





Making the best of our circumstances is an art.

"An elderly Italian man lived alone. He wanted to plant his annual tomato garden, but it was difficult work because the ground was hard and his only son, Vincent, who had helped him in past years, was in prison. The man wrote a letter to his son and described the predicament. He said, "Dear Vincent, I am feeling pretty sad because it looks like I won't be able to plant my tomato garden this year, and it has given me so much pleasure. I am just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot. I know if you were here, my troubles would be over. I know you would be happy to dig the plot for me like in the old days. Love, Papa."

So a few days later, he gets a letter back: "Dear Pop, Don't dig up the garden! That's where the bodies are buried! Love, Vinny."

At 4AM the next morning, FBI agents and the local police arrive and they dig up the entire area without finding any bodies. They apologize to the old man and leave. On the same day, he receives another letter from his son: "Dear Pop, go ahead and plant the tomatoes now. That's the best I could do under the circumstances."

I am grateful every time I'm aware of opportunities in difficult circumstances.

What are you thankful for?

Until next Thursday's post...si Dios quiere.

"The difference between those who succeed and fail: not taking advantage of opportunities."

-E. Thomas

"How much I missed, simply because I was afraid of missing it."

-Paulo Coelho



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