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Genesis 41:38-43 - So Pharaoh asked his officials, "Can we find anyone else like this man so obviously filled with the Spirit of God?" Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has made all this known to you, there's no one as discerning and wise as you. You'll be in charge of my court, and all my people will take orders from you... I hereby put you in charge of the entire land of Egypt." ...Then he had Joseph ride in the chariot reserved for his second-in-command. And wherever Joseph went, the command was shouted, "Kneel down!" So Pharaoh put Joseph in charge of all Egypt.

Psalms 133:1 - How good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell together in unity.

Genesis 43:11 - "Carry down a present for the man--a little *balm* and a little honey, *spices* and *myrrh*."

Genesis 37:25 - There was a company of Ishmaelites, coming from Gilead with their camels, bearing *spices, balm and myrrh*, on their way down to Egypt.

"Make friends with guilt. Guilt is a beautiful emotion that alerts us when something is wrong... After we respond to guilt, it's done its job and we can release it."

Genesis 44:9 - "With whomever of your servants it's found, let him die and we also will be my lord's slaves."

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1. God can change anyone.

1 Timothy 1:15-16 - This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"--and I am the worst of them all. But for this very reason I was shown mercy, so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display His perfect patience, as an example to those who would believe in Him for eternal life.

2. God will go to great lengths to rescue a person.

3. God wants to change you.

Romans 12:1-2 - Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God--this is your true and proper worship. And don't be conformed to this world, but be *transformed* by the renewing of your mind so that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

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