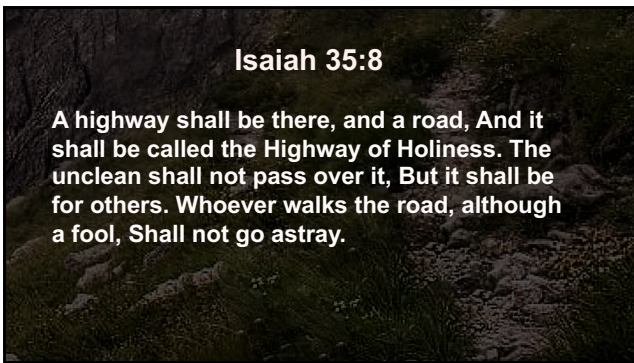
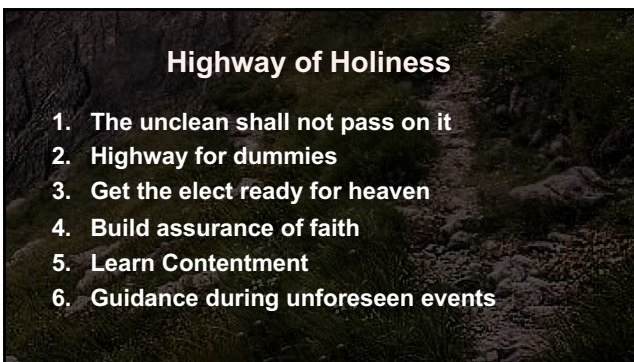


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Accident

- 1. an unexpected and undesirable event, especially one resulting in damage or harm
- 2. an unforeseen event that is not the result of intention or has no apparent cause

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Coincidence

- 1. the condition of occupying the same place and time in a given space
- 2. a sequence of events that although accidental seems to have been planned or arranged

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Direct and Indirect Guidance

Direct guidance is where God speaks to us with scripture, spiritual impression, dream, vision, prophecy, or direction through a leader.

Indirect Guidance is where God uses circumstances or influence to direct where he wants us.

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God's Plan for Jacob's Life

Goal: The Lord wants to move Jacob and his family down to Egypt to permanently reside.

Factors: The Lord had explicitly forbid Isaac to go to Egypt during a famine (Gen 26) but rather to stay within the promise land he would show him. Esau was 40 +/- years old when this happened so he has obeyed this command and never gone down to Egypt.

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Genesis 37:3-4

3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. Also he made him a tunic of many colors.

4 But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.

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Genesis 37:5-11

5 Now Joseph had a dream, and he told it to his brothers; and they hated him even more.

6 So he said to them, "Please hear this dream which I have dreamed: 7 There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Then behold, my sheaf arose and also stood upright; and indeed your sheaves stood all around and bowed down to my sheaf."

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Genesis 37:5-11

8 And his brothers said to him, "Shall you indeed reign over us? Or shall you indeed have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

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Genesis 37:5-11

9 Then he dreamed still another dream and told it to his brothers, and said, "Look, I have dreamed another dream. And this time, the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me."

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Genesis 37:5-11

10 So he told it to his father and his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall your mother and I and your brothers indeed come to bow down to the earth before you?" 11 And his brothers envied him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

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Genesis 37:12-17

12 Then his brothers went to feed their father's flock in Shechem. 13 And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers feeding the flock in Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." So he said to him, "Here I am."

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Genesis 37:12-17

14 Then he said to him, "Please go and see if it is well with your brothers and well with the flocks, and bring back word to me." So he sent him out of the Valley of Hebron, and he went to Shechem. 15 Now a certain man found him, and there he was, wandering in the field. And the man asked him, saying, "What are you seeking?"

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Genesis 37:12-17

16 So he said, "I am seeking my brothers. Please tell me where they are feeding their flocks." 17 And the man said, "They have departed from here, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them in Dothan.

16

Key Events in Joseph's Life

Joseph's Dreams	Joseph shares dreams of his future greatness, causing jealousy among his brothers.
Brothers' Betrayal	His brothers plot against him, initially intending to kill him but instead sell him into slavery.
Potiphar's House	Joseph is sold to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, where he gains favor due to his abilities.

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Key Events in Joseph's Life

False Accusation	Potiphar's wife falsely accuses Joseph, leading to his imprisonment in the house of the captain of the guard.
Interpretation of Dreams	In prison, Joseph interprets the dreams of Pharaoh's cupbearer and baker, predicting their fates.
Pharaoh's Dream	Pharaoh has troubling dreams that no one can interpret, prompting the cupbearer to remember Joseph.

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Key Events in Joseph's Life

Joseph's Interpretation	Joseph interprets Pharaoh's dreams, predicting seven years of plenty followed by seven years of famine.
Appointment as Prime Minister	Pharaoh appoints Joseph as Prime Minister, giving him authority to prepare for the famine.

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No Control to Absolute Control

Joseph goes from no control over his life to absolute control over his life and the lives of millions of people. God had to prepare him with humility for this awesome responsibility so that he didn't abuse it and destroy God's holy seed.

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Genesis 46:1-7

1 So Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. 2 Then God spoke to Israel in the visions of the night, and said, "Jacob, Jacob!" And he said, "Here I am."

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Genesis 46:1-7

3 So He said, "I am God, the God of your father; do not fear to go down to Egypt, for I will make of you a great nation there. 4 I will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also surely bring you up again; and Joseph will put his hand on your eyes."

22

Genesis 46:1-7

5 Then Jacob arose from Beersheba; and the sons of Israel carried their father Jacob, their little ones, and their wives, in the carts which Pharaoh had sent to carry him. 6 So they took their livestock and their goods, which they had acquired in the land of Canaan, and went to Egypt, Jacob and all his descendants with him

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Genesis 46:1-7

7 His sons and his sons' sons, his daughters and his sons' daughters, and all his descendants he brought with him to Egypt.

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Courage and Conviction

Conviction without courage goes nowhere.
Courage without conviction goes anywhere.
But conviction with courage goes somewhere -
courageously following the path the Lord has given to us.

25

God uses “Accidents” and “Coincidences”

If the brothers had not betrayed Joseph and sold him into slavery, the family (and Joseph) would not have been saved from disaster and death. The Lord used Egypt as a protective shield for Israel during times of great geopolitical turmoil until they were ready to (re)enter the promise land as a new nation.

26

The Hidden Hand of God

Throughout Joseph's hardships, God is present and active behind the scenes, orchestrating events for a greater purpose. Joseph life shows that God is engaged in the quiet, subtle moments of life as well as the big impactful moments. The interconnectedness of life events illustrates God's sovereign plan.

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Genesis 50:15-21

15 When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "Perhaps Joseph will hate us, and may actually repay us for all the evil which we did to him." 16 So they sent messengers

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Genesis 50:15-21

17 'Thus you shall say to Joseph: "I beg you, please forgive the trespass of your brothers and their sin; for they did evil to you." ' Now, please, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of your father." And Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 18 Then his brothers also went and fell down before his face, and they said, "Behold, we are your servants."

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Genesis 50:15-21

19 Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? 20 But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive. 21 Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones." And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

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John 17:11

11 Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are.

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John 17:12

12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

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John 17:14-15

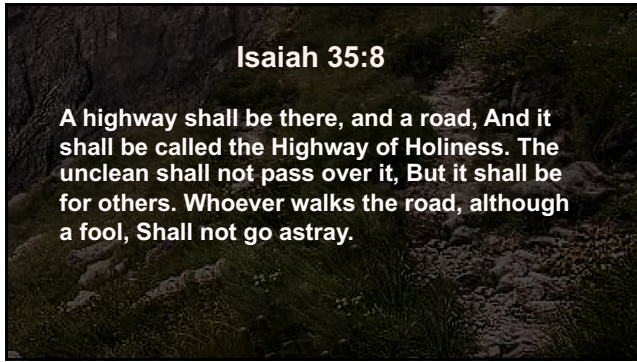
14 I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 15 I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.

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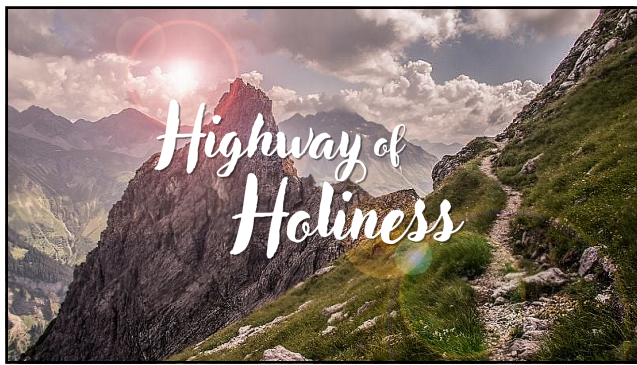
God Watches Over and Keeps Us

There are no unforeseen accidents or coincidences in the life of one of God's Elect. God watches over everything in our lives to keep us on the Highway of Holiness until it is our time to meet Him.

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