Joseph's ups and downs

Joseph (Gen 37-45) had some high and low periods in his life.

In the lows, he had to wait upon God. Of course God did not forget Joseph, and Joseph's faithful waiting was rewarded.

The graph below represents Joseph's ups and downs. But a chart of your life would show similar highs and lows. You too need to be patient with God and wait upon him. He did not forget Joseph, and he won't forget you.

1~Favoured son of Jacob,
2~Sold into slavery,
3~Made overseer in Potiphar’s house,
4~In prison after resisting Potiphar’s wife,
5~Made overseer of the prisoners,
6~Chief butler forgets him,
7~Chief butler remembers him,
8~Interprets Pharaoh’s dreams,
9~Made governor of all Egypt.

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Patience and Faith

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We began our studies on “patience” by looking at God's patience toward us (see Patience and Grace). We can now consider our patience toward God. First lets look at patience and faith.

The Bible links together "the patience and the faith of the saints" (Rev 13:10).

God's providence toward you and me and all mankind is such that we must trust God, keep his word, and wait upon him.

So our patience toward God goes hand in hand with our faith in him.

One of the descriptions of patience in the Bible says, "Here is the patience of the saints... those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus" (Rev 14:12).

In faith and hope we "by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality —eternal life" (Rom 2:7). This is the nature of our patience toward God.