

Ezekiah

“And so in the matter of the envoys of the princes of Babylon, who had been sent to him to inquire about the sign that had been done in the land, God left him to himself, in order to test him and to know all that was in his heart.”

(II Chronicles 32:31)

Many Years Of Testing And Refinement Preceded Joseph's Elevation To Leadership

**“Pain when properly
handled, can shape
a life for greatness.”**

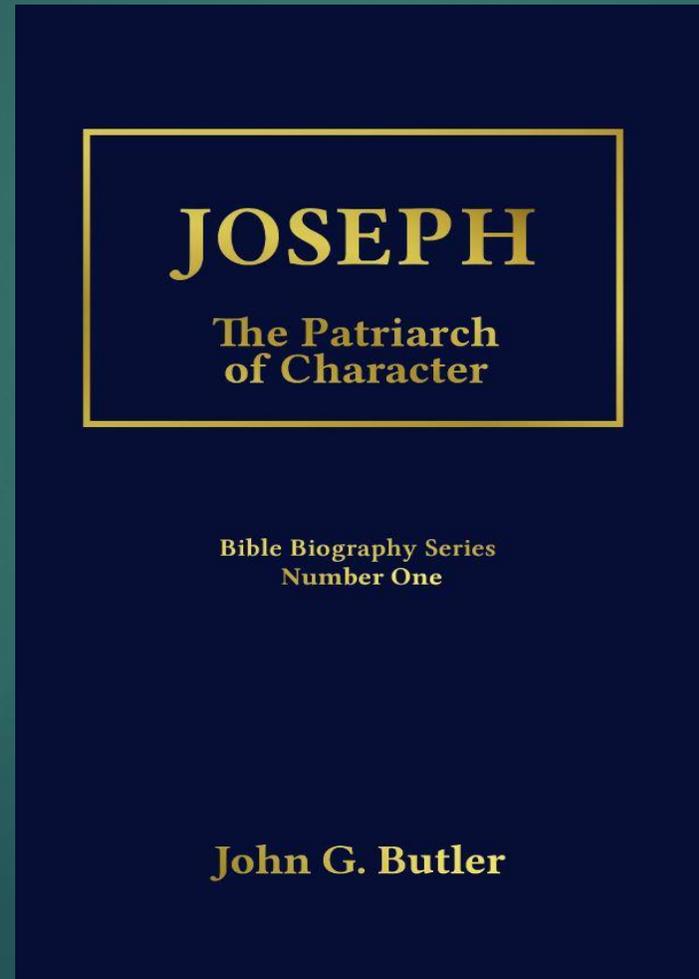


A scenic landscape at sunrise. The sky is a vibrant mix of orange, yellow, and red, with the sun low on the horizon. Below the sky, there are rolling hills and a valley filled with mist. The foreground is dominated by a dense forest of evergreen trees. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and hopeful.

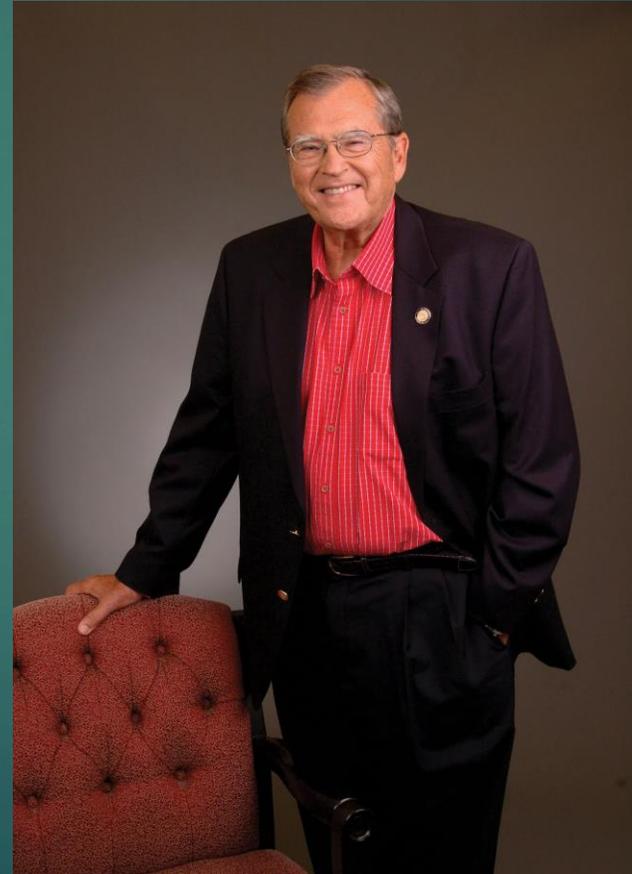
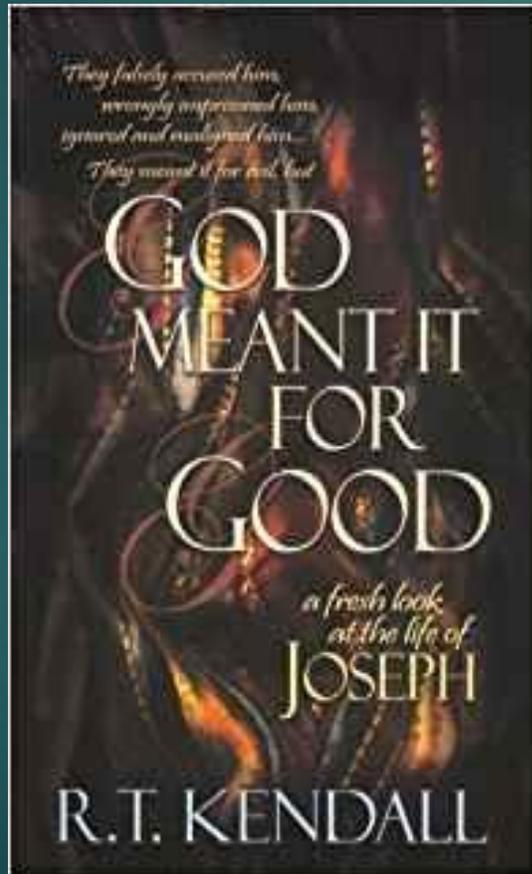
Weeping may tarry for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

PSALM 30:5

“He Has Made Everything Beautiful
In Its Time” (Ecclesiastes 3:11)



We Know God's Time Is At Hand When...



I. His Recommendation (33-36)

1. Did Joseph know then that he was the person?
2. Did he remember the dreams from 13 years ago?
3. Did he realize he was part of fulfilling prophecy?

Amazing Prophecy

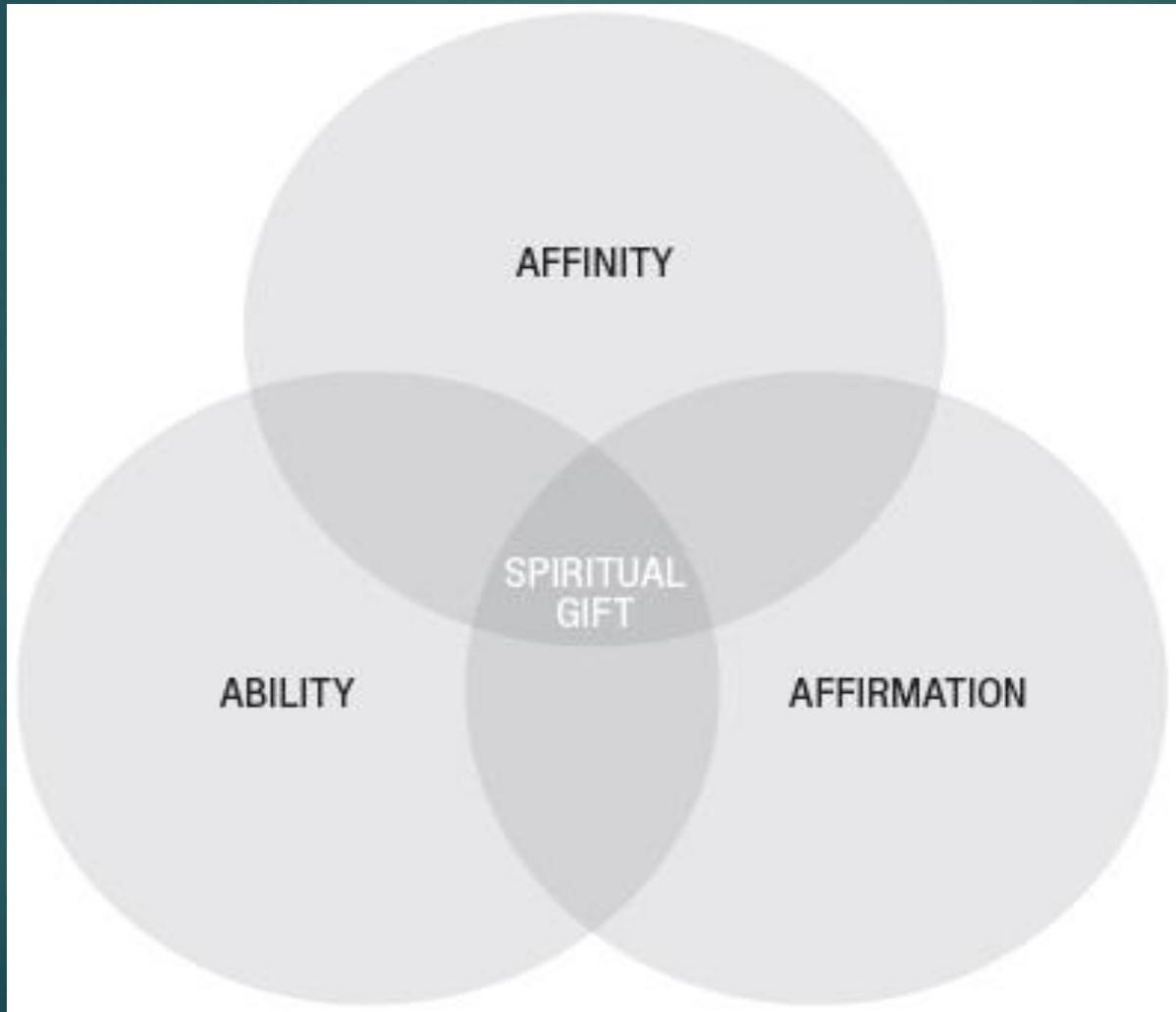
“As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. Then the LORD said to Abram, Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions.”

(Genesis 15:12-14)

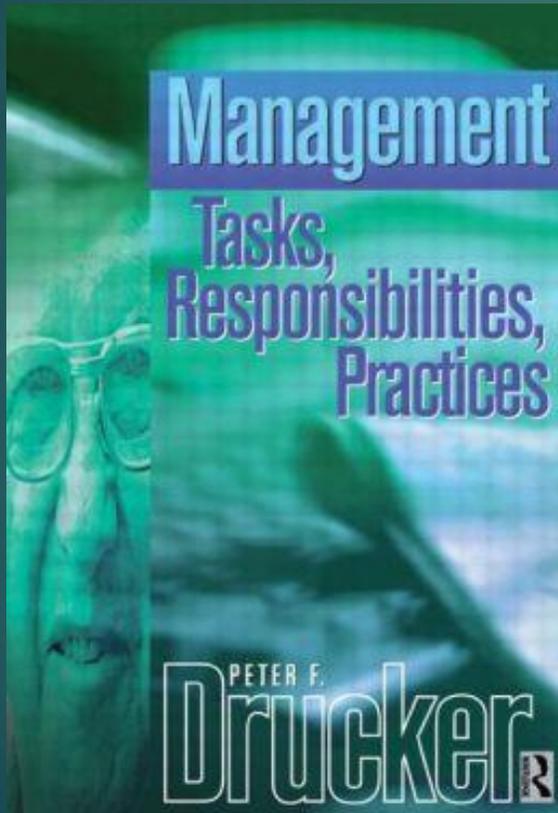
He Gave The Deliverance
Plan But Did Not Realize He
Was The Deliverer



II. His Recognition (37-41)



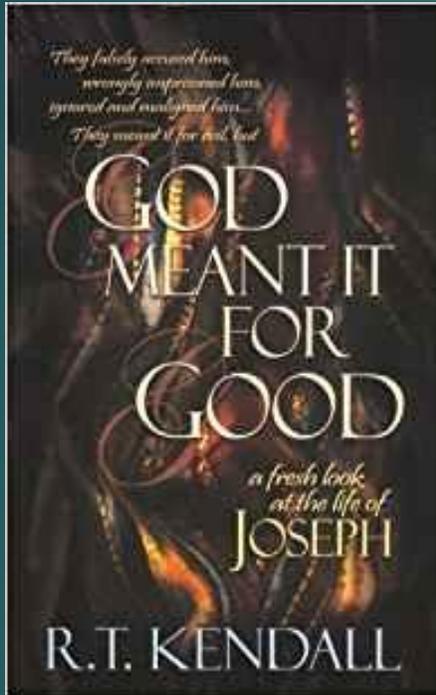
Integrity



Out of 1,300 Senior Executives questioned: 71% listed integrity first among 16 major traits needed for business success.



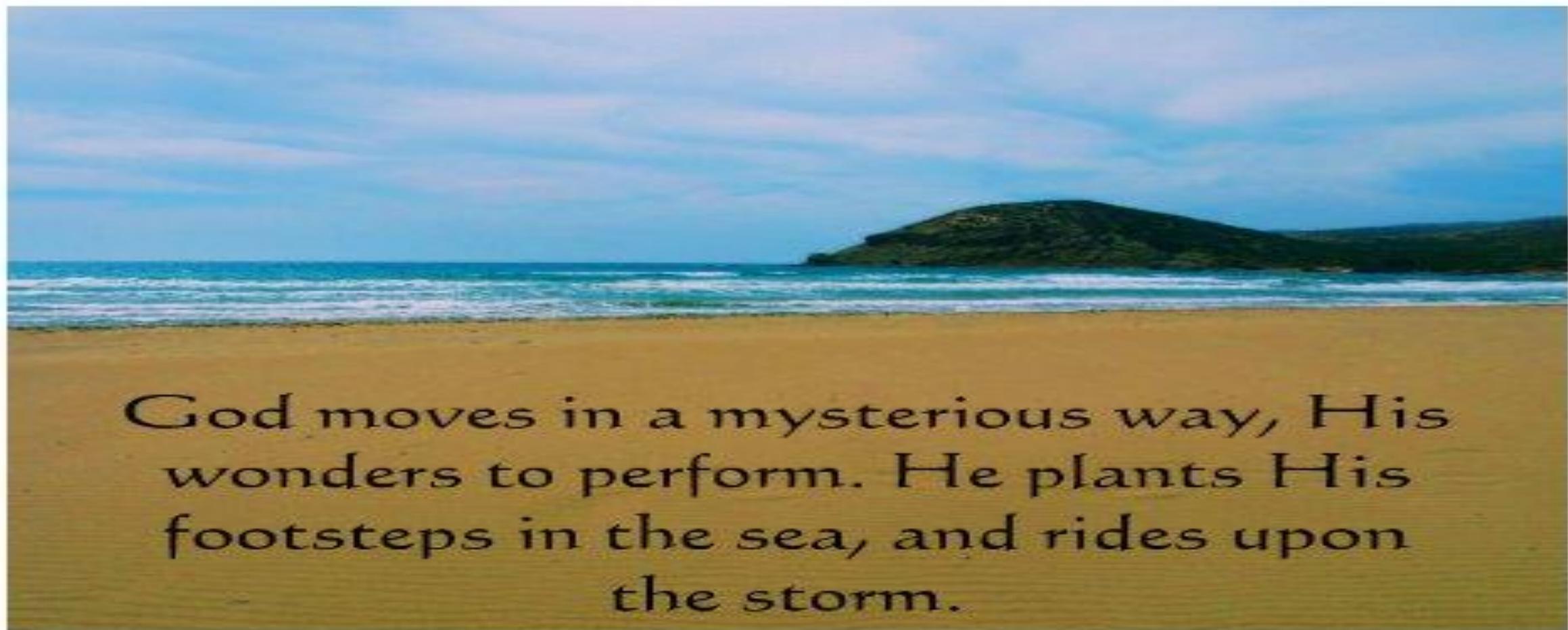
III. His Reward (42-45)



“Joseph finally found his niche in life. You could never have told him in advance that his niche in life was to be the governor of Egypt.”

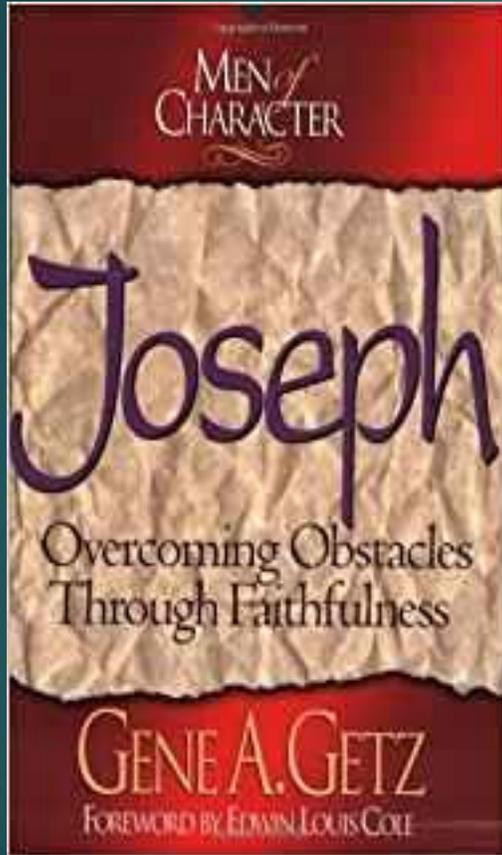
6 Areas Of Prestigious Elevation

1. **Geographical Control**
2. **Financial Authority**
3. **Social Prestige**
4. **Royal Privilege**
5. **Political Power**
6. **Religious Position**



God moves in a mysterious way, His
wonders to perform. He plants His
footsteps in the sea, and rides upon
the storm.

IV. His Regulations (46-49; 53-57)

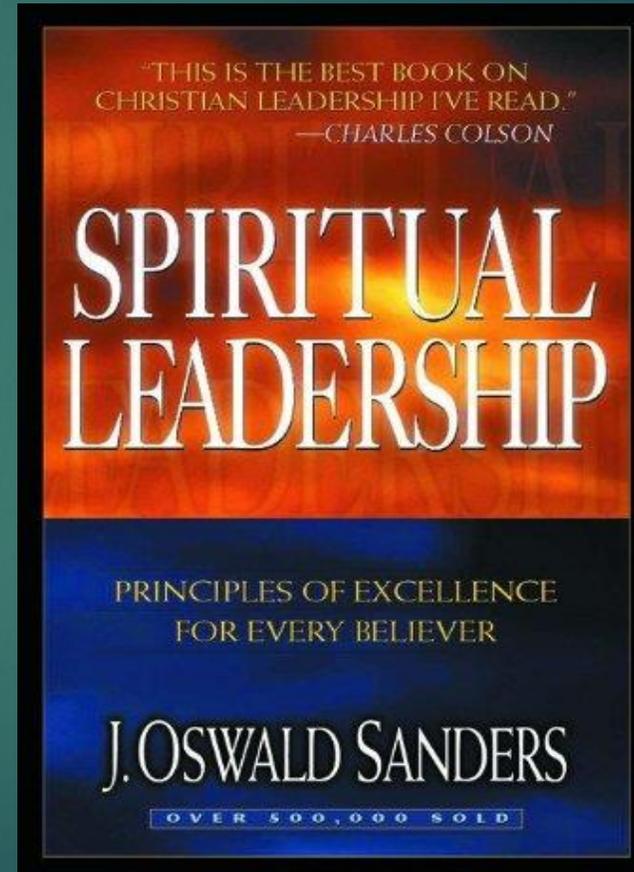


A. Accumulation (46-49)

B. Distribution (53-57)

V. His Restraint (50-52)

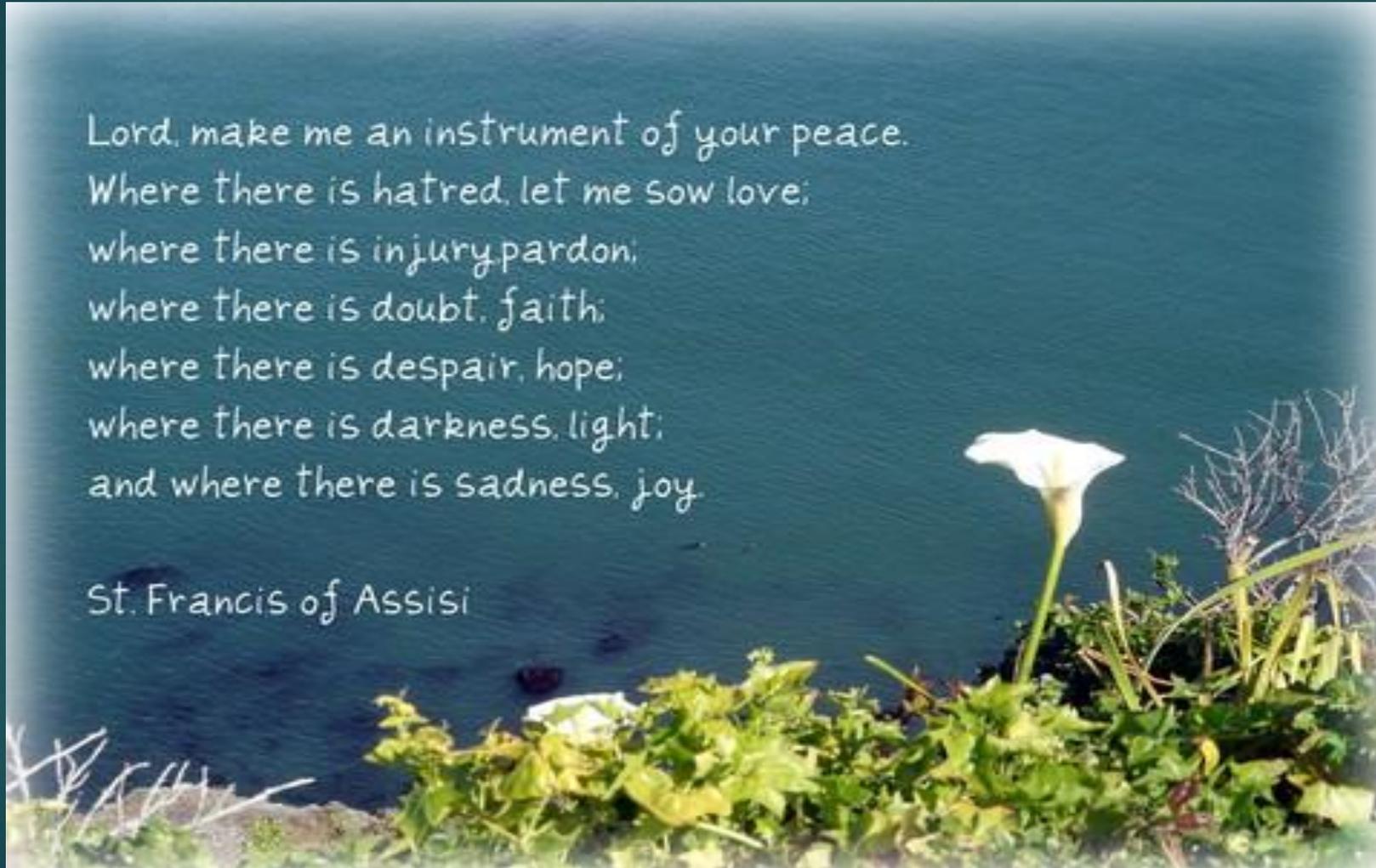
“Not every man can carry a full cup. Sudden elevation frequently leads to pride and a fall. The most exacting test of all to survive is prosperity.”



Francesco Di Pierro Di Bernardone

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

St. Francis of Assisi



Genesis 41:50-52

1. Forgot His Pain (**Past**) – Manasseh
2. Remembered His Purpose (**Future**) - Ephraim

Faithful Servant

“I’ve never met a person who truly understood and embraced grace who also continued to hold a grudge.”





FAITHFULNESS

“Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.”

(1 Corinthians 4:2)

“I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service.”

(1 Timothy 1:2)