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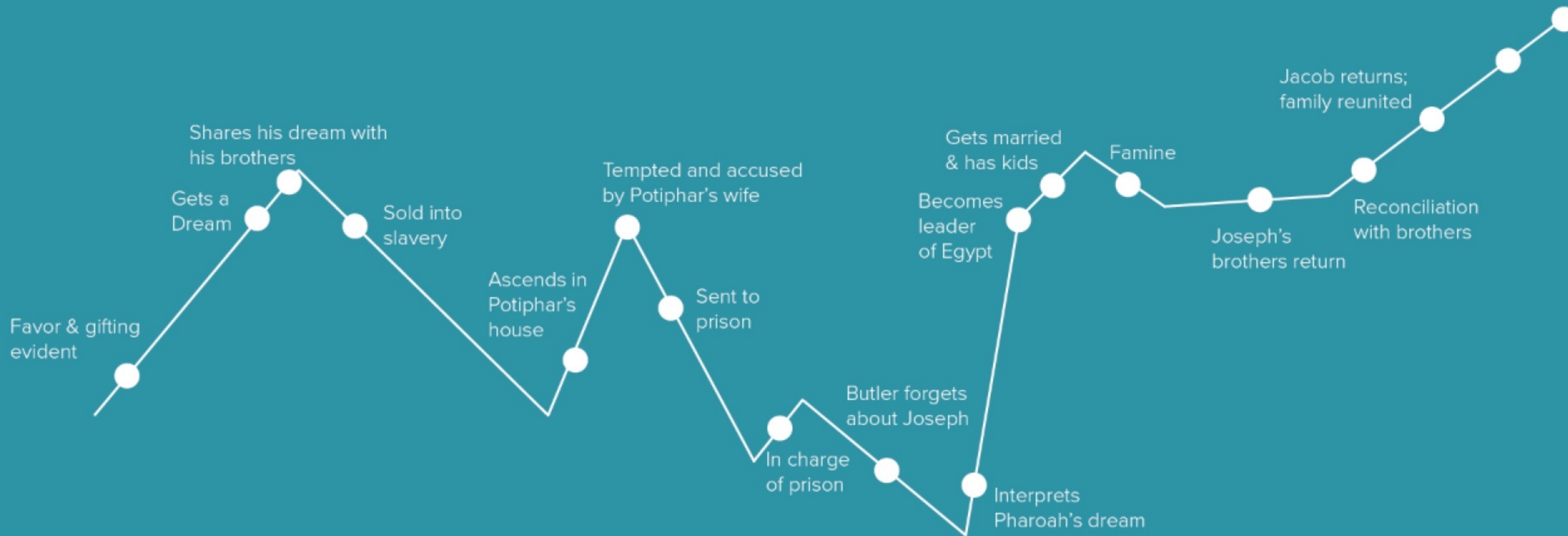


LIVING THE DREAM

**IF YOU HAVE A
HEART FOR GOD HE HAS A
DREAM FOR YOU**

**If You Have A Heart for God,
God Has A Dream for You!**

THE LIFE OF JOSEPH



I will give you the treasures of darkness, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the Lord, the God of Israel, who summons you by name.

Isaiah 45:3 (NIV)

**But the wine steward never gave Joseph another thought
— he forgot all about him.**

Genesis 40:23 (GNT)

**DREAMERS KNOW
THEY ARE NEVER
FORGOTTEN**

²⁰ And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined, and he was there in prison. But while Joseph was there in the prison, ²¹ the Lord was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden. ²² So the warden put Joseph in charge of all those held in the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was done there. ²³ The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph's care, because the Lord was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did.

Genesis 39:20-23 (GNT)

⁸ They answered, “Each of us had a dream, and there is no one here to explain what the dreams mean.” “It is God who gives the ability to interpret dreams,” Joseph said. “Tell me your dreams.” ⁹ So the wine steward said, “In my dream there was a grapevine in front of me ¹⁰ with three branches on it. As soon as the leaves came out, the blossoms appeared, and the grapes ripened. ¹¹ I was holding the king's cup; so I took the grapes and squeezed them into the cup and gave it to him.”

Genesis 40:8-15 (GNT)

¹² Joseph said, “This is what it means: the three branches are three days. ¹³ In three days the king will release you, pardon you, and restore you to your position. You will give him his cup as you did before when you were his wine steward. ¹⁴ But please remember me when everything is going well for you, and please be kind enough to mention me to the king and help me get out of this prison. ¹⁵ After all, I was kidnapped from the land of the Hebrews, and even here in Egypt I didn't do anything to deserve being put in prison.”

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Our Epidemic of Loneliness and Isolation



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The U.S. Surgeon General's Advisory on the
Healing Effects of Social Connection and Community



"In the last few decades, we've just lived through a dramatic pace of change. We move more, we change jobs more often, we are living with technology that has profoundly changed how we interact with each other and how we talk to each other. And you can feel lonely even if you have a lot of people around you, because loneliness is about the quality of your connections."

**For the Christian, Loneliness is
God's Empowering Experience**

**Loneliness is A
Time of Developing
& Testing**

“The heart which has no agenda but God's is the heart at leisure from itself. Its emptiness is filled with the Love of God. Its solitude can be turned into prayer.”

Elisabeth Elliot, *The Path of Loneliness*

**Loneliness is
Preparation for
Promotion**

**Happy are those who remain faithful under trials,
because when they succeed in passing such a
test, they will receive as their reward the life
which God has promised to those who love him.**

James 1:12 (GNT)

Loneliness Frees Us From

- 1. The Praise of Men**
- 2. Flesh-Based Goals**
- 3. Satanic Suggestions**

Loneliness Gives Us

- 1. Confidence in God**
- 2. An Eternal Outlook**
- 3. An Ear to Hear the Spirit**