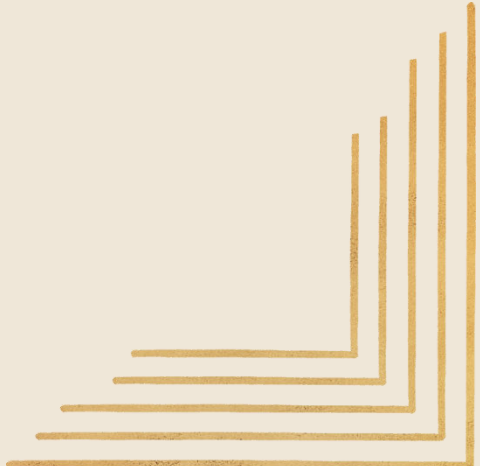
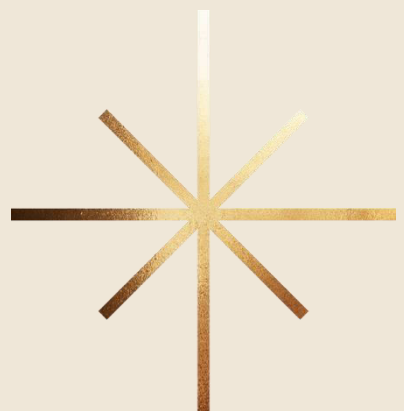
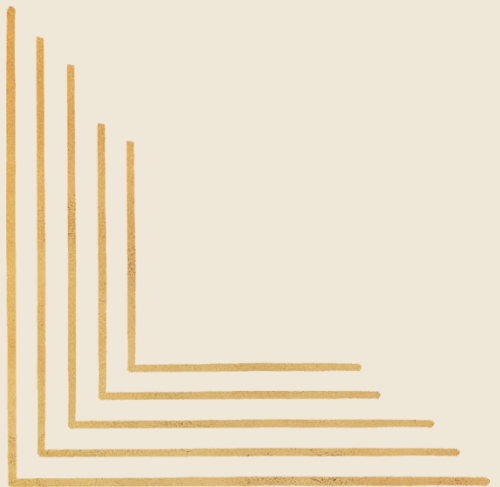


FROM PRISON TO PALACE

Genesis 39:20-23






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20 Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined.

But while Joseph was there in the prison, 21 the Lord was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden. 22 So the warden put Joseph in charge of all those held in the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was done there. 23 The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph's care, because the Lord was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did.



In Genesis 39:20-23, the Bible tells the story of Joseph being in prison. Potiphar, his master, threw him into a dungeon, for a crime he did not commit. But the Lord put his favor on him, and soon he was in charge of the whole prison. The Lord was with him, even in adversity, using everything for good.

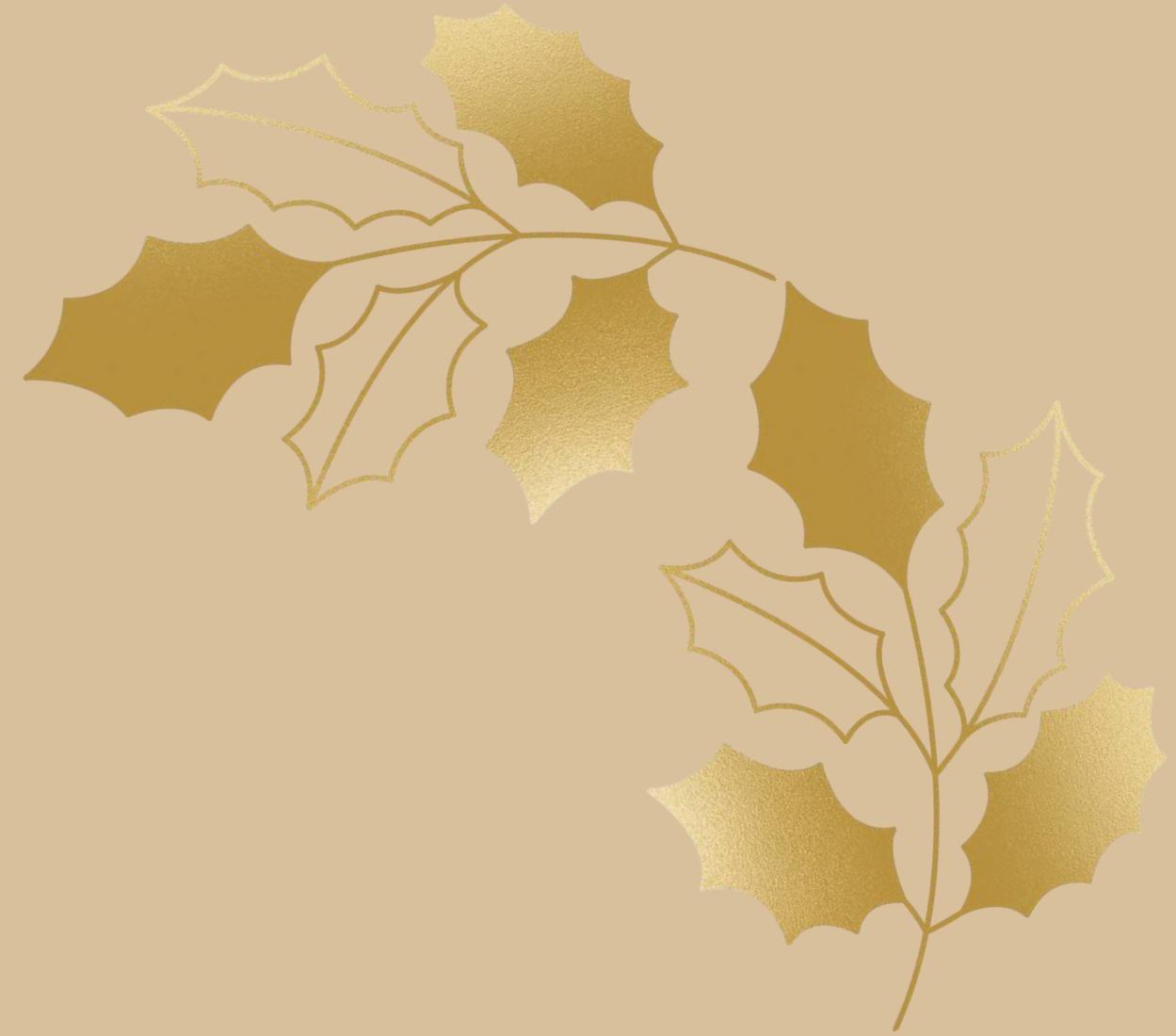


This is the first time in the Scriptures where we read of a prison.

In prison, Joseph's story teaches us **three** lessons we should treasure in our hearts in times of despair.

1. Joseph understood that everything he went through was a piece in a plan. Even in adversity, we must realize that God has a purpose.

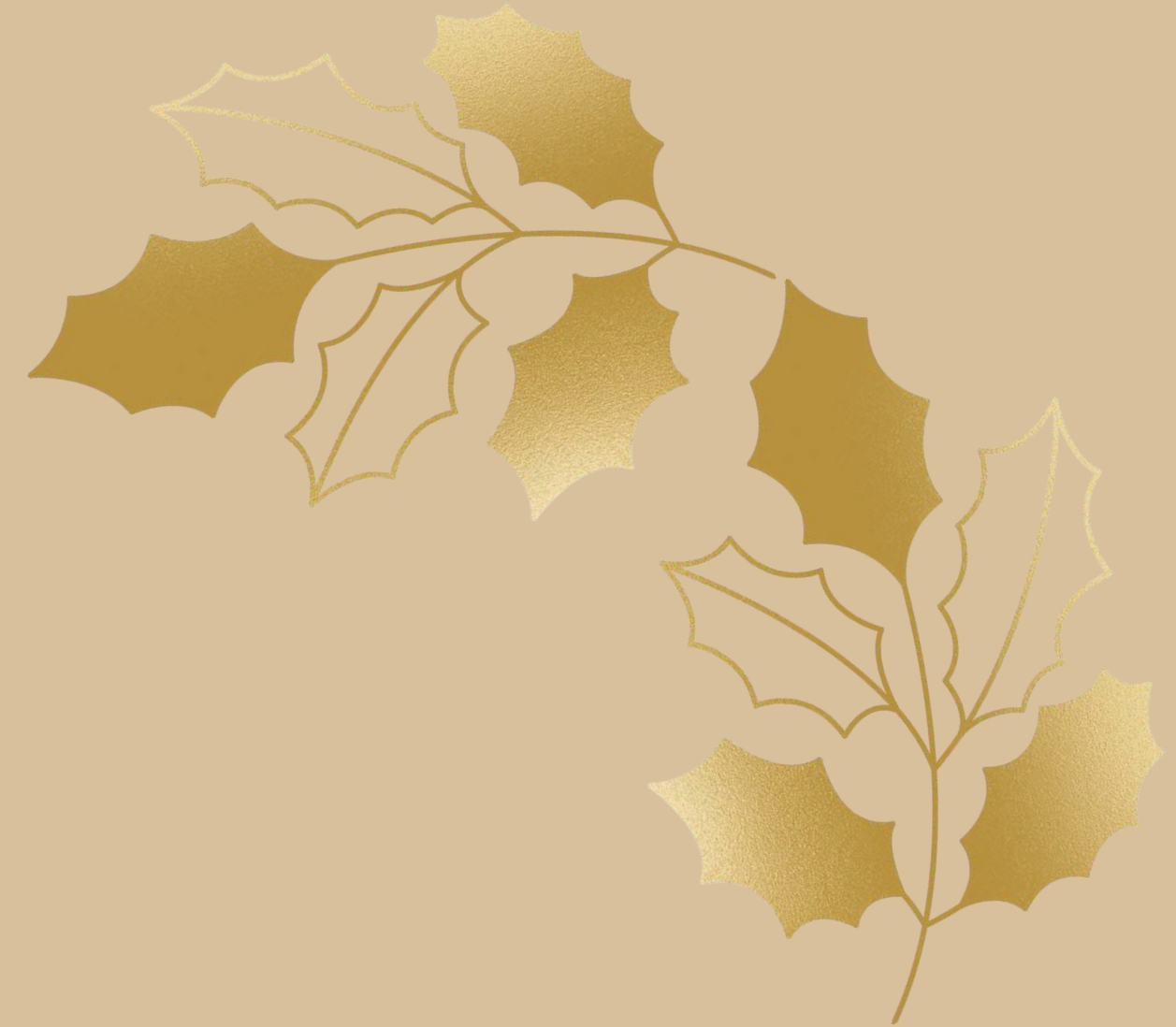
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2. The Lord granted Joseph with favor in the eyes of the prison warden. Similarly, as sons and daughters of God, we can be blessed with favor from the Lord. God has favor (as Psalms 30:5 says) that last forever.

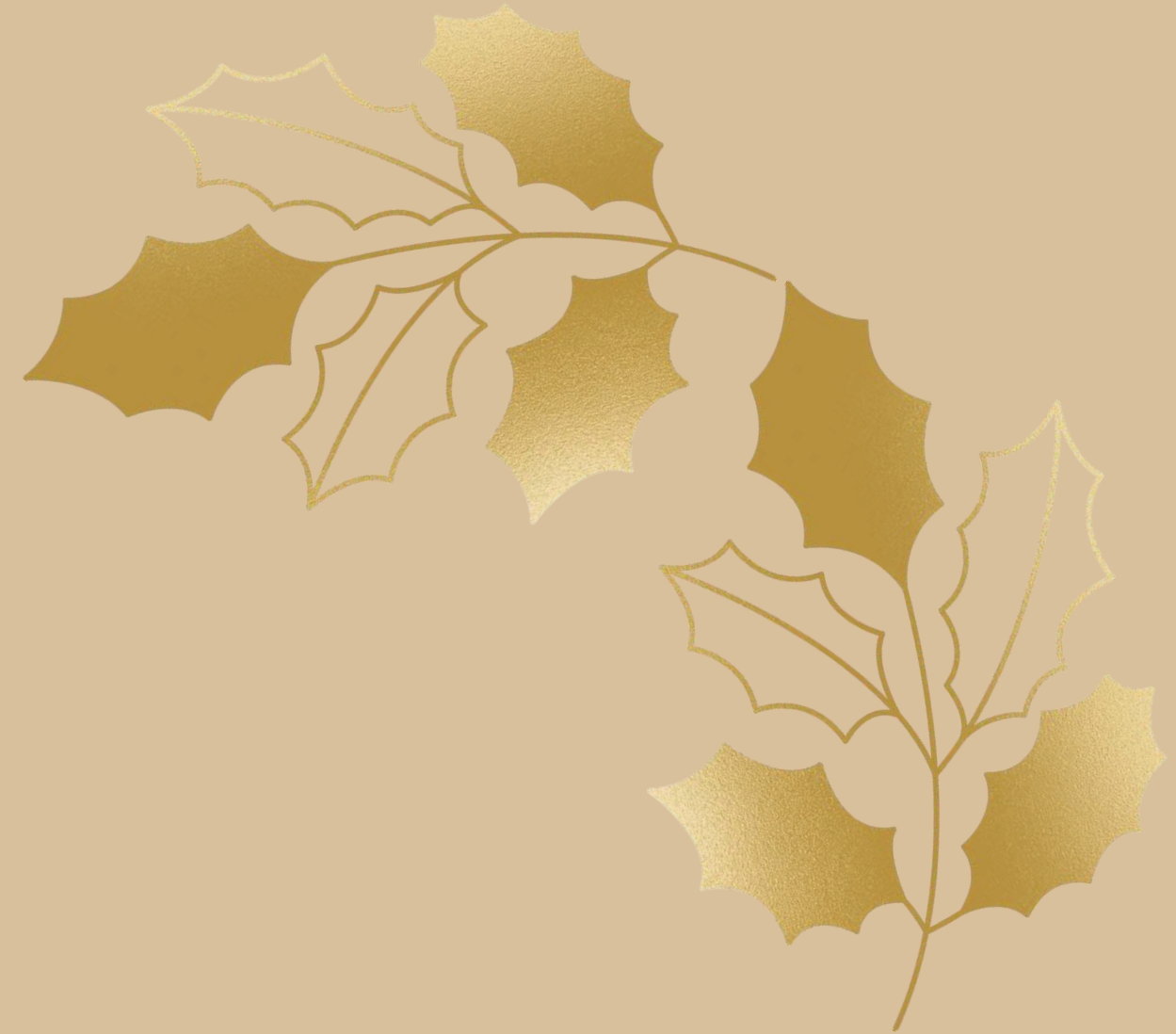
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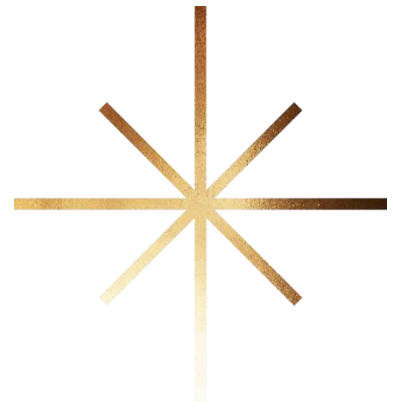


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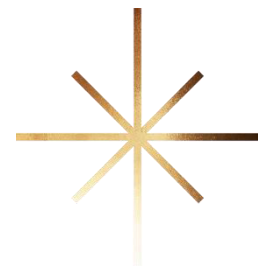
3. Joseph became in charge of all those held in prison. As Christians, we must persevere because God is in control.

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LIFE APPLICATIONS



✓ Even in the prisons of life, or moments of shadows and darkness, as David said, we must not be afraid because God will always be with us (Psalms 23).

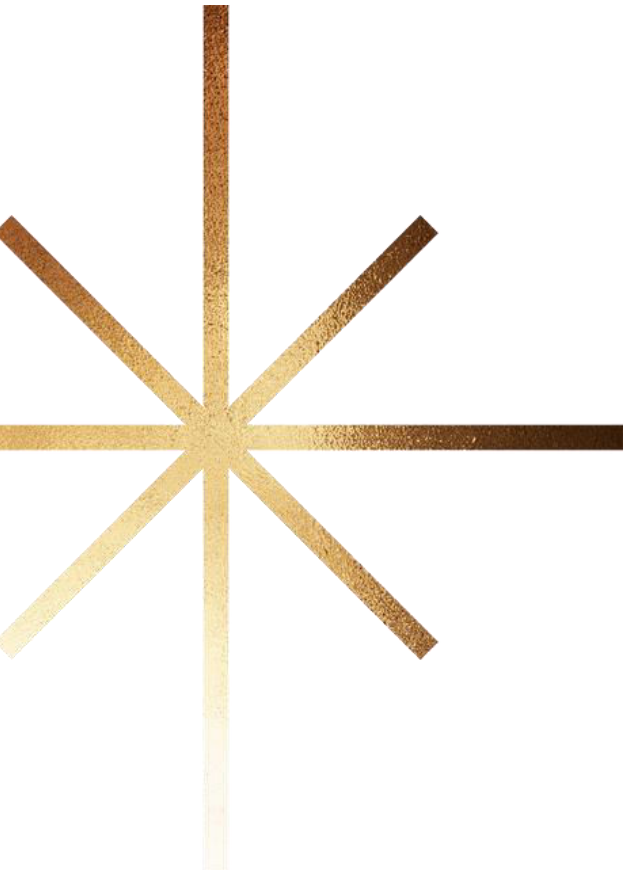
✓ As Joseph did it with his brothers, we must forgive, and as God did it with us. Our fight is not with people but with principalities. The apostle Paul says that everything he passed through was to become victorious in Christ, who gives him life (2 Corinthians 4:8-10).

✓ Joseph was blessed like Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The favor was on him, and it can be on us too.



CONCLUSION

Joseph was a type of Christ in the New Testament. What looked like a series of injustices in Joseph's life were used by God for his good and the good of Israel. After revealing himself to his brothers in the palace, he said: "God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance" (Genesis 45:7).



CONCLUSION

If today you feel like being in prison, know that God knows all things. Don't abandon, persevere, and he will show you the way. In the end, you will know, like Joseph, that God has a master plan.

