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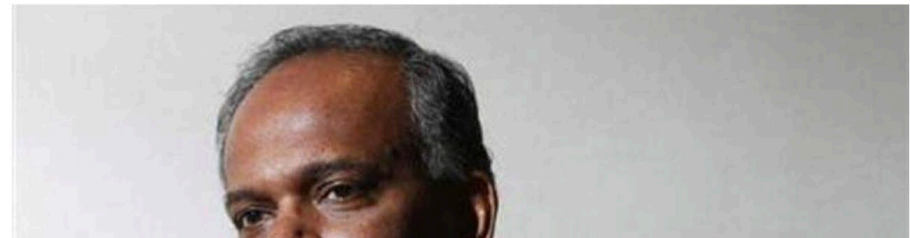
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# Providence

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## Definition of *providence*

- a *often capitalized* : divine guidance or care
- b *capitalized* : God conceived as the power sustaining and guiding human destiny



Gen 50:19-20

<sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

# Joseph the Man

Gen 37:2-4

<sup>2</sup> Joseph, being seventeen years old, was pasturing the flock with his brothers. He was a boy with the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives. And Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. <sup>3</sup> Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his sons, because he was the son of his old age. And he made him a robe of many colors. <sup>4</sup> But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peacefully to him.

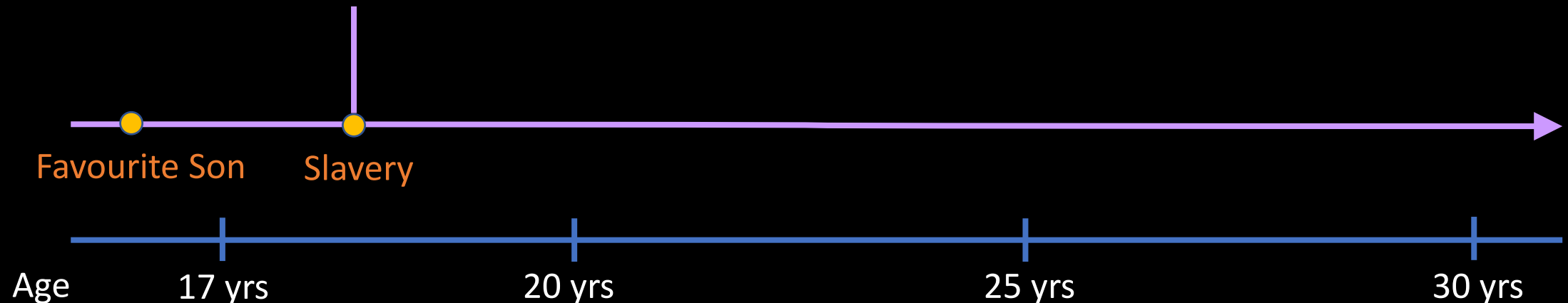




# Joseph the Man

Gen 37:28

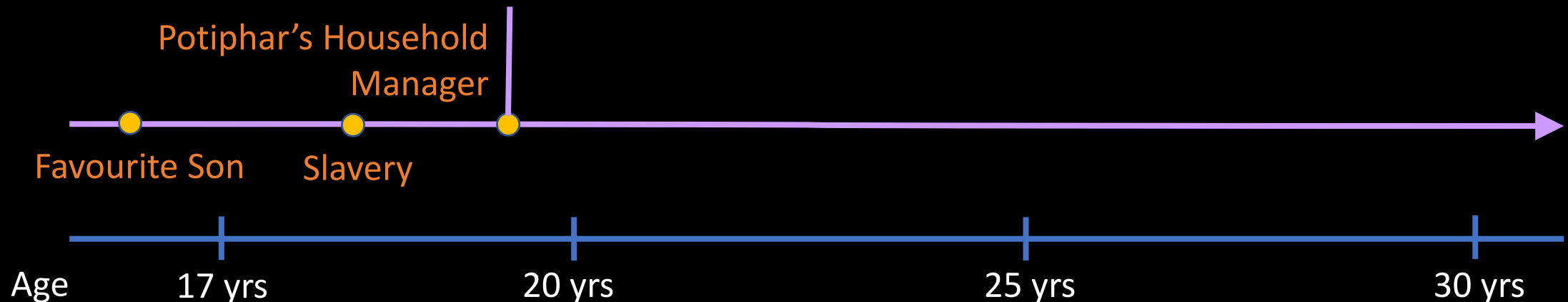
<sup>28</sup> Then Midianite traders passed by. And they drew Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. They took Joseph to Egypt.



# Joseph the Man

Gen 39:1-4

Now Joseph had been brought down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, had bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. **2 The Lord was with Joseph**, and he became a successful man, and he was in the house of his Egyptian master. **3** His master saw that the **Lord was with him and that the Lord caused all that he did to succeed in his hands**. **4** So **Joseph found favor in his sight** and attended him, and he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had.

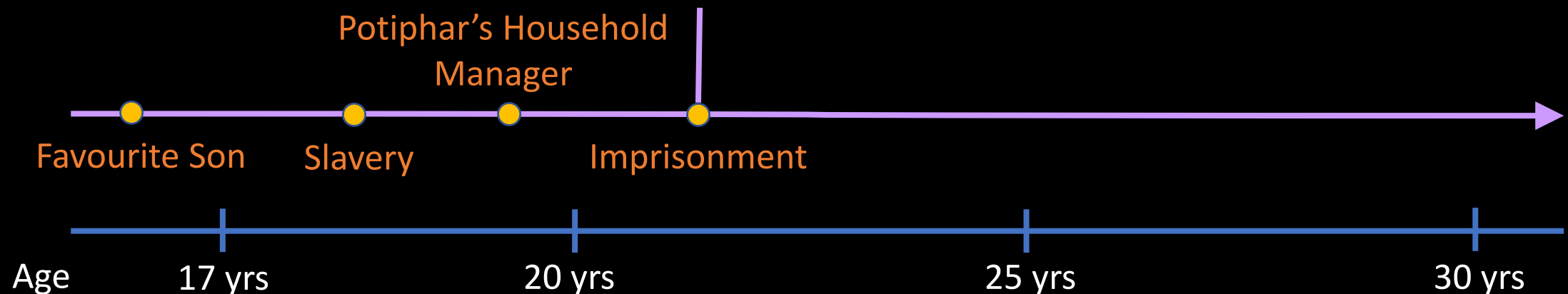




# Joseph the Man

Gen 39:19-20

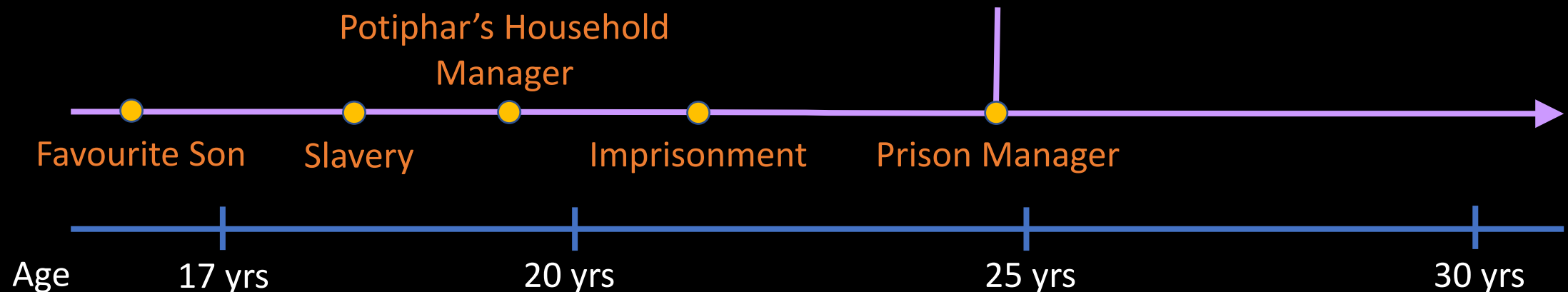
<sup>19</sup> As soon as his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, “This is the way your servant treated me,” his anger was kindled. <sup>20</sup> And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined, and he was there in prison.



# Joseph the Man

Gen 39:21-23

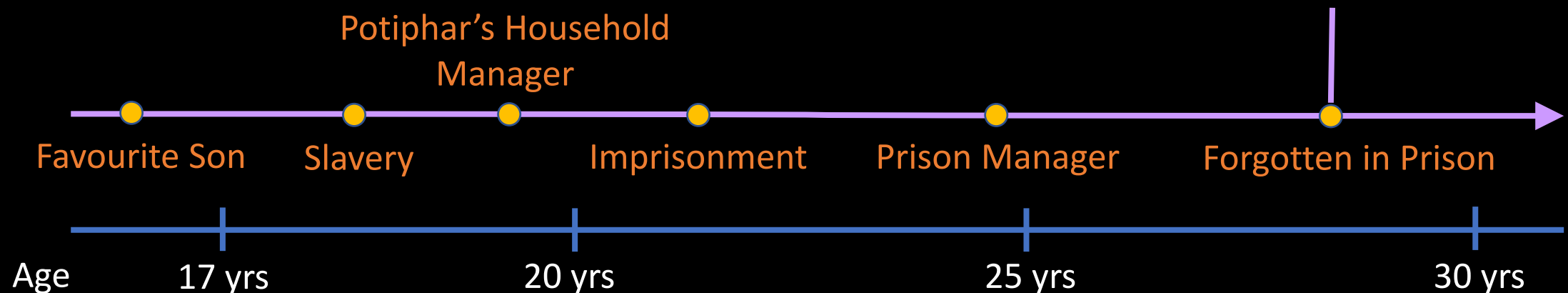
21 But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. 22 And the keeper of the prison put Joseph in charge of all the prisoners who were in the prison. Whatever was done there, he was the one who did it. 23 The keeper of the prison paid no attention to anything that was in Joseph's charge, because the Lord was with him. And whatever he did, the Lord made it succeed.



# Joseph the Man

Gen 40:20-23

<sup>20</sup> On the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday, he made a feast for all his servants and lifted up the head of the chief cupbearer and the head of the chief baker among his servants. <sup>21</sup> He restored the chief cupbearer to his position, and he placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand. <sup>22</sup> But he hanged the chief baker, as Joseph had interpreted to them. <sup>23</sup> Yet the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.

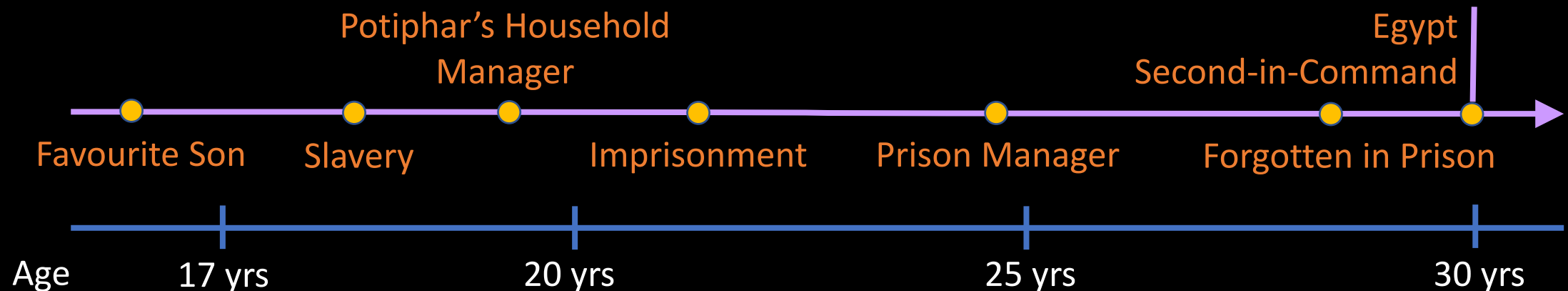


# Joseph the Man

Gen 41:16 Joseph answered Pharaoh, “It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh a favorable answer.”

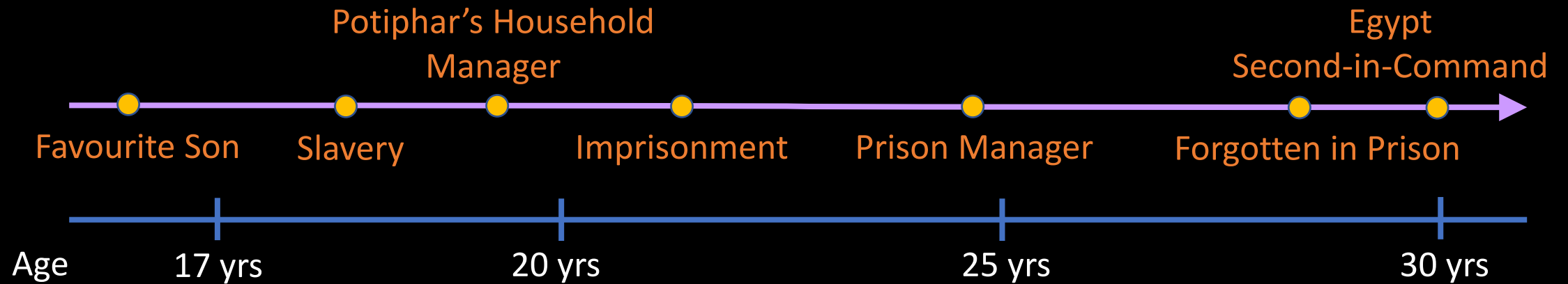
Gen 41:37-40

<sup>37</sup> This proposal pleased Pharaoh and all his servants. <sup>38</sup> And Pharaoh said to his servants, “Can we find a man like this, in whom is the Spirit of God?” <sup>39</sup> Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Since God has shown you all this, there is none so discerning and wise as you are. <sup>40</sup> You shall be over my house, and all my people shall order themselves as you command. Only as regards the throne will I be greater than you.”

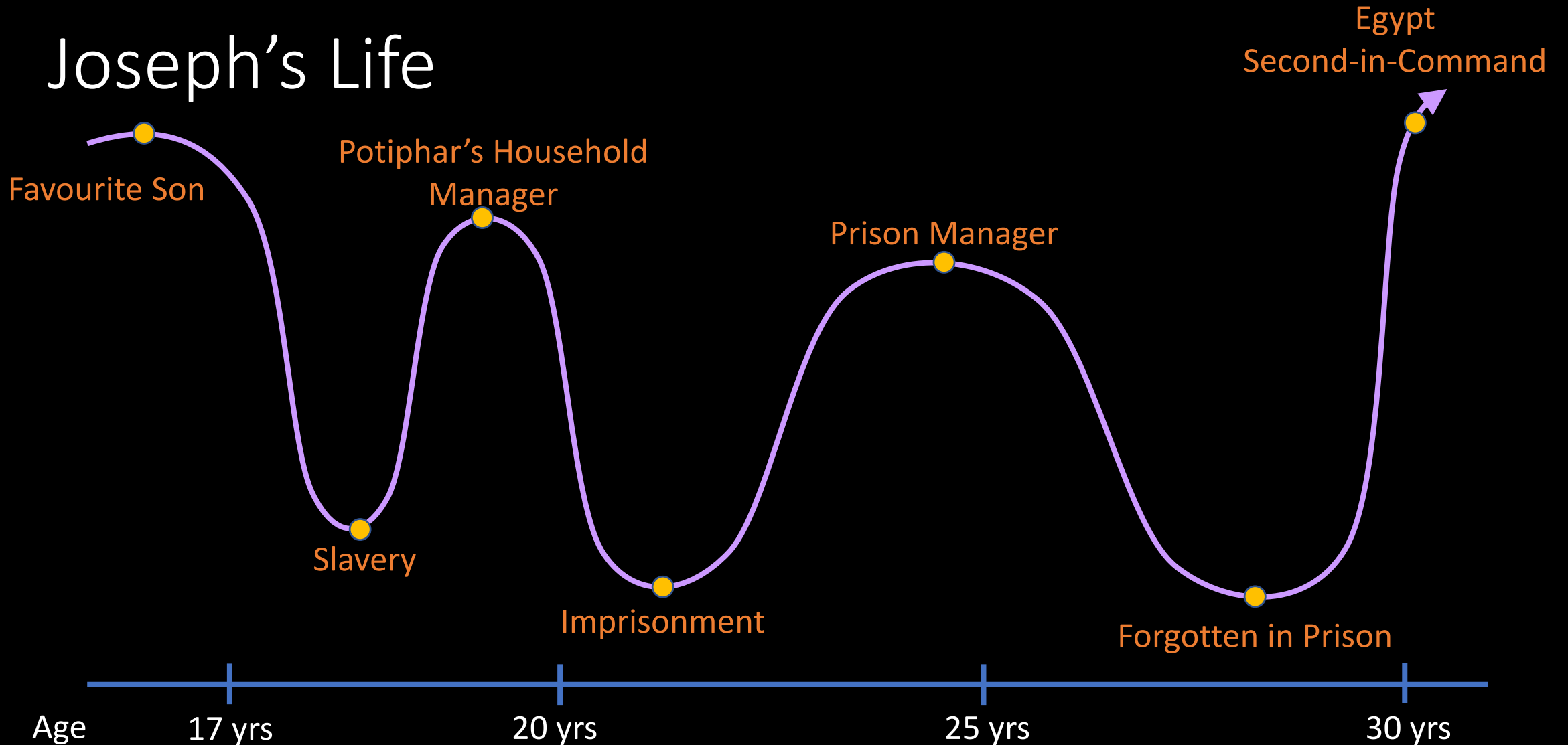




# Joseph's Life

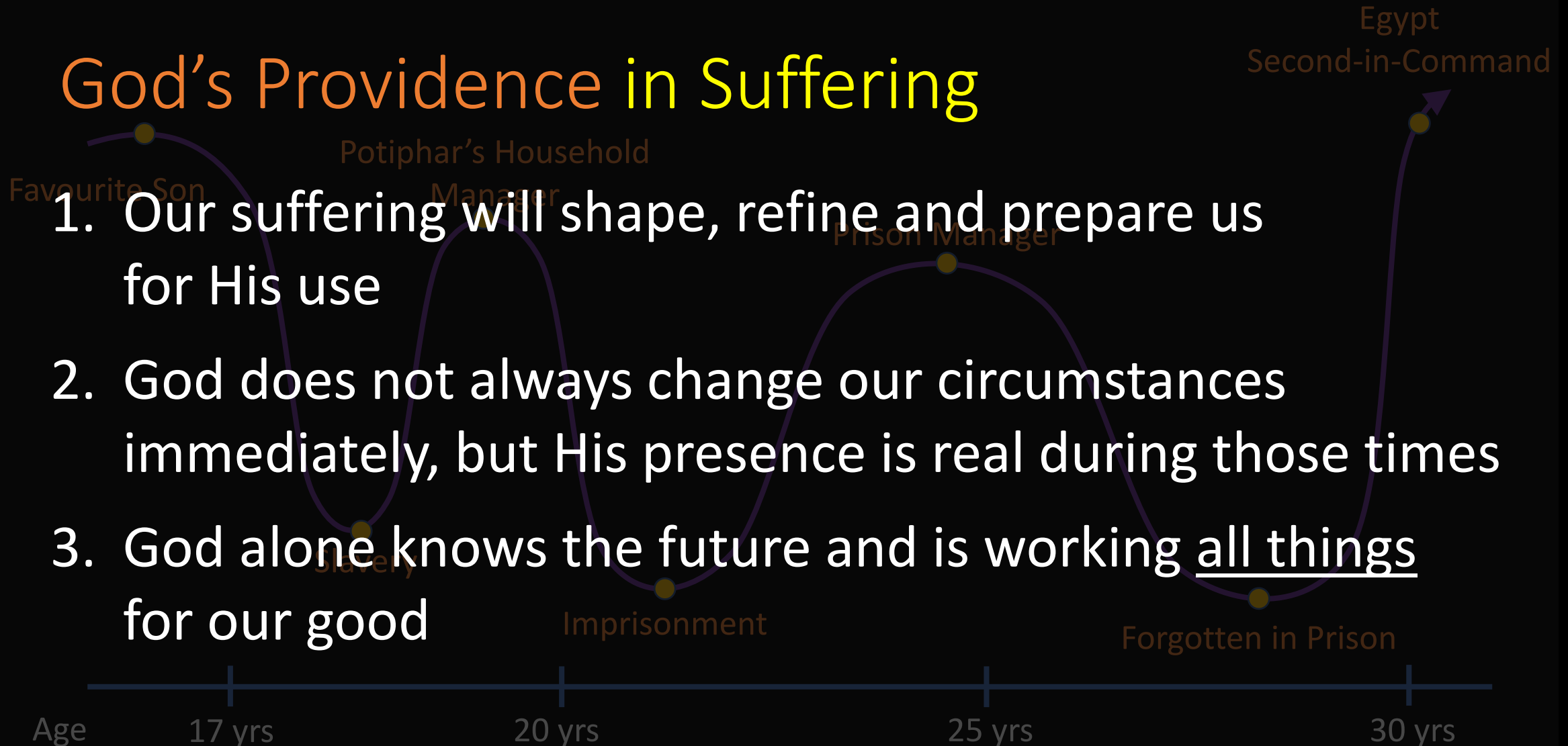


# Joseph's Life



# God's Providence in Suffering

1. Our suffering will shape, refine and prepare us for His use
2. God does not always change our circumstances immediately, but His presence is real during those times
3. God alone knows the future and is working all things for our good



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# Joseph the Brother

Gen 42:6-8

<sup>6</sup> Now Joseph was governor over the land. He was the one who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brothers came and bowed themselves before him with their faces to the ground.<sup>7</sup> Joseph saw his brothers and recognized them, but he treated them like strangers and spoke roughly to them. "Where do you come from?" he said. They said, "From the land of Canaan, to buy food."<sup>8</sup> And Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him.

# Joseph the Brother

Gen 44:6-10

<sup>6</sup> When he overtook them, he spoke to them these words. <sup>7</sup> They said to him, “Why does my lord speak such words as these? Far be it from your servants to do such a thing! <sup>8</sup> Behold, the money that we found in the mouths of our sacks we brought back to you from the land of Canaan. How then could we steal silver or gold from your lord's house? <sup>9</sup> Whichever of your servants is found with it shall die, and we also will be my lord's servants.” <sup>10</sup> He said, “Let it be as you say: he who is found with it shall be my servant, and the rest of you shall be innocent.”



# Joseph the Brother

Gen 44:32-33

<sup>32</sup> For your servant became a pledge of safety for the boy to my father, saying, 'If I do not bring him back to you, then I shall bear the blame before my father all my life.' <sup>33</sup> Now therefore, please let your servant remain instead of the boy as a servant to my lord, and let the boy go back with his brothers.

# God's Providence requires Redemption

1. Redemption is key to receiving God's promises
2. Repentance precedes Redemption
3. No one is beyond Redemption

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# Joseph the Israelite

Gen 47:10-12

<sup>10</sup> And Jacob blessed Pharaoh and went out from the presence of Pharaoh. <sup>11</sup> Then Joseph settled his father and his brothers and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded. <sup>12</sup> And Joseph provided his father, his brothers, and all his father's household with food, according to the number of their dependents.

## God's Providence delivers His Promises

1. We are placed in positions to bless those around us
2. God will fulfil His Promises in spite of us
3. God often works on a different time scale

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Heb 11:22

<sup>22</sup> By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

Gen 50:24

<sup>24</sup> And Joseph said to his brothers, “I am about to die, but God will visit you and bring you up out of this land to the land that he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.” <sup>25</sup> Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, “God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here.”







Gen 45:5-8

<sup>5</sup> And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life.

<sup>6</sup> For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup> And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors.

<sup>8</sup> So it was not you who sent me here, but God.





