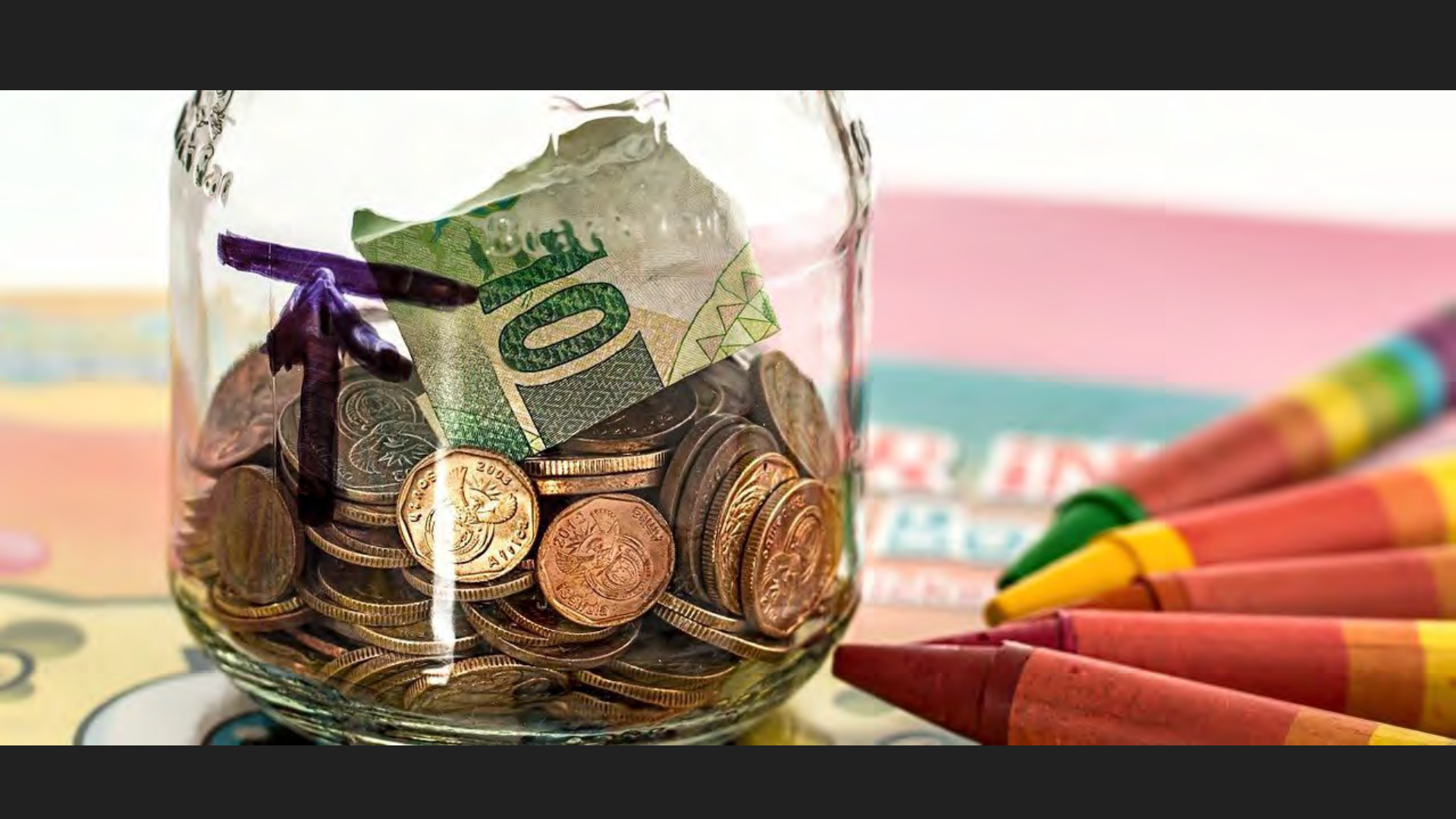
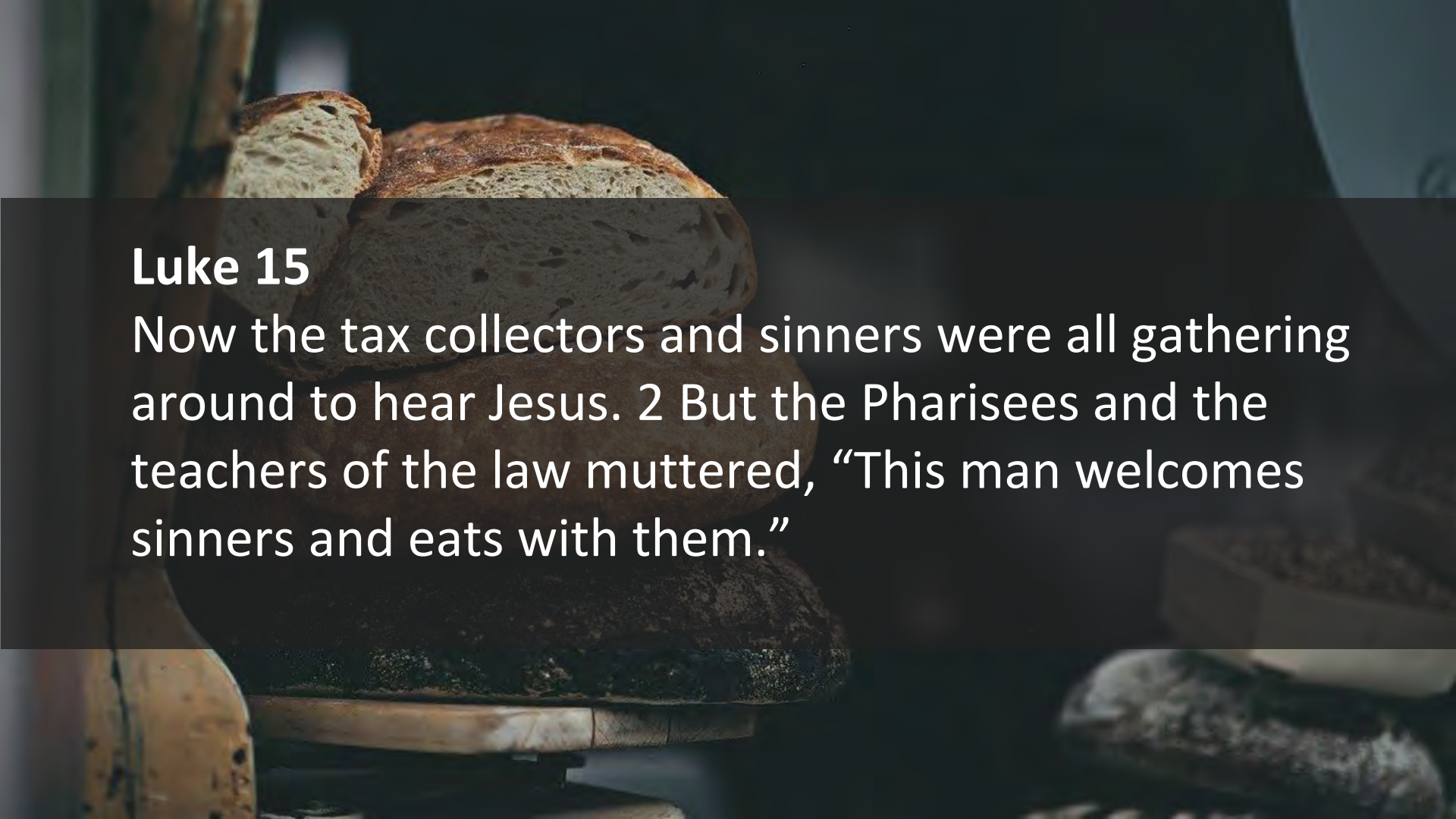




Hope in the Father's Love



A close-up, low-key photograph of a stack of rustic, artisanal bread. The bread has a thick, dark, and slightly charred crust, with a soft, porous interior. It is stacked on a wooden surface, possibly a stand or a cutting board. The background is dark and out of focus, with some blurred shapes of other bread or kitchen items visible on the right side. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the bread's crust.

Luke 15

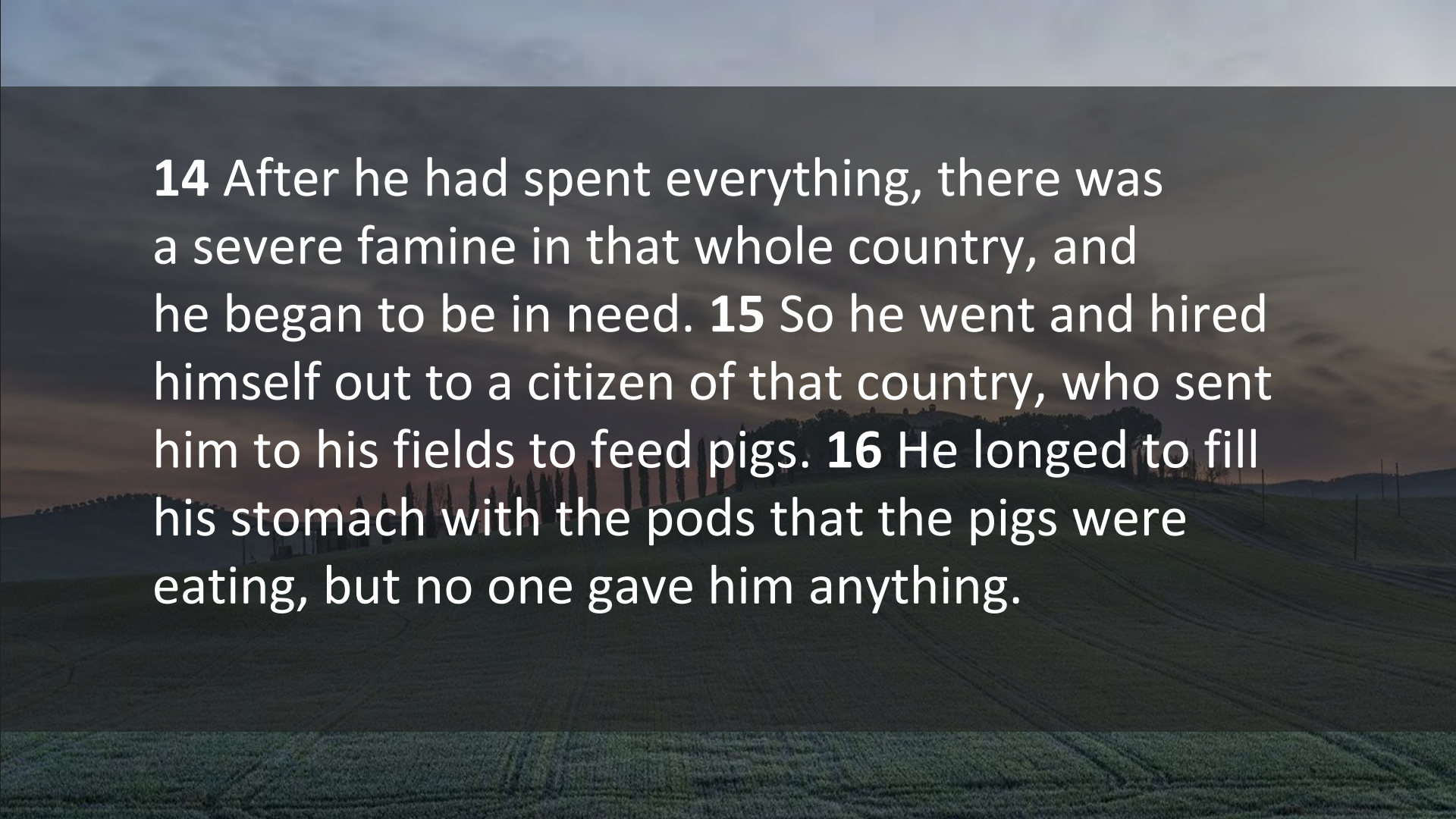
Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. 2 But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”



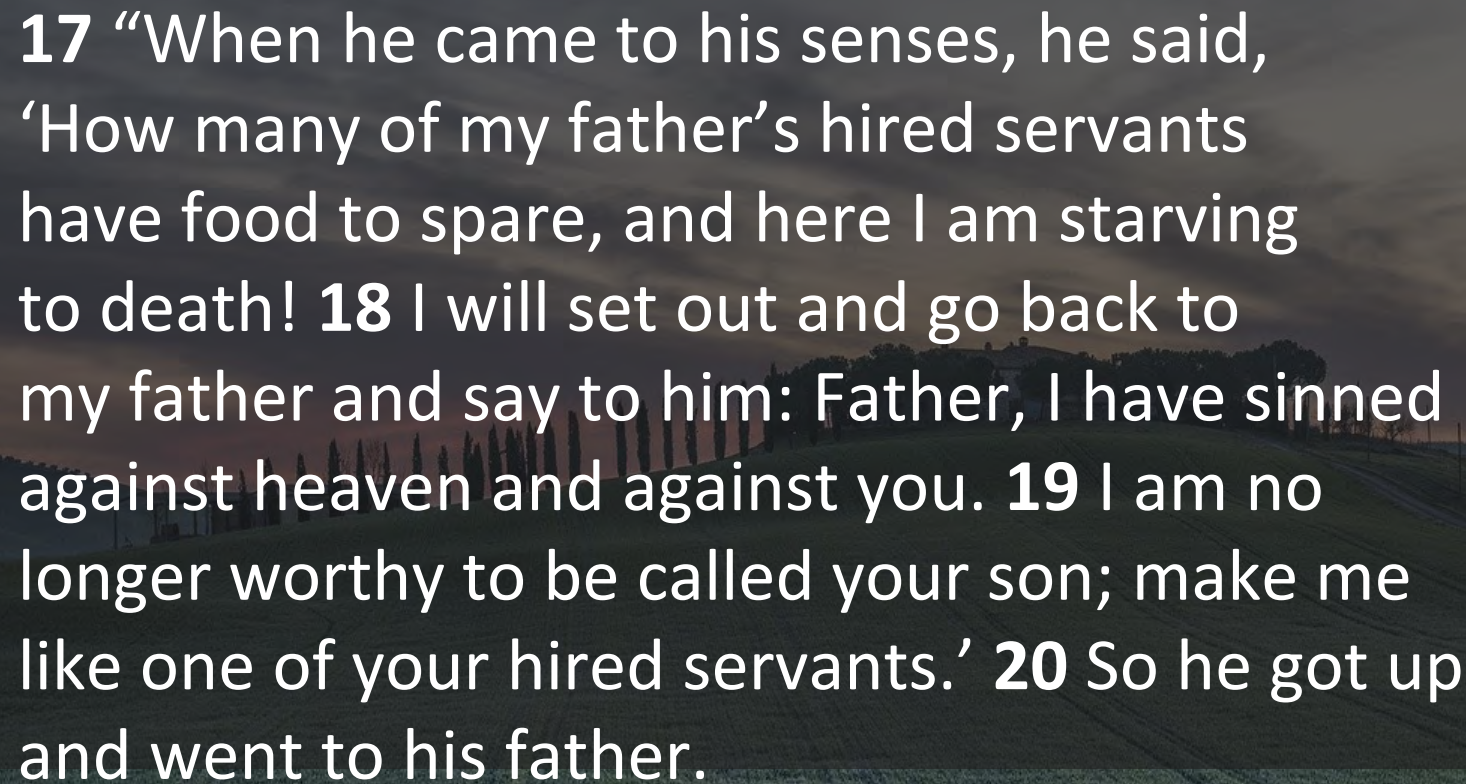
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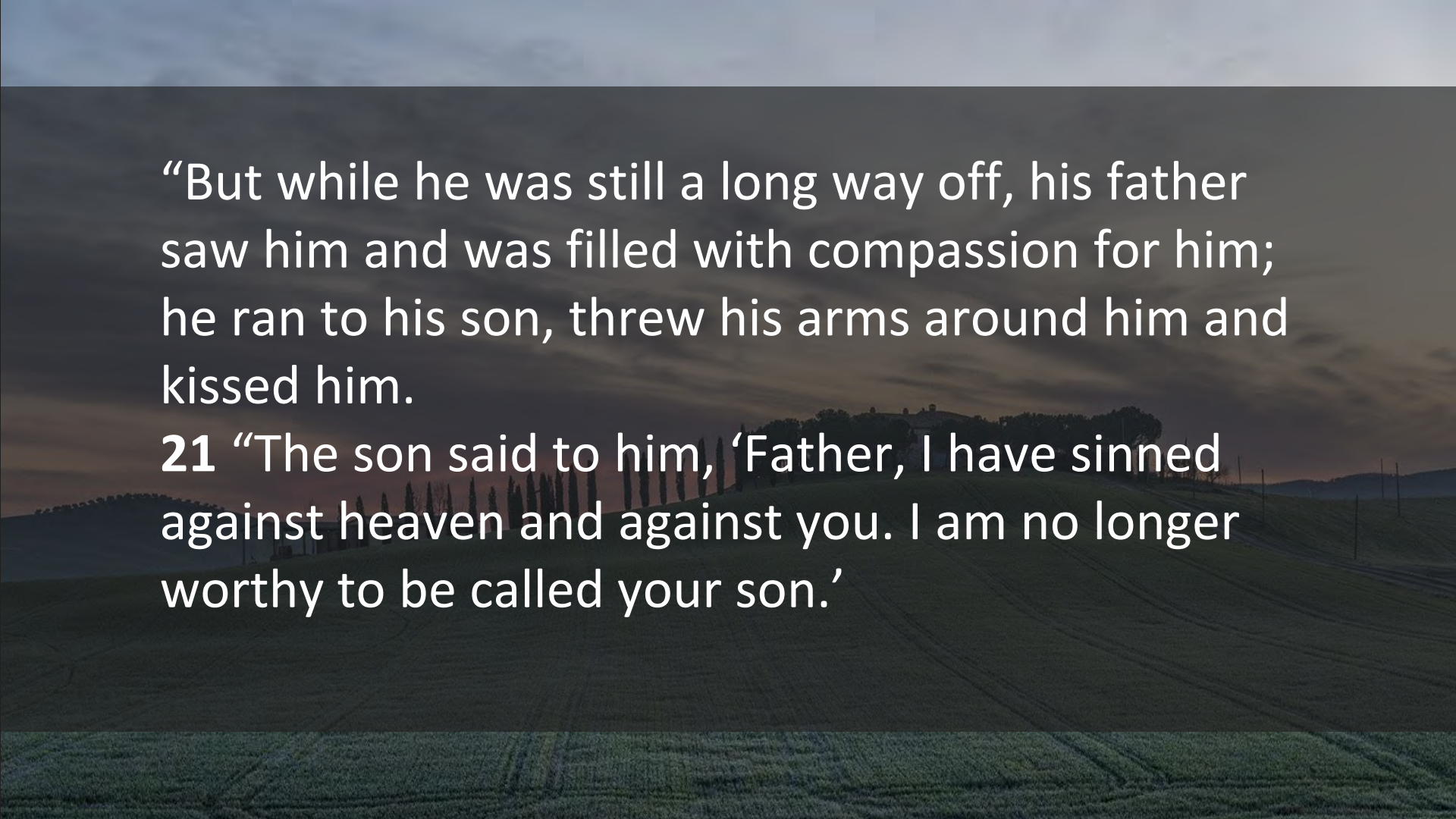
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The background of the image is a dark, moody landscape. It features rolling hills in the foreground and middle ground, with a line of trees silhouetted against a lighter, cloudy sky in the distance. The overall tone is somber and dramatic, with a color palette dominated by dark blues, greys, and muted greens.

14 After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. **15** So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. **16** He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

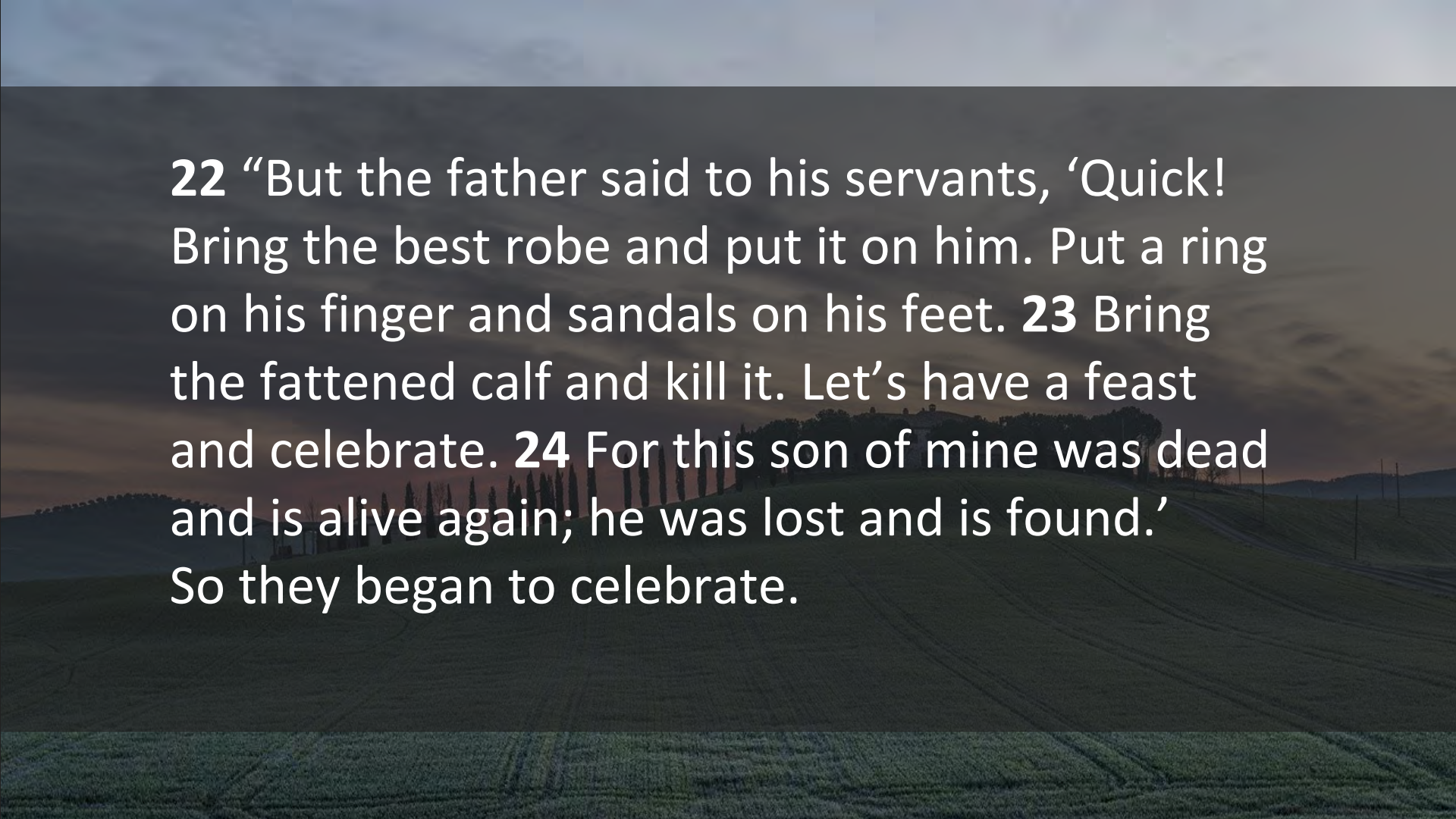


17 “When he came to his senses, he said,
‘How many of my father’s hired servants
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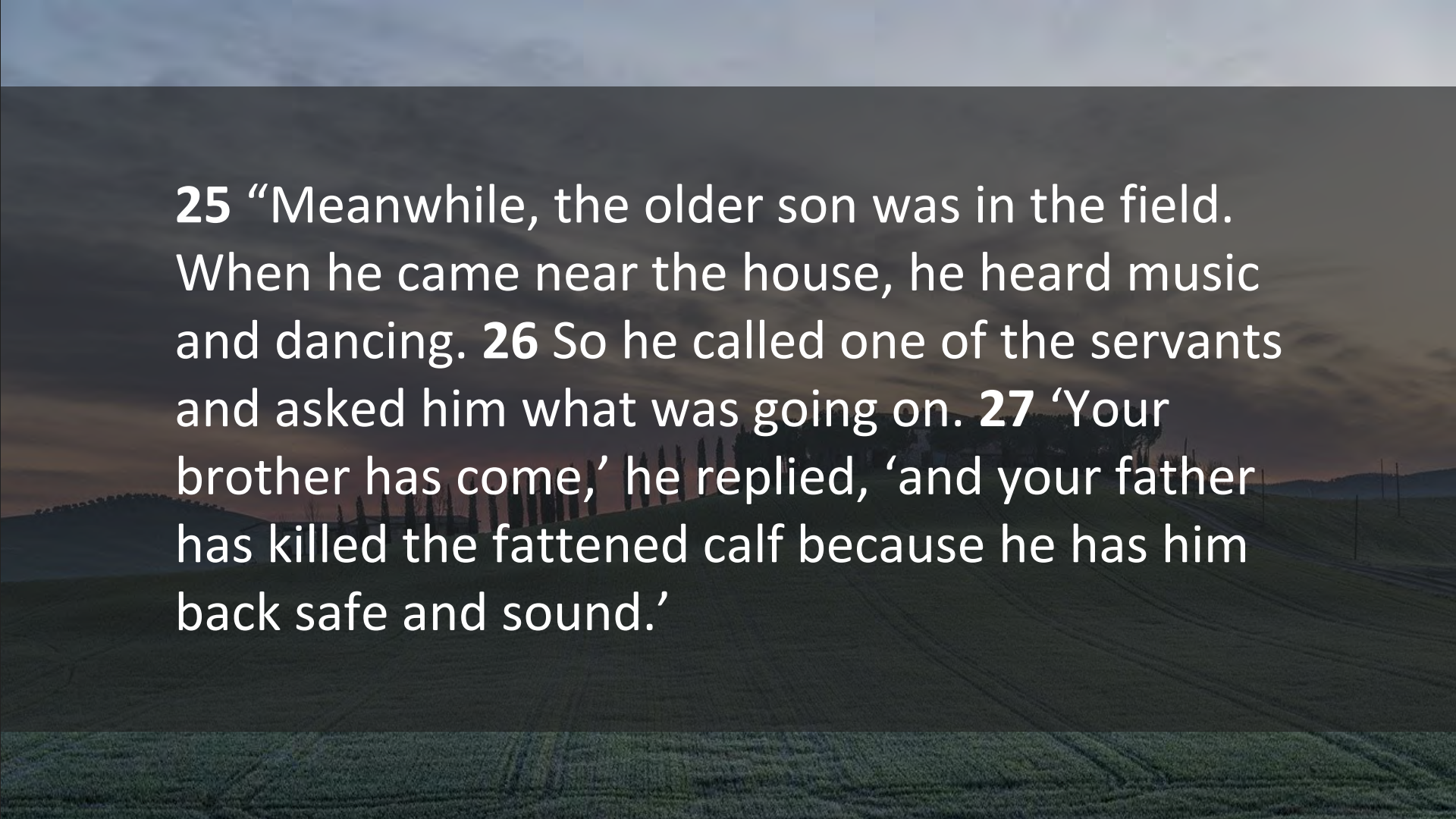


“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

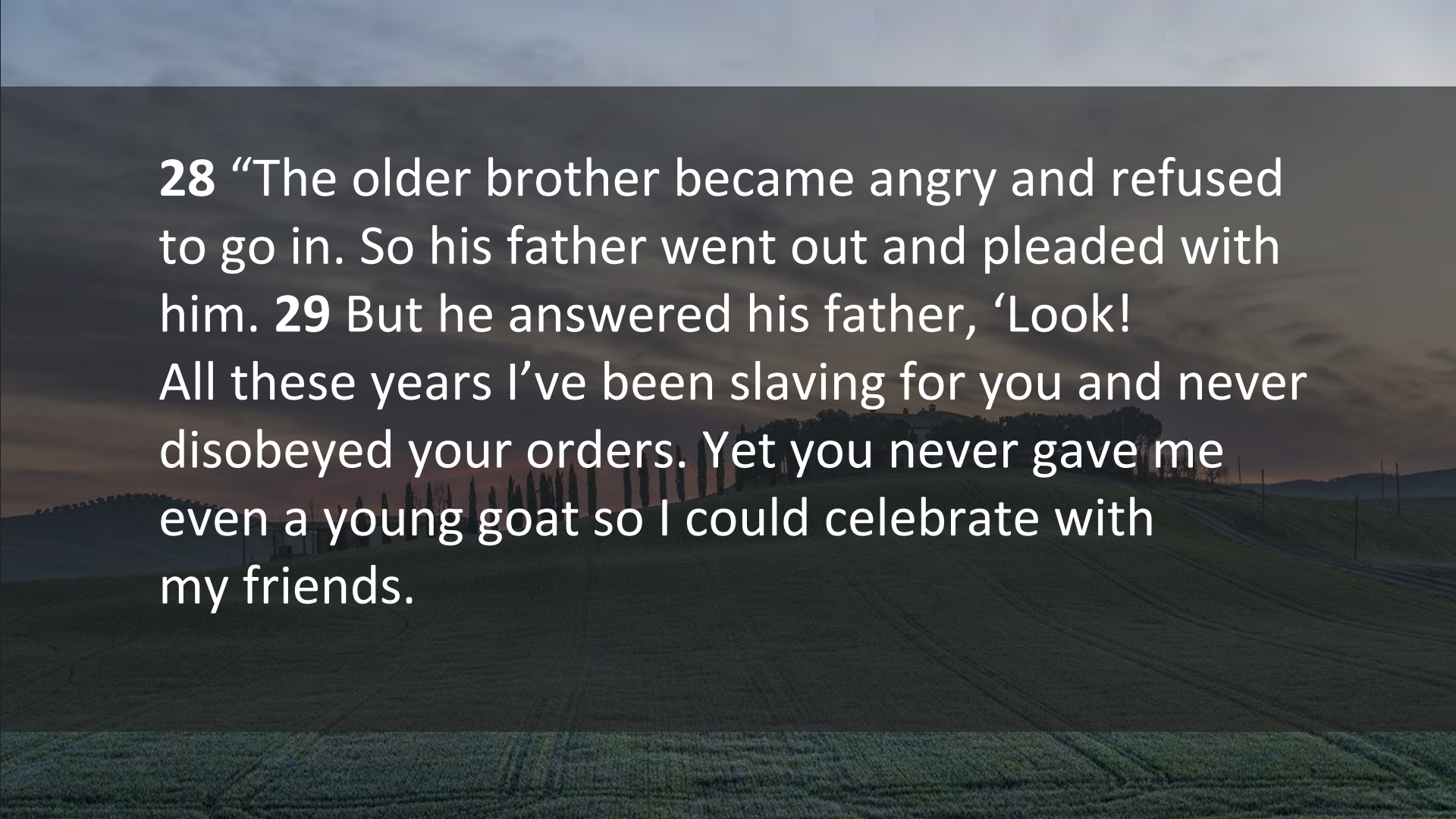
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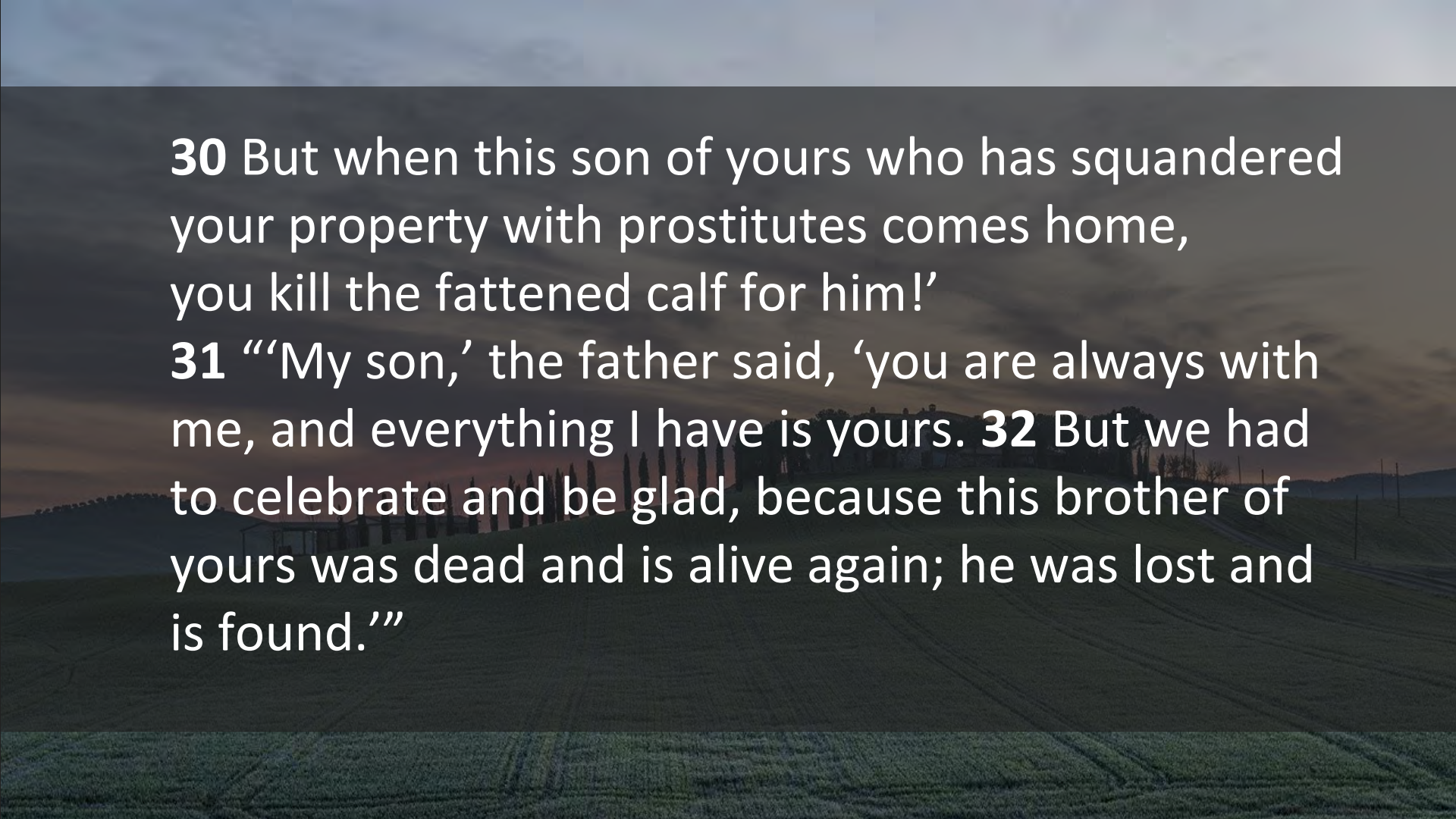
22 “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. **23** Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. **24** For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.



25 “Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. **26** So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. **27** ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’



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1 Samuel 8

7 And the Lord said to Samuel, “Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them.





Philippians 3

20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

21 who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

A night sky filled with stars, with a dark silhouette of a mountain range at the bottom. The sky is a deep blue, and the stars are small white dots. The mountain range is dark and jagged, spanning the width of the image.

John 1:14

And the Word became flesh and dwelt
among us, ..

The background of the image is a deep blue night sky filled with numerous stars. A prominent, bright blue-white star is visible in the upper left quadrant. At the bottom of the image, the dark silhouette of a mountain range is visible against the lighter blue of the twilight sky.

1 Tim 2:5

For there is one God, and there is one mediator
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Jonah



Jonah 4

But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. 2 And he prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish;

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for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster. **3** Therefore now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.”



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1 John 4:19

We love because he first loved us.



A person is sitting on a wooden pier, looking out at a body of water under a sunset sky. The person is seen from behind, and their silhouette is visible against the bright horizon. The water reflects the colors of the sky, and a distant pier or structure is visible on the horizon.

Dear Heavenly Father,

I am tired and lost. I have turned to the world and it has not led me into the right places. I have listened to the whispers of the world instead of Your voice.

I recognise that need Your mercy and love.

And I need Your forgiveness for my sins.

From now on, help me to live for You.

As Your child.

Thank you for loving me with such love.

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