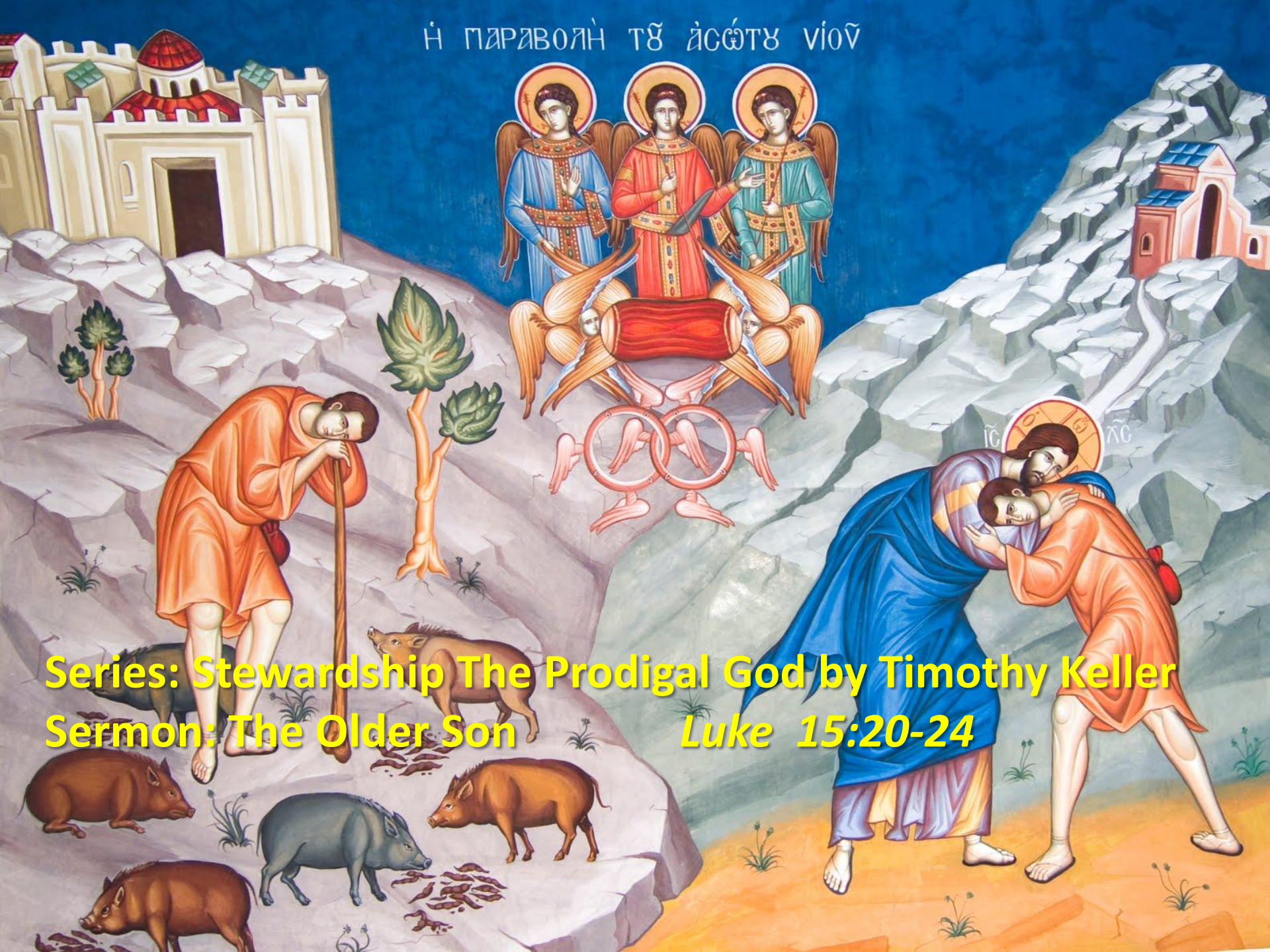


Ἡ ΠΑΡΑΒΟΛὴ τῆς Ἀσώτου υἱοῦ



Series: Stewardship The Prodigal God by Timothy Keller
Sermon: The Older Son *Luke 15:20-24*



Luke 15:25-32 (NRSV)

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him.

But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends..' "' But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"'







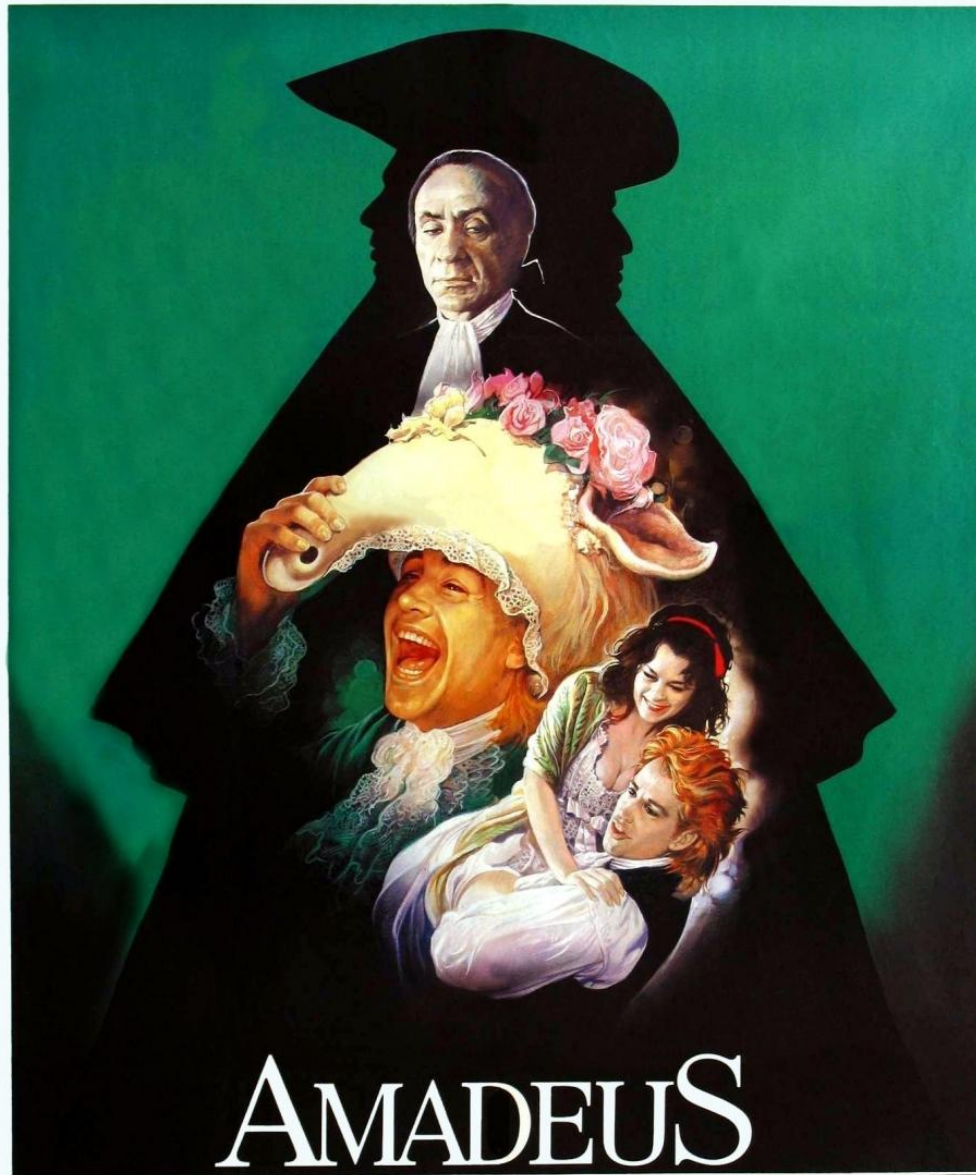
Isn't that
special!



SATAN



“Looking into myself and then around me at the lives of other people, I wonder which does more damage, lust or resentment? There is so much resentment among the ‘just’ and the ‘righteous.’ There is so much judgment, condemnation and prejudice among the ‘saints.’ There is so much frozen anger among the people who are so concerned about avoiding ‘sin.’”

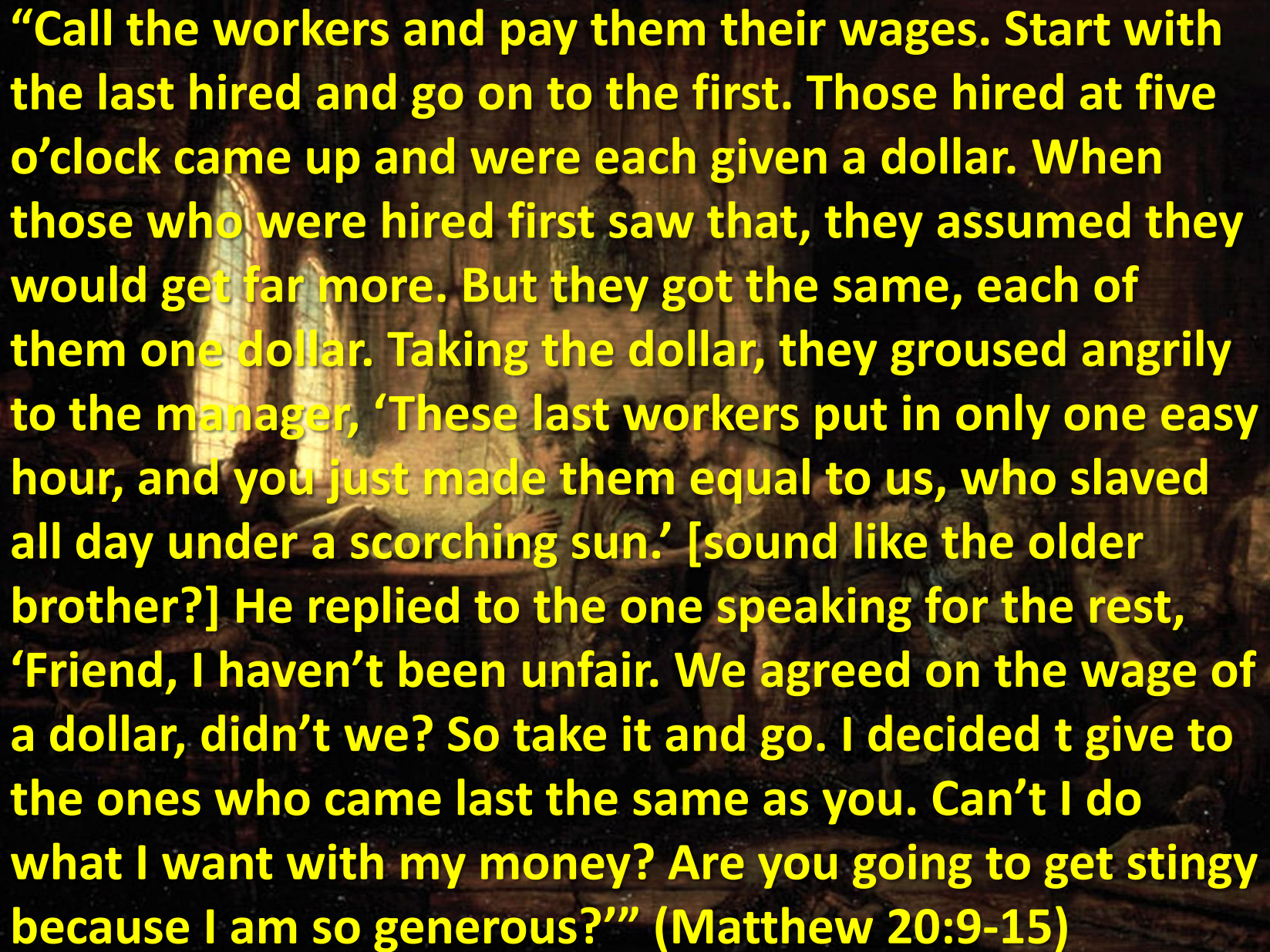


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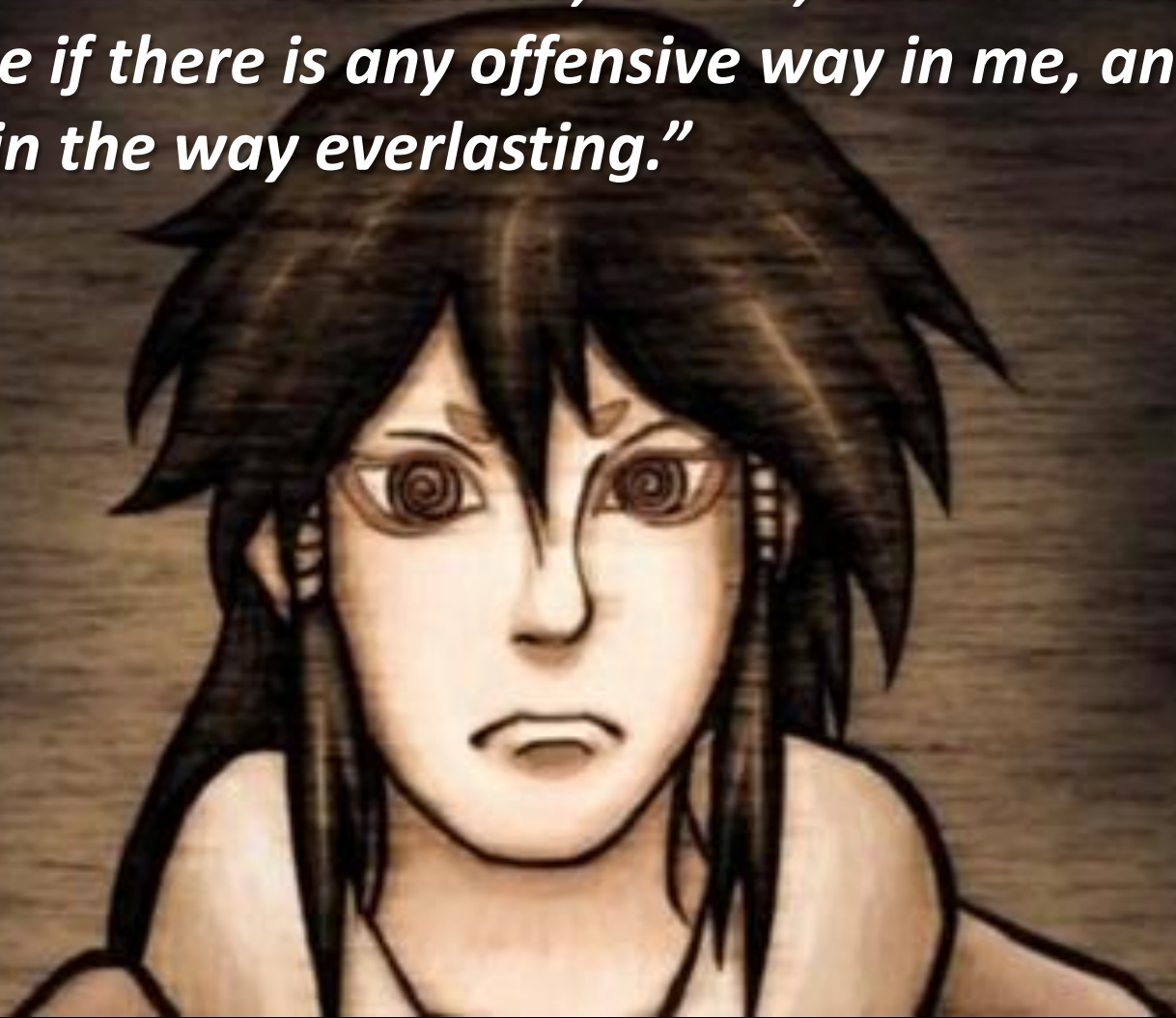




“Call the workers and pay them their wages. Start with the last hired and go on to the first. Those hired at five o’clock came up and were each given a dollar. When those who were hired first saw that, they assumed they would get far more. But they got the same, each of them one dollar. Taking the dollar, they groused angrily to the manager, ‘These last workers put in only one easy hour, and you just made them equal to us, who slaved all day under a scorching sun.’ [sound like the older brother?] He replied to the one speaking for the rest, ‘Friend, I haven’t been unfair. We agreed on the wage of a dollar, didn’t we? So take it and go. I decided to give to the ones who came last the same as you. Can’t I do what I want with my money? Are you going to get stingy because I am so generous?’” (Matthew 20:9-15)



Psalm 139:23-24 *“Search me, O God, and know my heart; See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”*





LIFE

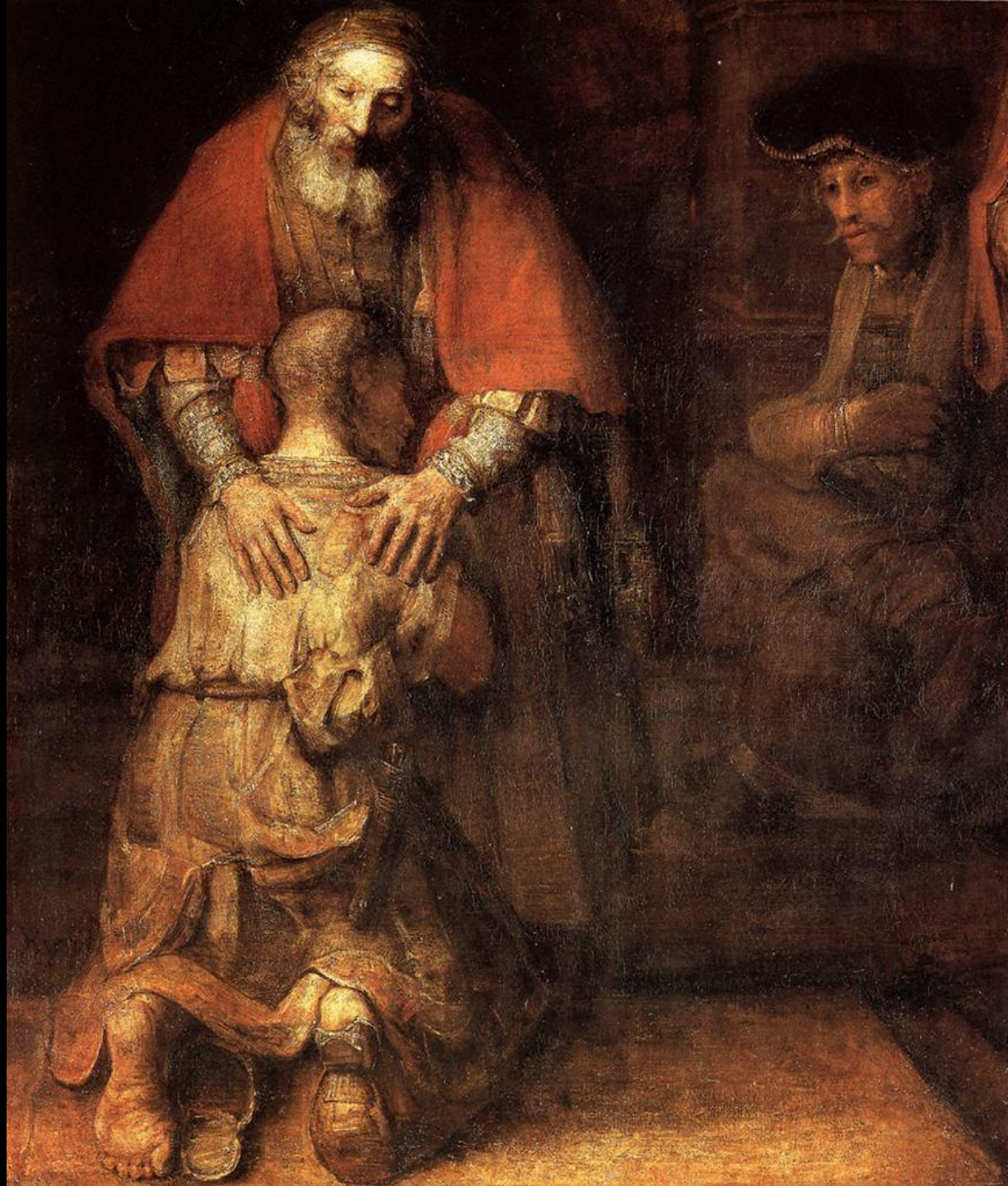
It's

God's

Party



You're Invited!











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.

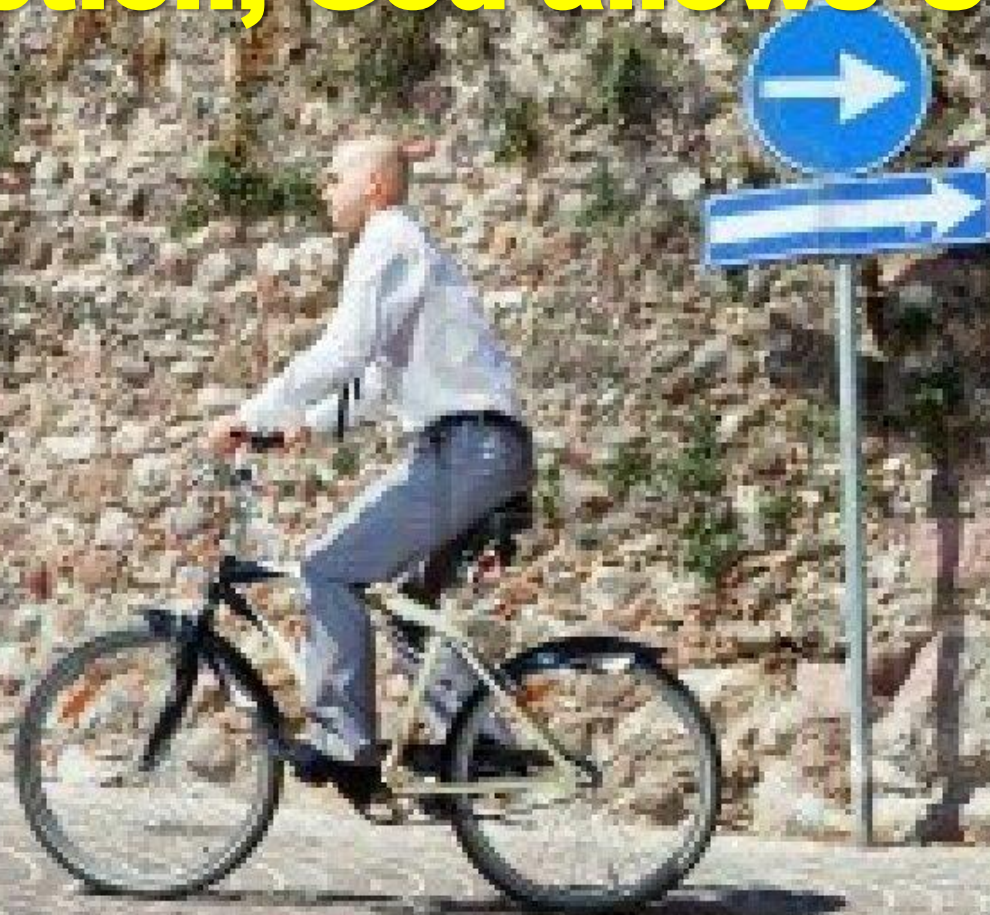


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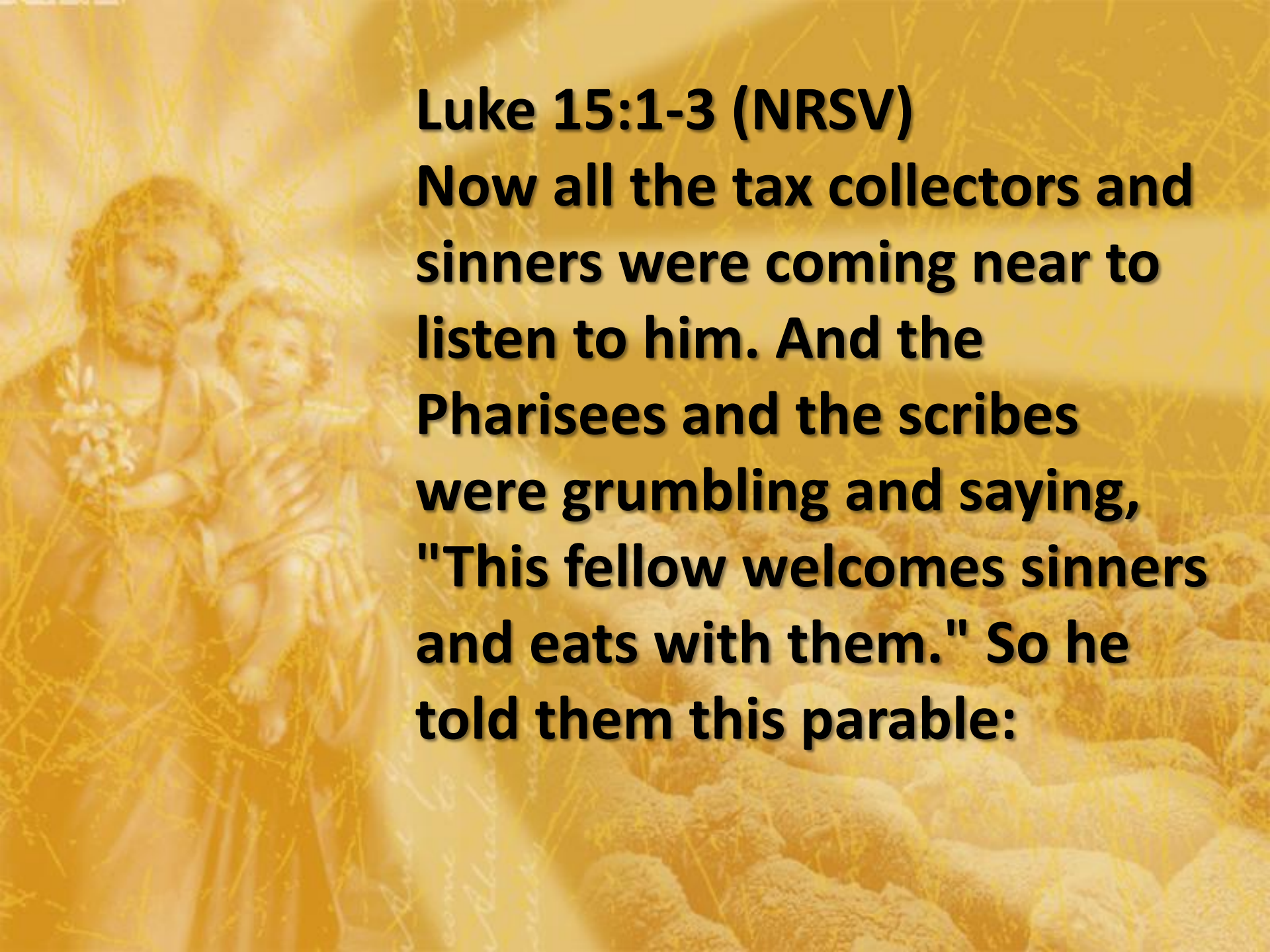
When you're headed in the wrong direction, God allows U-Turns!





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)

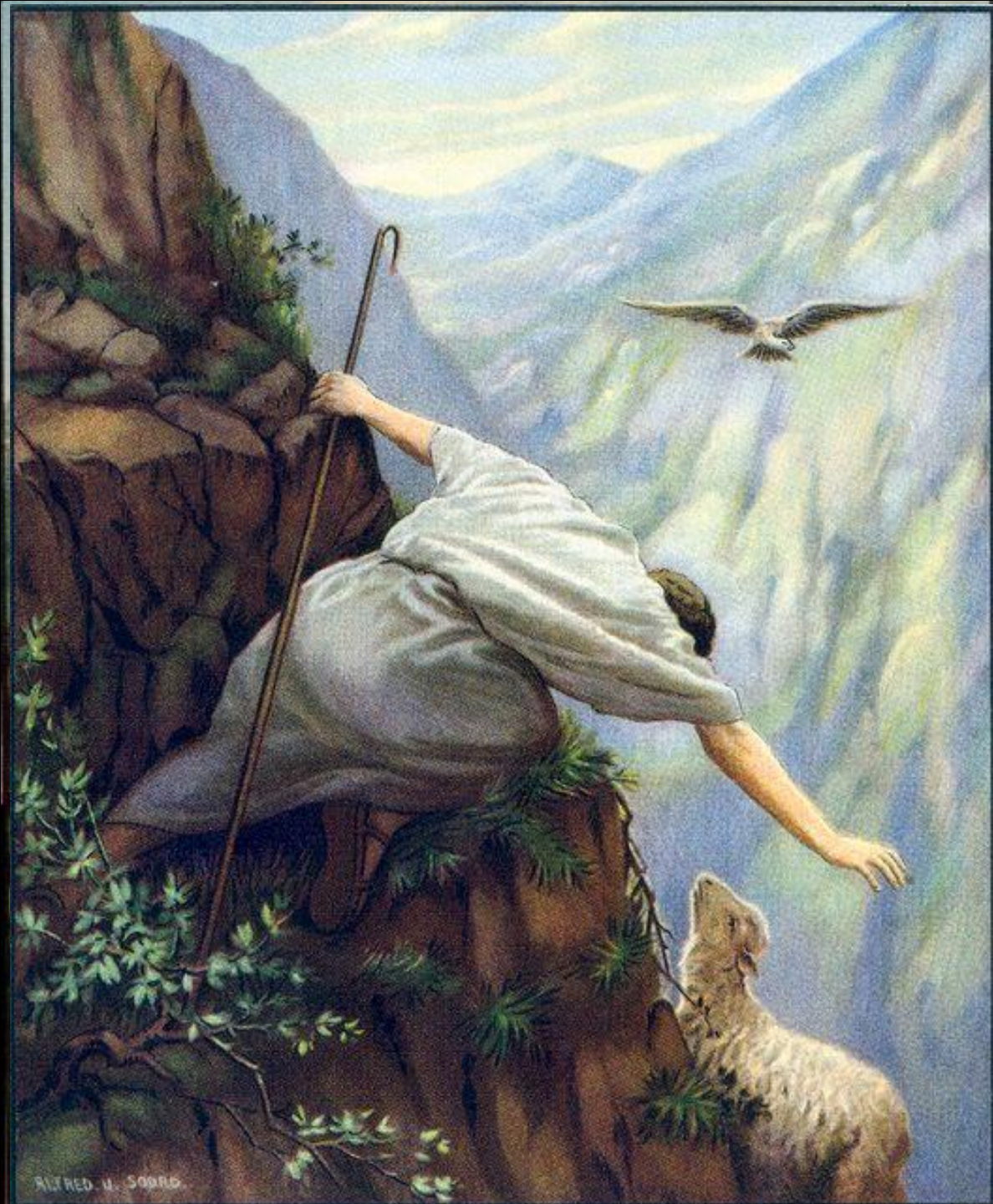
Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable:







The Prodigal Son Among the Swine
1665



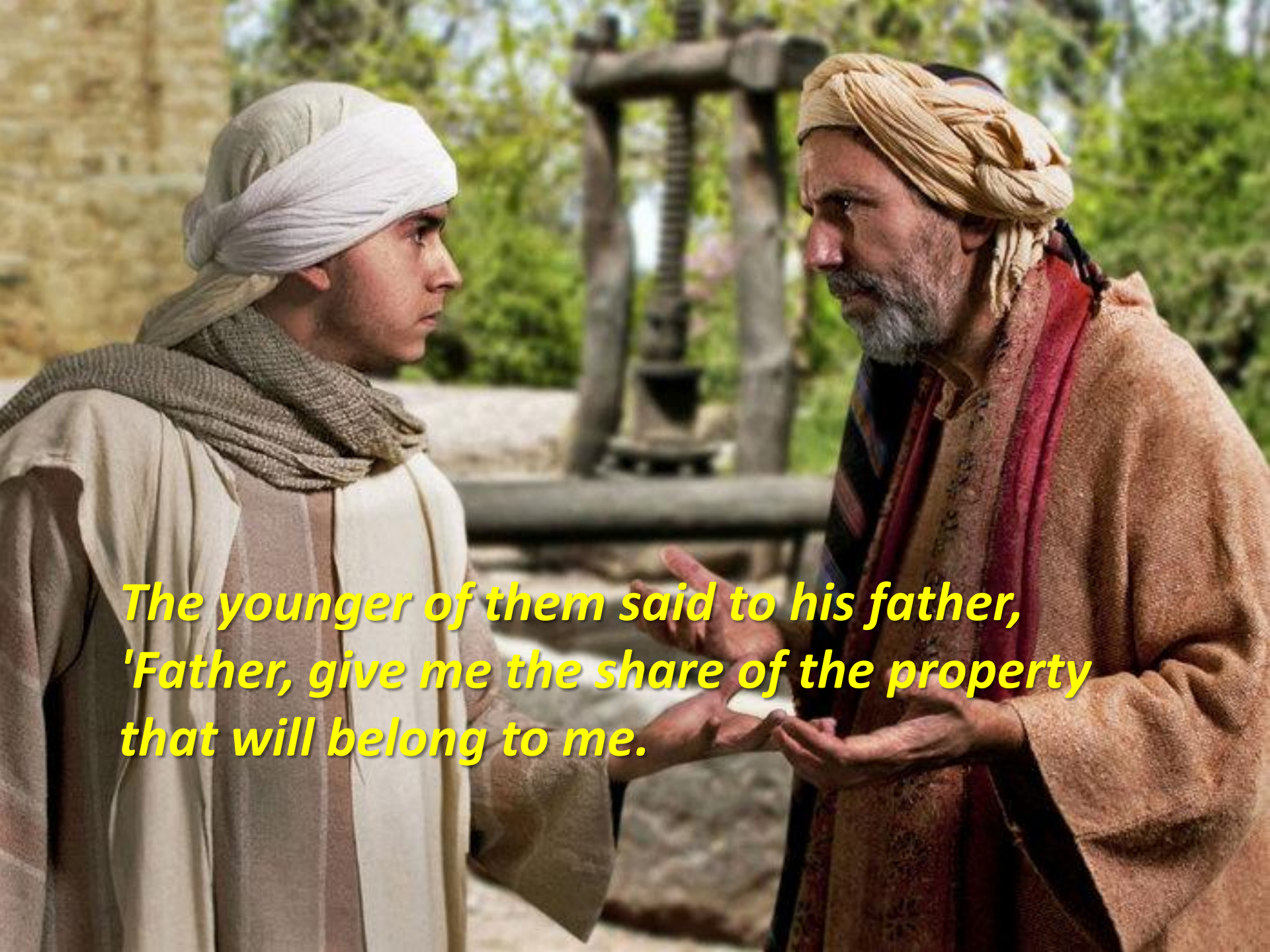
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Right Decision
Wrong Decision





*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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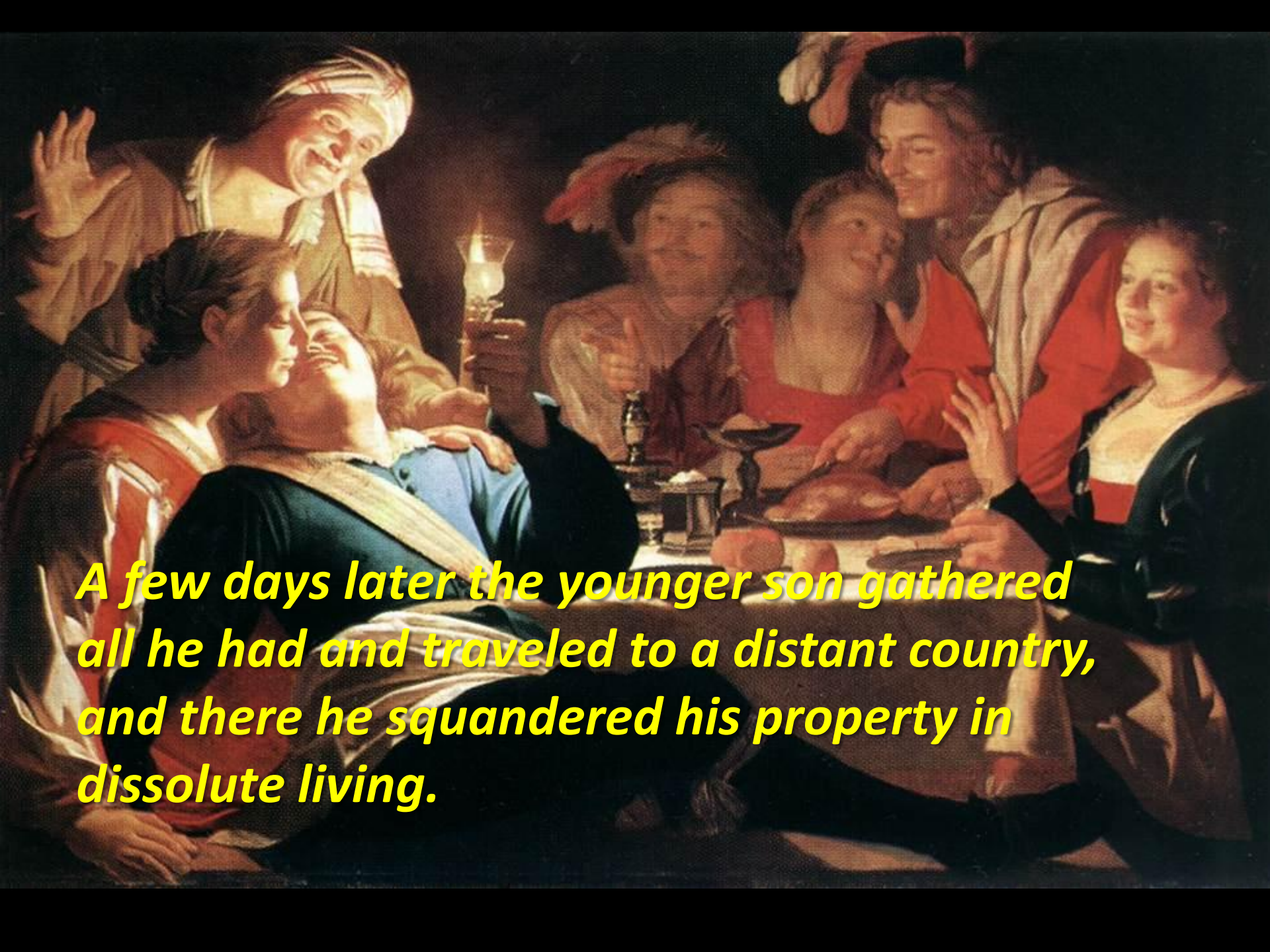
You know we belong to the Land
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*So he divided his property
between them.*



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."

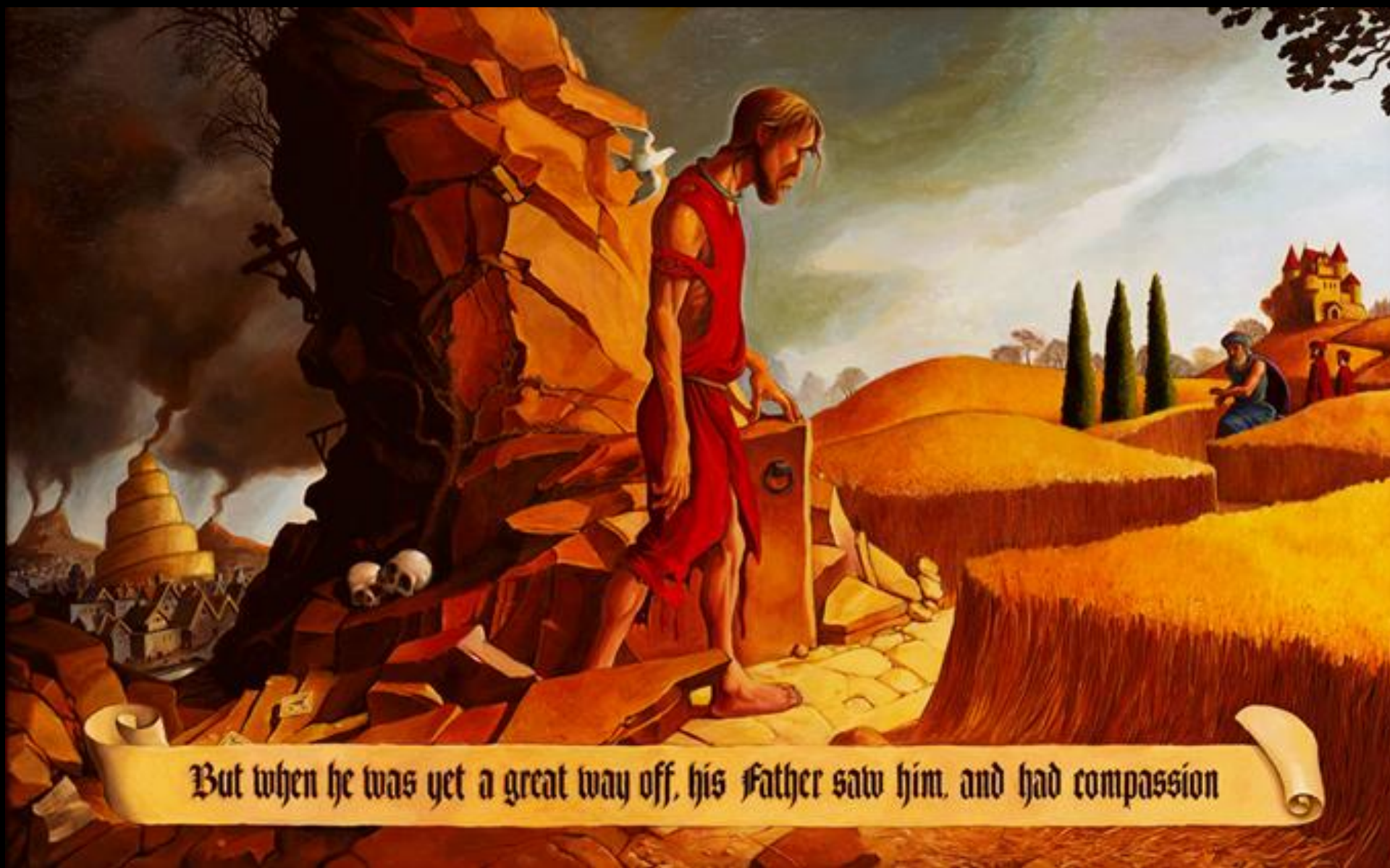


STEWARDSHIP

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-complacence.**
- 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





