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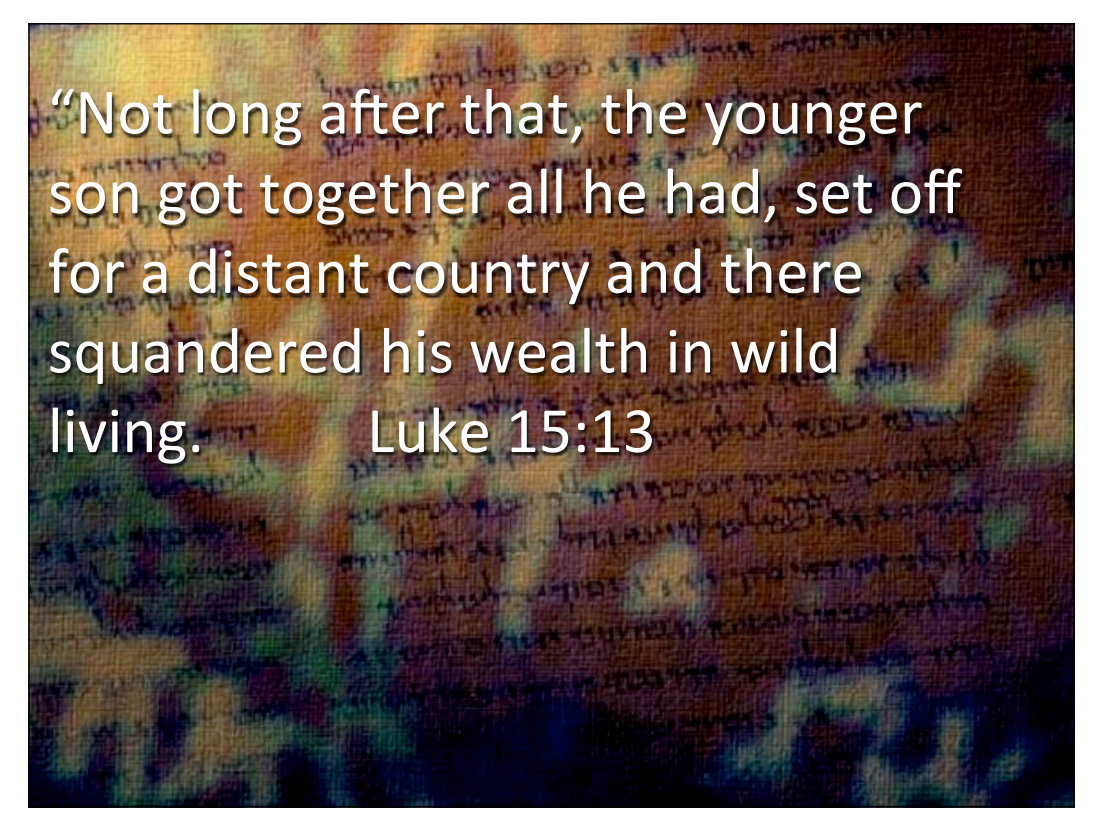
¹² The younger one said to his father,
'Father, give me my share of the
estate.' Luke 15:12



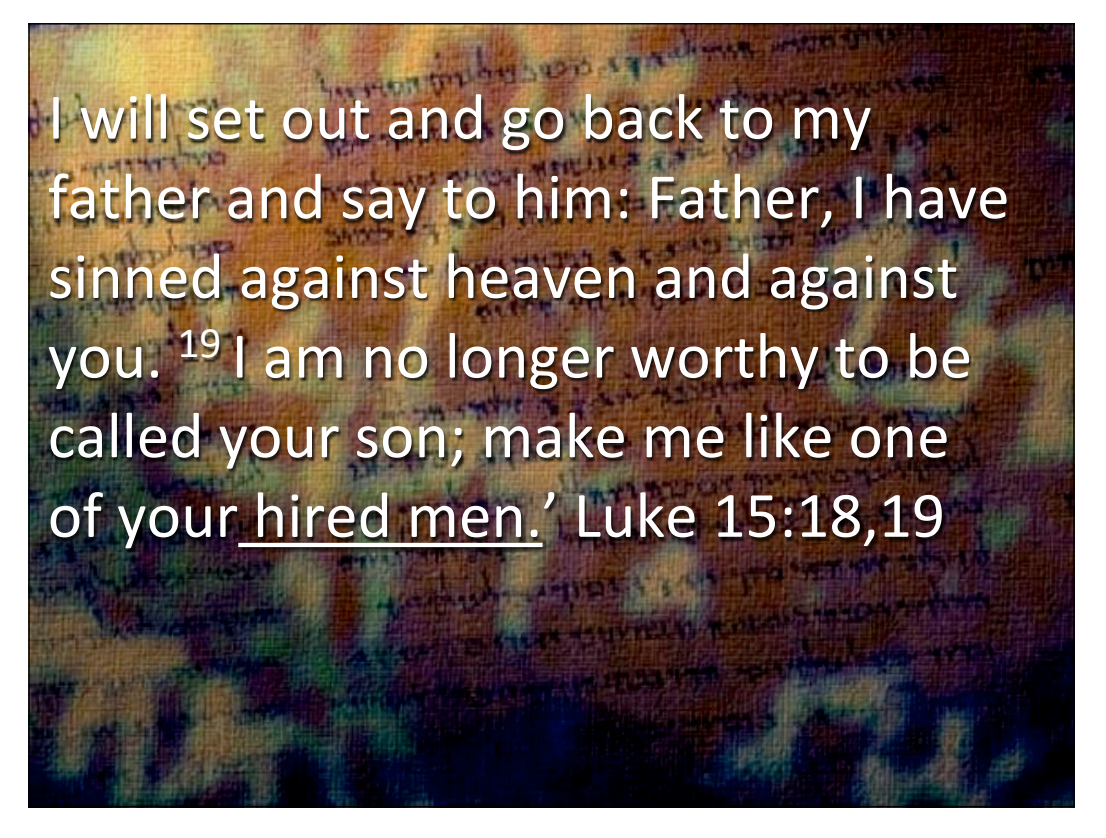
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12b ...so he divided his property between them

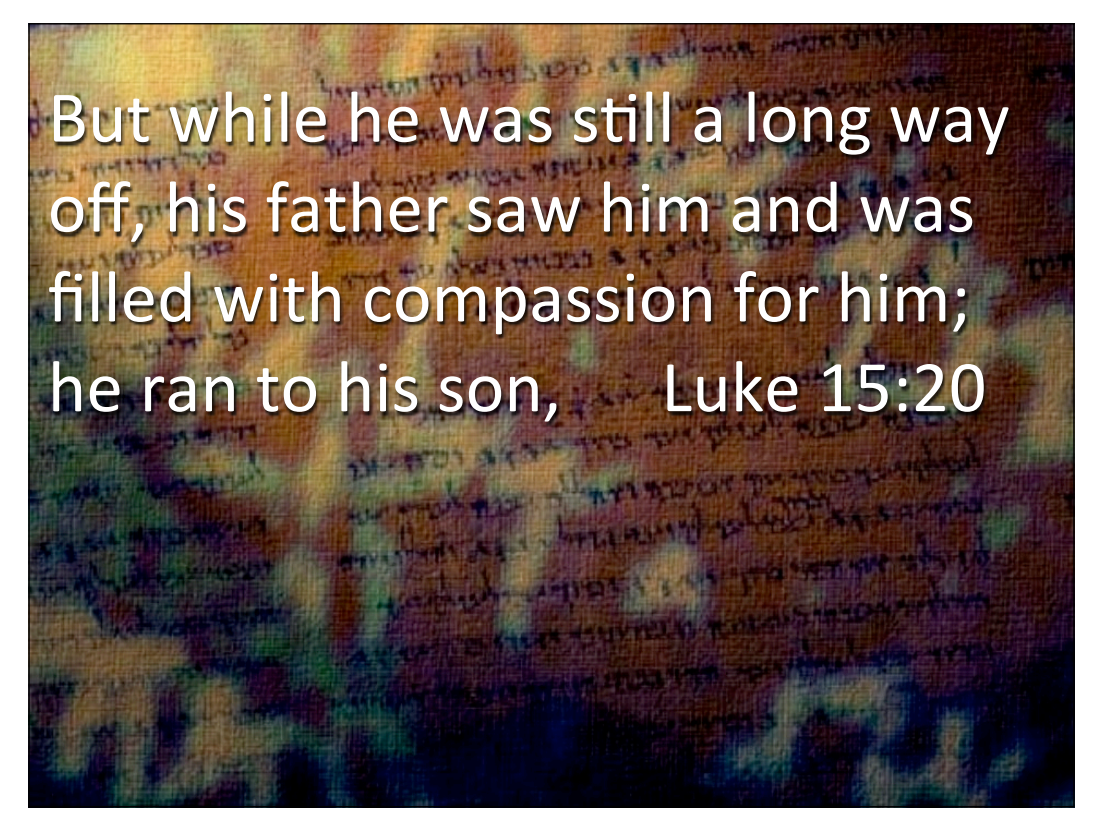
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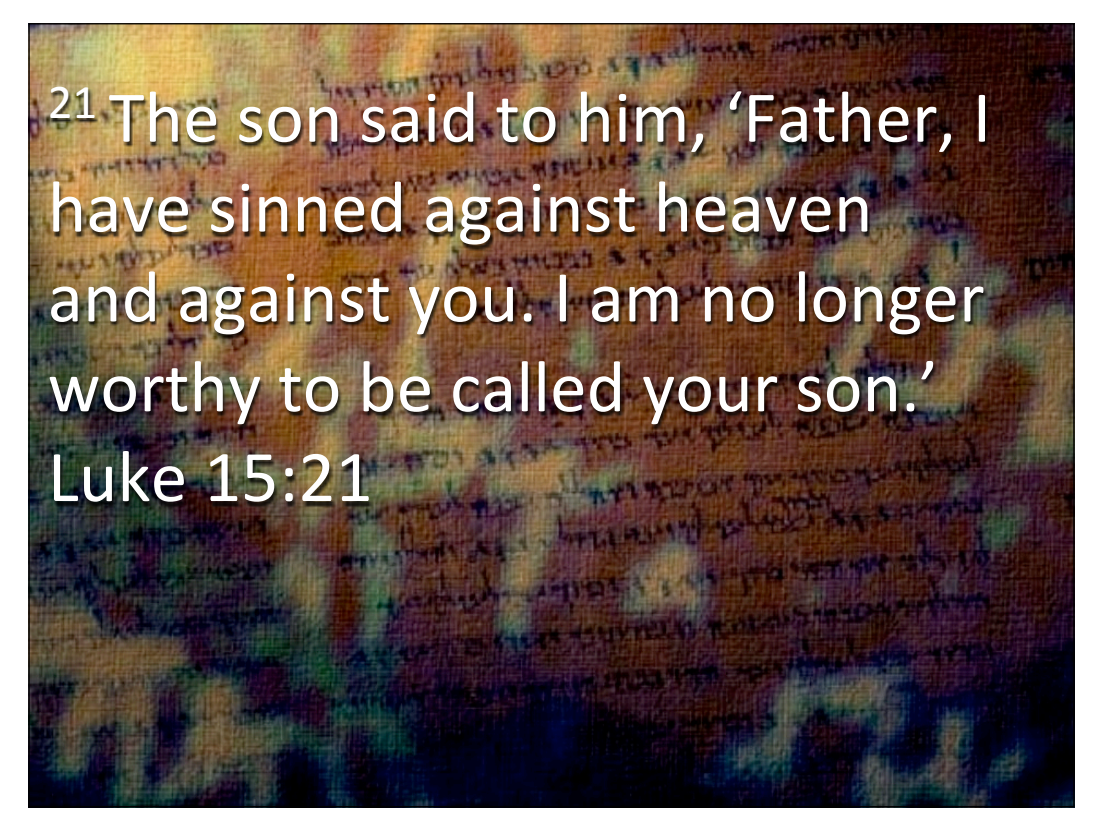
“Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. Luke 15:13



I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.' Luke 15:18,19

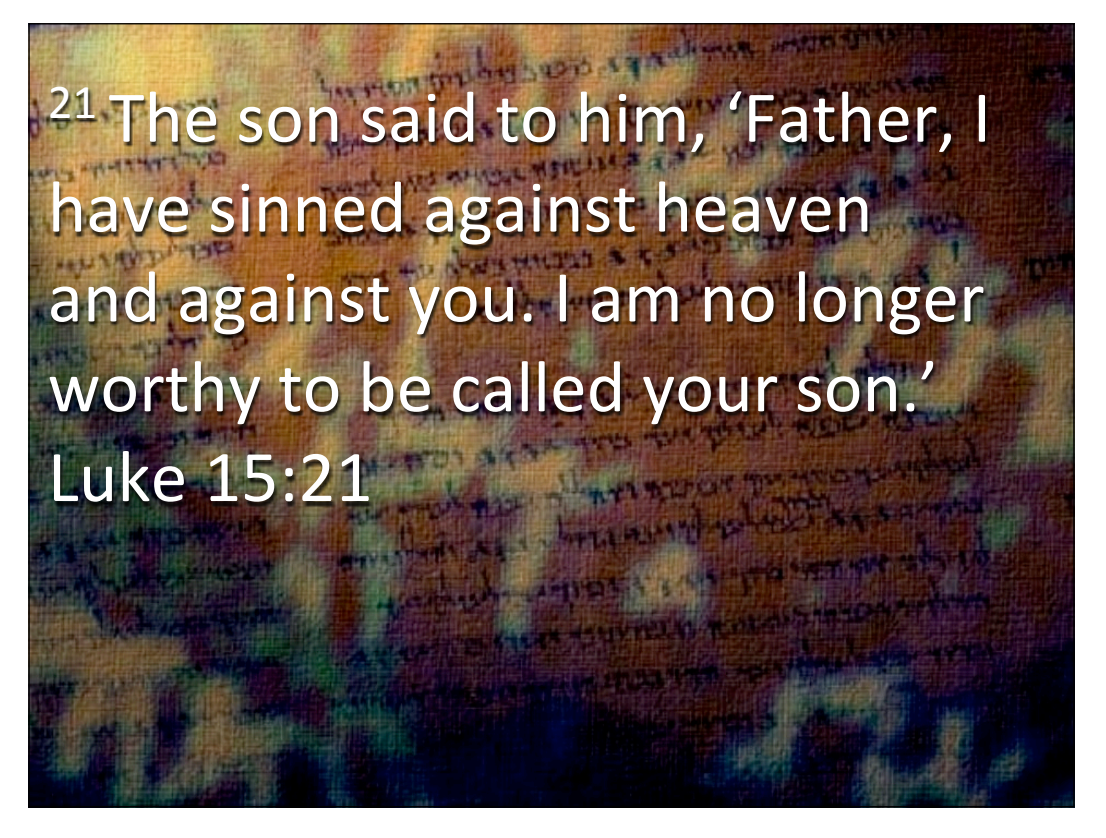


But while he was still a long way
off, his father saw him and was
filled with compassion for him;
he ran to his son, Luke 15:20



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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.' Luke 15:23,24

27 'Your brother has come,'
he replied, 'and your father
has killed the fattened calf
because he has him back
safe and sound.' Luke 15:27

28 The older brother
became angry and refused
to go in. So his father went
out and pleaded with him.

²⁹ 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. Luke 15:29

³⁰ But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him! Luke 15:30



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¹ Now the tax collectors and “sinners” were all gathering around to hear him.

² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

The elder brothers, the morally self righteous the religious divide the world by saying the good people are in, and the bad people are out.



The younger brothers, the self-discovery people also divide the world in two. They say, “The open-minded, people are in, and the bigoted and judgmental people are out.”



Jesus exposes both ways as sinful. He's saying to us, "It's the humble and the broken hearted who are in and the self indulgent and proud who are out."





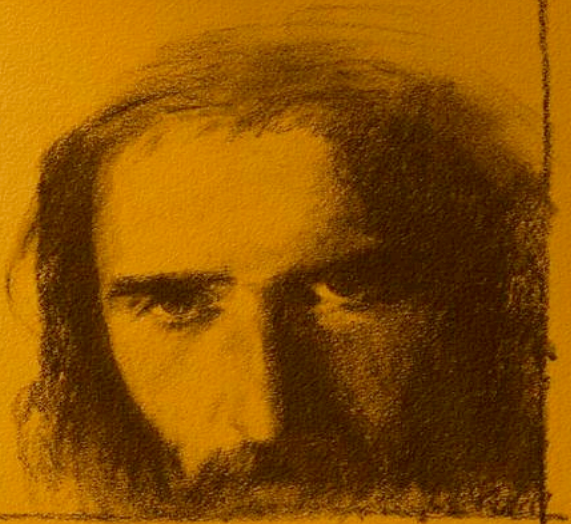
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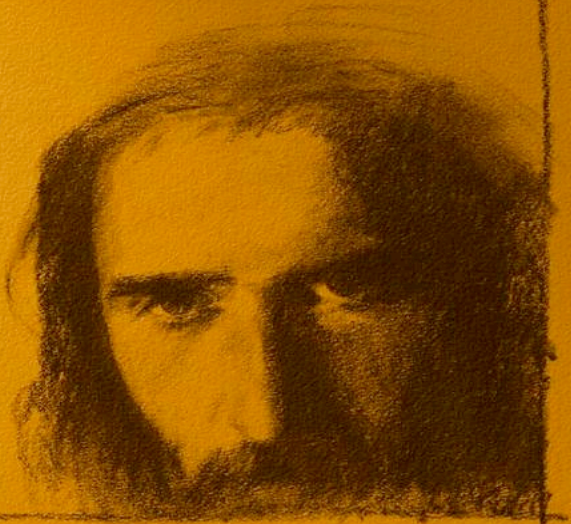




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