

HOW TO MAKE **WORK** BETTER

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HOW TO MAKE WORK BETTER SERIES

AGAIN BUT BETTER

8 November



Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were **working for the Lord rather than for people**. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ. But if you do what is wrong, you will be paid back for the wrong you have done.

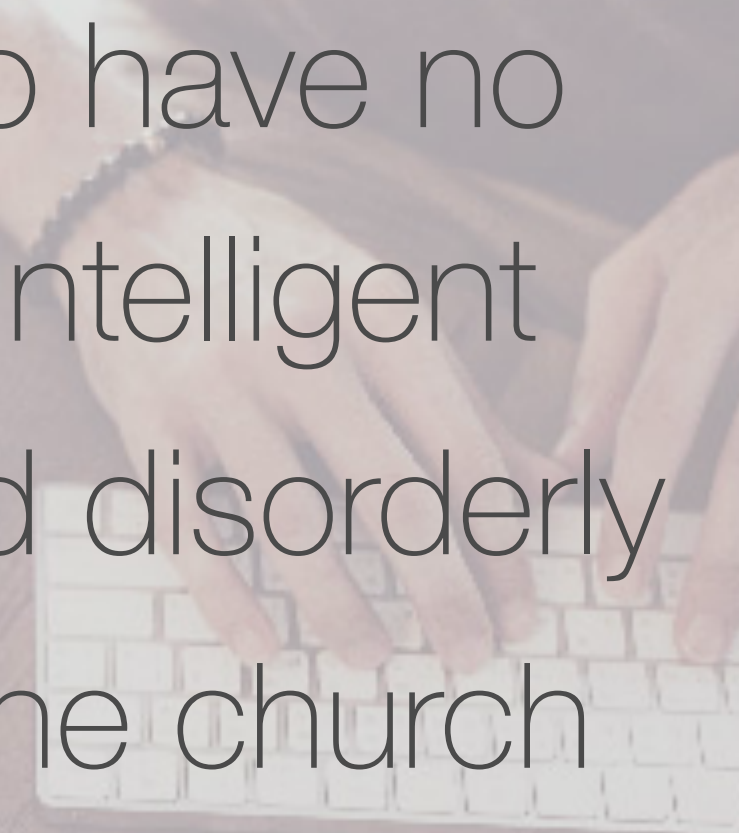
For God has no favorites.

Colossians 3:23-25 (NLT)

Do you see a man **skillful** *and* experienced in his work? He will stand [in honor] before kings; He will not stand before obscure men.

Proverbs 22:29 (AMP)





“How can anyone remain interested in a religion which seems to have no concern with nine tenths of life? The church’s approach to an intelligent carpenter is usually confined to exhorting him not to be drunk and disorderly in his leisure hours, and to come to church on Sundays. What the church should be telling him is this: that **the very first demand that his religion makes on him is to make good tables.**”

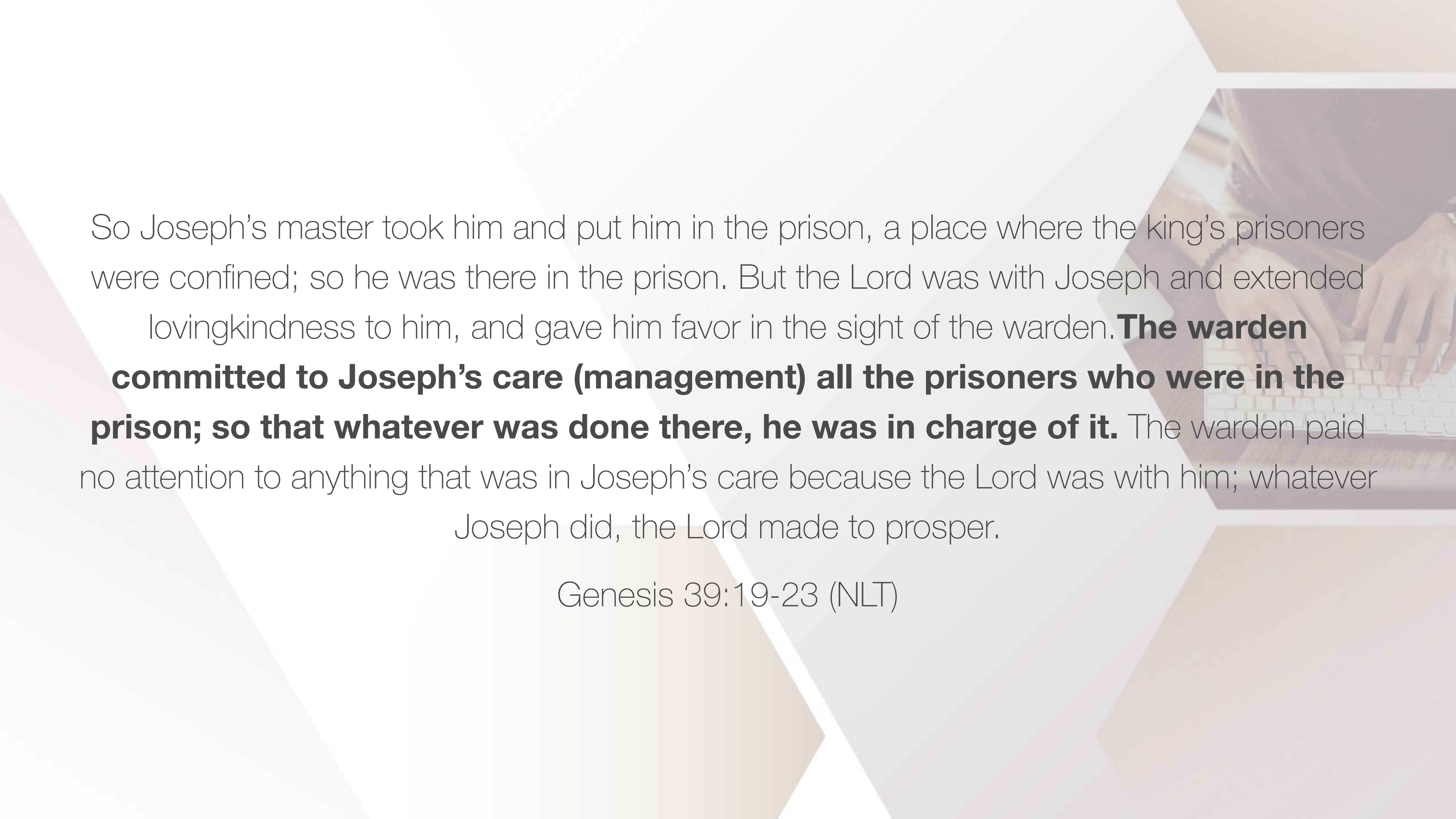
Dorothy Sayers

**DO GOOD WORK
WITH SKILL**



Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an Egyptian officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the [royal] guard, bought him from the Ishmaelites, who had taken him down there. The Lord was with Joseph, and he [even though a slave] became a successful *and* prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master, the Egyptian. Now his master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord caused all that he did to prosper (succeed) in his hand. So Joseph pleased Potiphar *and* found favor in his sight and he served him as his personal servant. **He made Joseph overseer over his house, and he put all that he owned in Joseph's charge.** It happened that from the time that he made Joseph overseer in his house and [put him in charge] over all that he owned, that the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house because of Joseph; so the Lord's blessing was on everything that Potiphar owned, in the house and in the field. **So Potiphar left all that he owned in Joseph's charge; and with Joseph there he did not pay attention to anything except the food he ate.**

Genesis 39:1-6 (NLT)



So Joseph's master took him and put him in the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were confined; so he was there in the prison. But the Lord was with Joseph and extended lovingkindness to him, and gave him favor in the sight of the warden. **The warden committed to Joseph's care (management) all the prisoners who were in the prison; so that whatever was done there, he was in charge of it.** The warden paid no attention to anything that was in Joseph's care because the Lord was with him; whatever Joseph did, the Lord made to prosper.

Genesis 39:19-23 (NLT)

DO GOOD WORK WITH **SKILL**

Love our neighbour by doing good work



God doesn't need our good works, but our neighbour does

Martin Luther

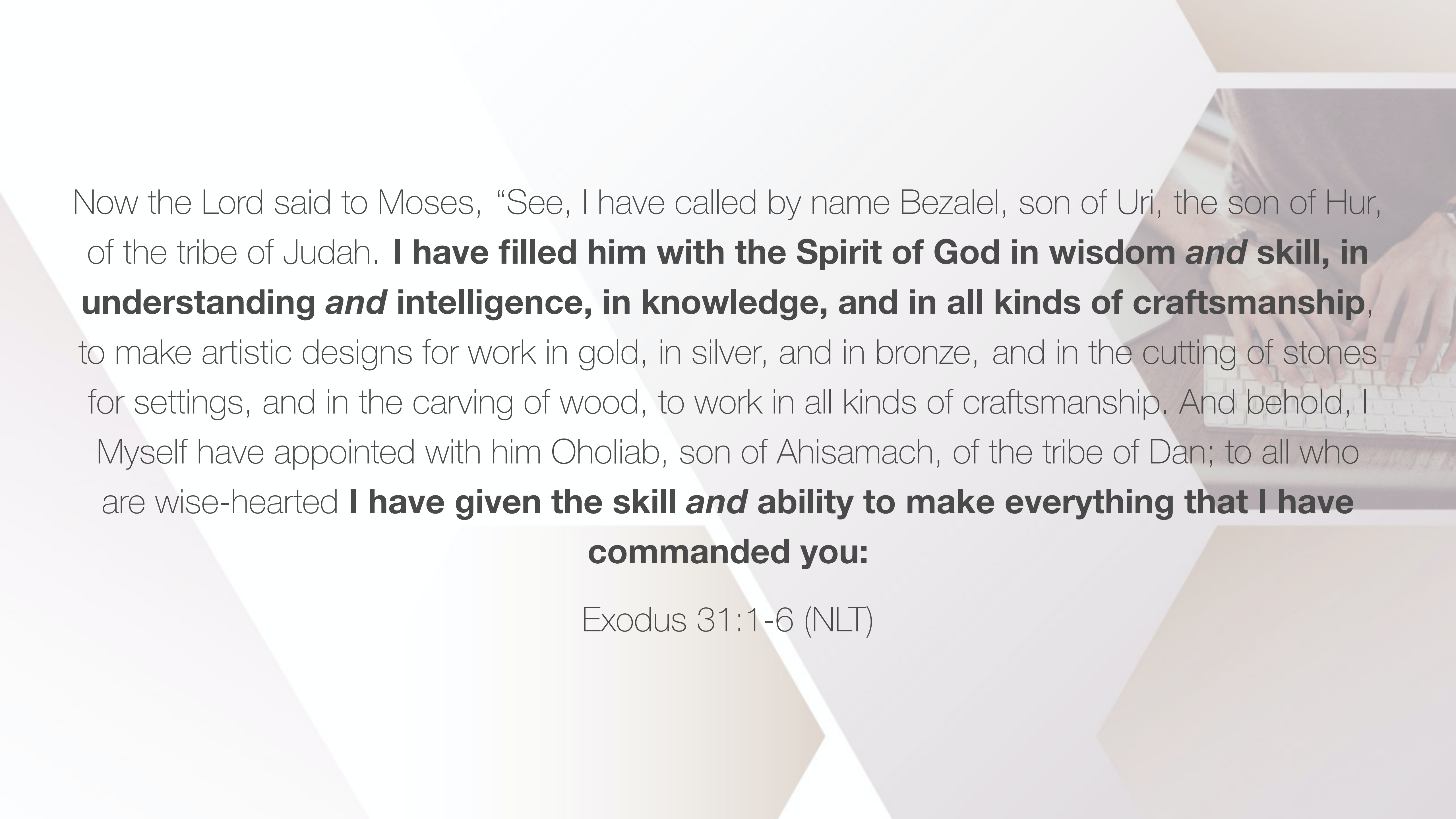


DO GOOD WORK WITH **SKILL**

Love our neighbour by doing good work

Spirit filled to do Spirit led work





Now the Lord said to Moses, “See, I have called by name Bezalel, son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. **I have filled him with the Spirit of God in wisdom *and* skill, in understanding *and* intelligence, in knowledge, and in all kinds of craftsmanship,** to make artistic designs for work in gold, in silver, and in bronze, and in the cutting of stones for settings, and in the carving of wood, to work in all kinds of craftsmanship. And behold, I Myself have appointed with him Oholiab, son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; to all who are wise-hearted **I have given the skill *and* ability to make everything that I have commanded you:**

Exodus 31:1-6 (NLT)

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Don't let your God given skills go to waste



Under three things the earth is disquieted *and* quakes, And under four it cannot bear up:

Under a servant when he reigns,

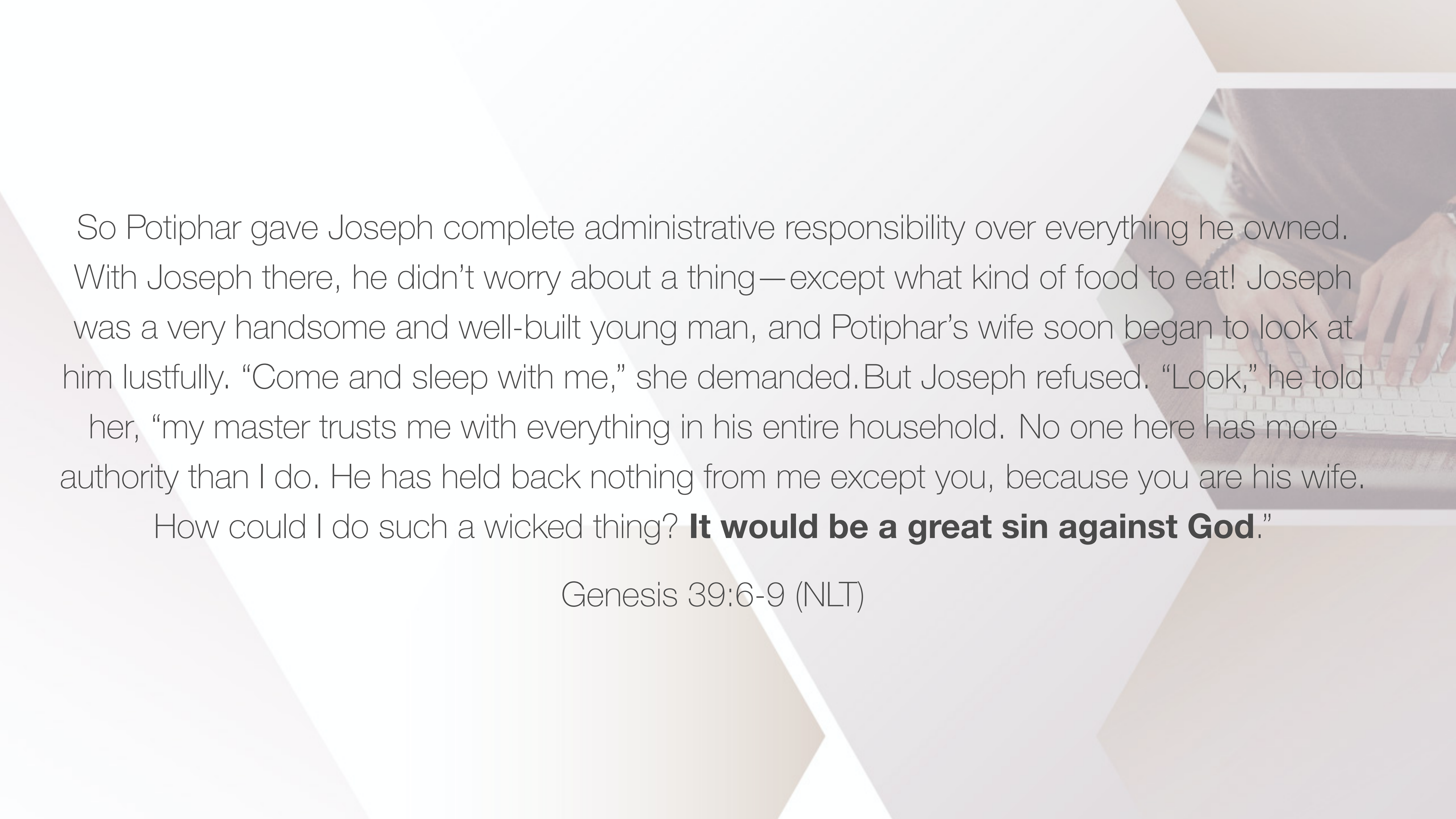
Proverbs 30:22 (NLT)





DO GOOD WORK WITH **INTEGRITY**

without compromise



So Potiphar gave Joseph complete administrative responsibility over everything he owned. With Joseph there, he didn't worry about a thing—except what kind of food to eat! Joseph was a very handsome and well-built young man, and Potiphar's wife soon began to look at him lustfully. "Come and sleep with me," she demanded. But Joseph refused. "Look," he told her, "my master trusts me with everything in his entire household. No one here has more authority than I do. He has held back nothing from me except you, because you are his wife.

How could I do such a wicked thing? **It would be a great sin against God.**"

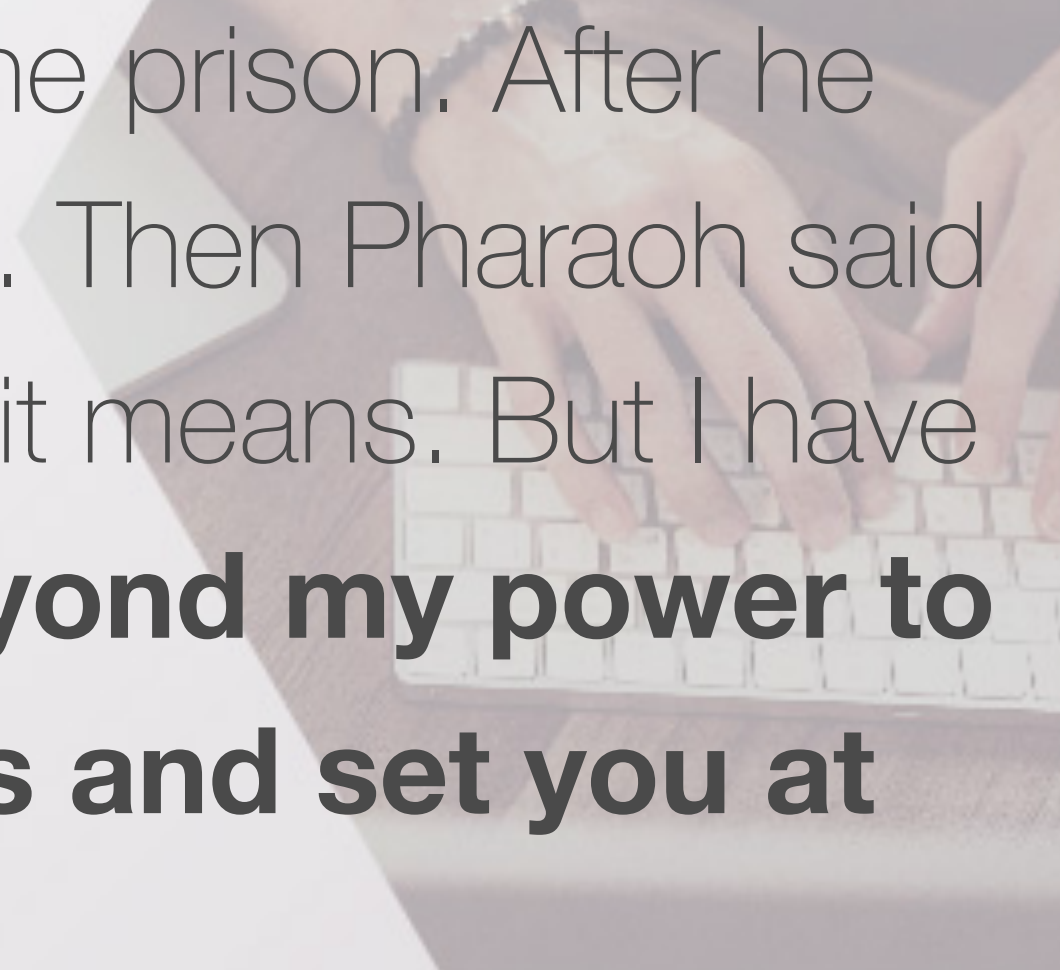
Genesis 39:6-9 (NLT)



DO GOOD WORK WITH **INTEGRITY**

without compromise

without pride

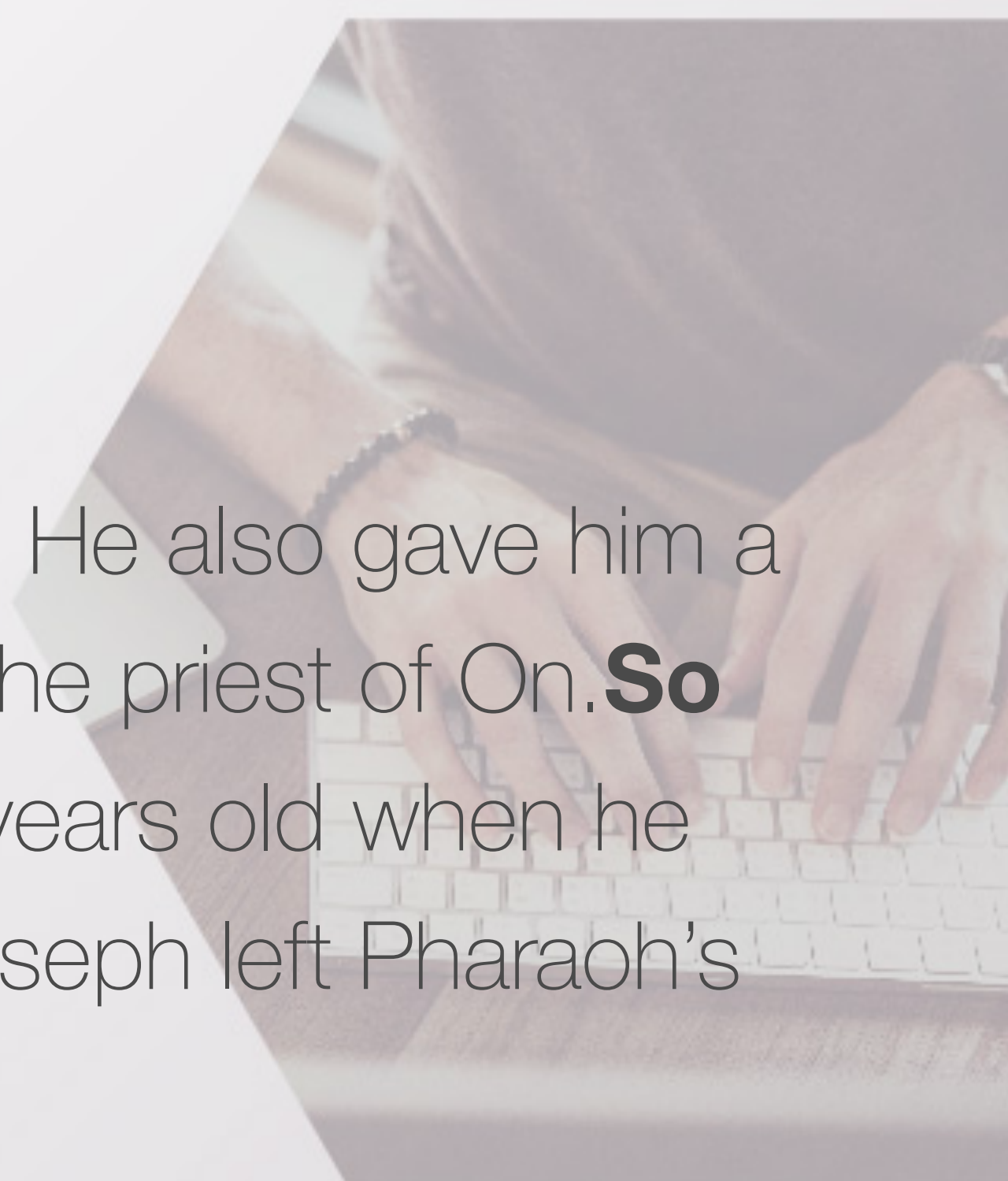


Pharaoh sent for Joseph at once, and he was quickly brought from the prison. After he shaved and changed his clothes, he went in and stood before Pharaoh. Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I had a dream last night, and no one here can tell me what it means. But I have heard that when you hear about a dream you can interpret it.” **“It is beyond my power to do this,” Joseph replied. “But God can tell you what it means and set you at ease.”**

Genesis 41:14-16 (NLT)

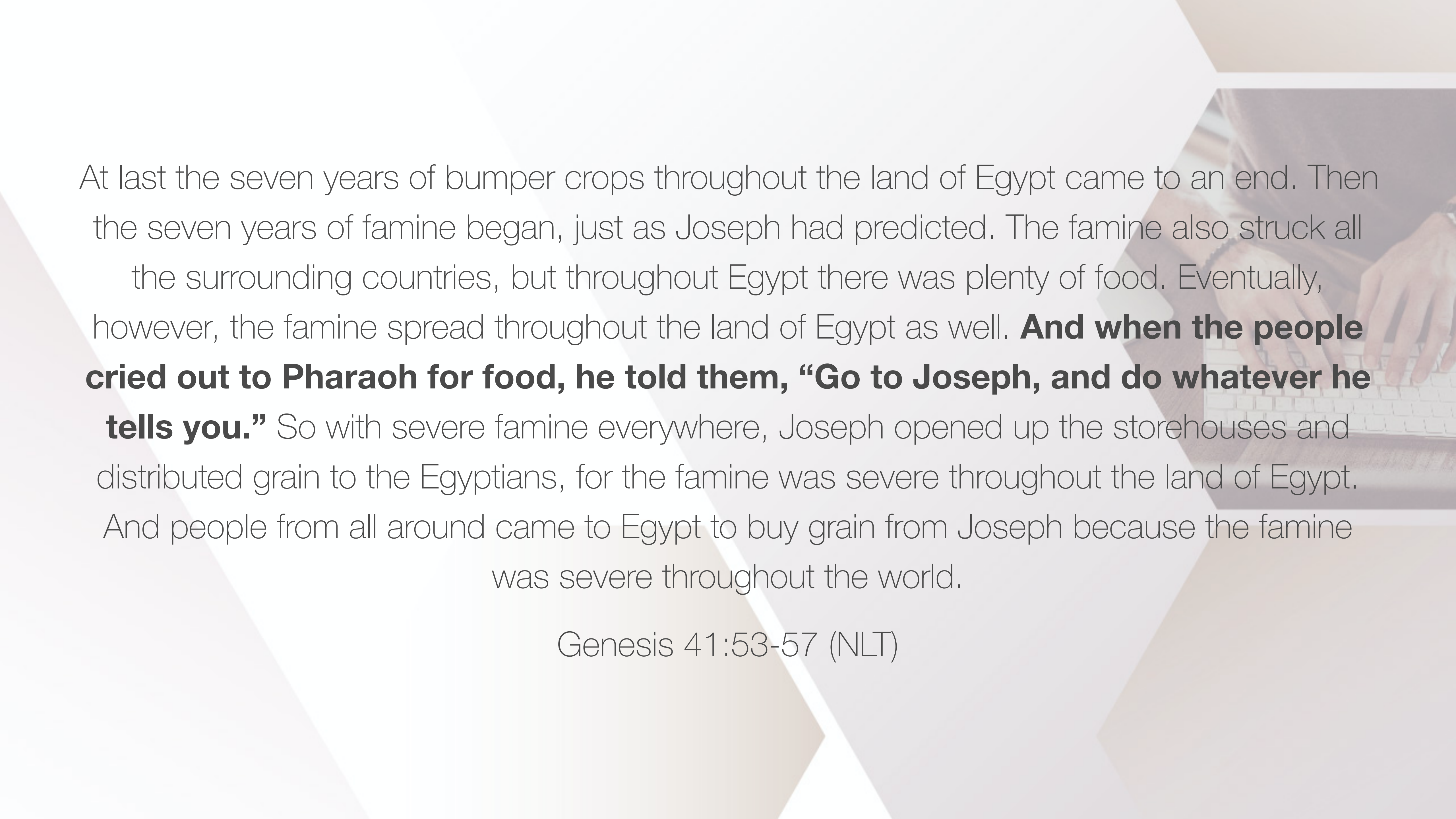
**GOD USED
JOSEPH'S GOOD
WORK WITH
SKILL TO SAVE
THE NATION
FROM FAMINE**





Then Pharaoh gave Joseph a new Egyptian name, Zaphenath-paneah.^[a] He also gave him a wife, whose name was Asenath. She was the daughter of Potiphera, the priest of On. **So Joseph took charge of the entire land of Egypt.** He was thirty years old when he began serving in the court of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. And when Joseph left Pharaoh's presence, he inspected the entire land of Egypt.

Genesis 41:45-46 (NLT)

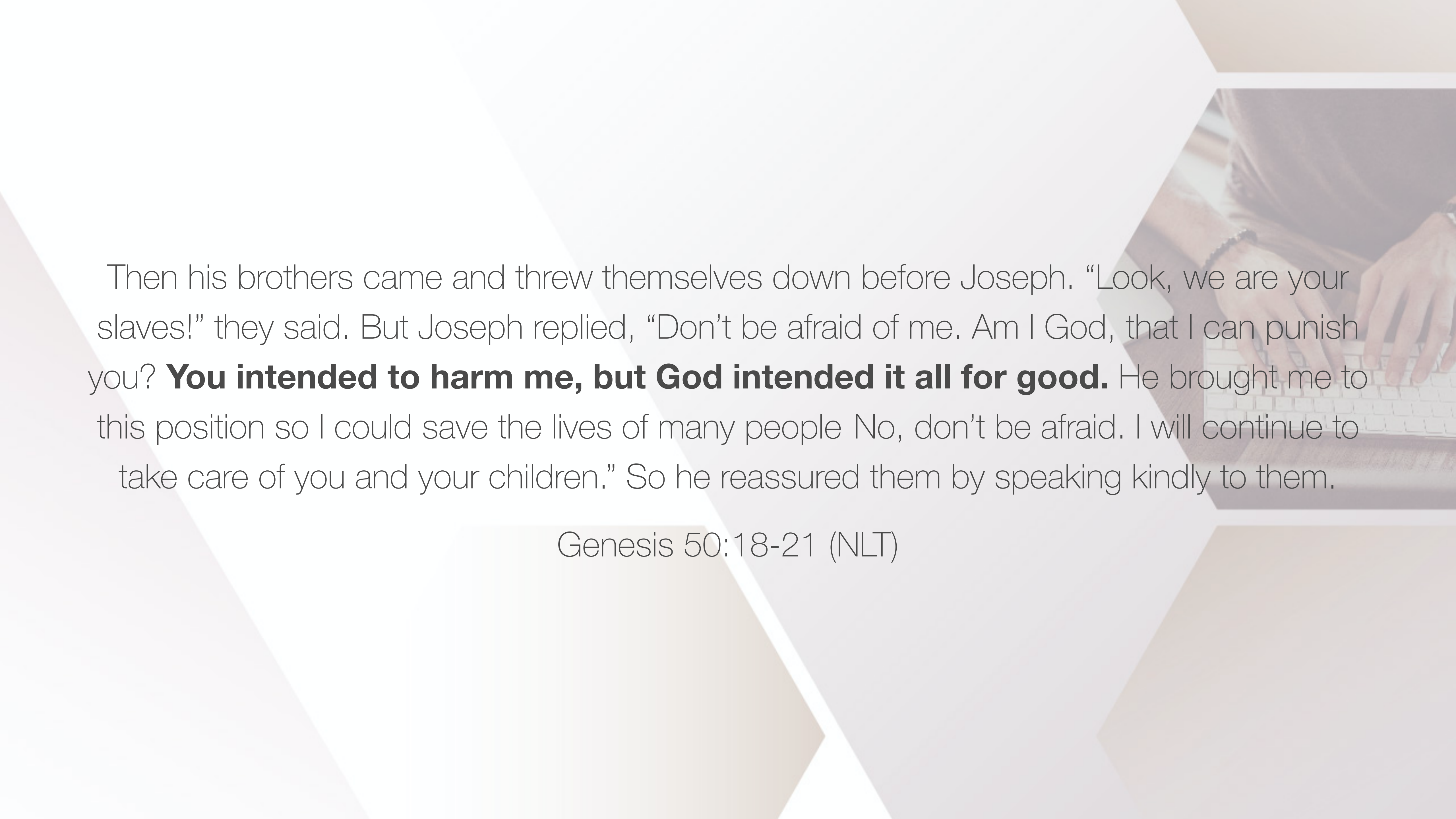


At last the seven years of bumper crops throughout the land of Egypt came to an end. Then the seven years of famine began, just as Joseph had predicted. The famine also struck all the surrounding countries, but throughout Egypt there was plenty of food. Eventually, however, the famine spread throughout the land of Egypt as well. **And when the people cried out to Pharaoh for food, he told them, “Go to Joseph, and do whatever he tells you.”** So with severe famine everywhere, Joseph opened up the storehouses and distributed grain to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe throughout the land of Egypt. And people from all around came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph because the famine was severe throughout the world.

Genesis 41:53-57 (NLT)

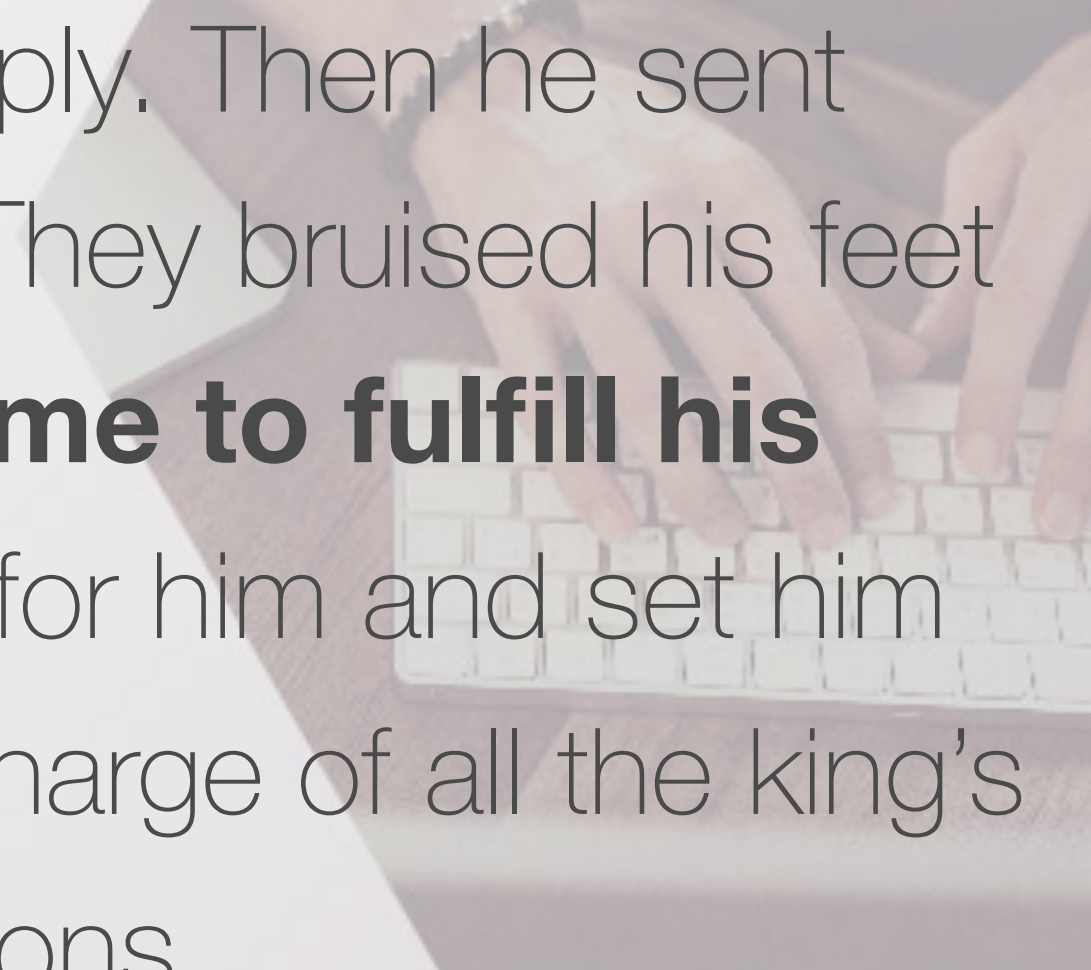
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Then his brothers came and threw themselves down before Joseph. “Look, we are your slaves!” they said. But Joseph replied, “Don’t be afraid of me. Am I God, that I can punish you? **You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good.** He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people. No, don’t be afraid. I will continue to take care of you and your children.” So he reassured them by speaking kindly to them.

Genesis 50:18-21 (NLT)



He called for a famine on the land of Canaan, cutting off its food supply. Then he sent someone to Egypt ahead of them—Joseph, who was sold as a slave. They bruised his feet with fetters and placed his neck in an iron collar. **Until the time came to fulfill his dreams, the Lord tested Joseph's character.** Then Pharaoh sent for him and set him free; the ruler of the nation opened his prison door. Joseph was put in charge of all the king's household; he became ruler over all the king's possessions.

Psalm 105:16-21 (NLT)