

A vintage television set with a dark wood-grain finish. The screen displays the text "The God Whose Plans Don't Fit in a Sitcom" in a large, bold, black serif font. To the right of the screen is a control panel with a speaker grille at the top, followed by a vertical column of five buttons labeled "Pull On Volume", "Push On-Lock Color", "Push AFT Test", "Bright", and "Color". To the right of these buttons are two large circular dials. The top dial is labeled "VHF" and has numbers 1 through 12. The bottom dial is labeled "UHF" and has numbers 1 through 12. The text is centered on the screen.

**The God Whose  
Plans Don't Fit in  
a Sitcom**

## **Romans 15:4**

**4** For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.



A vintage, dark-colored television set is shown against a white background. The screen displays the name "Abram" in a large, bold, black serif font. To the right of the screen, the control panel features a speaker grille at the top, followed by several knobs and buttons for channel selection, volume, and other functions.

**Abram**

## Genesis 12:1-3

<sup>1</sup> Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”



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## **Genesis 21:2**

**2** And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age at the time of which God had spoken to him.



## **Genesis 21:5**

<sup>5</sup> Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.



**Isaac won't be born for another**

**25 years!**



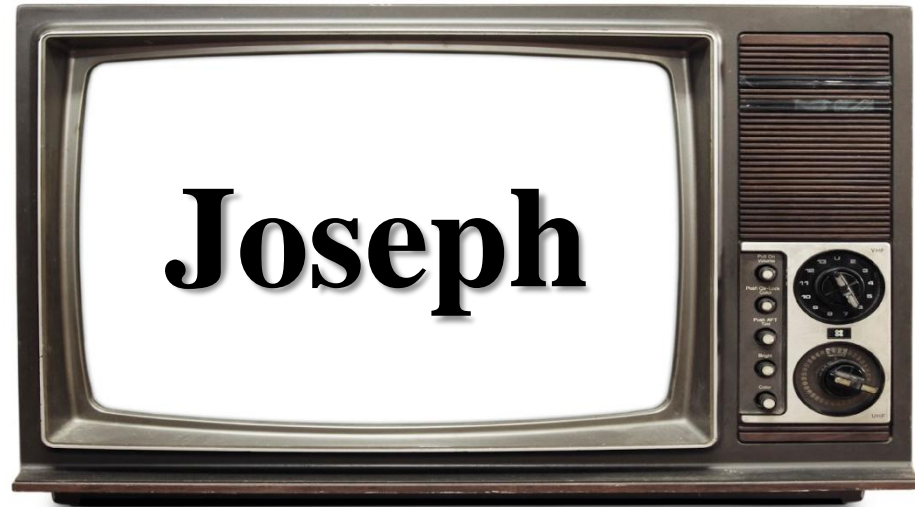




**Joseph**  
**17 yrs. old**

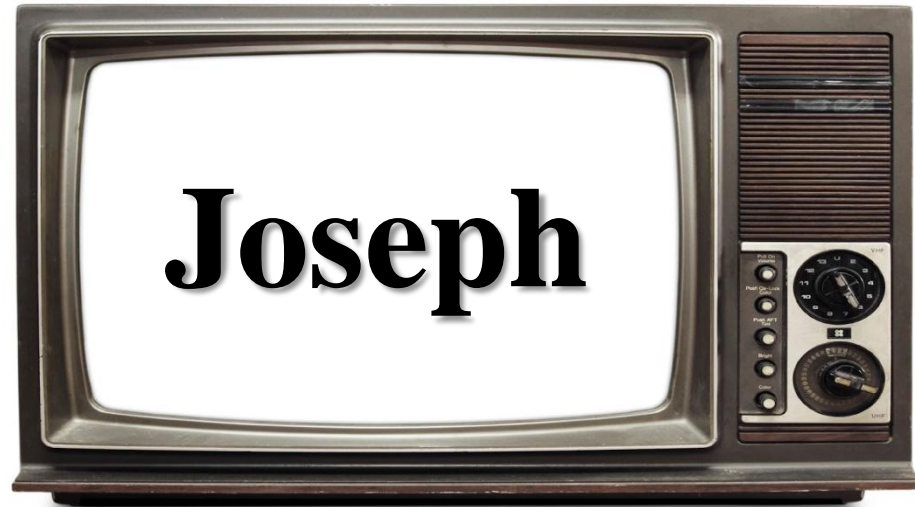
## **Genesis 40:1**

<sup>1</sup> Some time after this, the cupbearer of the king of Egypt and his baker committed an offense against their lord the king of Egypt.



## **Genesis 40:23**

**23** Yet the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.



# Genesis 41:1

<sup>1</sup> After **two whole years**, Pharaoh dreamed that he was standing by the Nile...





**The people of  
Israel**

## **Exodus 1:7**

<sup>7</sup> But the people of Israel were fruitful and increased greatly; they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, so that the land was filled with them.





**550 years**

**since God promised Abram!**



## Genesis 15:13

<sup>13</sup> Then the LORD said to Abram, “Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for **four hundred years.**”



## **Exodus 2:23-24**

**23** During those many days the king of Egypt died, and the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help. Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God. **24** And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.





**Moses**

## Acts 7:30

<sup>30</sup> “Now when **forty years** had passed, an angel appeared to him in the wilderness of Mount Sinai, in a flame of fire in a bush.”



## **Exodus 12:40-41**

<sup>40</sup> The time that the people of Israel lived in Egypt was **430 years**. <sup>41</sup> At the end of 430 years, on that very day, all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.







**Moses**

**40 years**

## Numbers 14:34

<sup>34</sup> “According to the number of the days in which you spied out the land, forty days, **a year for each day**, you shall bear your iniquity **forty years**, and you shall know my displeasure.”



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**Joshua**

## **Joshua 21:43-45**

**43** Thus the LORD gave to Israel all the land that he swore to give to their fathers. And they took possession of it, and they settled there. **44** And the LORD gave them rest on every side just as he had sworn to their fathers...



## **Joshua 21:43-45**

<sup>44</sup> Not one of all their enemies had withstood them, for the LORD had given all their enemies into their hands. <sup>45</sup> Not one word of all the good promises that the LORD had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass.



**600 years**

**since God promised Abram!**





**Noah**





**Noah**

**370 days**

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**Gideon**

## **Judges 6:13**

**13** And Gideon said to him, “Please, sir, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all his wonderful deeds that our fathers recounted to us, saying, ‘Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?’ But now the LORD has forsaken us and given us into the hand of Midian.”



A vintage, dark-colored television set is shown against a white background. The screen displays the name "Naomi" in a large, bold, black serif font. To the right of the screen, the control panel features a speaker grille at the top, followed by a vertical column of five buttons labeled "MUTE", "POWER", "CHANNEL", "VOLUME", and "TUNING". Below these buttons are two circular dials: the upper one is labeled "CHANNEL" and the lower one is labeled "VOLUME".

**Naomi**

## **Ruth 1:20-21**

<sup>20</sup> She said to them, “Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. <sup>21</sup> I went away full, and the LORD has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi, when the LORD has testified against me and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?”





**Hannah**



## **1 Samuel 1:6-7**

<sup>6</sup> And her rival used to provoke her grievously to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. <sup>7</sup> So it went on year by year. As often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat.



A vintage, dark-colored television set is shown against a white background. The screen displays the name "Daniel" in a large, bold, black serif font. To the right of the screen, there is a control panel with several knobs and buttons, including a volume knob, a channel selector, and a power button. The television has a classic, boxy design typical of the mid-20th century.

**Daniel**

## **Daniel 9:2**

<sup>2</sup> ...in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, perceived in the books the number of years that, according to the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet, must pass before the end of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years.



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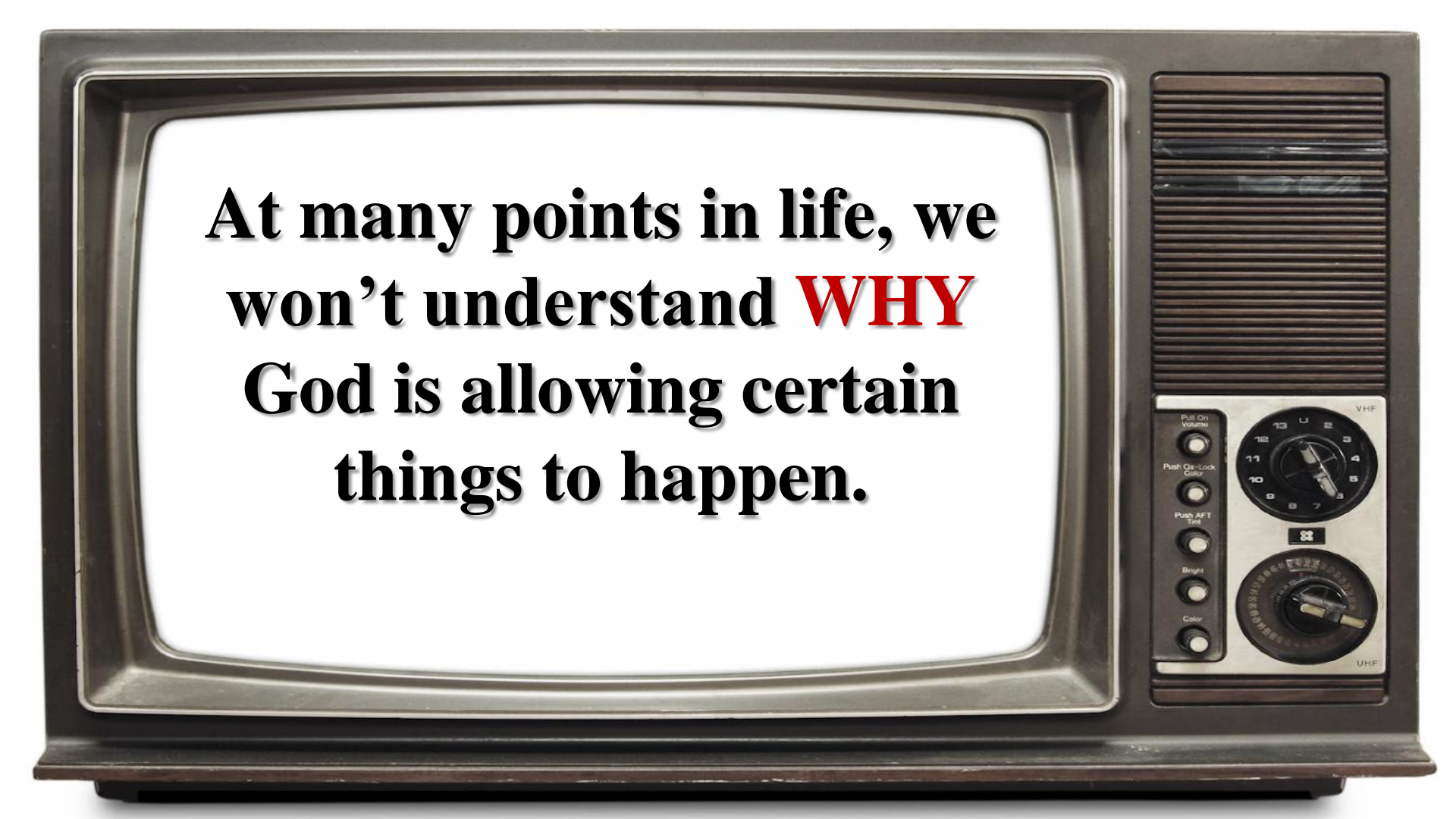


**At pivotal moments  
in life, these people had no  
idea **WHAT** God was  
doing;**




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**At pivotal moments  
in life, these people had no  
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doing;  
some times,  
neither will we.**

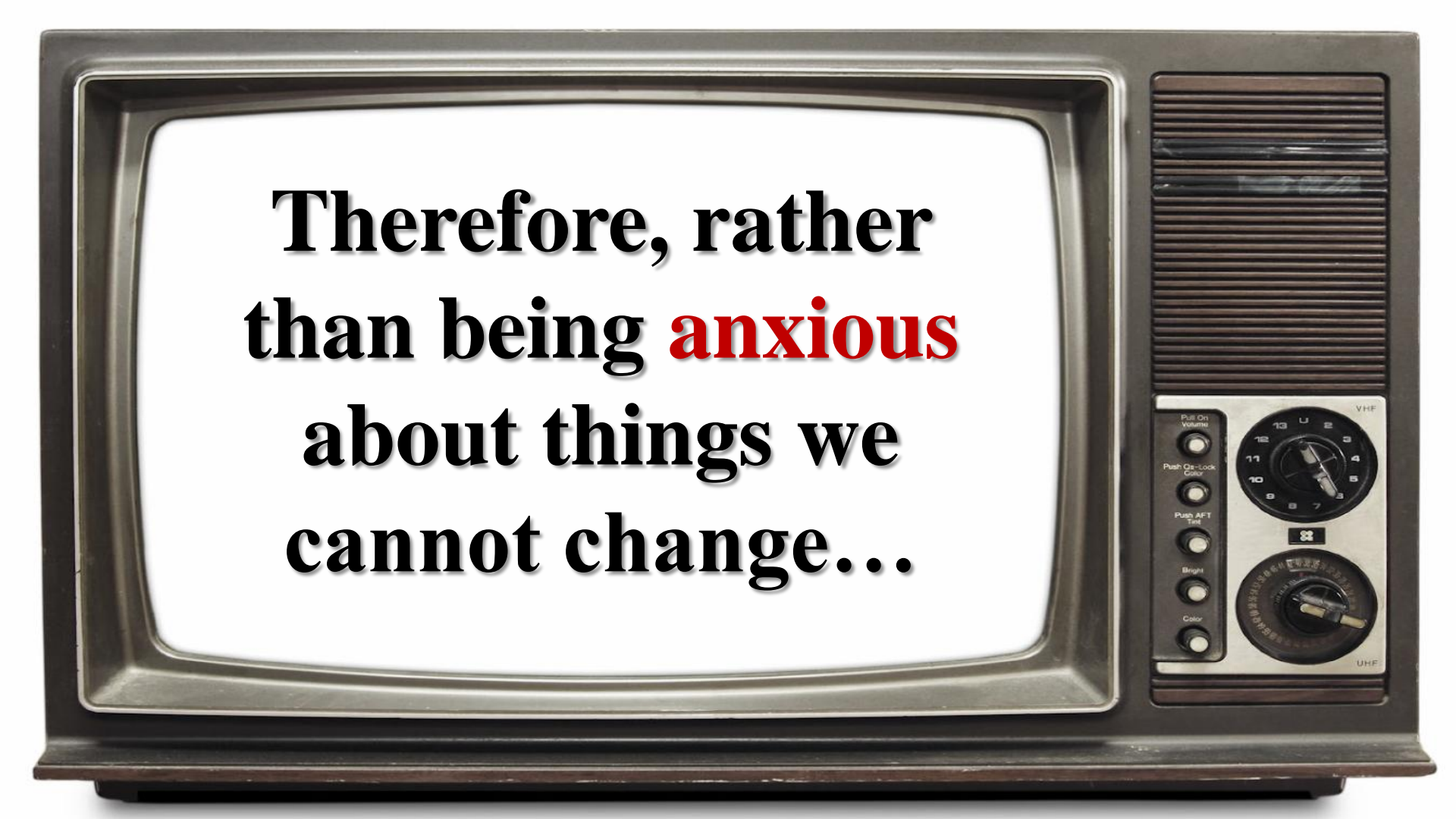
A vintage television set with a dark wood-grain finish. The screen displays a message in a bold, black, serif font. The word 'WHY' is highlighted in red. The right side of the television features a control panel with several knobs and buttons, including a volume knob, a channel selector, and a tuning knob. The screen is the central focus, showing the text clearly against a white background.

**At many points in life, we  
won't understand **WHY**  
God is allowing certain  
things to happen.**



A vintage television set with a dark wood-grain finish. The screen displays a message in bold black and red text. The right side of the TV features a speaker grille and a control panel with various knobs and buttons.

**And yet, the clear  
testimony of Scripture is  
that God **loves** you and he  
**knows perfectly** what he's  
doing.**



**Therefore, rather  
than being **anxious**  
about things we  
cannot change...**

A vintage television set with a dark wood-grain finish. The screen displays a message in a bold, black, serif font. The word 'seek' is highlighted in red. The control panel on the right side of the television is visible, featuring several knobs and buttons for volume, color, and channel selection.

...let's make sure  
to **seek** him while  
he may be found.

<sup>8</sup> “For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.  
<sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.





<sup>6</sup> “Seek the LORD while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;  
<sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the LORD, that he may have  
compassion on him,  
and to our God,  
for he will  
abundantly pardon.”

