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SCRIPTURE:

“When they had arrived and gathered the church together, they began to report all things that God had done with them and how He had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles” (Acts 14:27).

“I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut...” (Rev. 3:8).

MATERIALS LIST:

(1) Garage door opener

SONG: “God Will Make a Way”

LESSON:

His name was Curtis Turner. He was a six foot, six inch, 245 pounds of lean cut muscle, and he was a senior. I was a five foot, ten inch, 150 pound (soaking wet) freshman. When basketball season came, I just knew that life, as I knew it, was over. I had never been intimidated by another human being as much as I was by Curt (as his senior friends called him). Oh, but wait a minute. There is a positive side to all of this. Curtis Turner and I both played for the same team. You see, when we both stepped out onto the court together, I didn’t have to be afraid of him because he was there to help me succeed and win. I still feel sorry for the guys we played against, but I always played with confidence because I knew that Curt had my back. He was always helping me to become a better player and creating opportunities for me to improve my game.

Wouldn’t it be great to go through life every day with a big guy like Curtis protecting and watching out for you? As a matter of fact, you do! Those who are Christians have the God who created the entire universe on their side. In Romans 8:31, Paul reminds us, “What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?” There is nothing that we will not be able to accomplish because God is on our side. We are told that “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” (Philippians 4:13). This really does mean that my Father is bigger than anyone else’s father.

But we have to understand that in order for God to be working on our side, we have to be obedient to Him first. Look at what God told Joshua. “Only be strong and very courageous; be careful to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may have success wherever you go” (Joshua 1:7). You see, God promised Joshua that He would provide opportunities for Joshua to be successful if Joshua would remain faithful to Him.

God makes this same promise to Christians today by promising that He will open doors for us when we need His help. He tells us that He will provide a way for us to escape temptation (1 Cor. 10:13). Jesus tells us that when we are truly seeking Him and His truth, if we will knock, the door will be opened to us (Matt. 7:7). God is the “door opener” in our lives and He will not only help us while we are here on this earth, but He will also open the door to eternal life for all of those who obey Him.

PRAYER: Please open up doors in our lives to grow stronger in our faith and to share our faith with others. Help us to always trust in the promises that You have made to us.

MAIN MESSAGE:

The greatest opportunities in life are only available to Christians. There is no other group of people in the world that has God on their side, opening doors and providing a path to success.