

**Thoughts on the Daily Word**

*14<sup>th</sup> Week of Year. Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July. Readings: Genesis 41:55-57,42:5-7,17-24; Psalm: 32; Matthew 10:1-7.*

The story of the twelve children of Jacob, or Israel, probably reflects the later experience of the twelve tribes. Perhaps they look back to see their common root as 'hebrew', probably meaning, wanderers or nomads. The moving story that is shortened in our lectionary matches the story of Jesus in calling out twelve disciples to be close to him and to be formed into a renewed people. Essentially a disparate group of which we really know very little they nevertheless represent the variety of God's People. God doesn't call the perfect, but he perfects the called. This awareness of being called is vital to our understanding of discipleship. That call is God's dream that he has for each one of us. A dream that unfolds in our hearts and lives by way of the Paschal Mystery, Cross and Resurrection.