God can take difficulties and use them as opportunities because HE knows:

1.) Where God is moving there is growth

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2.) Growth creates problems

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Philippians 2:14 (ESV) Do all things without grumbling or disputing

Philippians 2:14 (NIV) Do everything without complaining or arguing

Exodus 16:8 (ESV) And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD.”

3.) God provides solutions for the problems

Acts 6:2 (ESV) And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables.

(A) The Biblical Ministry - The ministry of the Word and Prayer.

Acts 6:4 (ESV) But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.”

(B) The Practical Ministry - The ministry of waiting on tables.

Acts 6:3 (ESV) Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty.

#1 – They had to be men filled with the Holy Spirit.

#2 - And they had to be men full of wisdom.

Acts 6:5-6 (ESV) And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

4.) Greater growth results

Acts 6:7 (ESV) And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.