

2023

LIVING THE DREAM

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

**DREAMERS LIVE
POISON-FREE**

⁵⁰ Before the years of famine came, two sons were born to Joseph by Asenath daughter of Potiphera, priest of On. ⁵¹ Joseph named his firstborn Manasseh and said, “It is because God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father’s household.” ⁵² The second son he named Ephraim and said, “It is because God has made me fruitful in the land of my suffering.”

Genesis 41:50-52 (NIV)

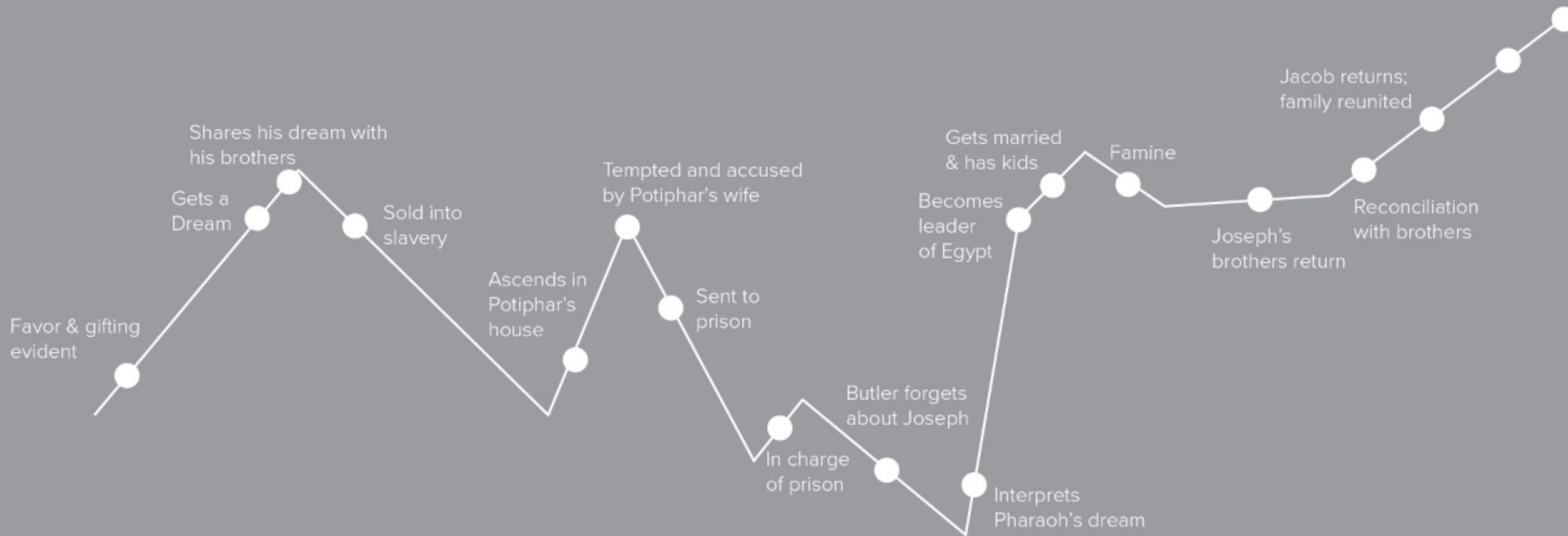
¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: ¹⁷ 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

Genesis 50:15-21 (NIV)

¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. ²¹ So then, don’t be afraid. I will provide for you and your children.” And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

Genesis 50:15-21 (NIV)

THE LIFE OF JOSEPH

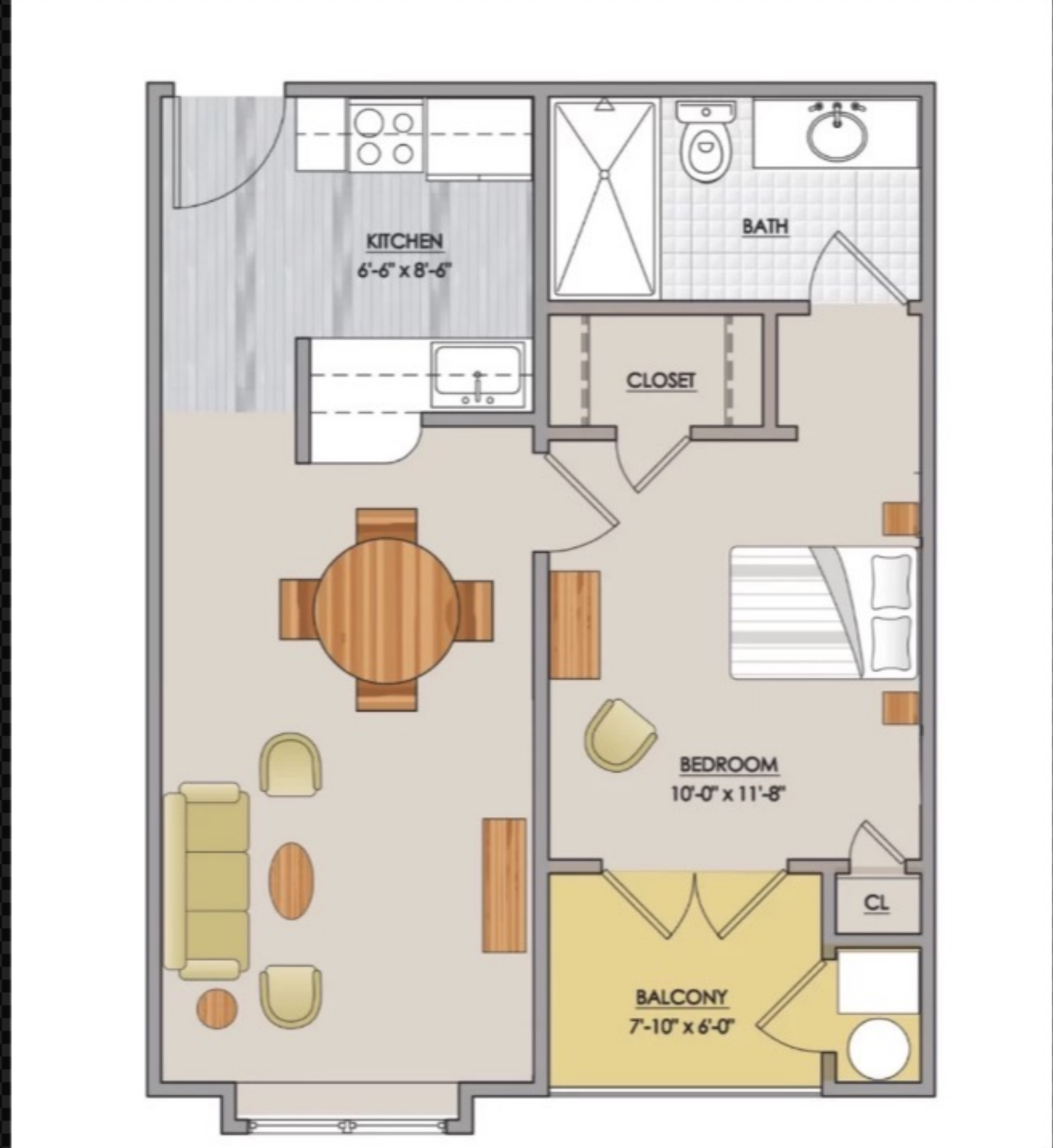


**God Can Take
the Sting Away**

Manasseh: forgotten troubles

Joseph named his firstborn Manasseh and said, “It is because God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father’s household.”

Genesis 41:51 (NIV)



⁹ Do your best to come to me quickly, ¹⁰ for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica . . . ¹⁴ Alexander the metalworker did me a great deal of harm (hurt me in many ways) . . . ¹⁷ But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength.

2 Timothy 4:9-10, 14, 17 (NIV)

**God Can Make
Us Fruitful In the
Most Difficult
Places**

Ephraim: fruitful

The second son he named Ephraim and said, “It is because God has made me fruitful in the land of my suffering.”

Genesis 41:52 (NIV)

DAYS



DECADES



YOU DECIDE WHICH TO FOCUS ON...

Carl Richards, The New York Times

¹⁷ And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸ they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.”

Mark 16:17-18 (NIV)

¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:13-14 (NIV)