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I see several parallels between Patrick and the Biblical Joseph. Both were sold into slavery as teenagers. God spoke to both of them through dreams. Both showed the love of God to people who had treated them very badly. Both had significant influence on later generations and cultures.

In the 6th century, one of Patrick's spiritual descendants established a Christian training center on Iona, a small island between Ireland and Scotland. From Iona, missionaries went to Scotland.

In the 7th century, an Irish missionary from Iona brought Christianity to the Anglo Saxons in Northumbria (northern England). Within a century, the Anglo Saxons (who become known as the English) had become Christian. From there Christianity spread to non-Christian people groups in northern Europe.



Coffee/tea thought: Take a moment to ponder God's amazing ways, how he can use his children's steps of obedience to bless many others, often across centuries and cultures.

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真正的聖帕特里克(5)

我看到帕特里克和聖經裡的約瑟有幾許相似之處。兩人都在青少年時被賣為奴隸。上帝在夢裡和他們說話。兩者都向那些惡劣地對待他們的人展示了上帝的愛。兩者都對後代和文化產生了重大影響。

主後第六世紀，帕特里克的一位屬靈後裔在艾奧那（愛爾蘭和蘇格蘭之間的一個小島）建立了一個基督教訓練中心。從艾奧那，傳教士前往蘇格蘭。

主後第七世紀，來自艾奧那的一位愛爾蘭傳教士將基督教帶到了諾桑比亞（英格蘭北部）的盎格魯撒克遜人。短短一個世紀之內，盎格魯撒克遜人（現稱為英國人）已成為基督徒。基督教從那裡傳揚到北歐的非基督教人群。



隨想：花一點時間思想上帝奇妙的方式，神用祂兒女順從的腳步來祝福許多其他人，通常跨越幾個世紀和多重文化。

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