)
