SEPTEMBER SERMON SERIES

# LOST & FOUND



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# THE PARABLE OF THE LOST SHEEP

LUKE 15:1-7



# THE PARABLE OF THE LOST COIN

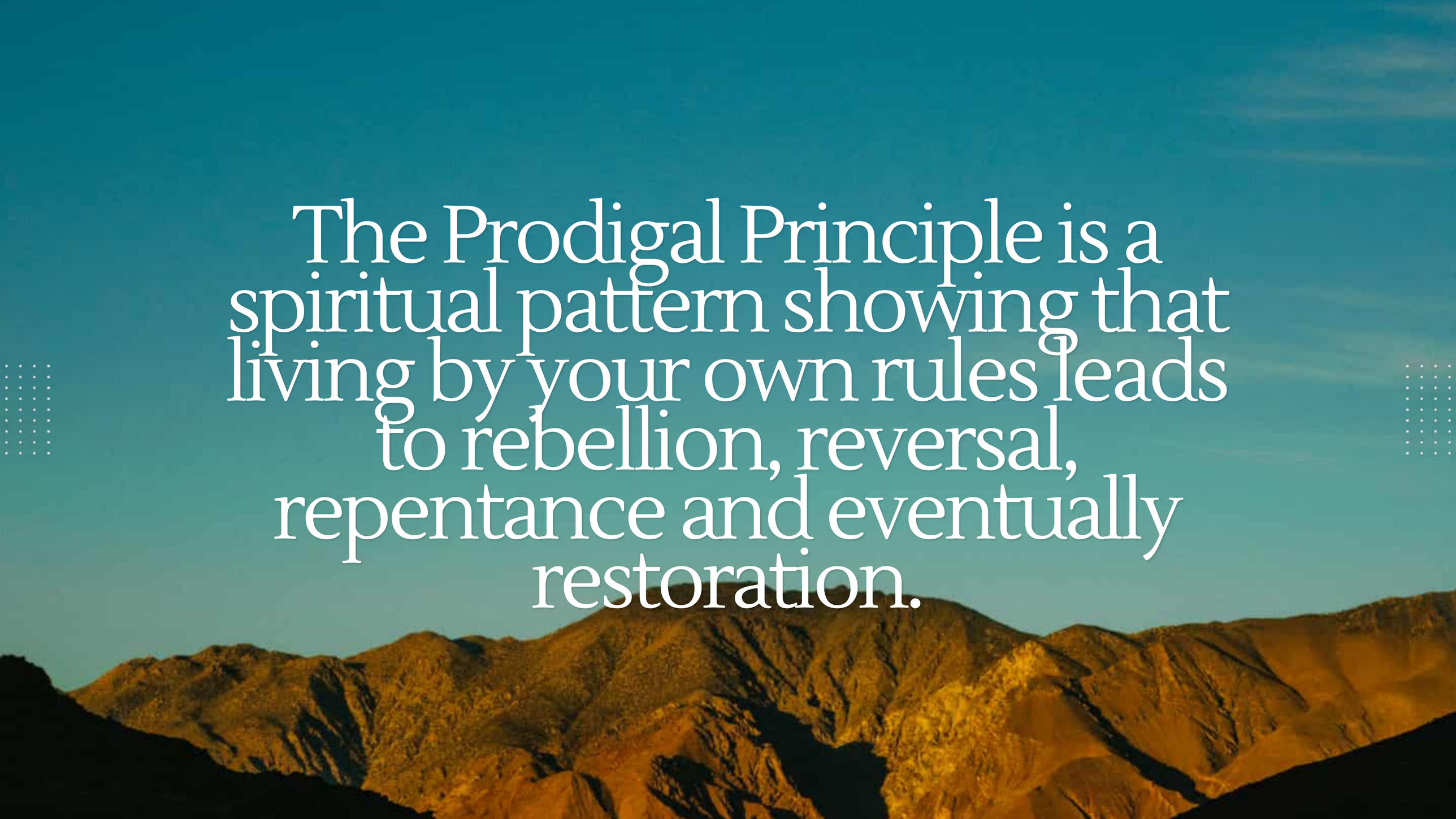
LUKE 15:8-10



# THE PRODIGAL SON

## LUKE 15:11-24




The Prodigal Principle is a spiritual pattern showing that living by your own rules leads to rebellion, reversal, repentance and eventually restoration.

# STEP ONE: REBELLION

LUKE 15:11-13



# FOUR NATURAL SIGNS OF REBELLION:

1. IMPATIENCE WITH GOD'S TIMING
2. DESIRE TO BE IN CONTROL
3. IRRESPONSIBILITY AND CARELESSNESS
4. MORAL LAPSE AND DECLINE -

# STEP TWO: REVERSAL

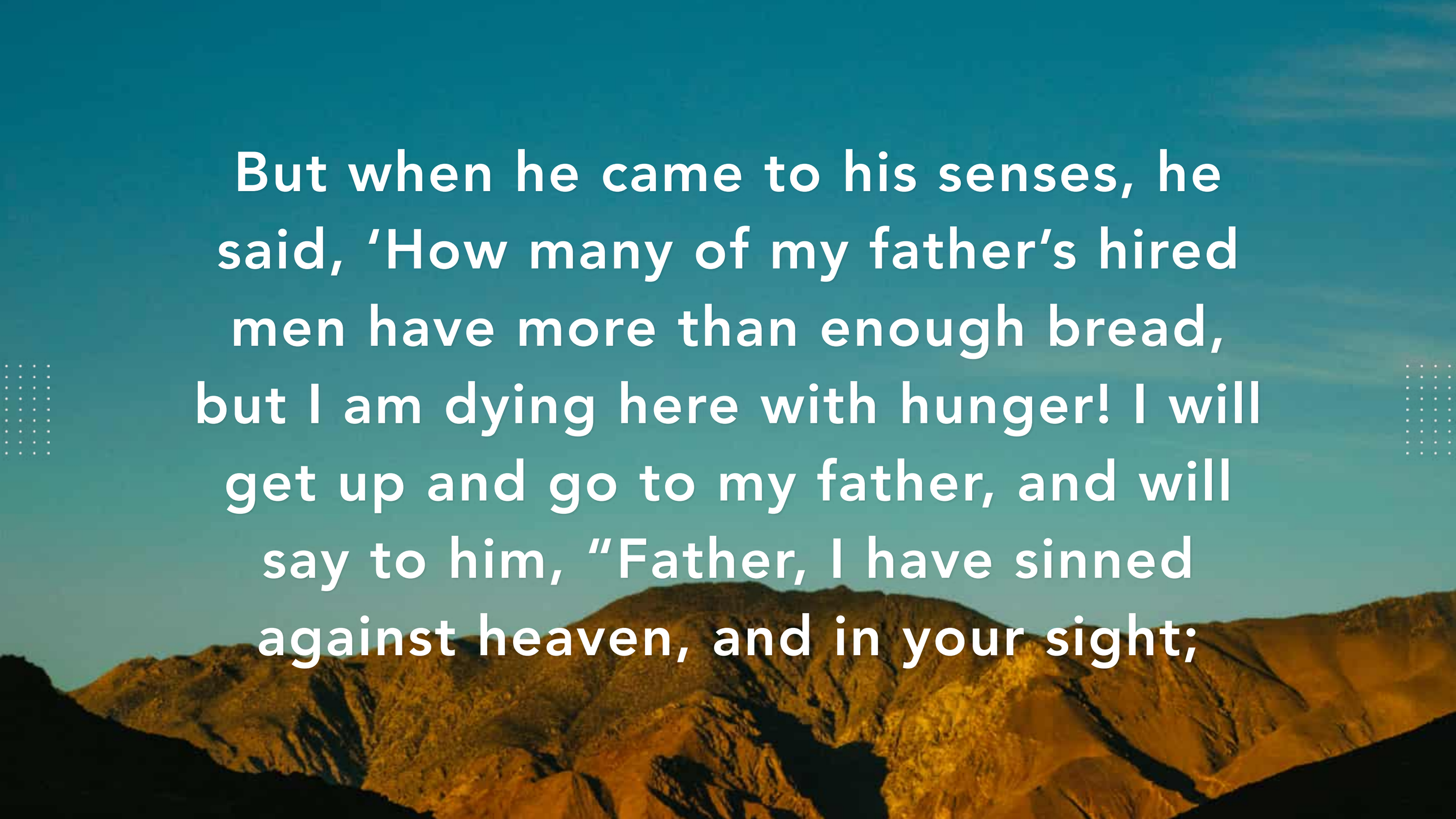
## LUKE 15:14-16

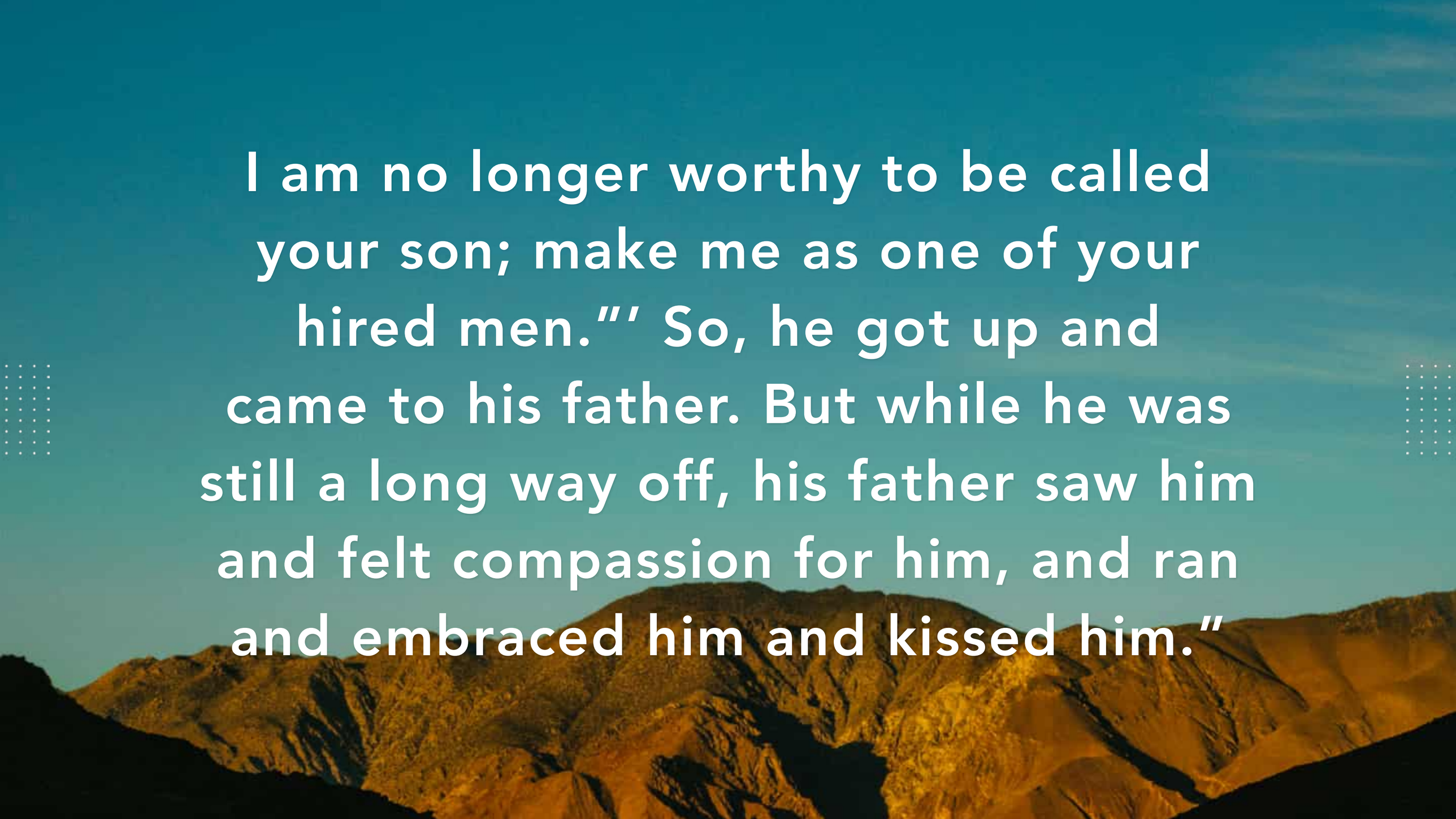


# STEP THREE: REPENTANCE

## LUKE 15:17-20

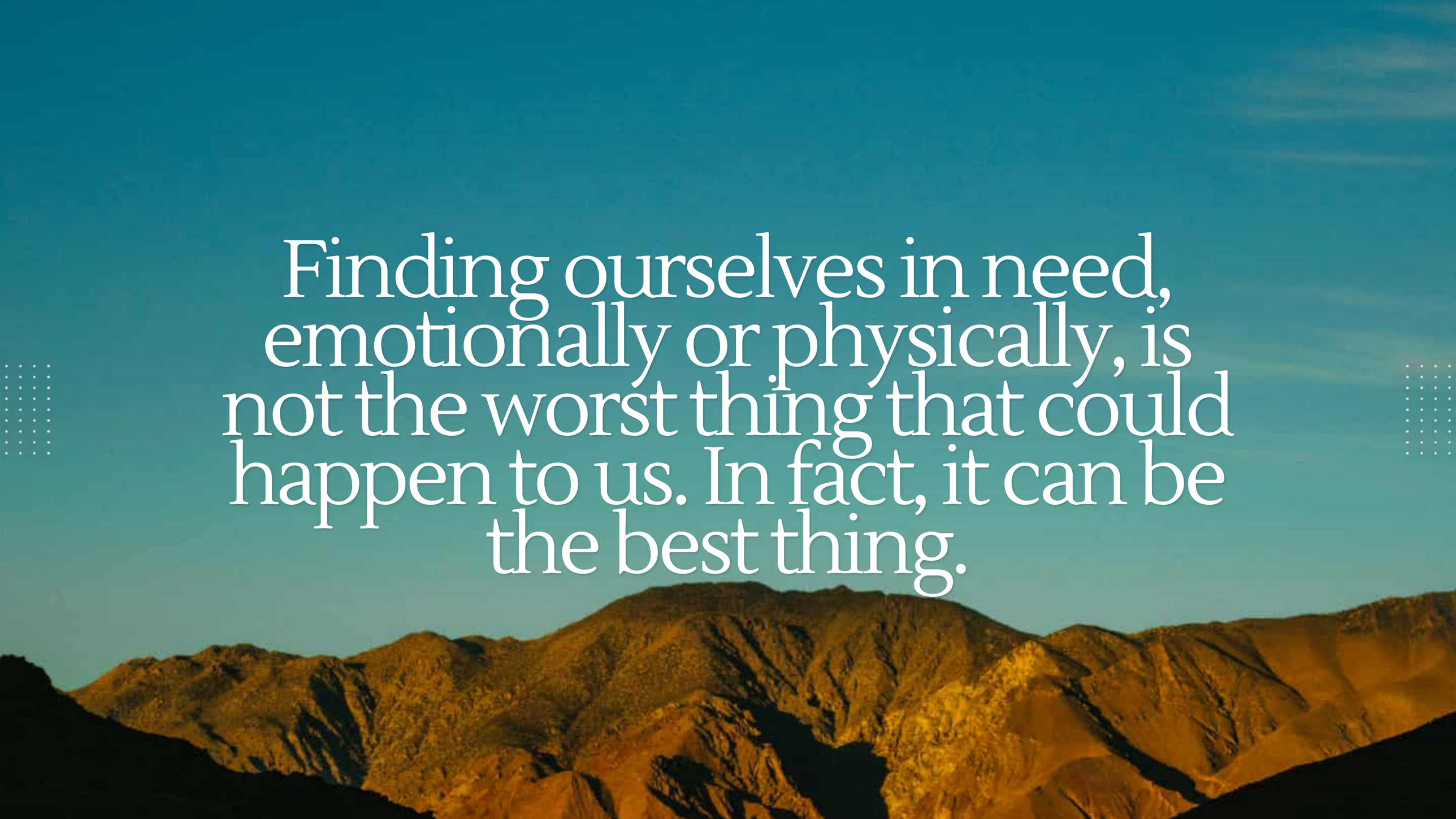



But when he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired men have more than enough bread, but I am dying here with hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight;


I am no longer worthy to be called
your son; make me as one of your
hired men.”’ So, he got up and
came to his father. But while he was
still a long way off, his father saw him
and felt compassion for him, and ran
and embraced him and kissed him.”

# WHEN YOU LACK COMMON SENSE:

1. THERE IS LOSS OF REASON
2. THERE IS TEMPORARY MADNESS
3. THERE IS OVERWHELMED EMOTIONS


Finding ourselves in need, emotionally or physically, is not the worst thing that could happen to us. In fact, it can be the best thing.

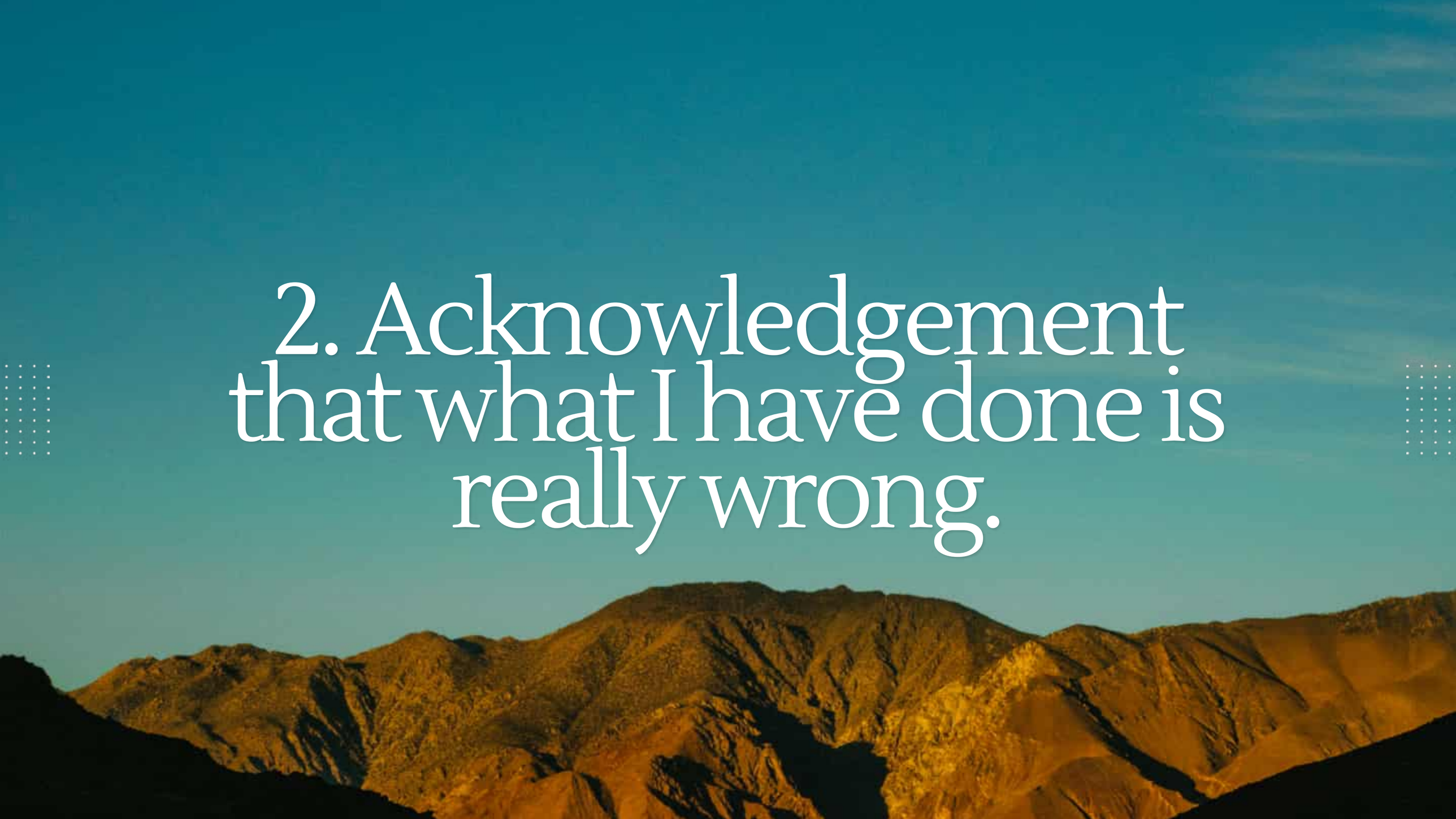

God uses the darkness
to push us toward the
light.

# The Nature of True Repentance and what it Requires:



# 1. Acknowledgement of actions.

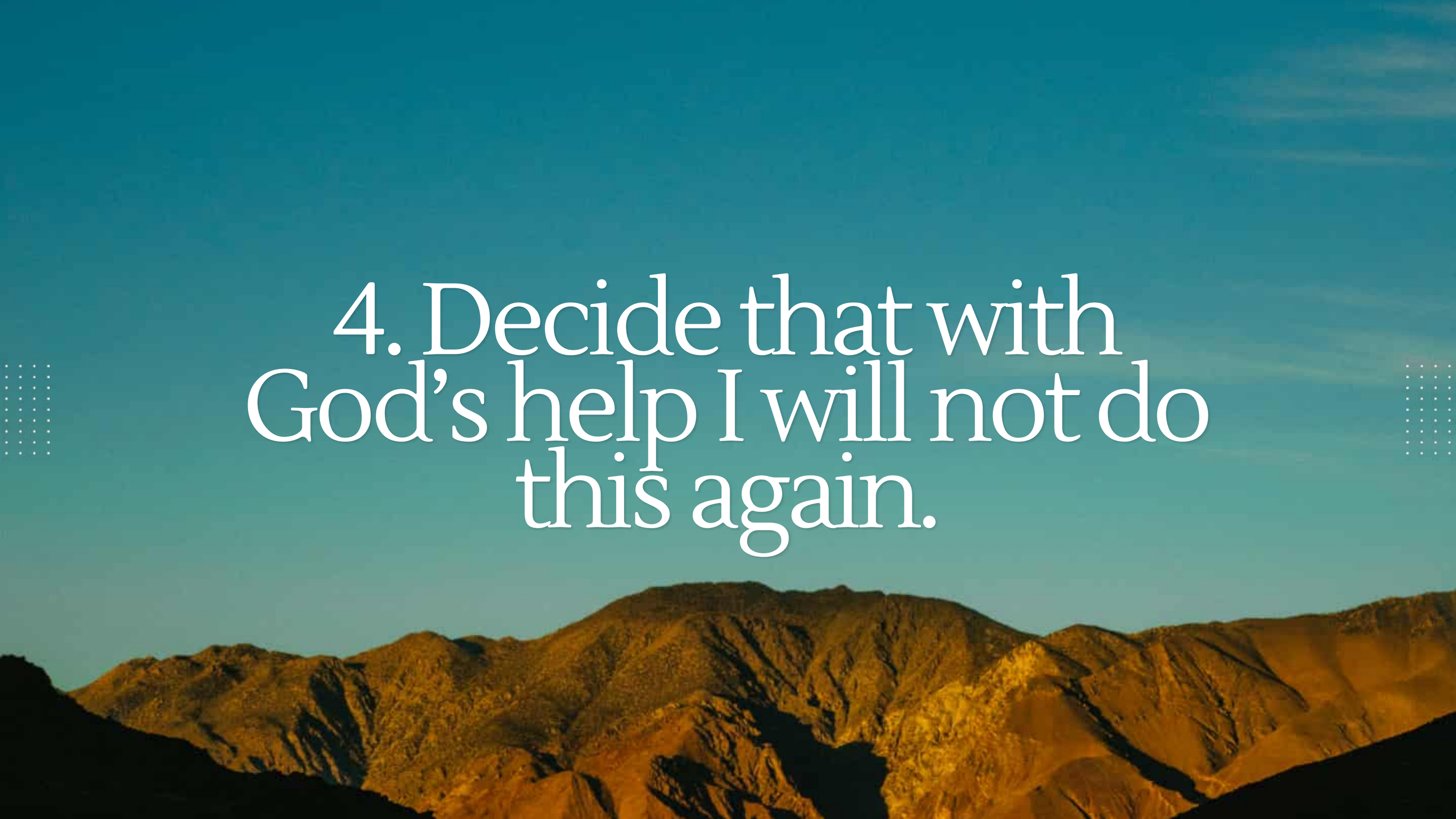




# 2. Acknowledgement that what I have done is really wrong.

# 3. Acknowledgement that the crisis is a result of what I have done.

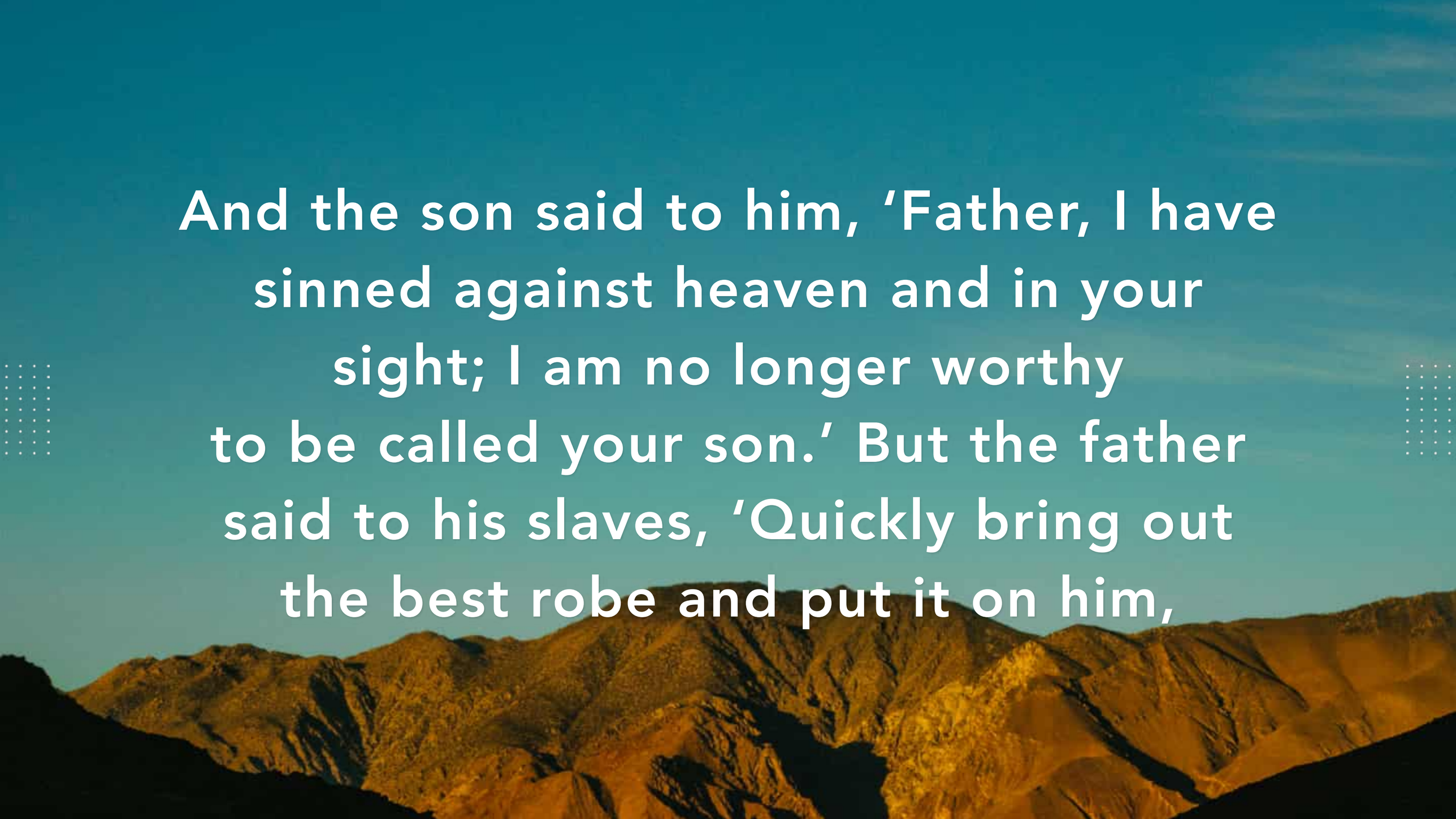


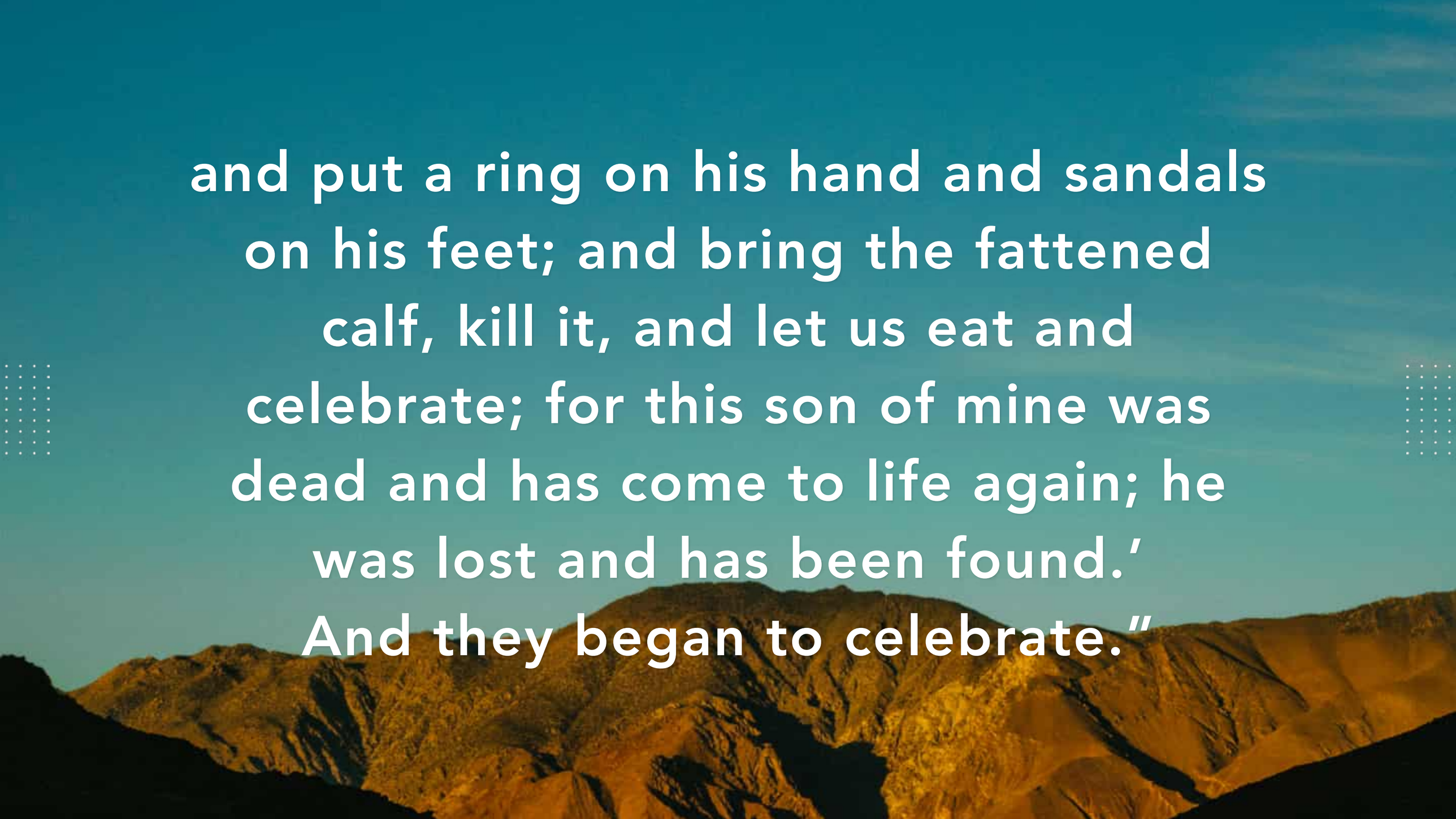

4. Decide that with
God’s help I will not do
this again.

# STEP FOUR: RESTORATION

## LUKE 15:21-24




And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have
sinned against heaven and in your
sight; I am no longer worthy
to be called your son.’ But the father
said to his slaves, ‘Quickly bring out
the best robe and put it on him,


and put a ring on his hand and sandals
on his feet; and bring the fattened
calf, kill it, and let us eat and
celebrate; for this son of mine was
dead and has come to life again; he
was lost and has been found.'
And they began to celebrate."


“Restore” means to
bring back to an
original condition.

# 1. The ROBE symbolized ACCEPTANCE.



# GALATIANS 3:26

For you [who are born-again have been reborn from above—spiritually transformed, renewed, sanctified and] are all children of God [set apart for His purpose with full rights and privileges] through faith in Christ Jesus.

# 2. The RING symbolized SONSHIP.



# EPHESIANS 1:13

In Him, you also, when you heard the word of truth, the good news of your salvation, and [as a result] believed in Him, were stamped with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit [the One promised by Christ] as owned and protected [by God].


3. The SANDALS
represented
FREEDOM.

# ROMANS 6:18

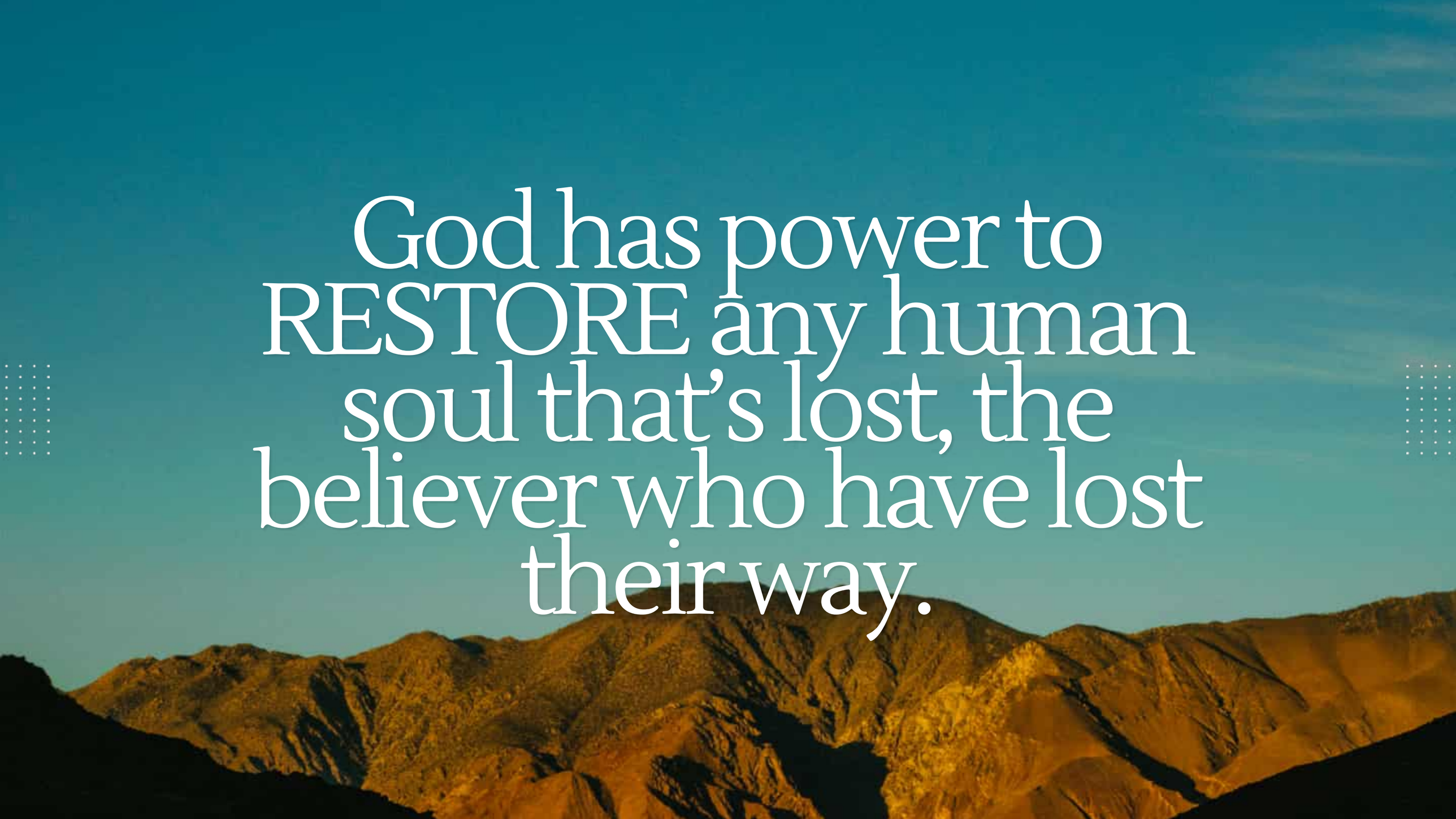
And being made free from sin,
you became servants of
righteousness.



# 4. The FEAST represented REJOICING.

# SUMMARY:

1. Are we in REBELLION?
2. Are we in REVERSAL?
3. Are we in REPENTANCE?
4. Are we in need of RESTORATION?


God has power to
RESTORE any human
soul that's lost, the
believer who have lost
their way.