

Where's Your Chair?

Genesis 50



You are the God who worked wonders and declared your power among the peoples.
With a mighty arm you redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph.
Psalm 77:14-15

Praising:

This spotless robe the same
appears,
when ruined nature sinks in
years;
no age can change its glorious
hue,
the robe of Christ is ever new.

Reading:

Genesis 50
Jacob's death and Joseph's final
days

The brothers have a lingering
concern that with their father
dead and buried, Joseph might
now turn on them and get his own
back at last. Whether Jacob did
actually give the brothers a
message, or whether the brothers
made that part up, at some level
they still mistrusted Joseph – at
least a little. Joseph's tears must
be an expression of how hurt he

feels at their suggestion. Yet
having already forgiven them for
what they had done all those
years before, he finds it in his
heart to forgive them now all over
again for thinking ill of him.
However Joseph does take care
to impress upon his brothers that
his forgiveness is not nearly so
important as God's. Yes, the
brothers had meant it for evil, but
God in his mercy and mystery
had meant it for good.

Listening:

Praying:

We ask God to sponge away our
regrets and resentments

- the years we feel we have
wasted before discovering
God's call on our lives
- the relationships mishandled
and the understanding and
sympathy so often lacking
- the opportunities missed to
speak of Christ and to act for
Him

Father: as Joseph's life ended his
slate was clean – no one to left to
forgive or to say sorry to. When
my own time comes, may I know
your love and grace to die the
same way. Amen

Doing:

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