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sed    *but*  
      conversus -a -um    *facing (in a particular direction)*  
          ad    *toward*  
              is ea id    *him*  
                  ut    *that, so that*  
                      quam    *the...possible*  
                                  plurimus -a -um    *the greatest amount, the greatest number*  
  excipio -ere -cepi -ceptus    *to pick up, catch*

sed conversus ad eum	<i>but facing toward him</i>
ut quam plurima exciperem	<i>so that I might pick up the most possible</i>