



CHOICES

THE MOMENTS THAT CHANGE LIVES





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Joseph has 10 older brothers and is the son of Jacob Gen 37



Joseph is favored by his father Jacob and incurs the wrath of his brothers Gen 37



Joseph has two dreams Gen 37



He tells his family how the dreams say one day his family will bow down to him Gen 37



The brothers' scorn for Joseph causes them to hatch a plot to get ride of him Gen 37



Joseph is thrown into a dry cistern (well) Gen 37






The brothers take Joseph's robe, dip it in blood and tell Jacob he must've died Gen 37




Jacob refuses to be comforted Gen 37



Joseph becomes a slave to Potiphar, a prominent Egyptian official, who prospers because of Joseph. Joseph eventually becomes second-in-command. Gen 39




Potiphar's wife tries to seduce Joseph Gen 39

A man with a white head covering and a reddish-brown tunic is shown in profile, looking upwards and to the left. He has a serious, perhaps distressed, expression. The background is dark and textured, with a bright light source creating a strong shadow and highlighting the contours of his face and head covering. The overall mood is somber and dramatic.

When Joseph refuses, she accuses him of rape and he ends up in prison Gen 39



Joseph excels in prison and becomes second-in-command to the prison warden Gen 39




Pharoah gets angry with his cupbearer and throws him in prison Gen 40




Pharaoh also gets angry with his chief baker and throws him in prison as well Gen 40



Joseph helps them interpret the dreams they had had the prior night. "Interpreting dreams is God's business. Tell me your dreams." Gen 40


A man with a white head covering and a brown tunic is shown in profile, looking upwards and to the right. He is in a dimly lit room with a wooden wall and a bright light source in the background. The scene is set in a prison, as indicated by the text overlay.

Joseph correctly interprets their dreams and implores the cupbearer to remember him in prison ... but he's forgotten and languishes in prison Gen 40

A photograph of a person standing on a city street, viewed from the waist down. The person is wearing dark jeans and dark sneakers with white soles. The background is a blurred city street with buildings and streetlights. Two semi-transparent dark rectangular boxes are overlaid on the image, containing white text.

God has a plan for a full and abundant life for each of us.

God's plan is that others can fullness and abundance in God through us.



What do we do
when the gap
between our God-
given dreams and the
reality of our life
seems impassible?

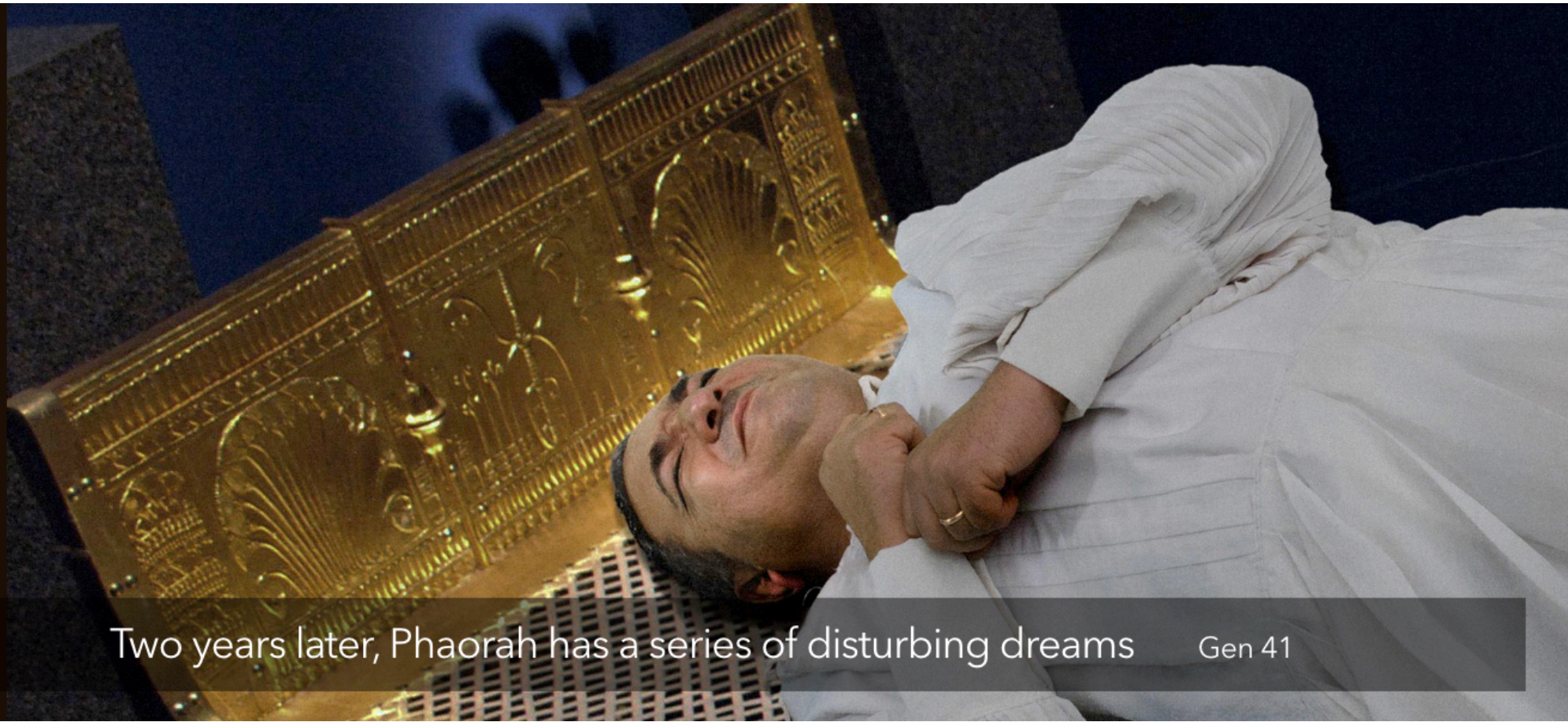
When we
are betrayed
and sinned
against?

When we are
ignored,
forgotten or
overlooked?



*"God take me
out of the pit"*

(a prayer that occurs
eighteen times in the
Psalms)



Two years later, Phaorah has a series of disturbing dreams Gen 41



No one in all of Egypt is able to interpret these dreams for Pharaoh Gen 41



The cupbearer remembers Joseph and he's brought before Pharaoh. "I cannot do it, but God will give Pharaoh the answer he desires" Gen 41



Joseph interprets the dreams, give Pharaoh wisdom about what to do next, and is appointed second in command to all of Egypt. 'Can we find anyone like this man, one in whom is the spirit of God?' " Gen 41



Joseph is put in charge of all of Egypt. Joseph stockpiles food in the 7 years of plenty. Gen 41



Famine comes to the entire middle east Gen 41



Jacob sends his sons to Egypt to buy food Gen 42



Joseph's 10 brothers arrive in Egypt Gen 42



And they bow down before Joseph, not realizing its him Gen 42



Joseph takes one of his brothers and keeps in prison to make sure they'll come back Gen 42



When they get home, Jacob is distraught that he's lost another son Gen 42



The sons of Jacob run out of food again. Now what?? Gen 43



The brothers, including Benjamin leave for Egypt Gen 43



Joseph is introduced to Benjamin, whom he hasn't seen for 15 years Gen 43



Joseph tells his chief steward to place his silver cup in Benjamin's bag Gen 44

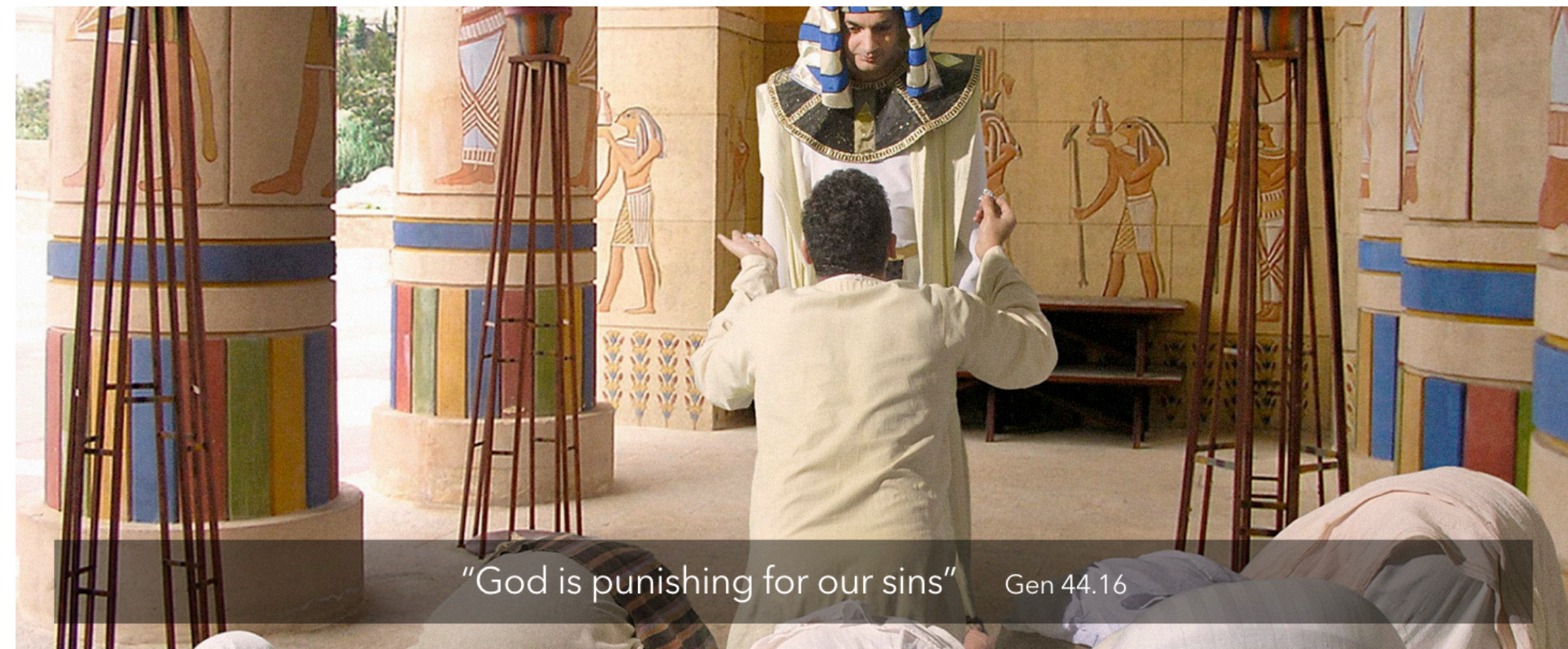


The brothers are confronted about the theft of Joseph's cup and it's found in Benjamin's bag


Gen 44



Judah pleads his case before Joseph Gen 44



"God is punishing for our sins" Gen 44.16




When
we've sinned,
the human heart is
not set aright unless we
confess our sins. And this
must take place with
someone else.




Joseph finally reveals himself to his brothers ... and they're scared to death Gen 45





A group of men in ancient attire, including white and brown robes and head coverings, are gathered in a desert setting. They are all smiling and raising their hands in a gesture of celebration or joy. In the background, there are simple, rustic buildings with dark roofs. The scene is set against a backdrop of a dry, hilly landscape under a clear sky. A semi-transparent text box is overlaid at the bottom of the image.

The brothers hurry back to Canaan to tell Jacob the good news Gen 45




The family takes all their belongings and move to Egypt Gen 46



And the entire family is reunited Gen 47



A photograph of a person's legs from the knees down, wearing dark blue jeans and black sneakers with white soles. They are standing on a city street at night. The background is blurred, showing city lights and buildings. The lighting is warm, suggesting streetlights or building lights.


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dreams to
His sons
and
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than
people

bigger than my mistakes

bigger than other's
purposeful sin against me

bigger than others'
accidental sins against me



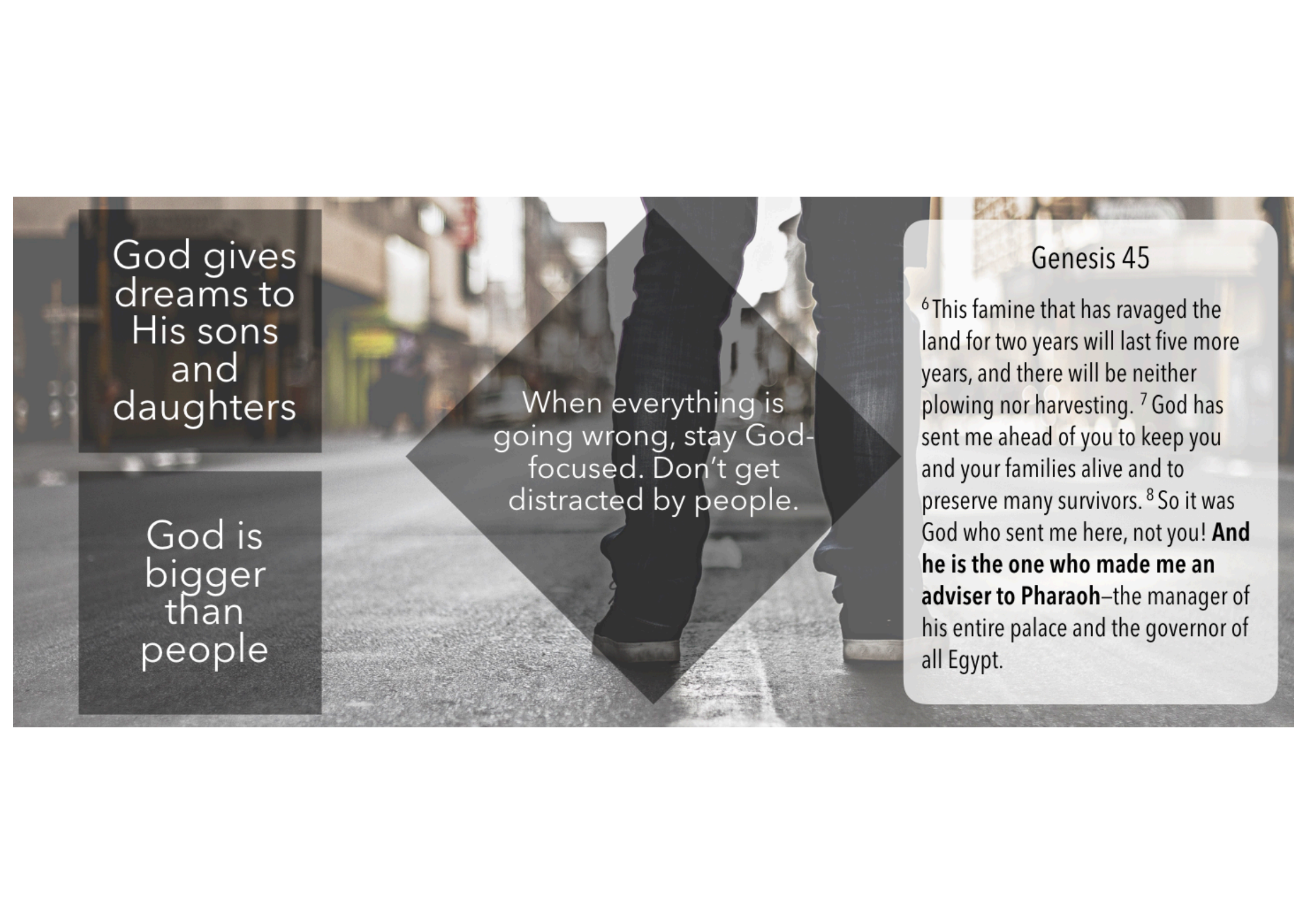
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Genesis 45

⁴ "Please, come closer," he said to them. So they came closer. And he said again, "I am Joseph, your brother, whom you sold into slavery in Egypt. ⁵ But don't be upset, and don't be angry with yourselves for selling me to this place. **It was God who sent me here ahead of you to preserve your lives.**"




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⁶This famine that has ravaged the land for two years will last five more years, and there will be neither plowing nor harvesting. ⁷God has sent me ahead of you to keep you and your families alive and to preserve many survivors. ⁸So it was God who sent me here, not you! **And he is the one who made me an adviser to Pharaoh**—the manager of his entire palace and the governor of all Egypt.




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God
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others can
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Joseph
finds
freedom in
prison



I have sin that I
need to confess. I
need to be
reconciled with
God.

*God, I
confess that I've
gotten stuck on
people's sin rather
than your
sovereignty*

*Help me to
trust you and stay
focused on you.
Build my trust in
your goodness.*

I'm in a pit and I
need God.

*Bring me my
freedom in the
midst of my prison*