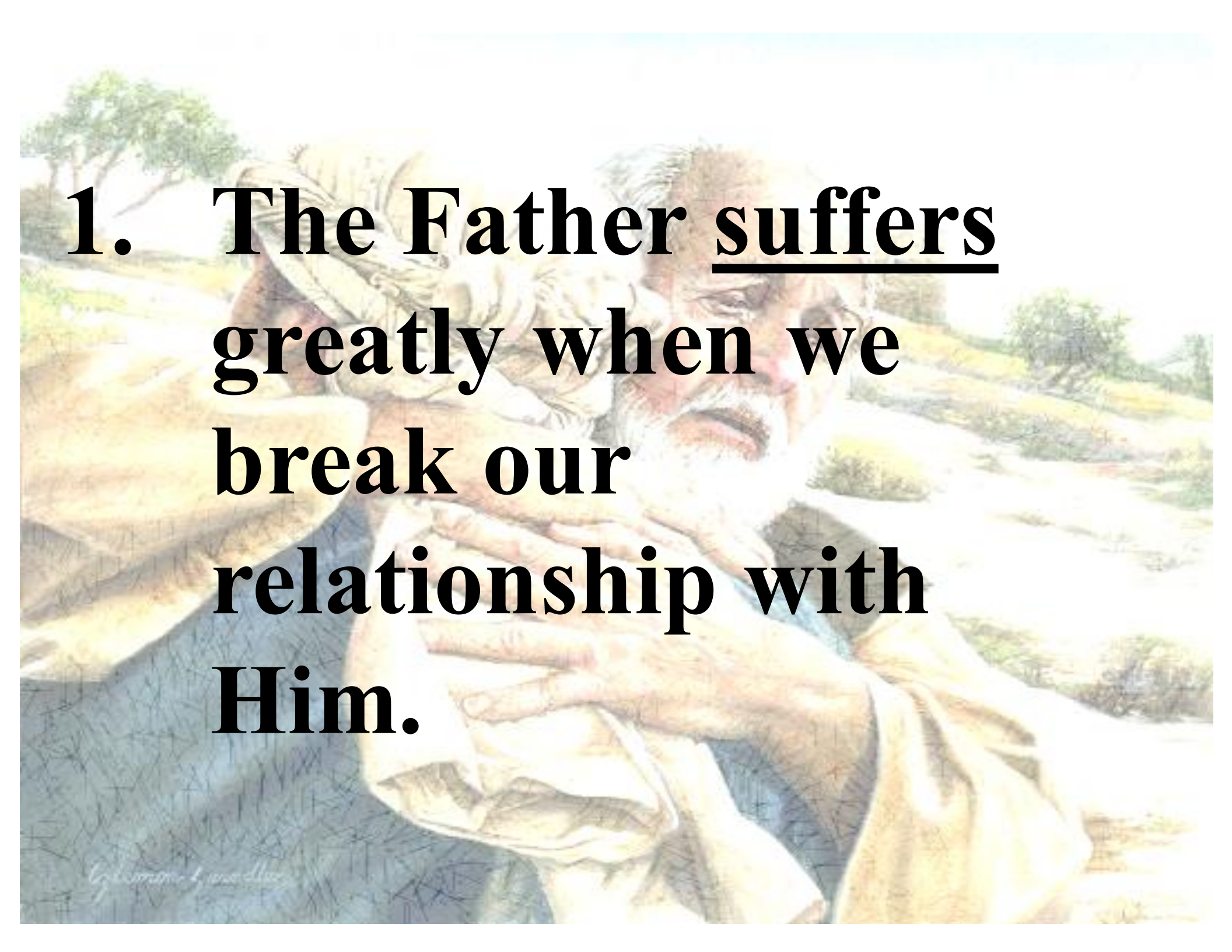


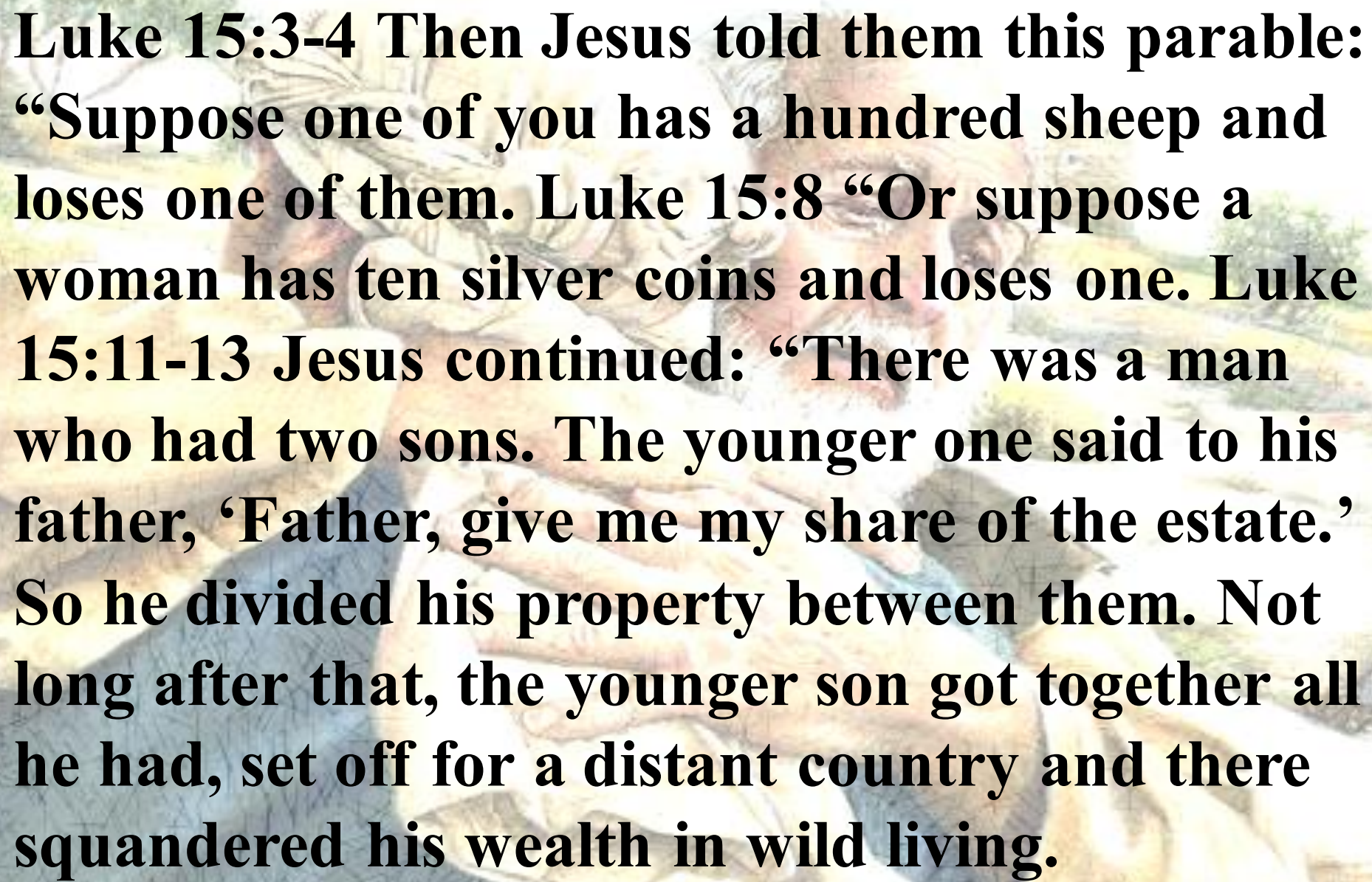
The Seeking Father



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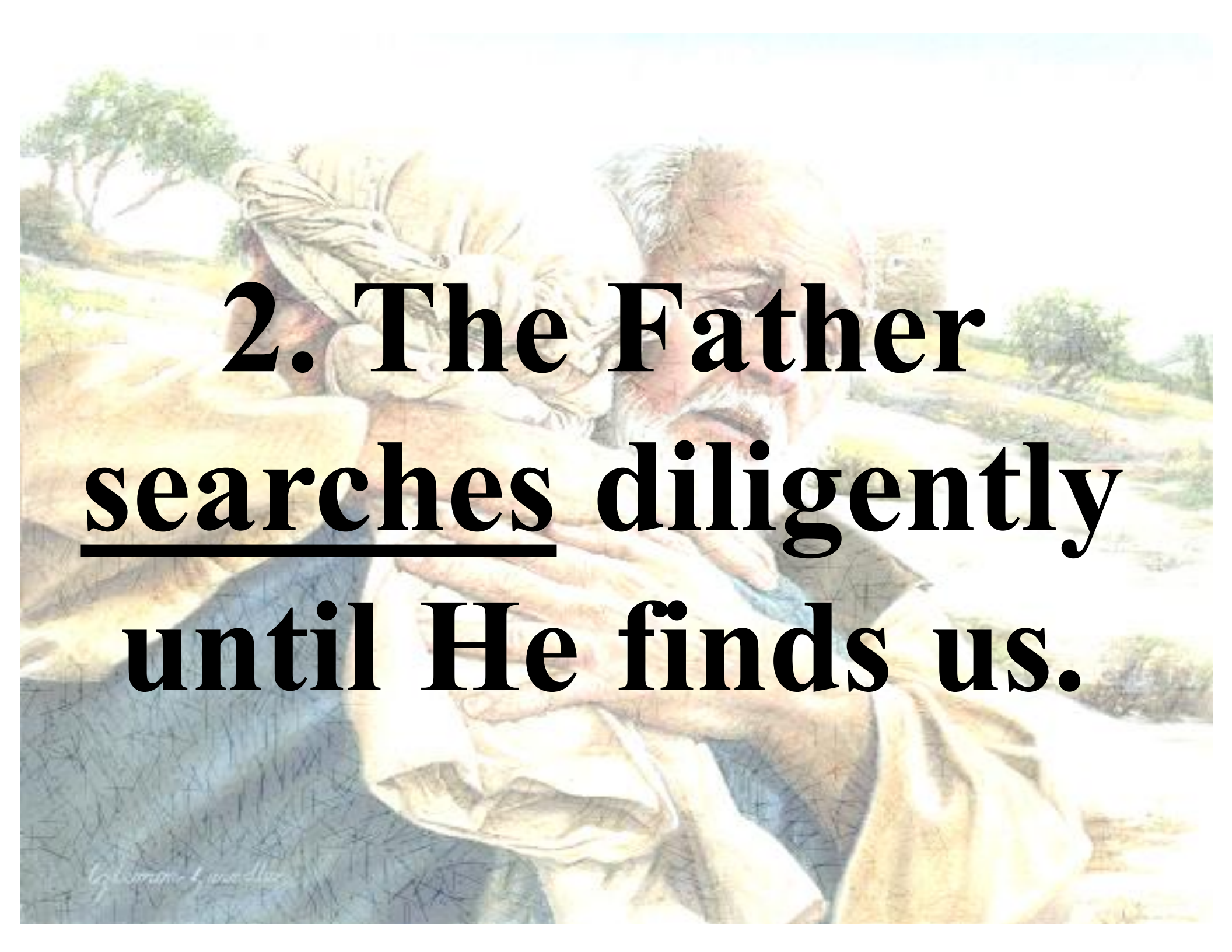


**1. The Father suffers
greatly when we
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relationship with
Him.**

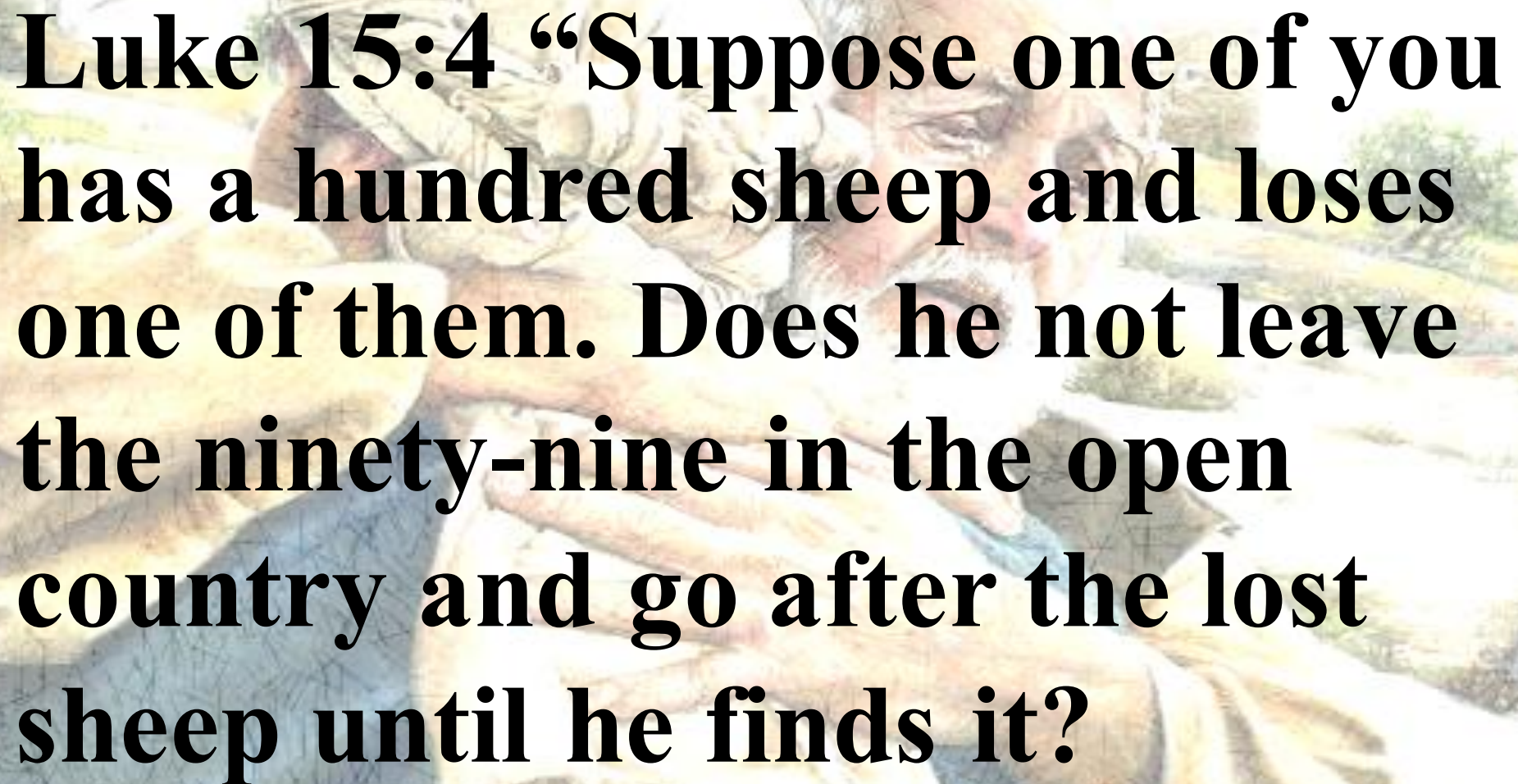


**Luke 15:3-4 Then Jesus told them this parable:
“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and
loses one of them. Luke 15:8 “Or suppose a
woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Luke
15:11-13 Jesus continued: “There was a man
who had two sons. The younger one said to his
father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’
So he divided his property between them. Not
long after that, the younger son got together all
he had, set off for a distant country and there
squandered his wealth in wild living.**

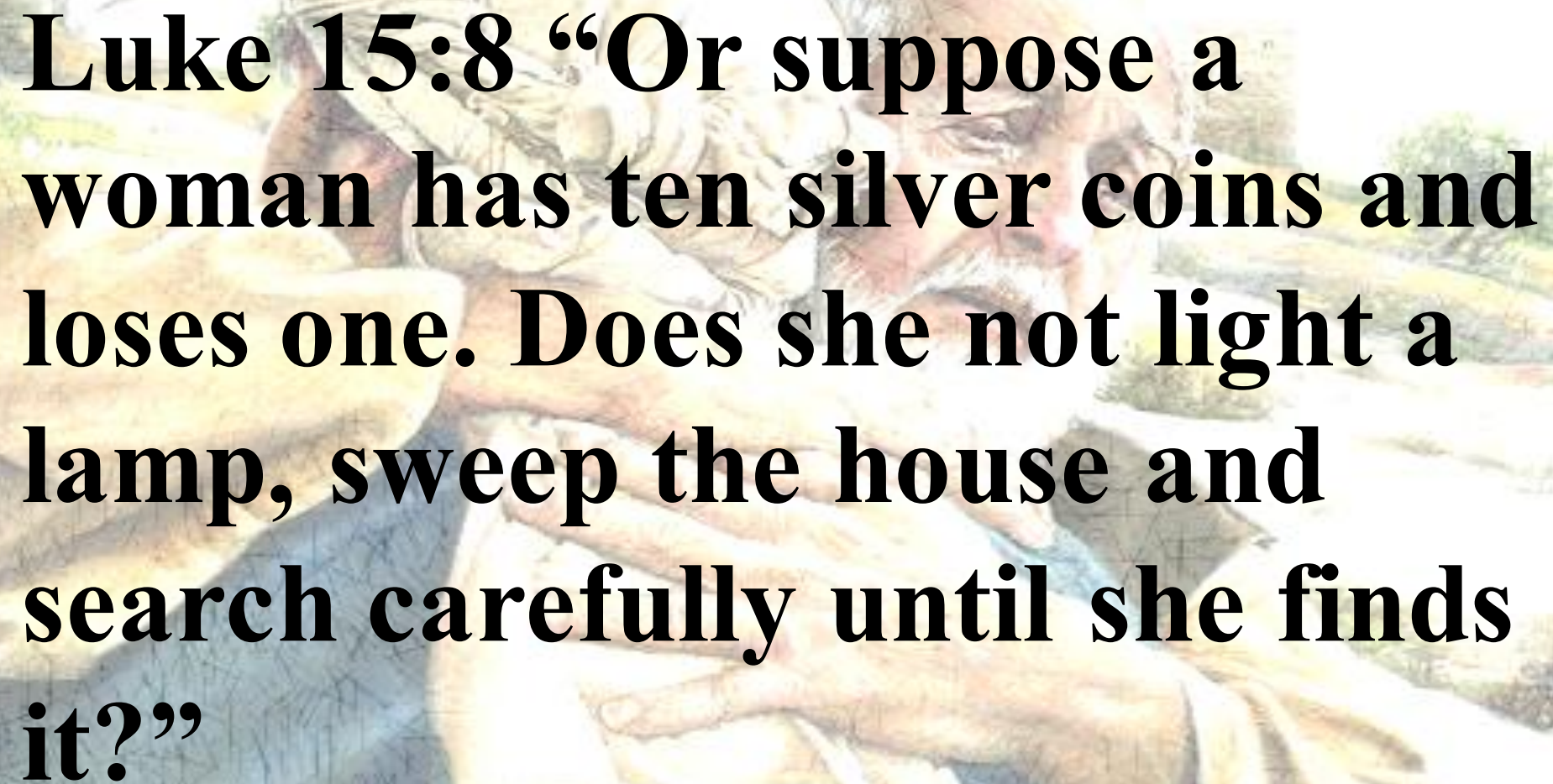




**2. The Father
searches diligently
until He finds us.**



Luke 15:4 “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?”

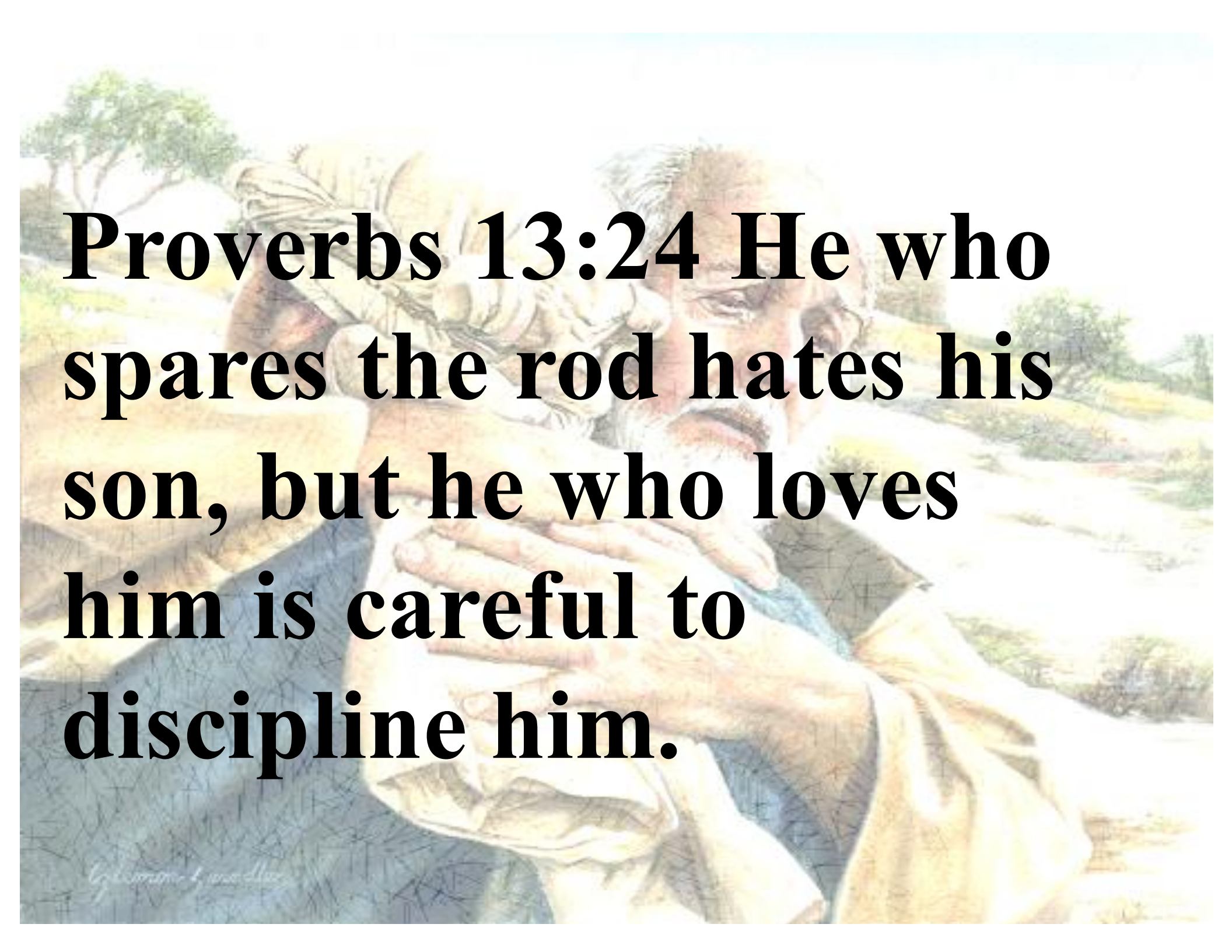


Luke 15:8 “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?”

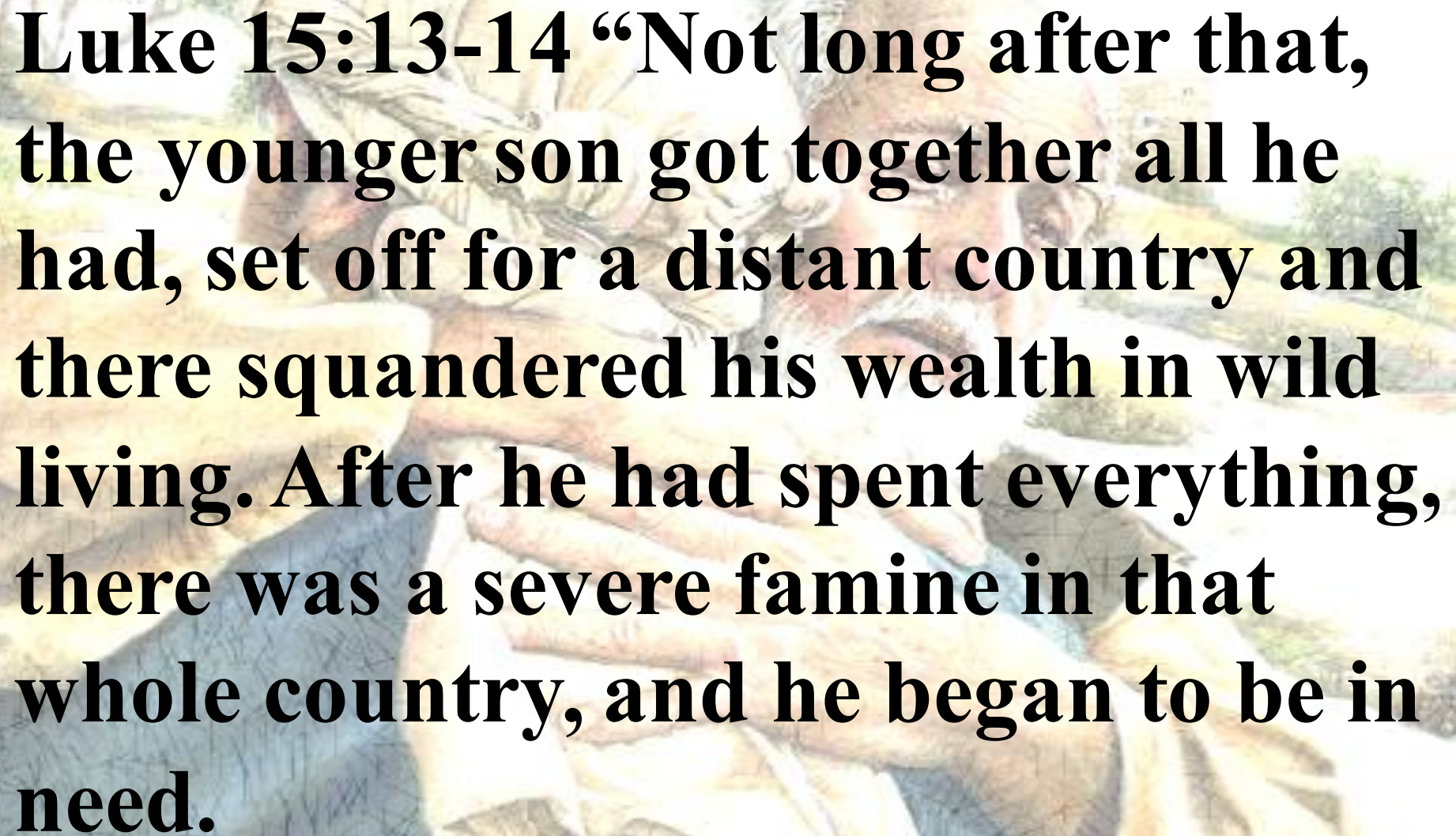




**ἐπιμελῶς [*epimelos*
/ep·ee·mel·oce/] “carefully”**



Proverbs 13:24 He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to discipline him.



Luke 15:13-14 “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need.

PASSAGE**PURPOSE FOR FAMINE**

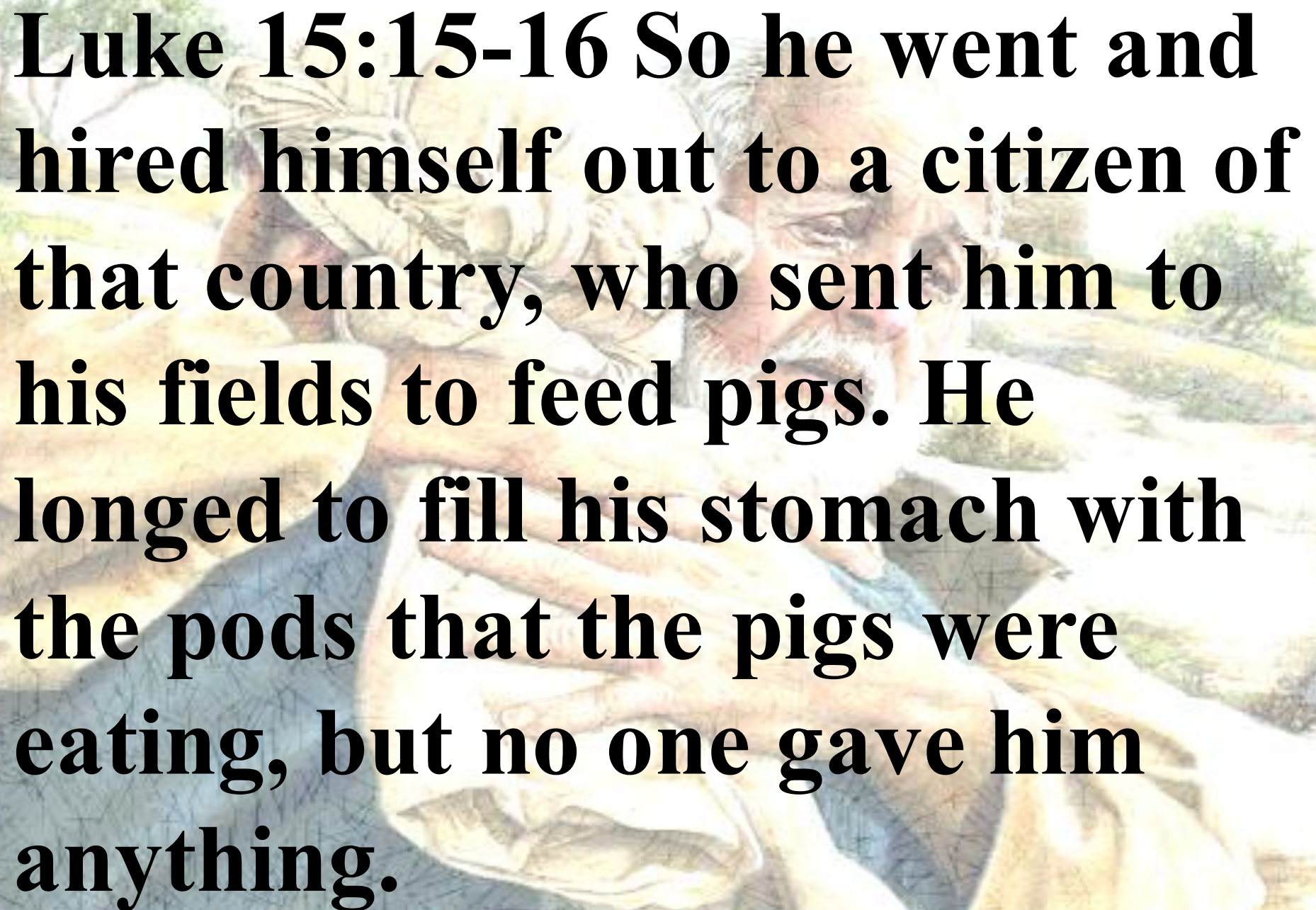
Genesis 41f; Psalm 105:6 God sent a famine to humble Joseph's brothers and father, to fulfill the dreams he gave him, and to cause His people to cry out to Him

2 Samuel 21:1 God brought a three-year famine in judgment for Saul's sins

2 Samuel 24:13 God gave David three choices for his punishment, one of which was a famine

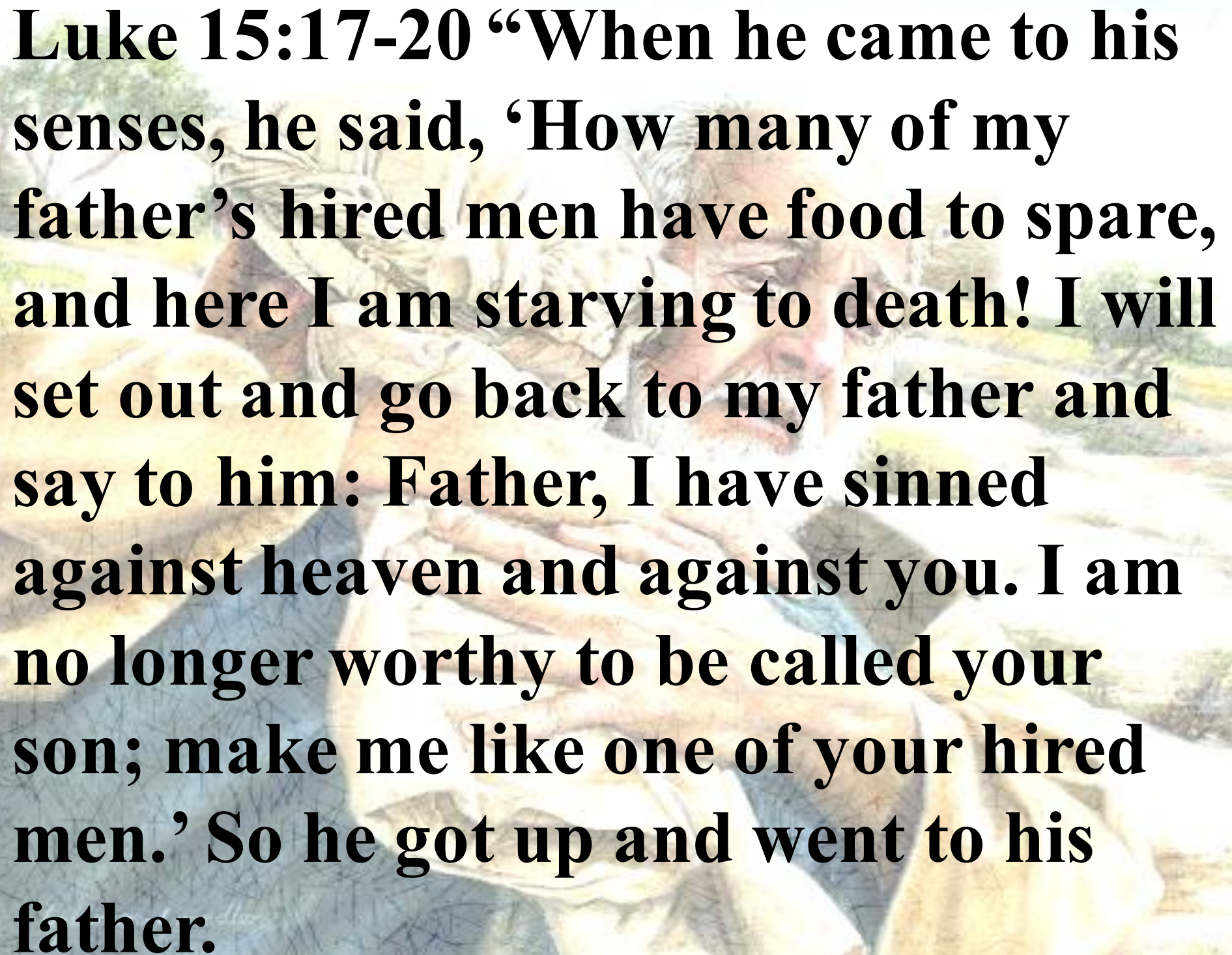
Jer 24:10; Ezek 14:21 God sent a famine upon His people to judge them for their rebellion against Him

Luke 21:11; Rev 18:8 God will bring famine again during the tribulation in His effort to bring people to repentance

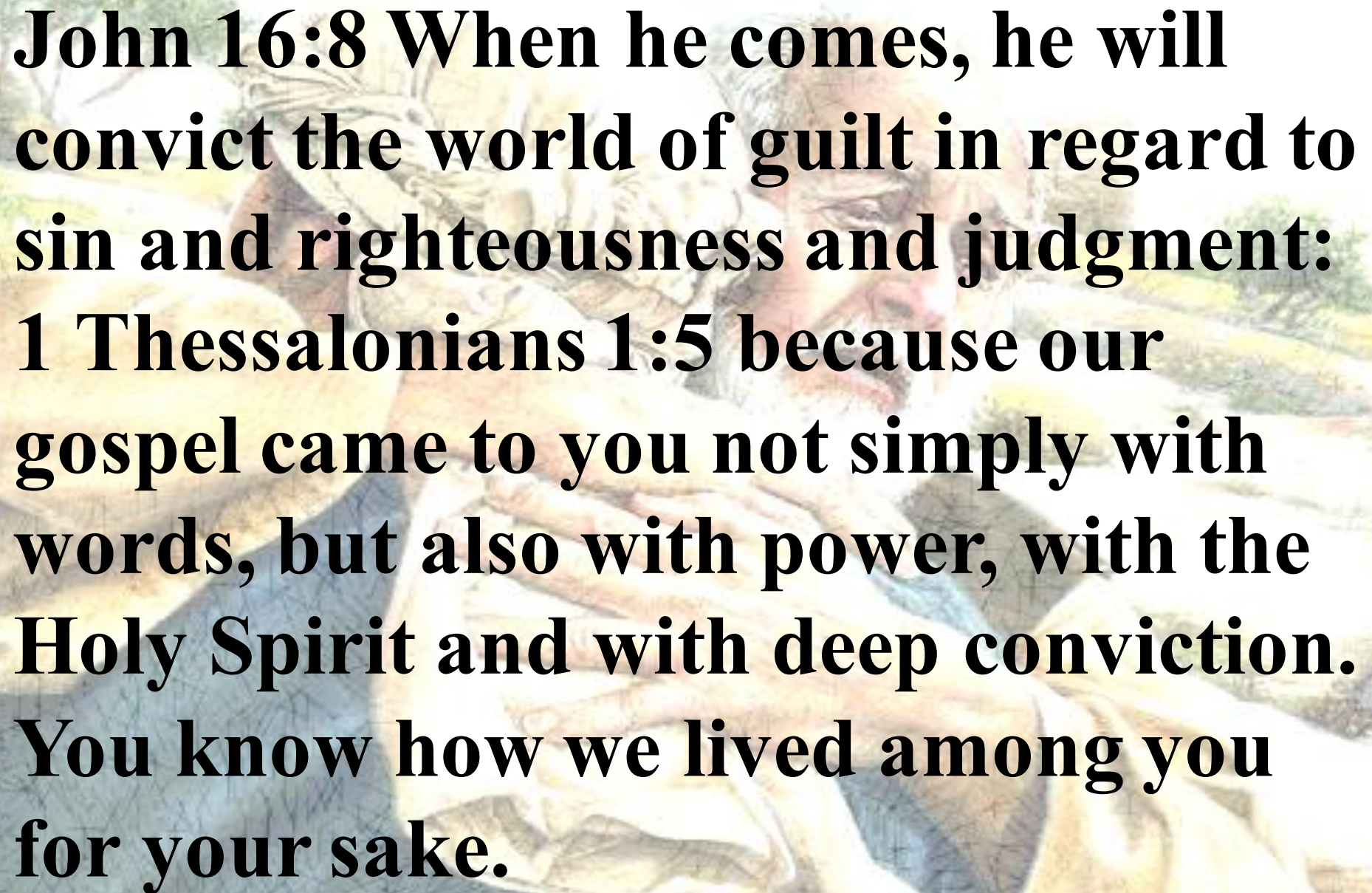


Luke 15:15-16 So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

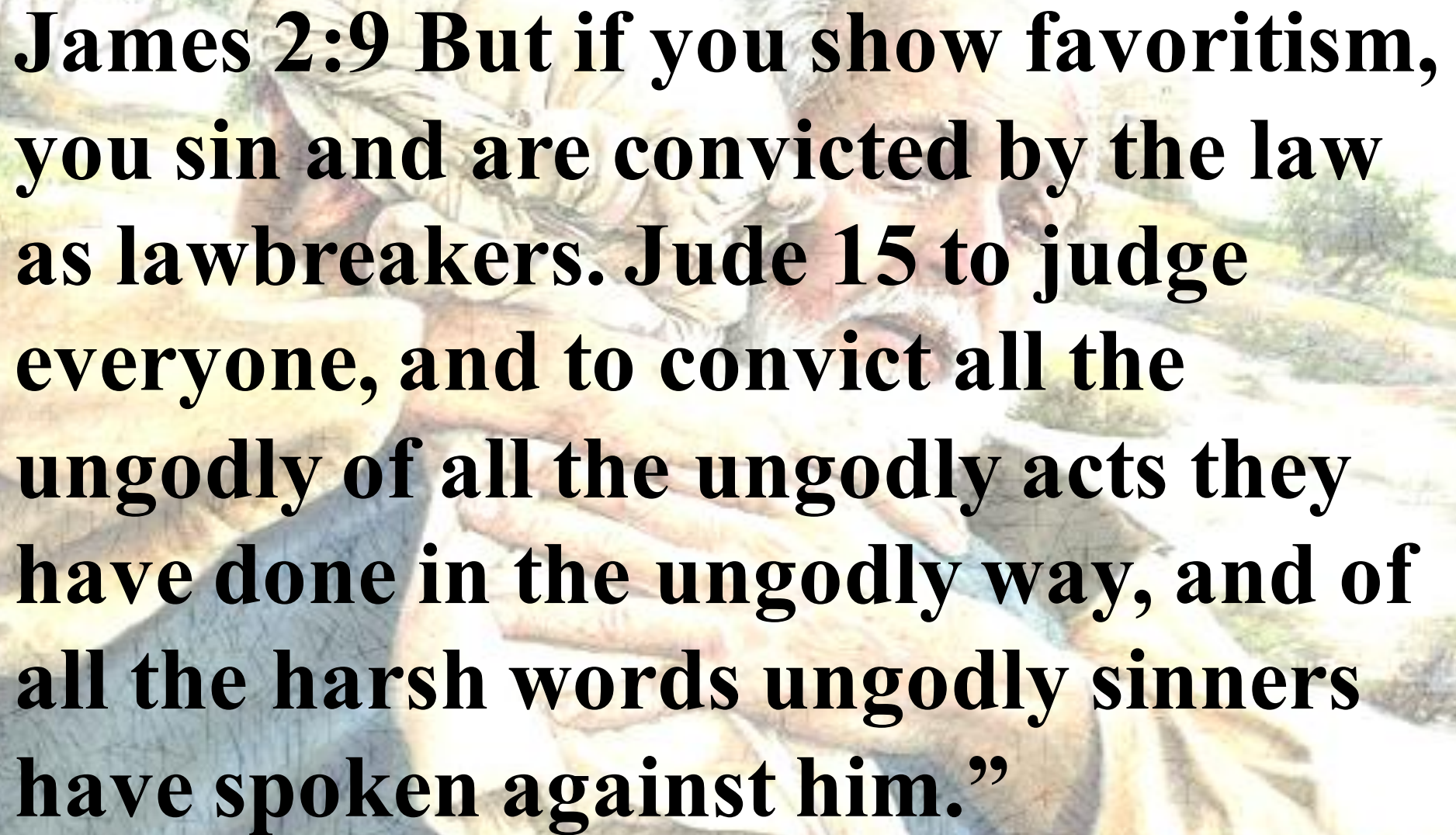




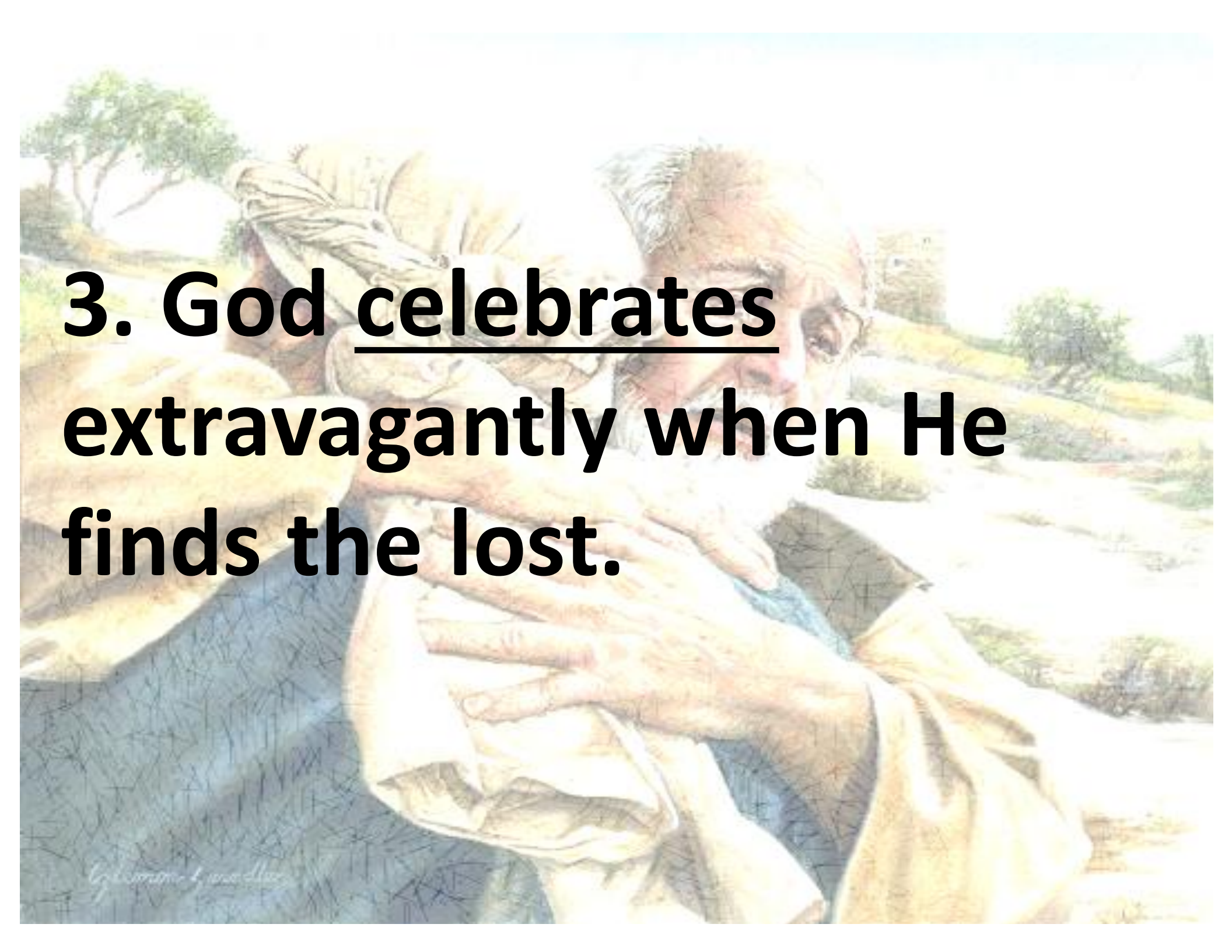
Luke 15:17-20 “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.’ So he got up and went to his father.



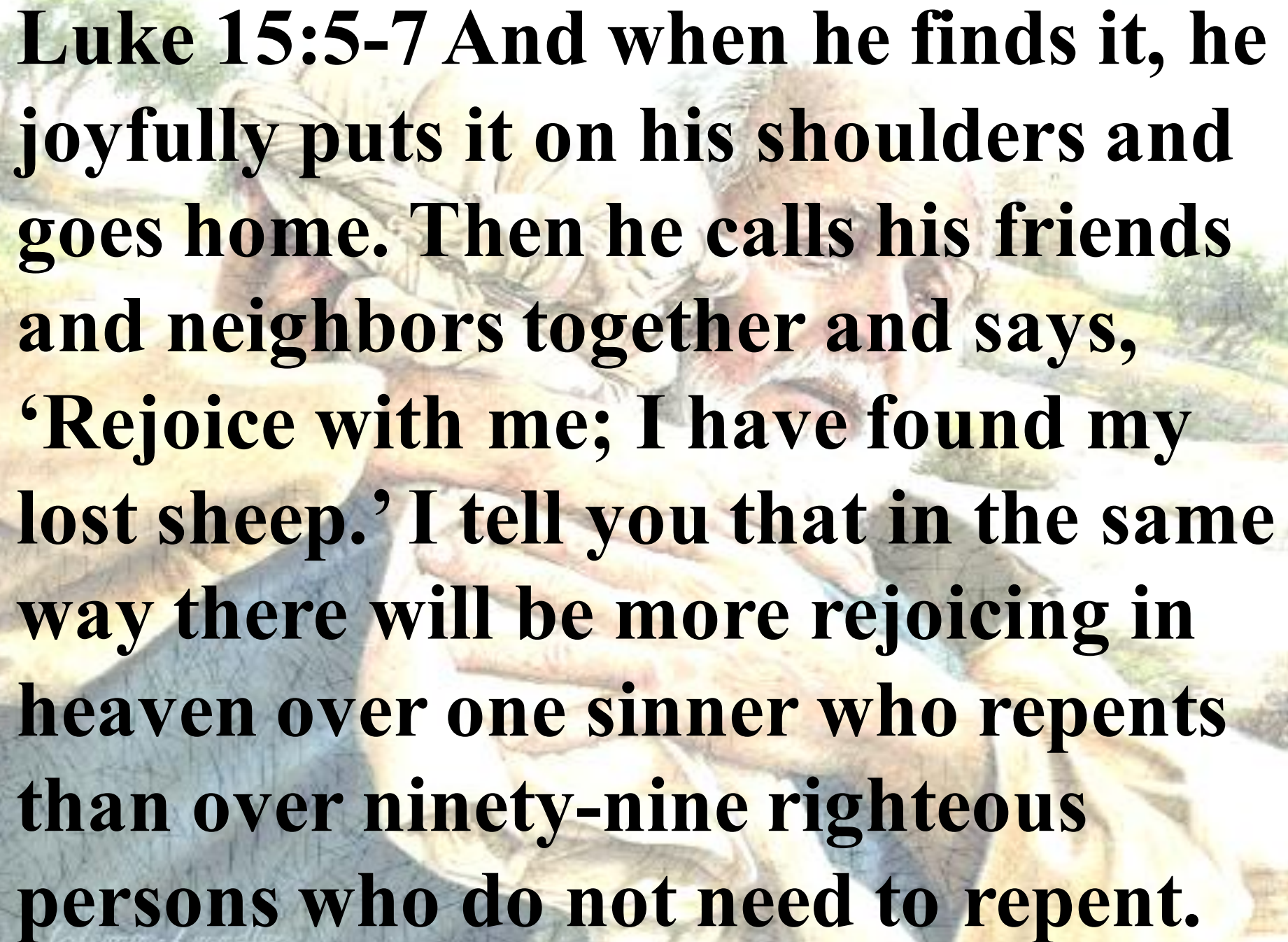
John 16:8 When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: 1 Thessalonians 1:5 because our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake.

A painting of a man with a beard and long hair, wearing a white robe, sitting and reading a large book. He is looking down at the book with a focused expression. The background shows a landscape with trees and a path. The text is overlaid on the painting in a bold, black, serif font.

James 2:9 But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. Jude 15 to judge everyone, and to convict all the ungodly of all the ungodly acts they have done in the ungodly way, and of all the harsh words ungodly sinners have spoken against him.”

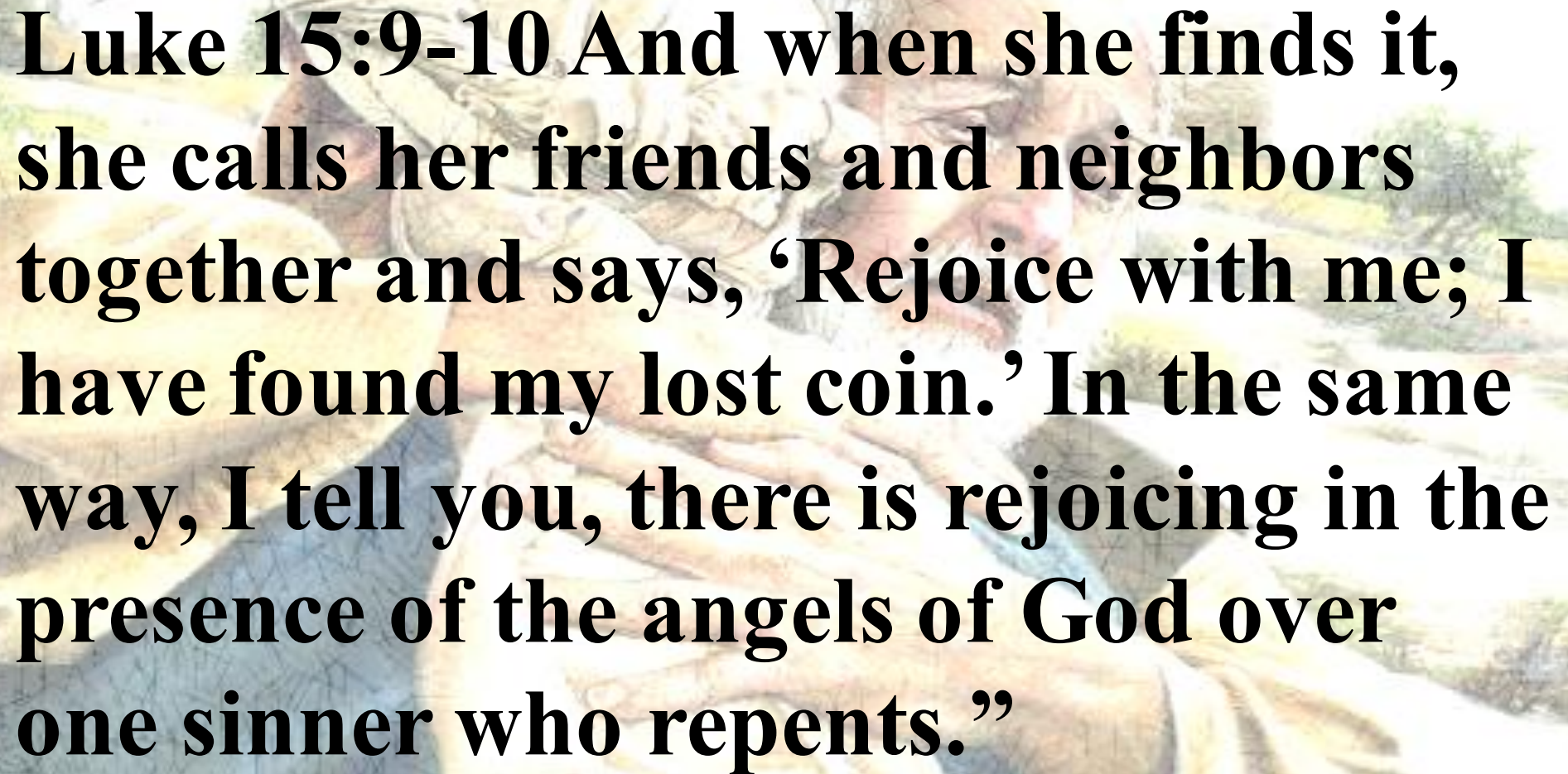


**3. God celebrates
extravagantly when He
finds the lost.**

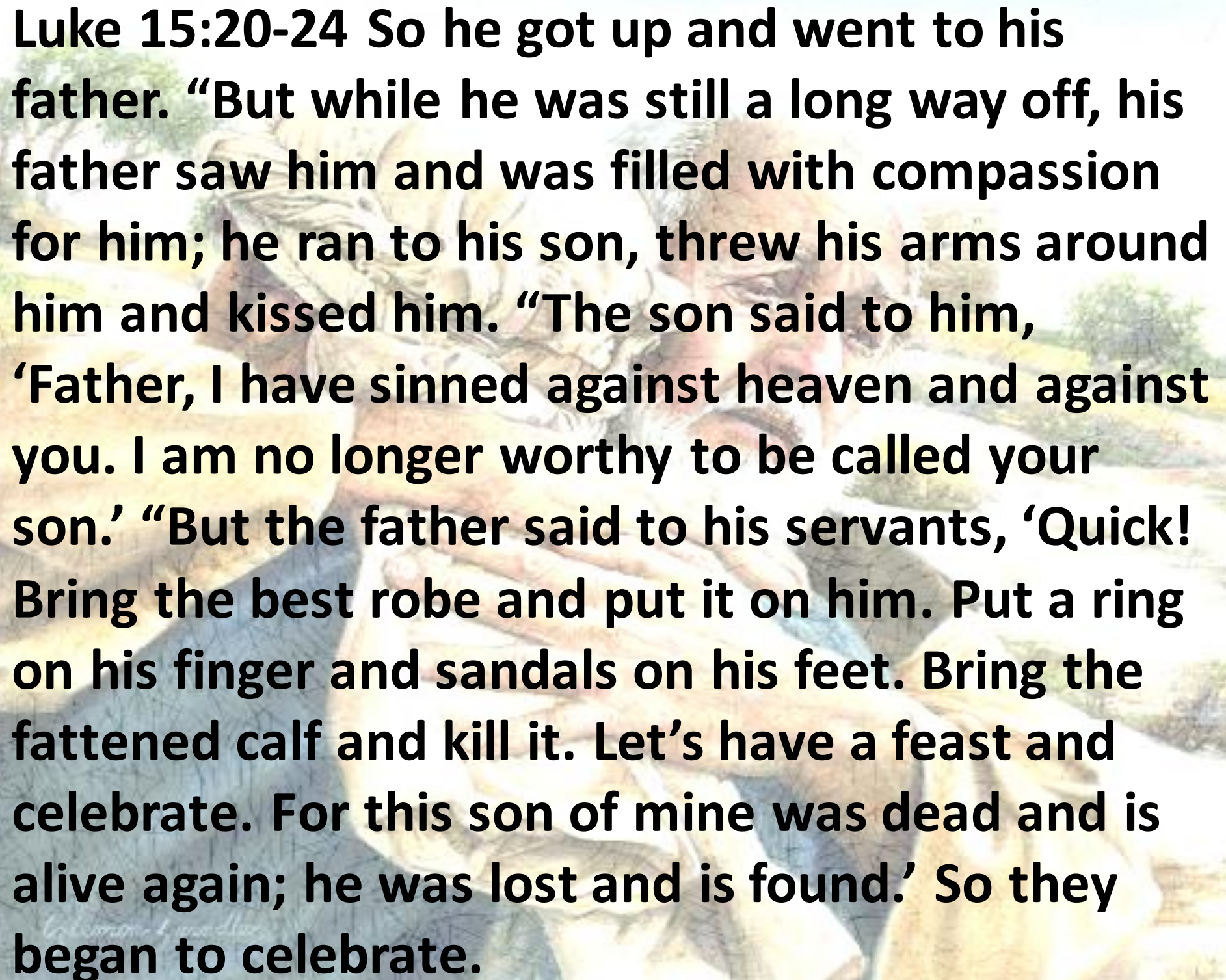
A painting of a man with a beard and a hat, carrying a sheep on his shoulders, set against a landscape background. The man is wearing a blue tunic and a brown hat. The sheep is white and is being carried on the man's shoulders. The background shows a landscape with trees and a body of water.

Luke 15:5-7 And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.





Luke 15:9-10 And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

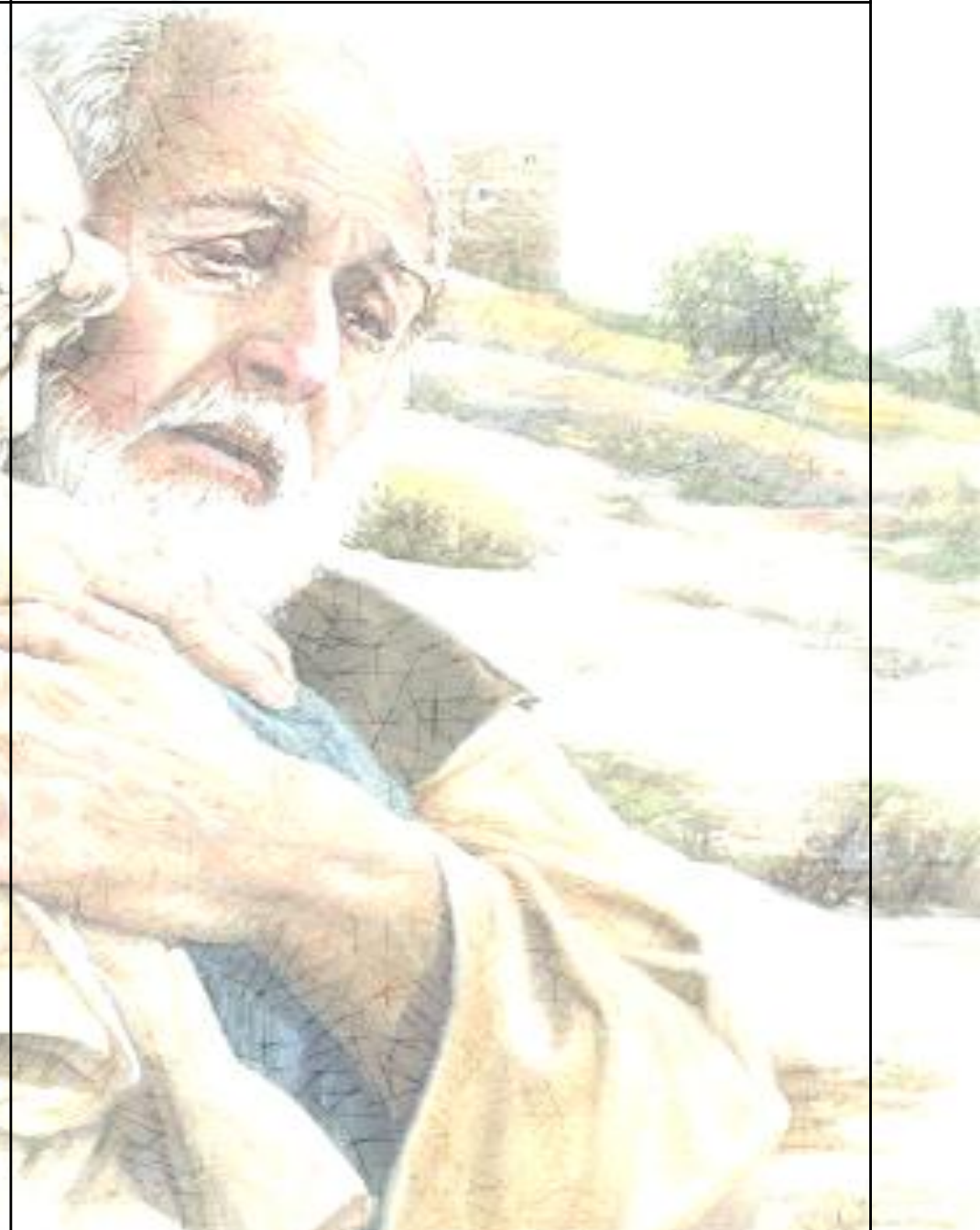
A painting depicting a scene of reconciliation. In the foreground, a man with a beard and glasses, wearing a white robe, is embracing a man in a blue robe. The man in the blue robe has a somber expression. In the background, a woman wearing a white headscarf and a white robe is looking towards the two men. The setting appears to be outdoors with trees and a building in the distance.

Luke 15:20-24 So he got up and went to his father. “But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

Prepared Speech

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.' **Luke**

15:18-19



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Luke 15:18-19

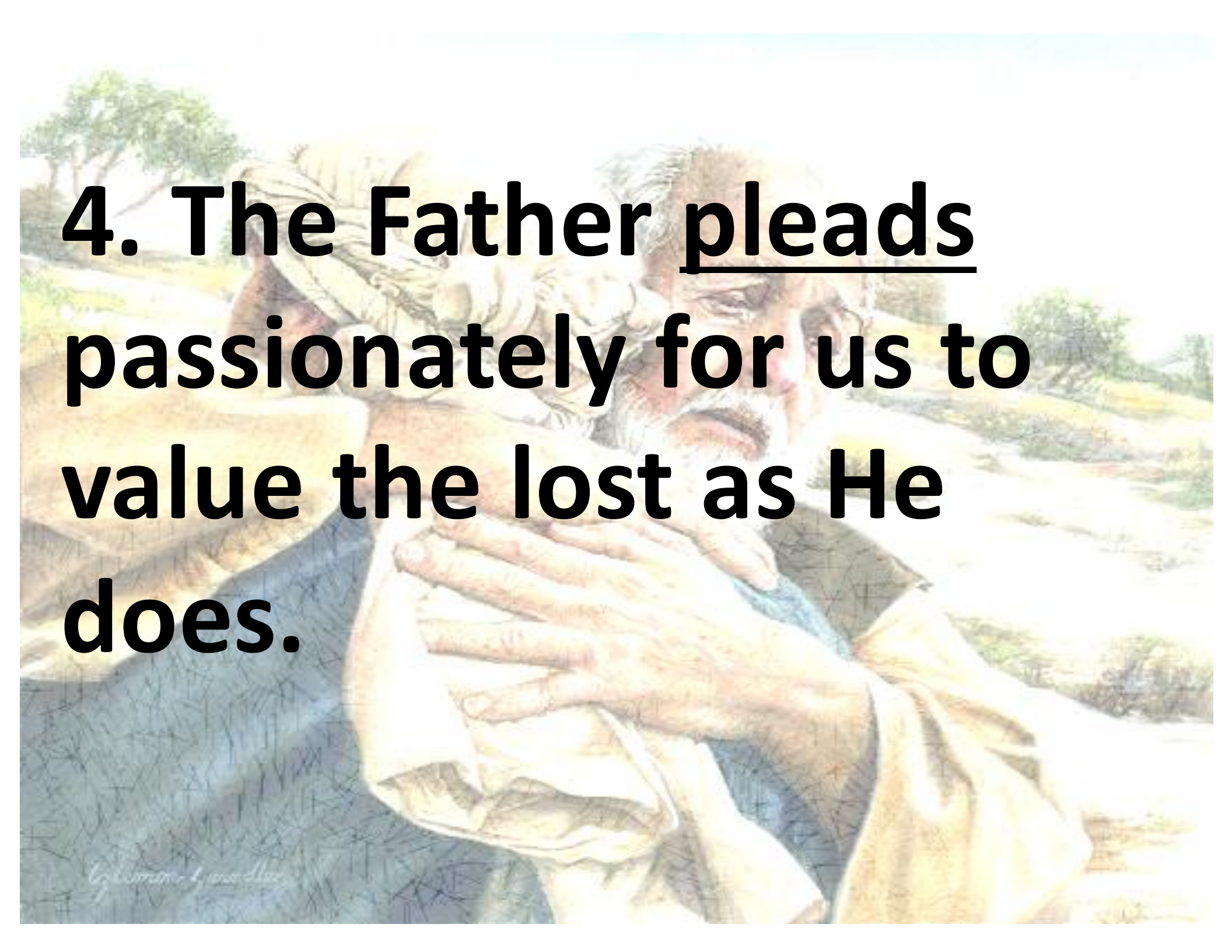
Delivered Speech

'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

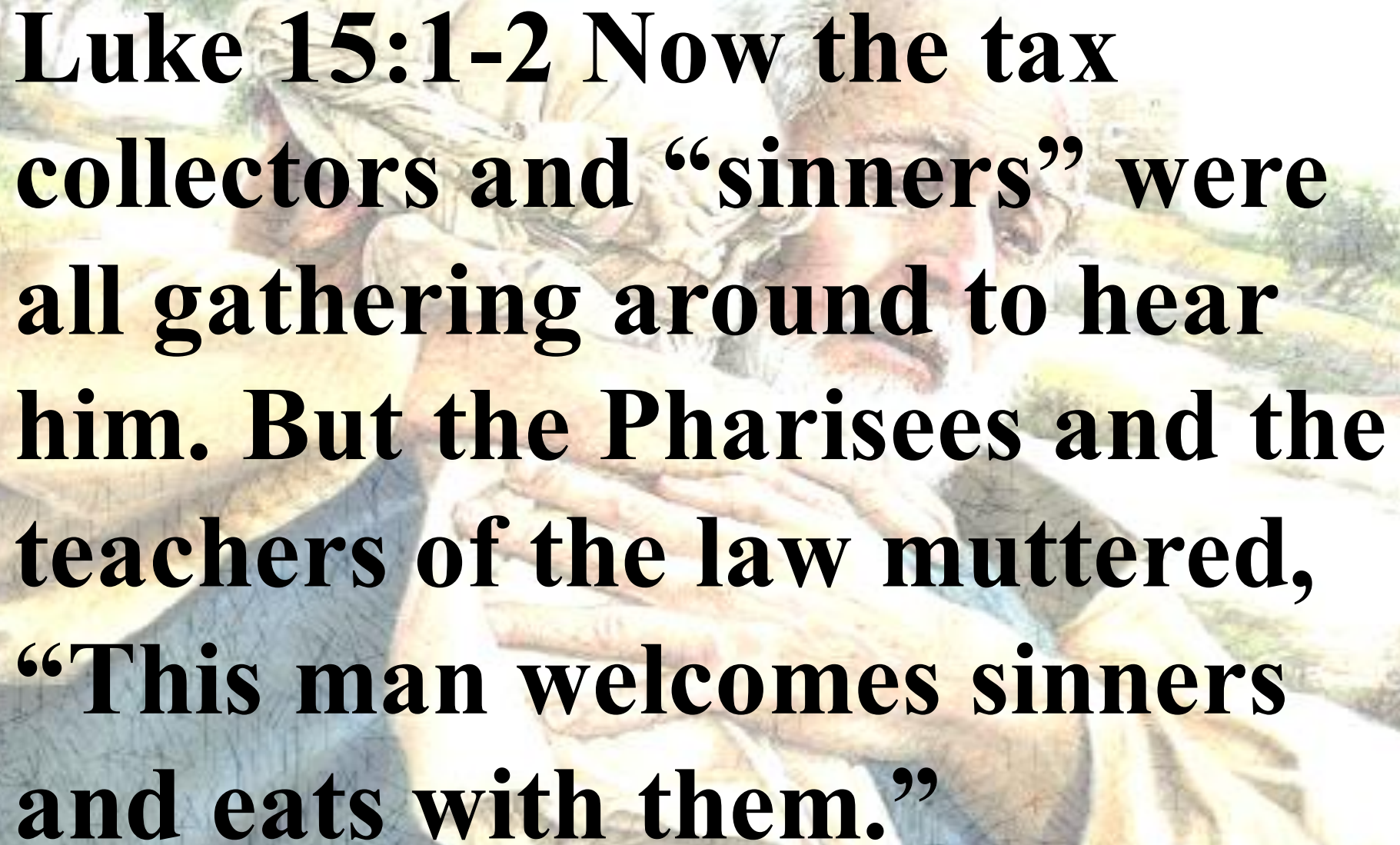
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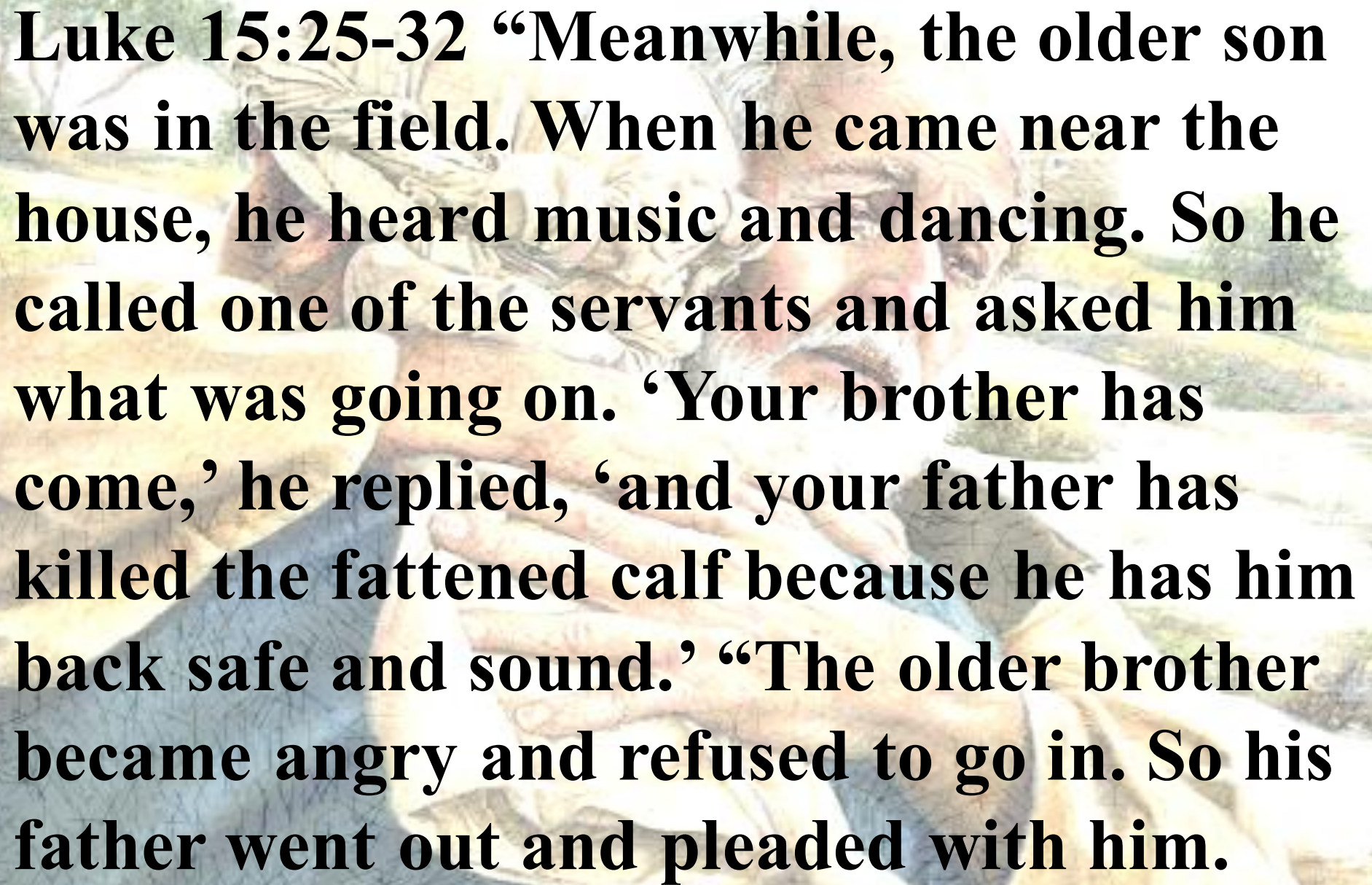




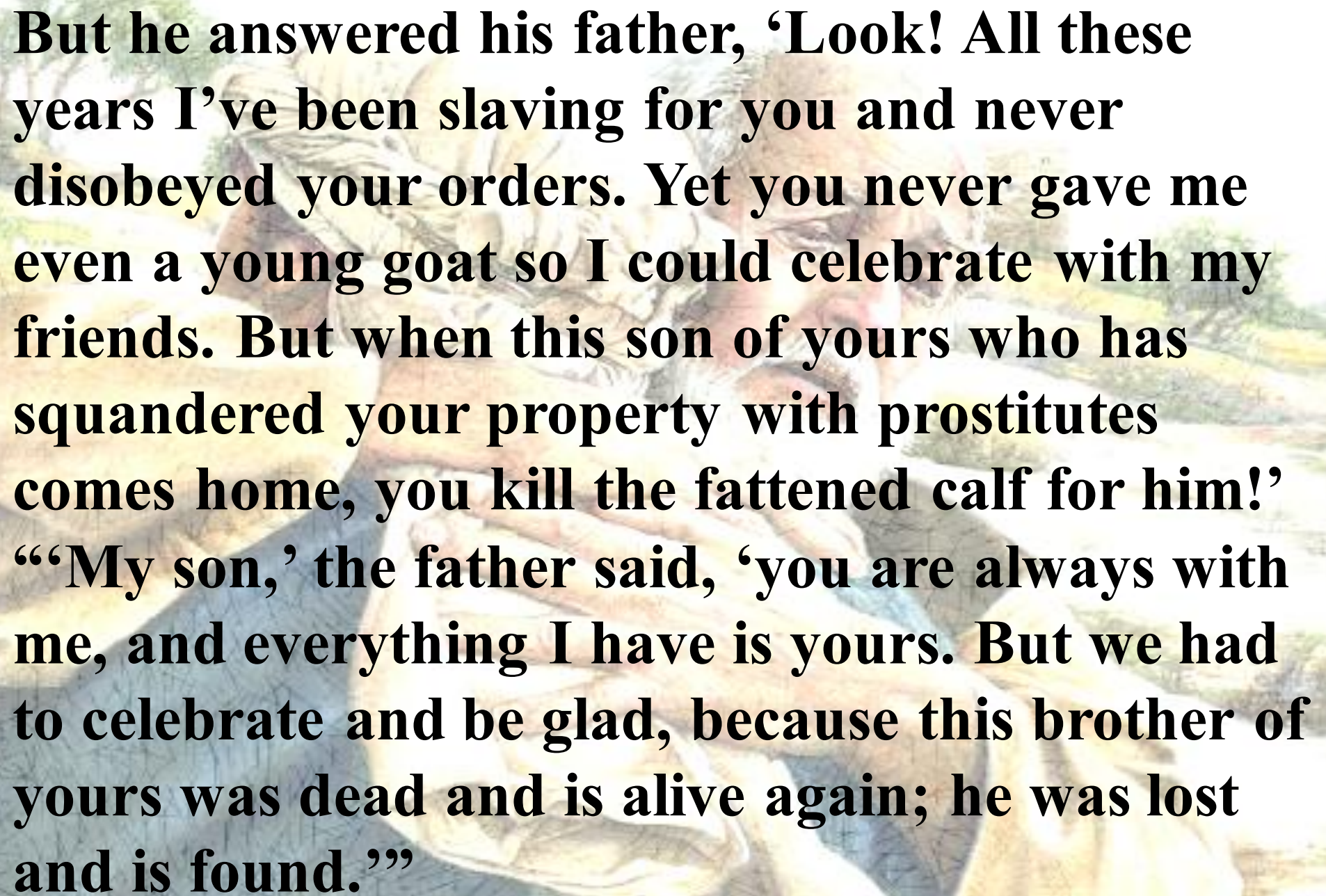
**4. The Father pleads
passionately for us to
value the lost as He
does.**

A painting depicting Jesus, with a beard and long hair, wearing a blue robe and a white sash, surrounded by a crowd of people in a rural, hilly landscape. The scene is rendered in a soft, painterly style with visible brushstrokes. The text is overlaid on the image in a large, bold, black font.

Luke 15:1-2 Now the tax collectors and “sinners” were all gathering around to hear him. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”



Luke 15:25-32 “Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’ “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him.



But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’

“‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

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