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THE BEAUTY AND ADVENTURE OF THE LONG JOURNEY





Psa 139:13-14 (NIV)

“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.”



POWER AND BEAUTY OF THE LONG JOURNEY

**“from where he sits enthroned
he looks out on all the
inhabitants of the earth, he
who fashions the hearts of
them all and observes all their
deeds.”**

(Psa 33:14-15, ESV)



“the heart is the location of our inmost thoughts and desires and inclinations.”



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ESV

“for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.”

NLT

“For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.”



MSG

““That energy is God's energy, an energy deep within you, God himself willing and working at what will give him the most pleasure.”



Php. 2:13



PROVERBS 21:1

(ESV)

“The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD; he turns it wherever he will.”

(GNB)

“The LORD controls the mind of a king as easily as he directs the course of a stream.”

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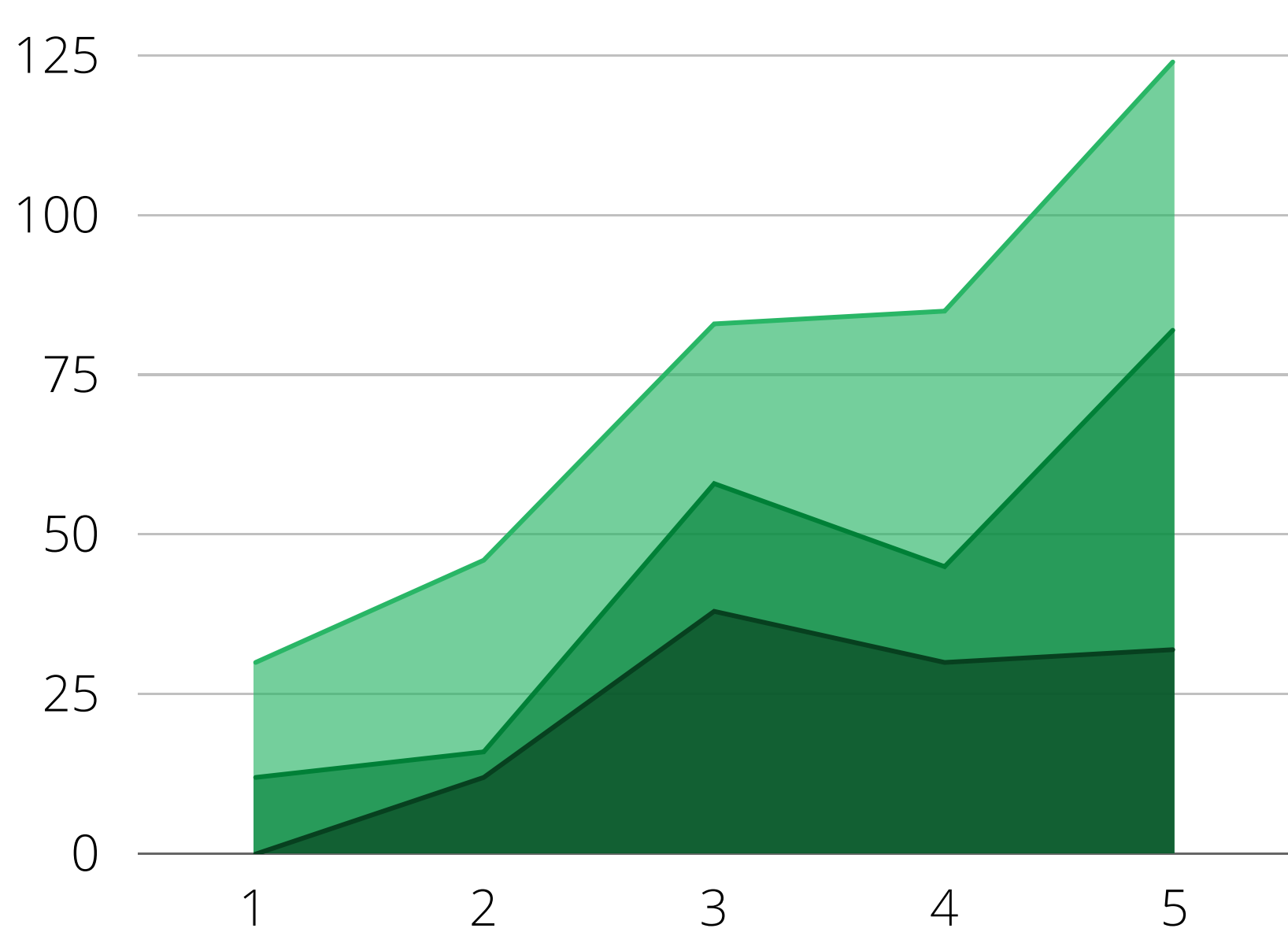




PHP. 2:13 NLT

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YOU DON'T CONTROL YOUR OWN LIFE

Jer 10:23 (NirV)

**“LORD, I know that a man
doesn't control his own life.
He doesn't direct his own
steps.”**





THANK YOU

“Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”

(2Co 12:9-10, ESV)





PROVERBS 20:24

(ESV)

“A man's steps are from the LORD; how then can man understand his way?”

(TPT)

“It is the Lord who directs your life, for each step you take is ordained by God to bring you closer to your destiny. So much of your life, then, remains a mystery!”

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Genesis 45:4-5, 8

“I am your brother Joseph WHOM YOU SOLD
into slavery in Egypt....

IT WAS GOD WHO SENT ME HERE....”



**LET'S ENJOY THE MYSTERY
BECAUSE THROUGH YOU
HE IS MAKING HISTORY**

MYSTERY AND HISTORY

Pro 16:9 (ESV)

**"The heart of man plans his way, but
the LORD establishes his steps."**

Pro 16:9 (TPT)

**"Within your heart you can make
plans for your future, but the Lord
chooses the steps you take to get
there."**

DEUTERONOMY 8:2
(NRSV)

'REMEMBER THE LONG WAY THAT THE LORD YOUR GOD HAS LED YOU THESE FORTY YEARS IN THE WILDERNESS, IN ORDER TO HUMBLE YOU, TESTING YOU TO KNOW WHAT WAS IN YOUR HEART, WHETHER OR NOT YOU WOULD KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS.'



MAT 24:12-13
ESV)

**“AND BECAUSE LAWLESSNESS WILL BE
INCREASED, THE LOVE OF MANY WILL GROW
COLD. BUT THE ONE WHO ENDURES TO THE
END WILL BE SAVED.”**





LOVE **ENDURES ALL THINGS**

**“Love bears all things,
believes all things, hopes all
things, endures all things.
Love never ends.”**

(1Co 13:7-8, ESV)





LOVE

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“So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.”

(Gen 29:20, ESV)

