

# Job 29:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I chose out their way, and sat chief, and dwelt as a king in the army, as one that comforteth the mourners.

## Analysis

---

Job's former status: 'I chose out their way, and sat chief, and dwelt as a king in the army, as one that comforteth the mourners.' This describes Job's leadership and compassion - he guided others and comforted the afflicted. The irony is sharp: the comforter now needs comfort.

## Historical Context

---

Ancient Near Eastern elders provided both judicial and pastoral leadership. Job's dual role (judge/comforter) reflects ideal leadership combining justice and mercy.

## Related Passages

---

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

---

1. How does experiencing suffering qualify you to comfort others?
2. What leadership qualities combine justice with compassion?

## Interlinear Text

---

בָּגַד וּד	כָּמֹלֶךְ	וְאָשְׁכֹן	רֹאשׁ	וַיֵּשֶׁב	וַיֵּצֵא	אֶבְחָר
in the army	as a king	and dwelt	chief	and sat	out their way	I chose
H1416	H4428	H7931	H7218	H3427	H1870	H977
<hr/>						
וַיֵּצֵא	אֶבְחָרִים	כְּאֶחָד	וַיֵּצֵא:			
	the mourners	as one that comforteth				
	H57	H5162				

## Additional Cross-References

---

**Genesis 41:40** (Parallel theme): Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou.

**Judges 11:8** (Parallel theme): And the elders of Gilead said unto Jephthah, Therefore we turn again to thee now, that thou mayest go with us, and fight against the children of Ammon, and be our head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.