Faith grows on the journey

. . . . . wishful thinking!

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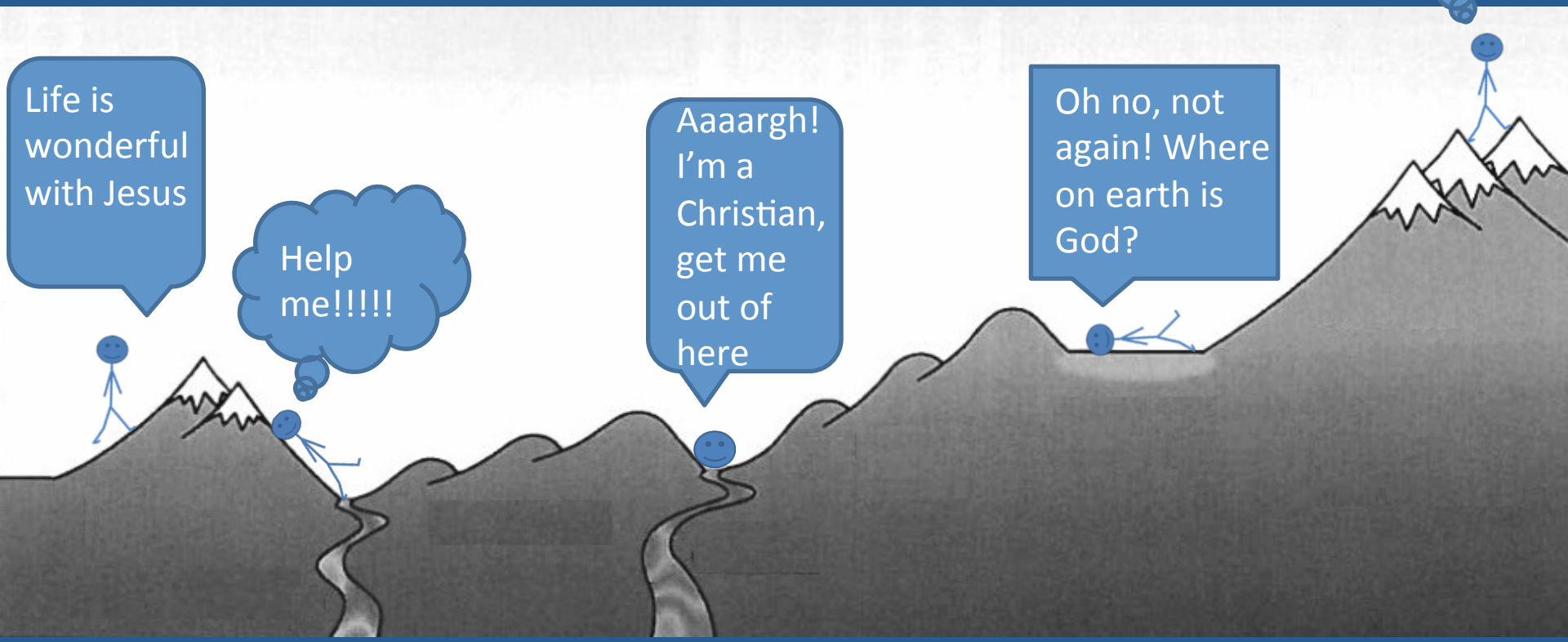
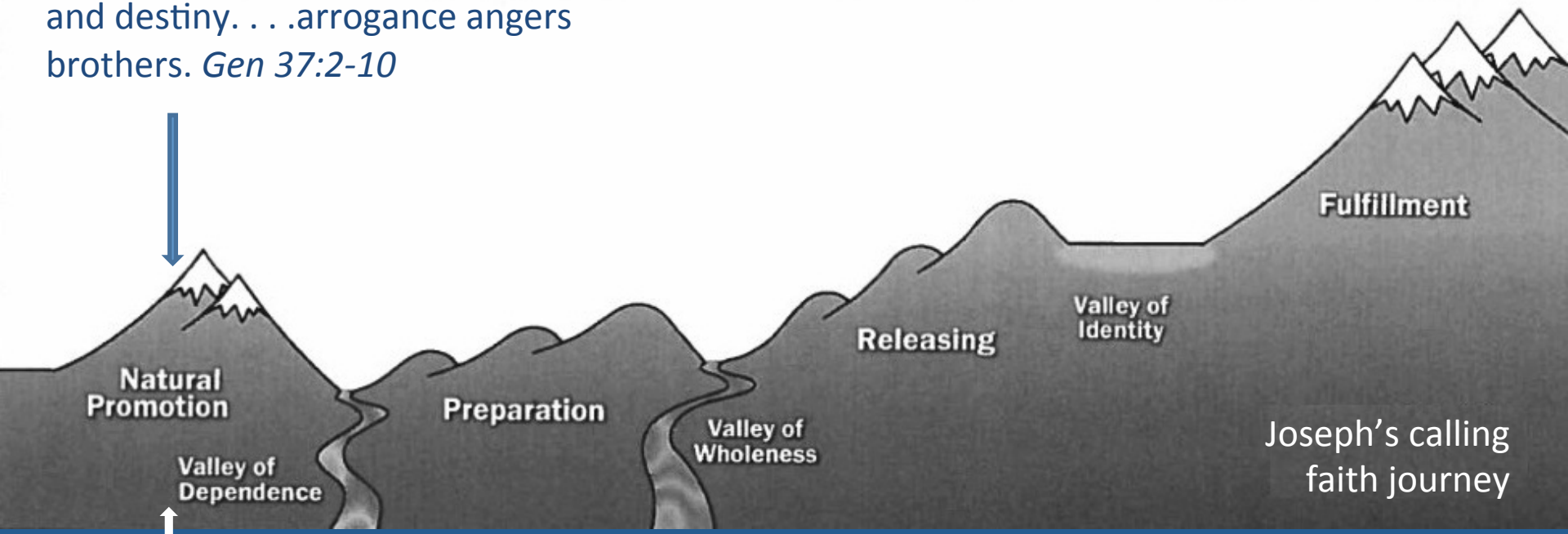


. . . . . the reality of the terrain for our faith journey ahead!

Faith grows on the journey (as demonstrated in the life of Joseph)

Father's favour, prophetic dreams and destiny. . . .arrogance angers brothers. *Gen 37:2-10*



Joseph's calling faith journey

Submit our lives to Jesus, radically follow Him & start faith journey with great enthusiasm, live radically. Prophetic call and natural gifts combine and a taste of God's power is experienced

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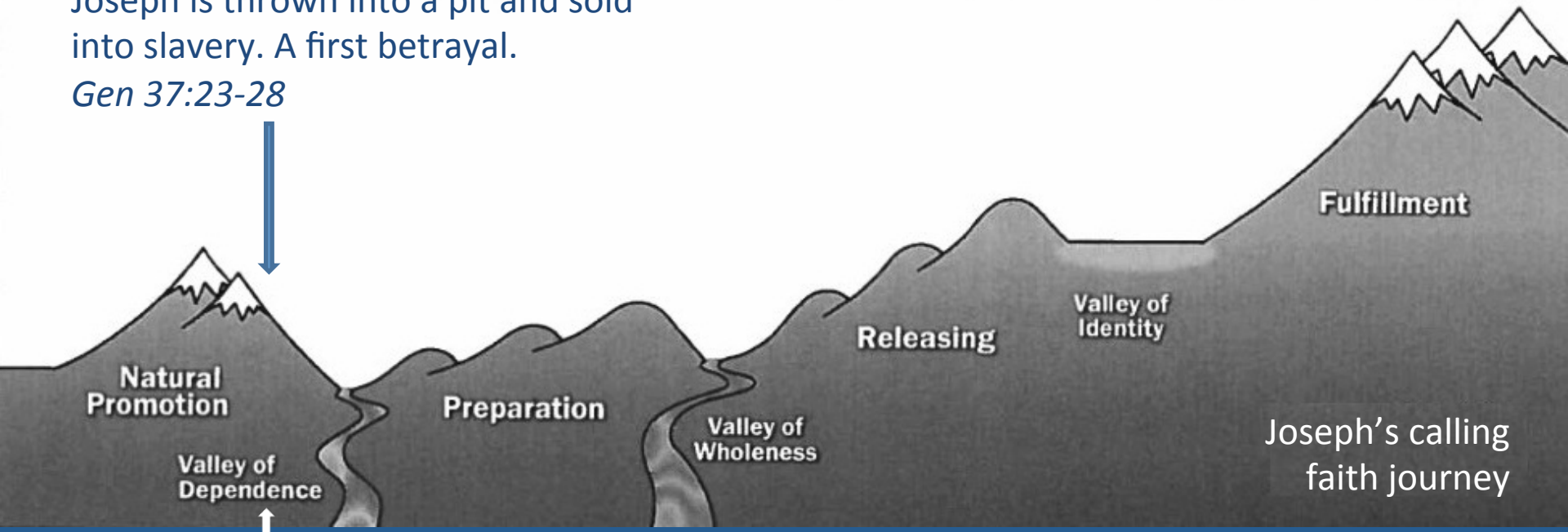
Joseph is thrown into a pit and sold into slavery. A first betrayal.
Gen 37:23-28



Joseph's calling faith journey

Something(s) happen that cause us pain and lots of questions about God and our assumptions. Could be our arrogance or self-dependence. God uses adversity to shape us. We learn greater dependence on and in God.

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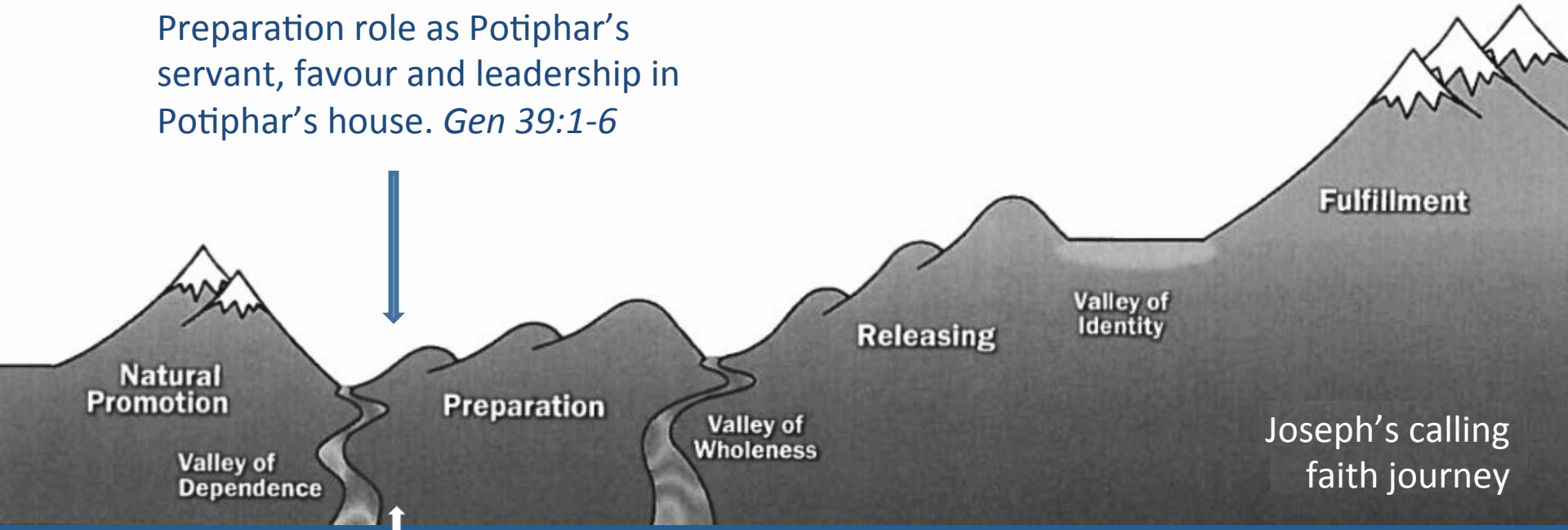
Preparation role as Potiphar's servant, favour and leadership in Potiphar's house. *Gen 39:1-6*



Joseph's calling faith journey

God prepares us as we serve, acquiring skills, experiences and character. Getting ready to move into our calling. We may receive favour and we learn how to use the gifts He has given us

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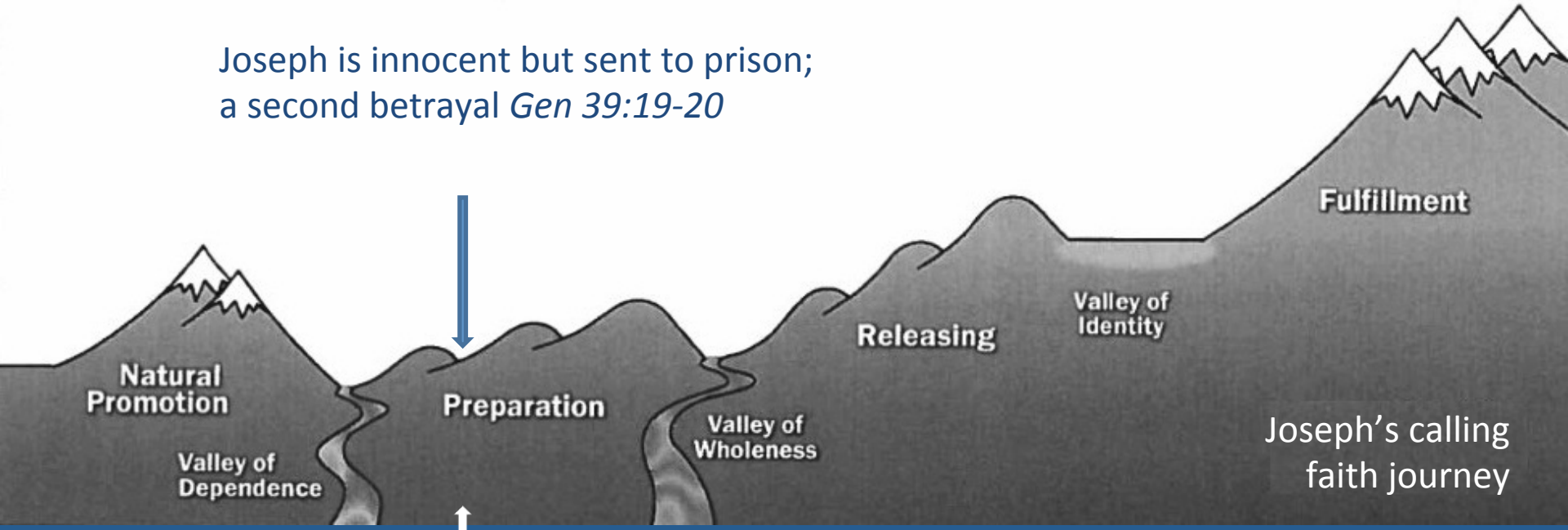
Joseph is innocent but sent to prison;
a second betrayal *Gen 39:19-20*



Joseph's calling faith journey

Just when we think we're moving forward circumstances happen that restrain us and seem to hold us back. Opportunities don't come as quickly as we'd like. We thought we'd learned these lessons!

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Joseph has favour in prison and is given leadership *Gen 39:20-23*

Joseph's calling faith journey

In the tough parts of the journey we choose good attitudes and continue to love and serve people. We may feel we have missed it and God is passing us by. Disappointment hits.

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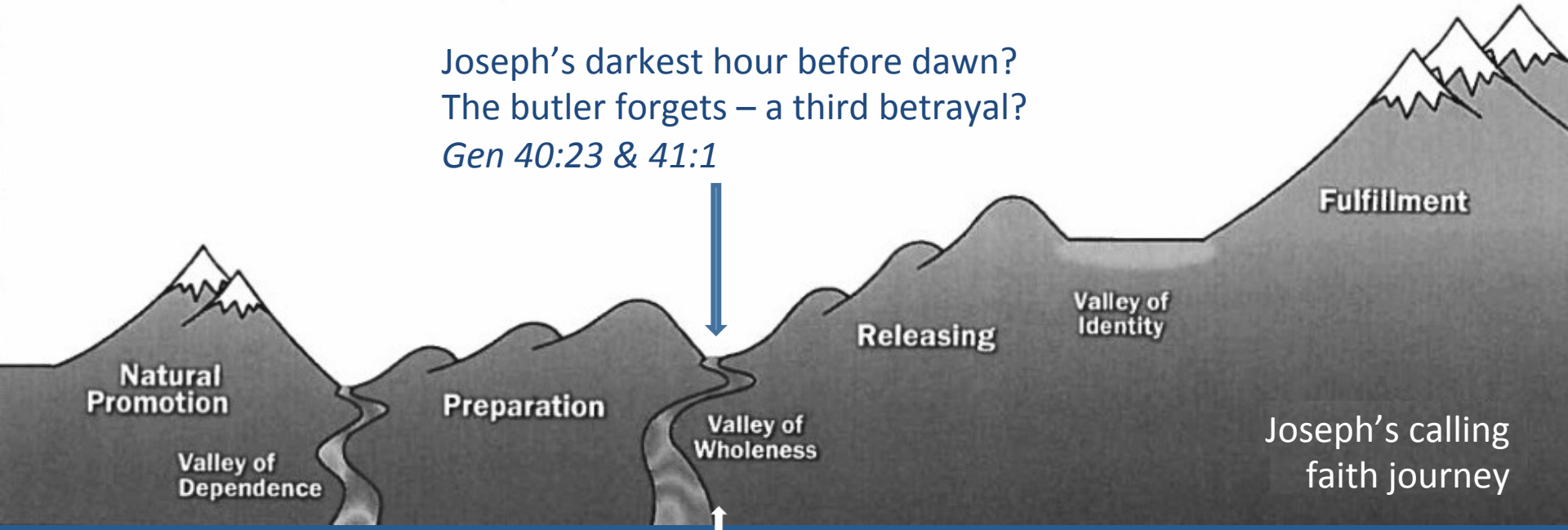
Joseph's darkest hour before dawn?
The butler forgets – a third betrayal?
Gen 40:23 & 41:1



Joseph's calling faith journey

God allows us to go through times that help bring us into greater wholeness and healing from past hurts and relationship building flaws. We learn patience.

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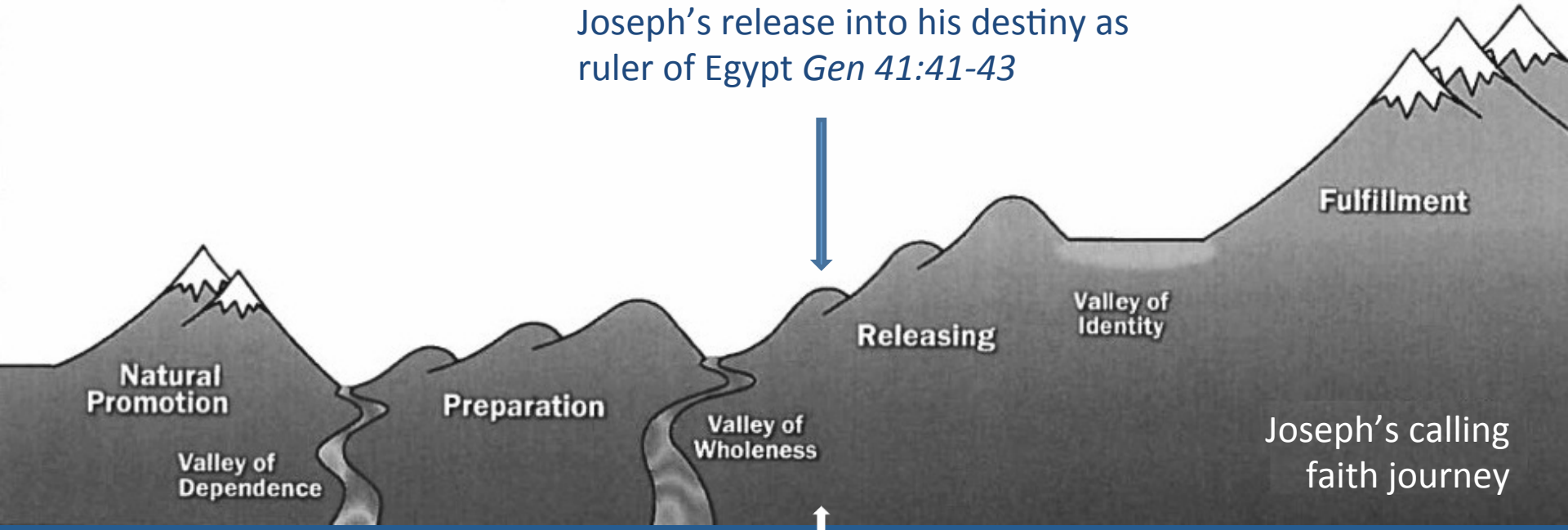
Joseph's release into his destiny as ruler of Egypt *Gen 41:41-43*



Joseph's calling faith journey

We are released into our calling and this is helped by being apprenticed/mentored. Learn from fathers and receive their prophetic encouragement. We may enter a new phase of influence and favour . . . . with character.

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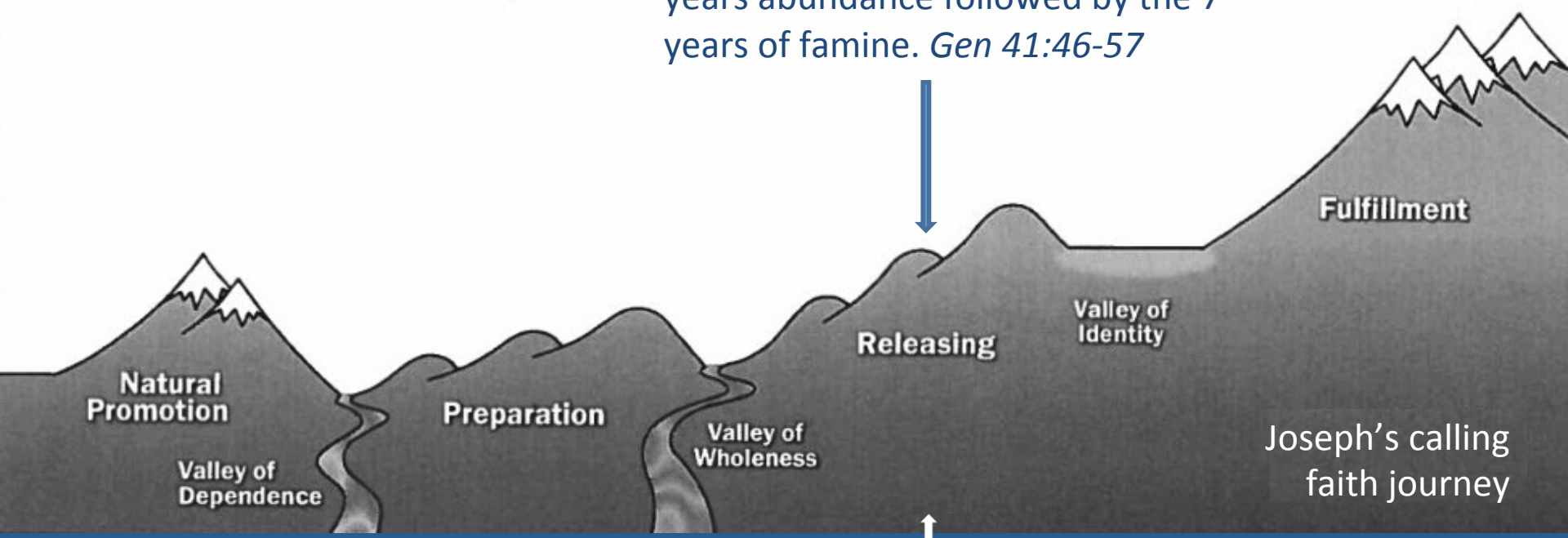
At 30 years old, Joseph oversees 7 years abundance followed by the 7 years of famine. *Gen 41:46-57*



Joseph's calling faith journey

We finally know we are in the place we are made to be in and find fruitfulness. Often surprised as to how God is using us and where He takes us.

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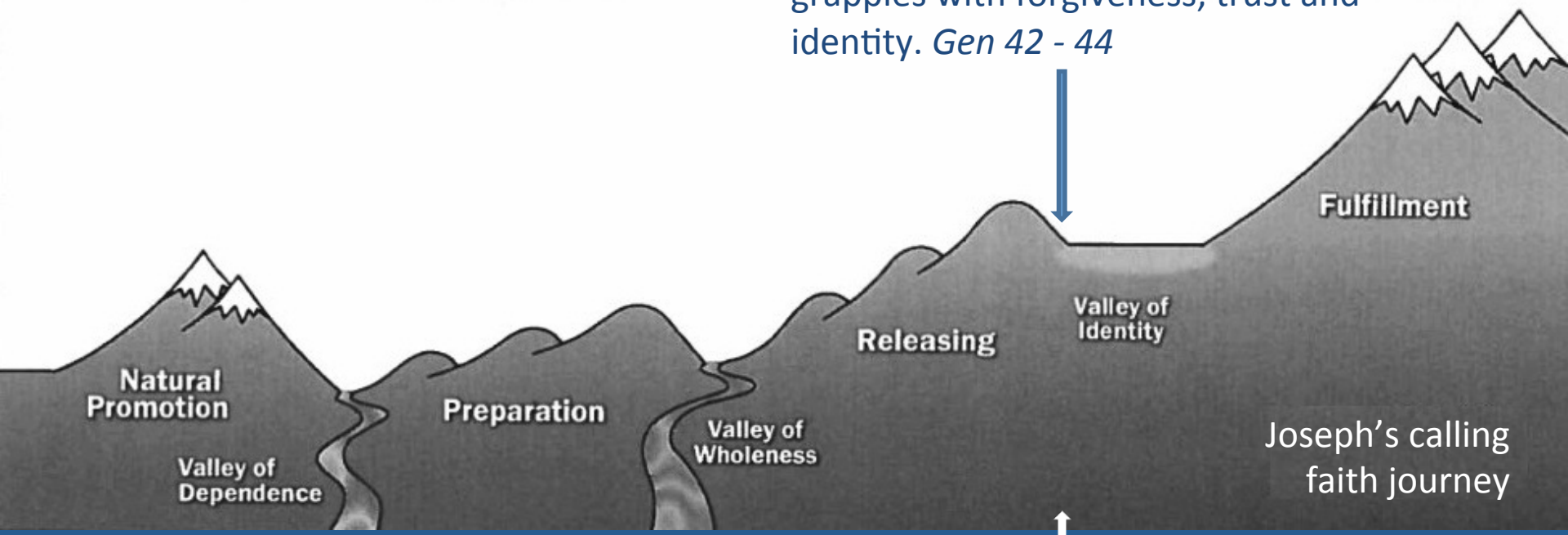
Joseph's brothers arrive and he grapples with forgiveness, trust and identity. *Gen 42 - 44*



Joseph's calling faith journey

A third critical transition remains, discovering our true identity and therefore security in God as our Father. It's not about our role but our security as we fulfil our calling.

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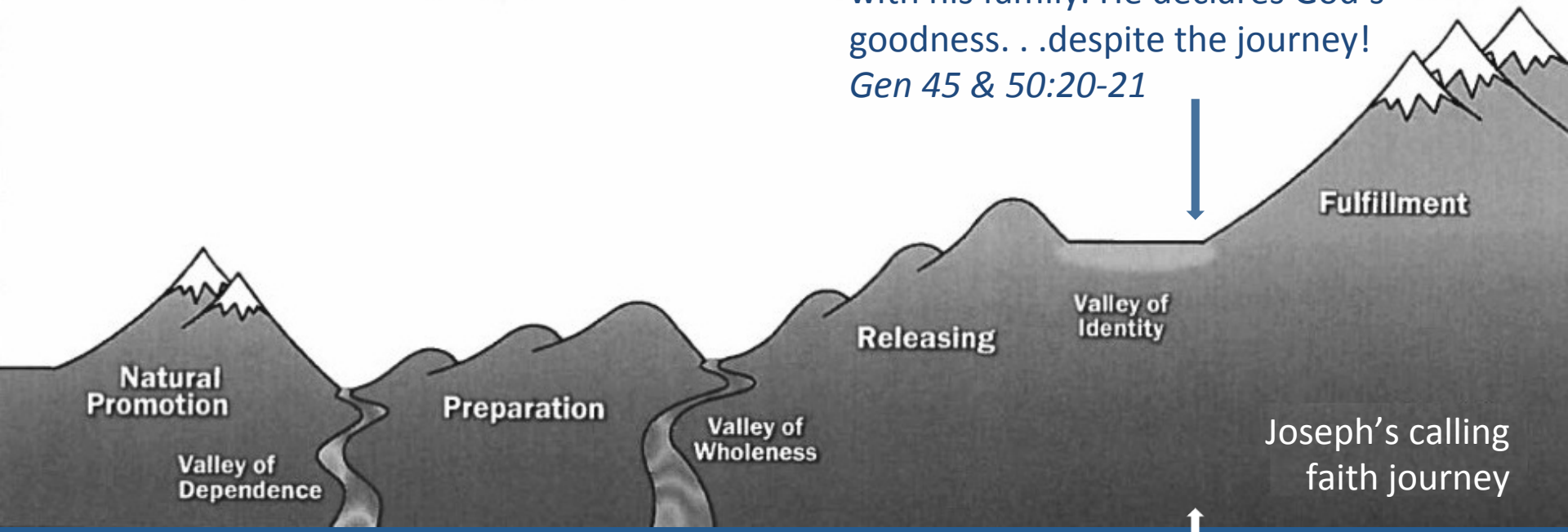
Second visit and Joseph is reconciled with his family. He declares God's goodness. . .despite the journey!
Gen 45 & 50:20-21



Joseph's calling faith journey

We see that God has been working throughout our life (faith) journey and declare His goodness despite circumstances. We become aware that our life is our message.

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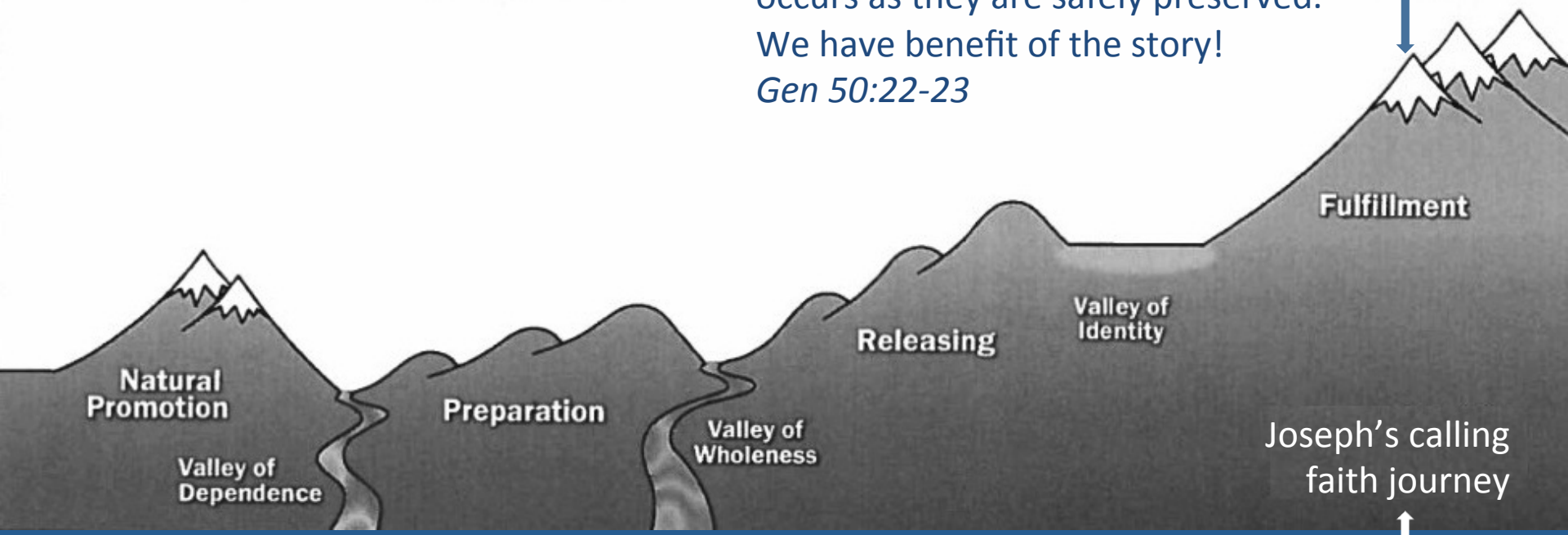
Family re-united and fulfilment occurs as they are safely preserved. We have benefit of the story!
Gen 50:22-23



Joseph's calling faith journey

Legacy established and we understand how God works in all things together for our good. We have the benefit of hindsight and we encourage others to stay faithful in the journey. Such power as calling, gifting, identity and the power of God work in us and through us!

Faith grows on the journey

- Faith journeys aren't comfortable or straight forward
- The bible and other faith heroes are examples
- God's word comes to us at just the right time
- We are not alone on such a journey
- Every stage is critical to our 'success'
- More is built into us in the valleys
- The sooner we learn dependency on God, the better!
- We are surprised as to how and where God takes us and uses us
- See, hear and remember His stories and our story
- God is good, and He is faithful even when we are not

Faith grows on the journey

"We will do what God asks us to do and leave Him to do the rest"
(Brookside Leadership Team Declaration)

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"
(Philippians 4:13)

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