

# Where's Your Chair?

Genesis 37 12-24



Take me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me; for you are my strength.  
Into your hands I commend my spirit for you have redeemed me, o Lord God of truth.  
Psalm 31:4-5

## **Praising:**

Lead us heavenly Father, lead us  
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed  
us,  
for we have no help but three;  
yet possessing every blessing,  
if our God our Father be.

## **Reading:**

Genesis 37:12-24  
Joseph's brothers plot to kill him

Any query about why Joseph had been kept so far away from his brothers is quickly answered when eventually he meets up with them all again. Lying at the bottom of that pit, the dream of people bowing down to him must have seemed a long way off to Joseph, if not a delusion from the start. He wasn't to know at that stage, that had it not been for the conscience of Reuben he would

already be dead. Rather like the disciples in the Gospels who saw Jesus chiefly in terms of their own personal and political wish-lists, part of Joseph desperately wanted the prophecy to come to pass. But if Joseph thought God would make his dreams come true any way quickly, he had another thing coming. God was in charge of the timetable, not Joseph.

## **Listening:**

## **Praying:**

We see ourselves  
• wanting what we want from God, rather than what God wants for us  
• following Christ on our terms, rather than on his impatient and frustrated, rather than trusting in the timing and choosing of the Spirit

Father: you have a plan and a purpose for my life and I ask for wisdom to trust and believe that in the end you will put me where you want me to be. Amen

## **Doing:**