God's Redemptive Work

Match the terrible historical events below with the gospel-advancing outcome of each event.

1. The dispersion of Christians after the stoning of Stephen (Acts 8:1-4)	A. Multiple translations of the Bible in the common language of the people are created.
2. The persecutions of John Wycliffe (late 1300s), John Hus (early 1400s), and William Tyndale (early 1500s)	B. Massive growth of the underground church in China begins.
3. The persecution of Martin Luther after he nailed his 95 theses to the Wittenberg Door in 1517.	C. The gospel begins to spread outside of Jerusalem.
4. The massacre of Christians during the Boxer Rebellion (1900)	D. Thousands of high school students worldwide come to Christ and are emboldened for Jesus.
5. The shooting death of Rachel Scott at Columbine High School (1999)	E. The Protestant Reformation begins.

While it is common to experience fear and sadness during difficult circumstance in life, we can still rejoice knowing that God will one day redeem our suffering. God doesn't waste anything that happens to those wholly devoted to him.

What's Stopping You?

The apostle Paul's arrest put a sudden stop to his missionary travels. But God used this apparent roadblock to advance the gospel. Select ***one*** problem below that you currently experience, and tell how God can use this apparent roadblock to advance the gospel.

Naming the Problem	How might God redeem this?
A. Health issue	
B. Financial bind	
C. Relationship strain	
D. Controversy in the congregation	
E. Persecution	

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