

# Where's Your Chair?

Genesis 37 1-11



O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;  
make his deeds known among the peoples.  
Psalm 105:1

## **Praising:**

Faithful Shepherd, feed me  
in the pastures green;  
faithful Shepherd, lead me  
where your steps are seen.

## **Reading:**

Genesis 37:1-11  
Joseph the favourite son

The teenaged Joseph doesn't make things easy for himself. Telling tales about his brothers is not a good start. Wearing the infamous coat was a fairly brazen declaration to all who would listen that he was the golden boy. Jacob shouldn't have had a favourite of course, but Joseph didn't have to flaunt it. Then there were the dreams. What was Joseph doing announcing to his brothers that there would come a time when they would bow down to him? Jacob is far from thrilled

when Joseph sees fit to include him in the news, although Jacob does turn what he is told over in his mind. If Joseph is to emerge from this story as any kind of servant of God, or any kind of spiritual example to us, he is not off to a very promising start!

## **Listening:**

## **Praying:**

We acknowledge before God that we can be

- quick to judge, quick to condemn and quick to blacken people's reputations
- full of our own importance and sometimes the first to puff ourselves up
- all too ready to show off, even with the gifts God has given us

Father: save me from the temptation to be self-righteous or arrogant and forgive me for those times when I have lorded it over those around me, maybe without even realising it. Amen

## **Doing:**