

Where's Your Chair?

Genesis 47 1-12



When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter and our tongue with songs of joy.
Psalm 126:1-2

Praising:

Light of the lonely pilgrim's heart,
Star of the coming day,
arise, and with thy morning
beams
chase all our griefs away.

Reading:

Genesis 47:1-12
Joseph presents his brothers to
Pharaoh

Much is revealed by the fact that Joseph is not afraid to present his brothers directly to Pharaoh and to be upfront about the fact that they are lowly shepherds. As an occupation or lifestyle, shepherding was an abomination to the Egyptians. Such is the respect in which Joseph is held in the land of Egypt and before the person of Pharaoh himself, that Joseph is confident that even their family business will not be

held against them. Joseph's trust and honesty is rewarded. Pharaoh not only gives the brothers and Jacob the prized area of Goshen in which to settle, he offers the brothers work tending Pharaoh's prized herd of cattle. We can only imagine what it must have meant to the brothers to be presented before Pharaoh by Joseph, and without any mention of their past misdemeanour!

Listening:

Praying:

When we are conscious Lord that we don't fit, help us to see

- that our gifts, skills and personalities are your blessing to us and all that we ever need
- that honesty is always the best policy and that who we are is always enough
- that you are always ready with new possibilities for service and new things for us to do

Father: when uncertainty comes, when I go to new places and meet new people, reassure me with the knowledge that in Christ you knew exactly how I feel.
Amen

Doing: