

# Where's Your Chair?

Genesis 39 1-6



May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in his works;  
He looks on the earth and it trembles; he touches the mountains and they smoke.  
Psalm 104:33-34

## **Praising:**

The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

## **Reading:**

Genesis 39:1-6  
Joseph makes a good impression

Having been sold a second time, Joseph finds himself stripped of everything. But in that state of feeling utterly dispossessed and entirely alone, the Lord is with Joseph. In a new place and surrounded by new people, he is forced to make a completely new start. But the Lord is on hand to bless Joseph, so much so that even the godless Egyptian Potiphar can see it. Joseph's dream has not gone away, but this is not the time to assert his

claim to greatness. Instead, Joseph's other gifts and talents are given a chance to flourish, and at least for now Joseph enjoys a period not just of respite but of personal success. He is starting from the bottom up, but his obedience and conscientiousness are rewarded and they reflect well on the God of the Hebrews.

## **Listening:**

## **Praying:**

We acknowledge the opportunities God has given us

- you bless us with abilities and qualities we hardly see in ourselves
- you show us ways we can use those gifts to your honour and glory
- you let us enjoy the fruits of our labours and call us to use them generously

Father: I see what you have made me good at. Make me even better at it I pray, and give me new ways to put what I can do well at your divine disposal.  
Amen

## **Doing:**