

# Where's Your Chair?

Genesis 37 25-36



O seed of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen.  
He is the Lord our God; his judgements are in all the earth.  
Psalm 105:6-7

## **Praising:**

Through many dangers, toils and  
snares  
I have already come;  
'tis grace has brought me safe  
thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

## **Reading:**

Genesis 37:25-36  
Joseph is sold into slavery

They may have pulled back from their plan to kill Joseph, but with apparent ease the brothers decide instead to sell him into slavery and to lie about doing so. It's almost as though they are taking the moral high ground. When his brothers lift him out of the pit, perhaps Joseph thinks his ordeal is over. Actually what this sequence of events symbolises is the fact that from this point on there is no turning back for

Joseph. Everything has been taken out of his hands: his brothers have gone, his father has gone, his coat has gone. As Christ left heaven behind, so Joseph leaves what is familiar to him behind. Those God calls to his service generally find themselves in a completely new situation where all that's left open to them is to look desperately to God.

## **Listening:**

## **Praying:**

Looking back over what's been unplanned and unexpected in our lives

- we thank God for seeing us through to the other side of those experiences
- we ask to learn the lessons of faith and perseverance which they taught us
- and we yield ourselves once more to the greater will and purpose of almighty God

Father: at times it's been hard to trust that you've been there with me, and yet looking back now it's clear that you were, that you are and that you will always will be.  
Amen

## **Doing:**

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