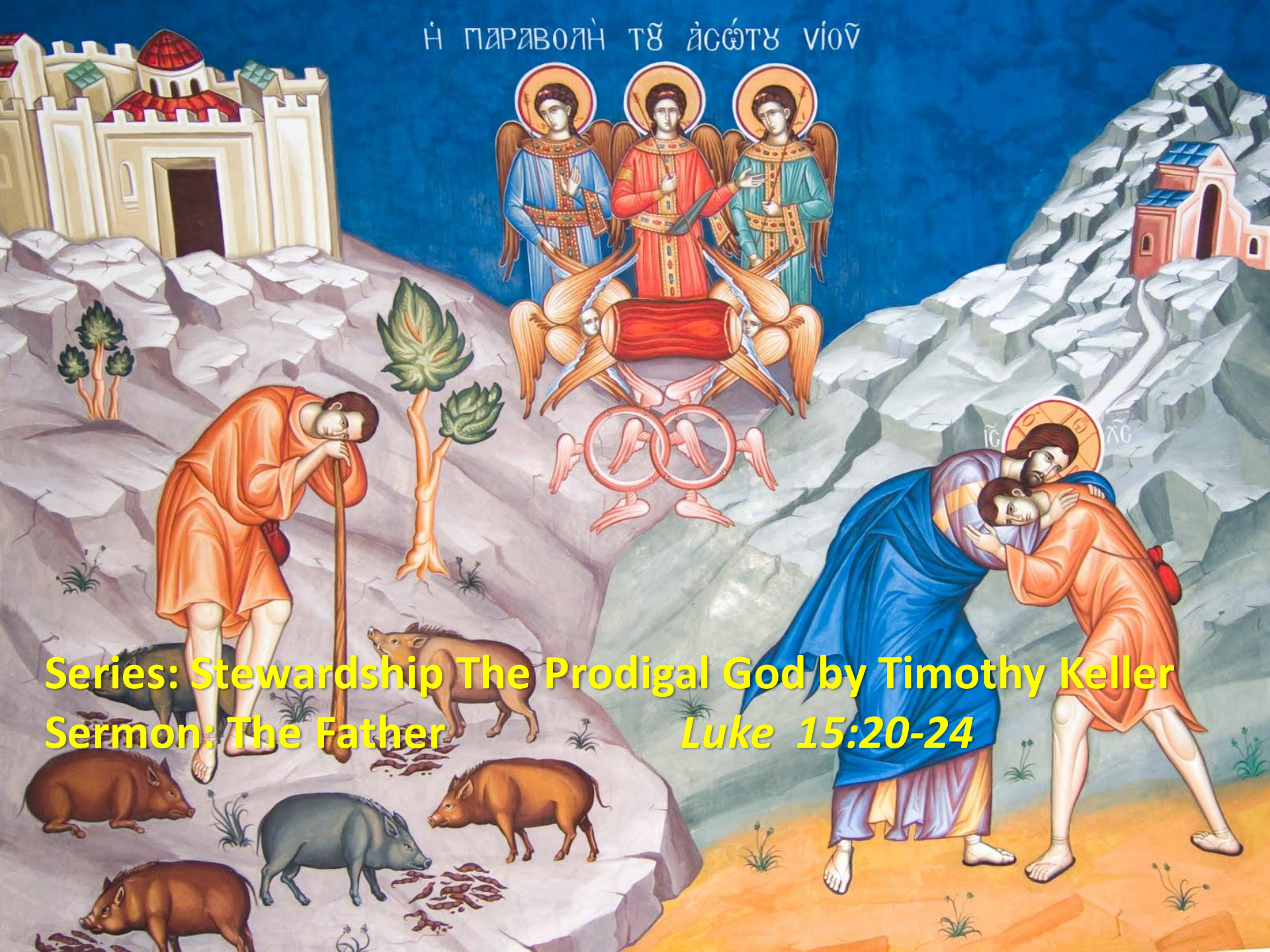
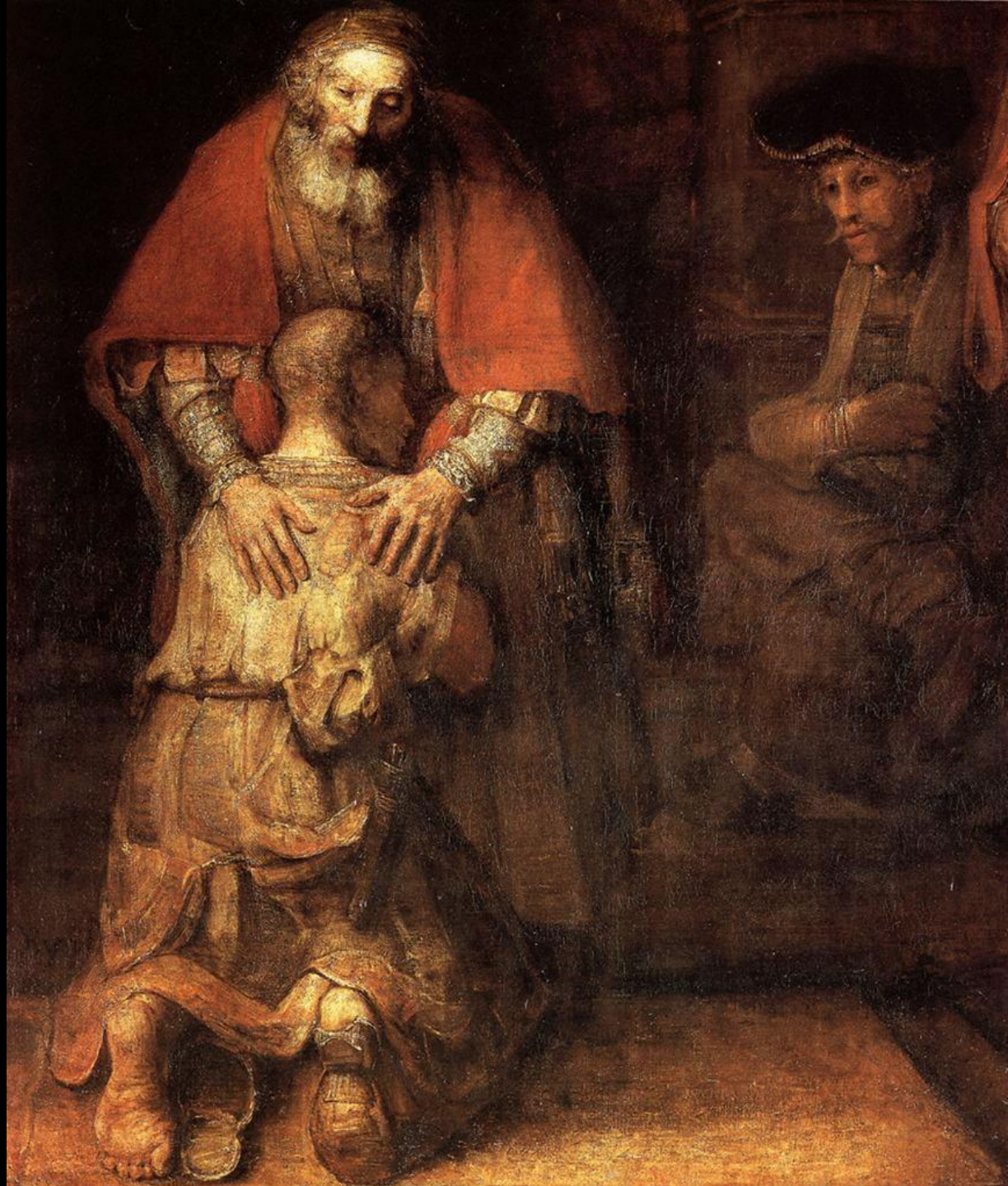


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Series: Stewardship The Prodigal God by Timothy Keller
Sermon: The Father Luke 15:20-24







Luke 15:20-24 (NRSV)

So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.



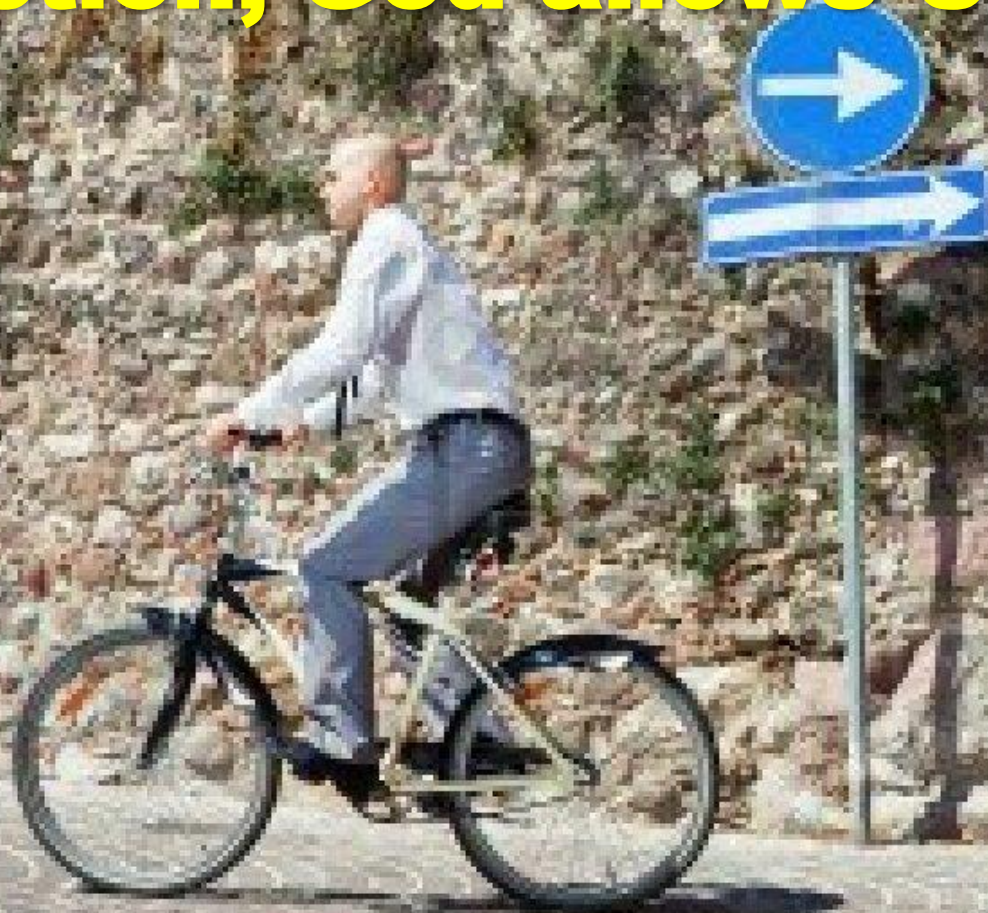


Deuteronomy 21:18-21 (NRSV)

If someone has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey his father and mother, who does not heed them when they discipline him, then his father and his mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his town at the gate of that place. They shall say to the elders of his town, "This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious. He will not obey us. He is a glutton and a drunkard." Then all the men of the town shall stone him to death. So you shall purge the evil from your midst; and all Israel will hear, and be afraid.



When you're headed in the wrong direction, God allows U-Turns!



*'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—
and put it on him; put a ring on his finger
and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted
calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate*





This is the story of the
prodigal daughter -
It should really be
called the runaway
Father who waited
every day for his
girl to come home
the daughter who had
rejected him so badly -
but when he saw her from a









Luke 15:1-3 (NRSV)

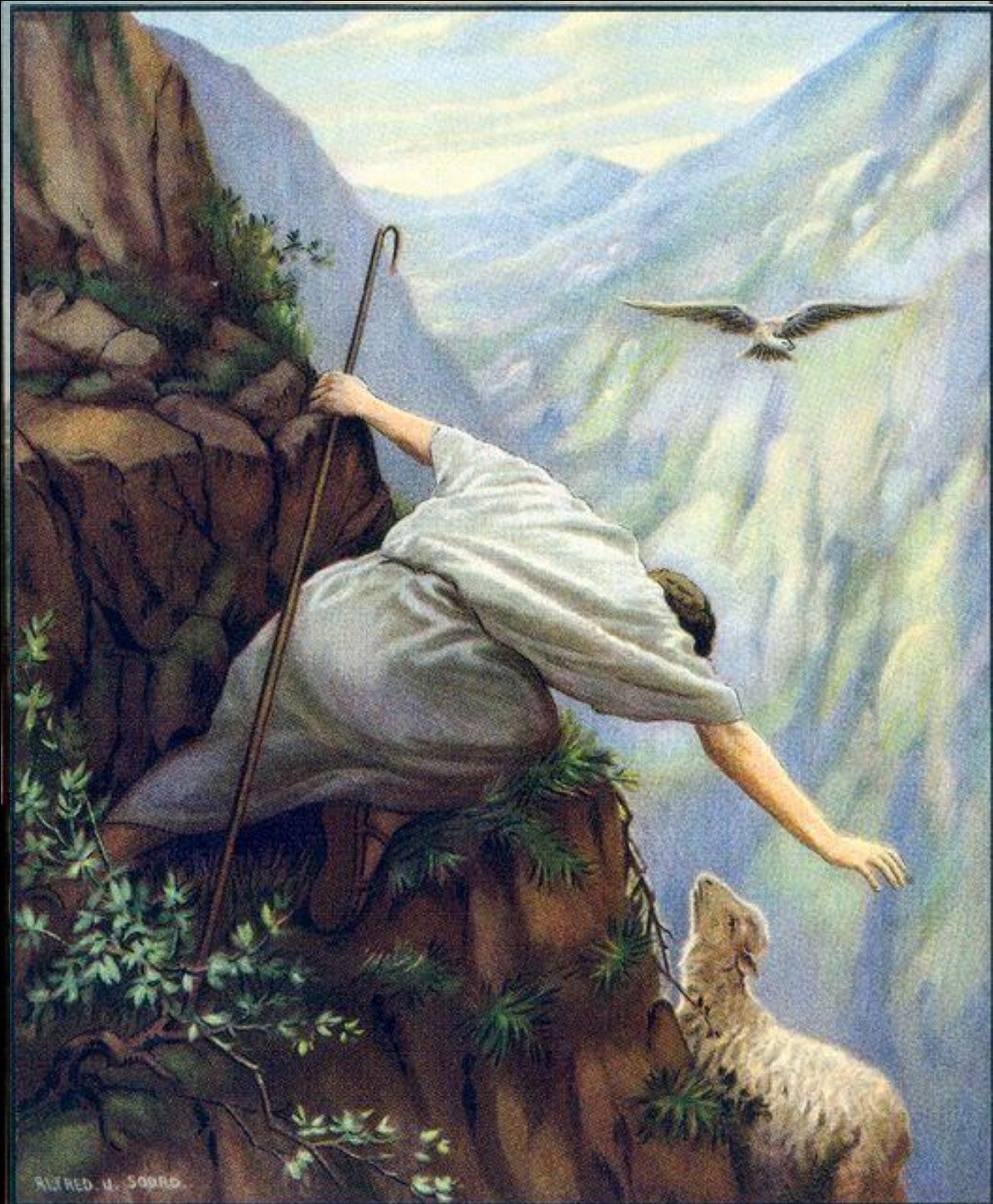
Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable:







The Prodigal Son Among the Swine
1665



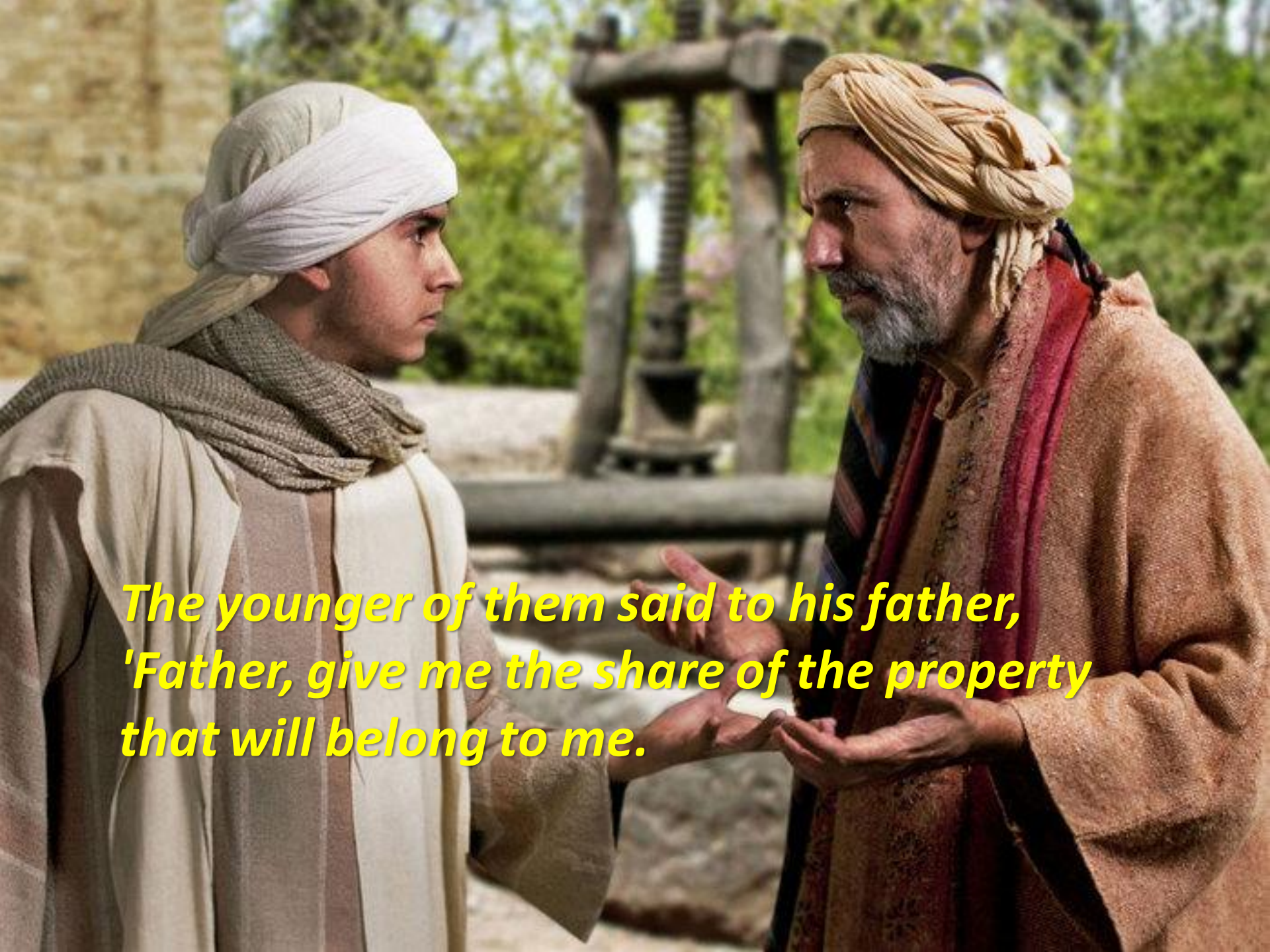
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Right Decision ←
Wrong Decision →





*The younger of them said to his father,
'Father, give me the share of the property
that will belong to me.'*

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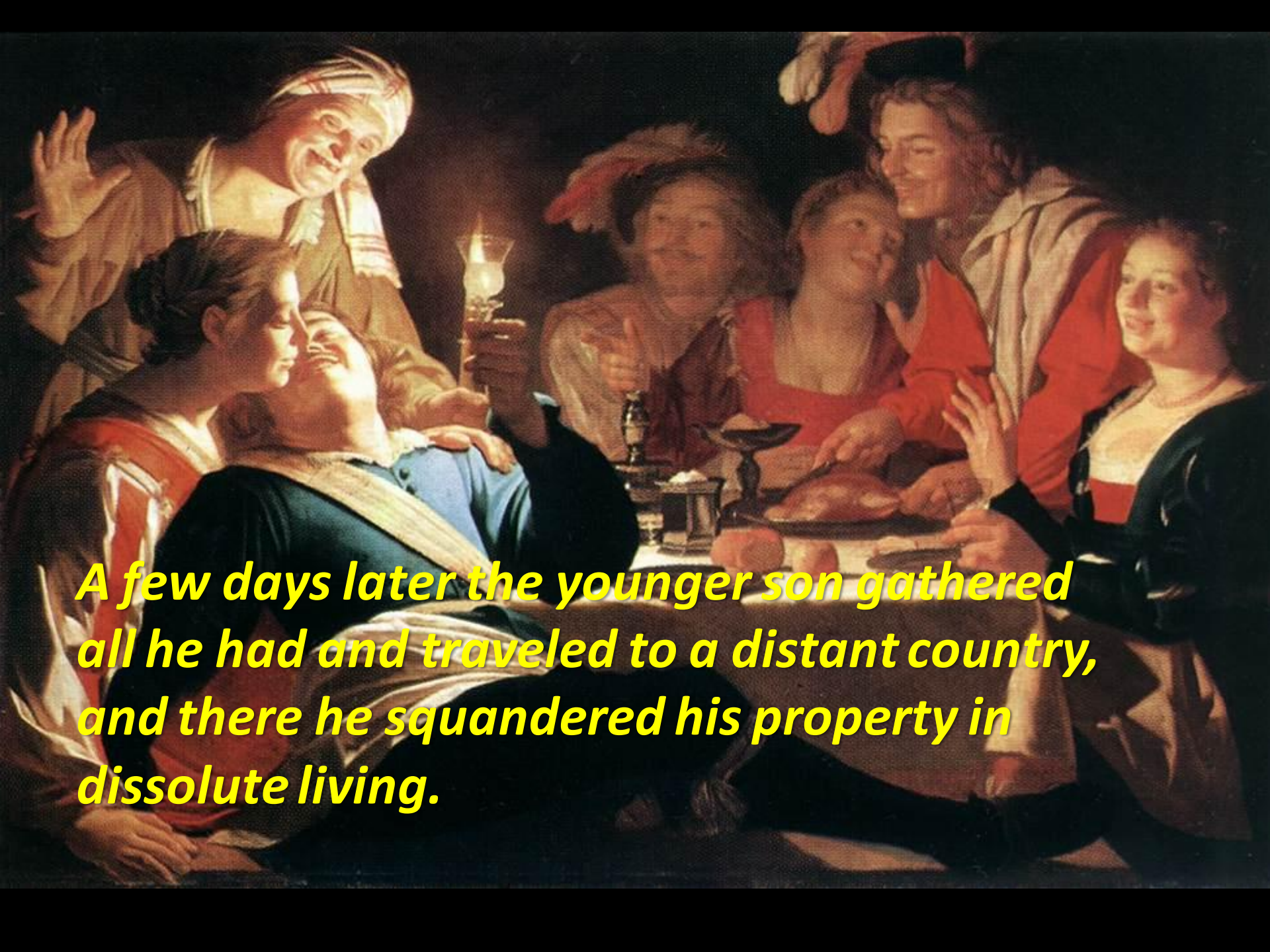
You know we belong to the Land
And the land we belong to is Grand!

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*So he divided his property
between them.*



A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living.



When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need.

So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything.



I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."

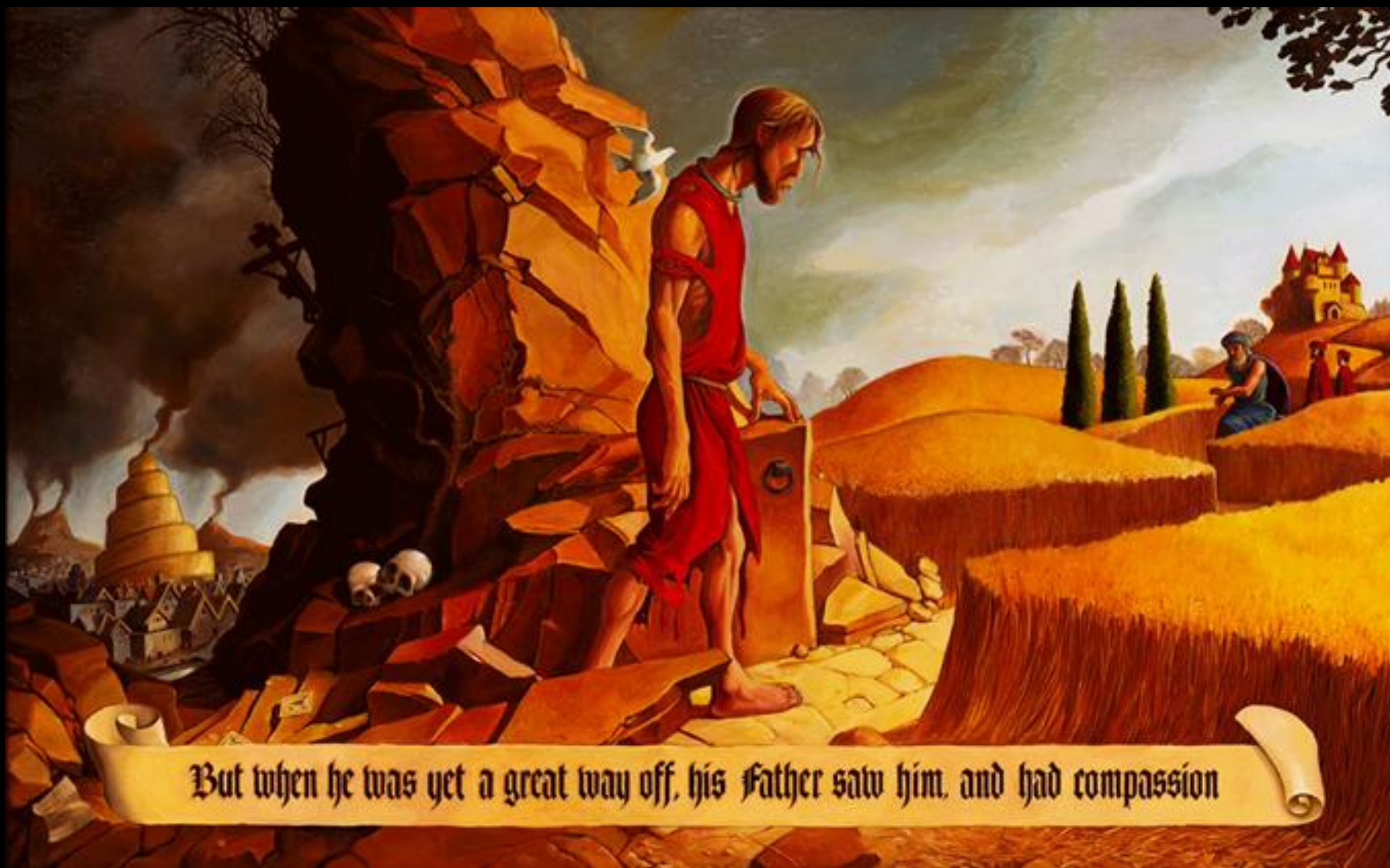


STEWARDSHIP

GOD'S PLAN FOR FINANCIAL FREEDOM

- 1. The Careless Way: To give something to every cause that is presented, without inquiring into its merits.**
- 2. The Impulsive Way: To give from impulse -- as much as often as love and pity and sensibility prompt.**
- 3. The Lazy Way: To make a special offer to earn money for worthy projects by fairs, bazaars, etc.**
- 4. The Self-Denying Way: To save the cost of luxuries and apply them to purposes of religion and charity. This may lead to asceticism and self-complacency.**
- 5. The Systematic Way: To lay aside as an offering to God a definite portion of our gains -- one tenth, one fifth, one third or one half (rich or poor can follow this plan).**
- 6. The Equal Way: To give God and the needy just as much as we spend on ourselves.**
- 7. The Heroic Way: To limit our own expenditures to a certain sum and give all the rest of our income.**





But when he was yet a great way off, his Father saw him, and had compassion





