

# Where's Your Chair?

Acts 13 13-25



I will listen to what the Lord God will say,  
for he shall speak peace to his people and  
to the faithful, that they turn not again to folly.  
Psalm 85:8

## **Praising:**

Hear the story of God's people  
now,  
you with stubborn hearts who will  
not bow;  
learn what happened long ago  
and how  
God can show you who is king!

## **Reading:**

Acts 13:13-25  
Paul at Antioch of Pisidia and  
Iconium

This is Paul's first inroad into  
inner Asia Minor and it begins in  
the synagogue on the Sabbath.  
Sitting to listen to the reading of  
the law and the prophets,  
effectively Paul and his  
companions are passed a note  
from the local synagogue  
hierarchy inviting them to take the  
floor. Paul wastes no time in  
addressing the congregation,

both the Jewish faithful and the  
Gentile god-fearers. In the fullest  
record of a sermon by Paul  
contained in the New Testament,  
the apostle takes exactly the  
same approach as Peter had  
done in Acts chapter 2. He  
carefully traces the lineage of the  
Jews through from the start of  
God's relationship with Israel to  
the coming of Jesus. Christ, Paul  
insists, is the climax and  
culmination of their religious  
history, the one for whom  
everything else was merely a  
prelude.

## **Listening:**

## **Praying:**

As we look back and as we look  
forward, Lord help us to see your  
hand at work in us

- that where we have been,  
might be a lesson, a  
grounding and a preparation
- that where we are, might be a  
moment of peace and stillness  
in your holy presence
- that where we go next, might  
be a succession of  
opportunities to serve, trust  
and obey

Father: there was my old life  
without Christ, and there is my  
new life with Christ. May what  
came before not have been  
wasted, but may what come after  
bring glory only to you. Amen

## **Doing:**

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