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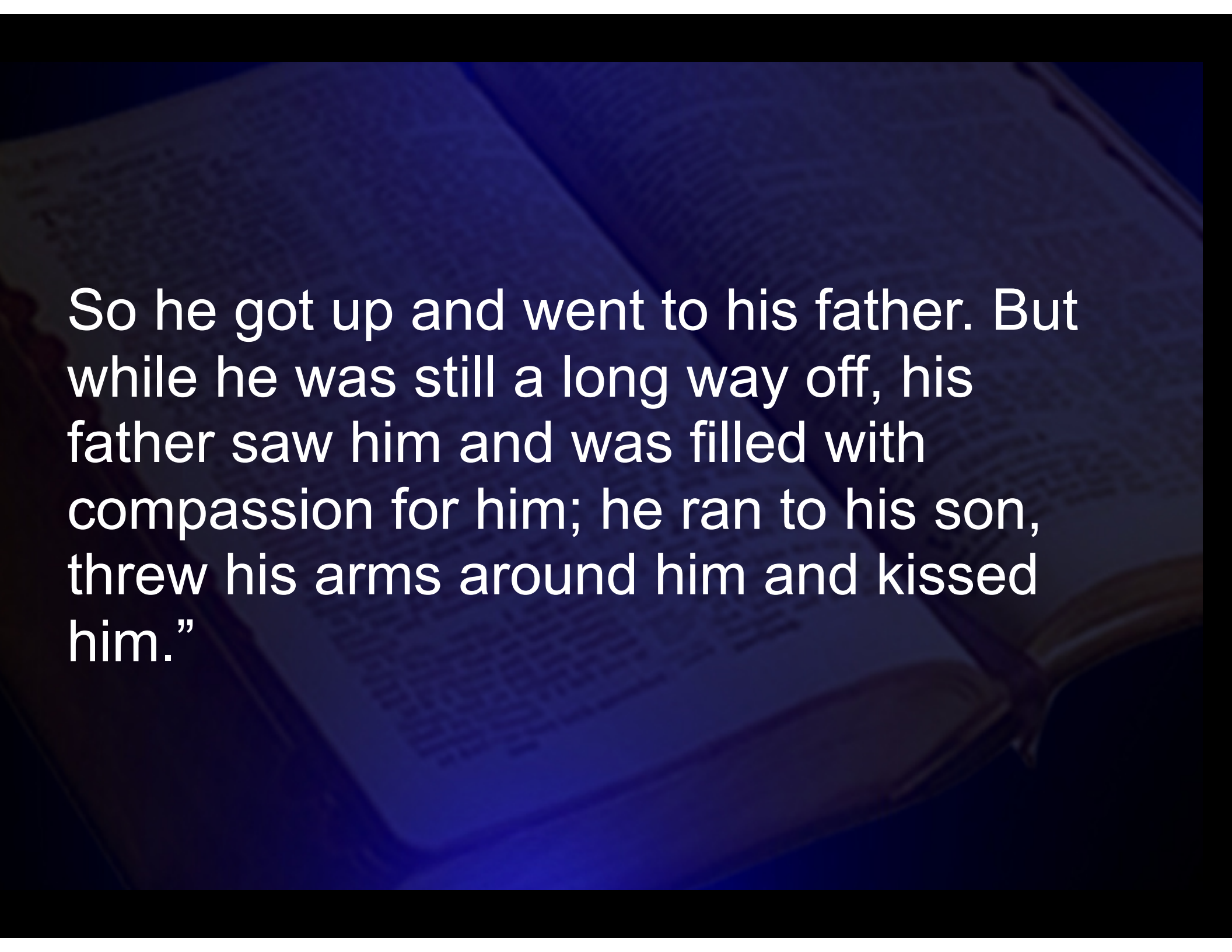
A series from the parables in Luke 15

Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³ 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.

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 men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!¹⁸ 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.'



So he got up and went to his father. 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.”

17 When he came to
his senses,...

2 Corinthians 7:10,
“Godly sorrow brings
repentance that leads to
salvation and leaves no
regret, but worldly
sorrow brings death.”

II. What is the nature of repentance?

1. *Repentance is coming to your senses.*

When he came to his senses... vs. 17a

II. What is the nature of repentance?

2. Repentance is about you and God.

“I will go to my father and I will say,
‘Father, I have sinned against heaven ...

vs. 18

“Against you God, and against
you only have I sinned.”

David-Psalm 51

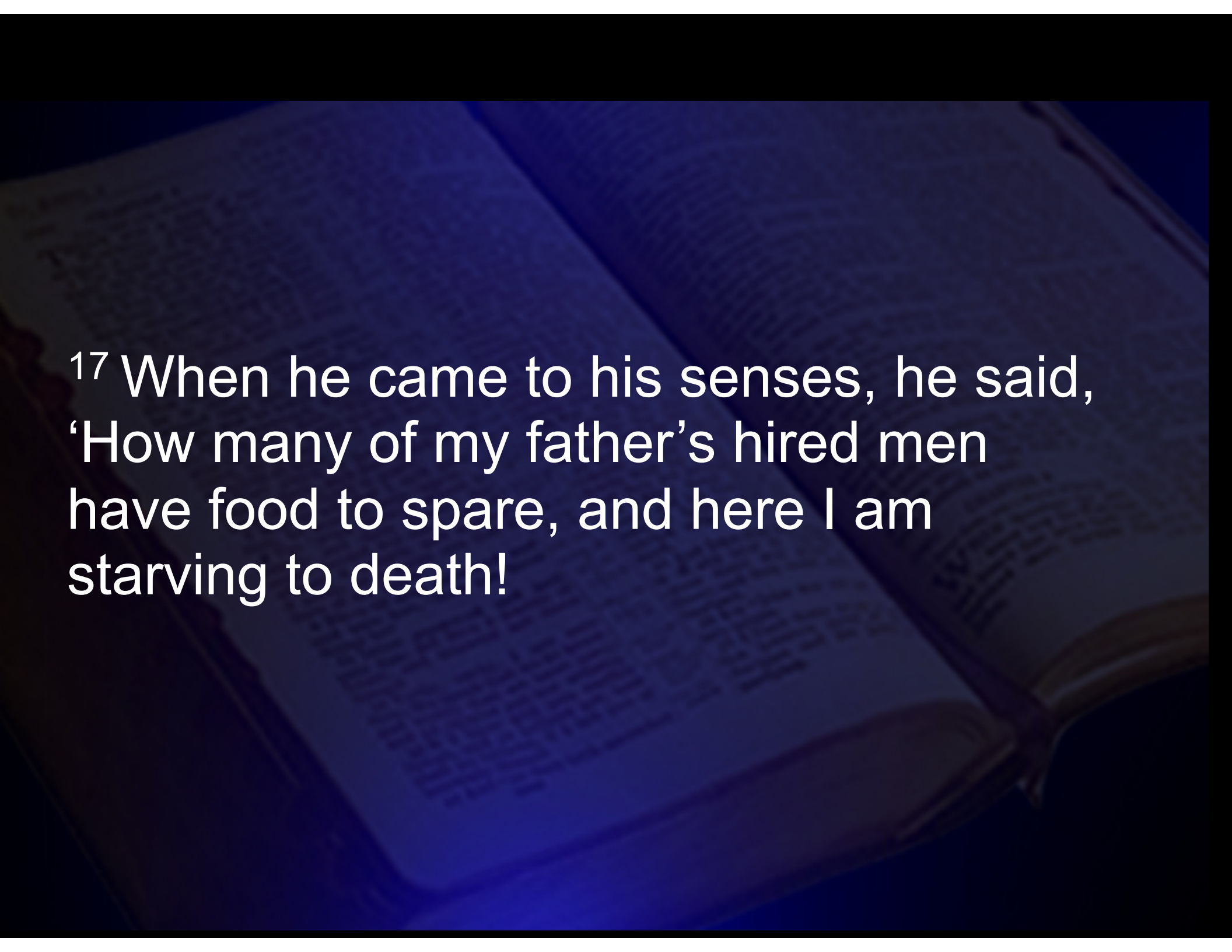
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3. Repentance is about what you've done to others.

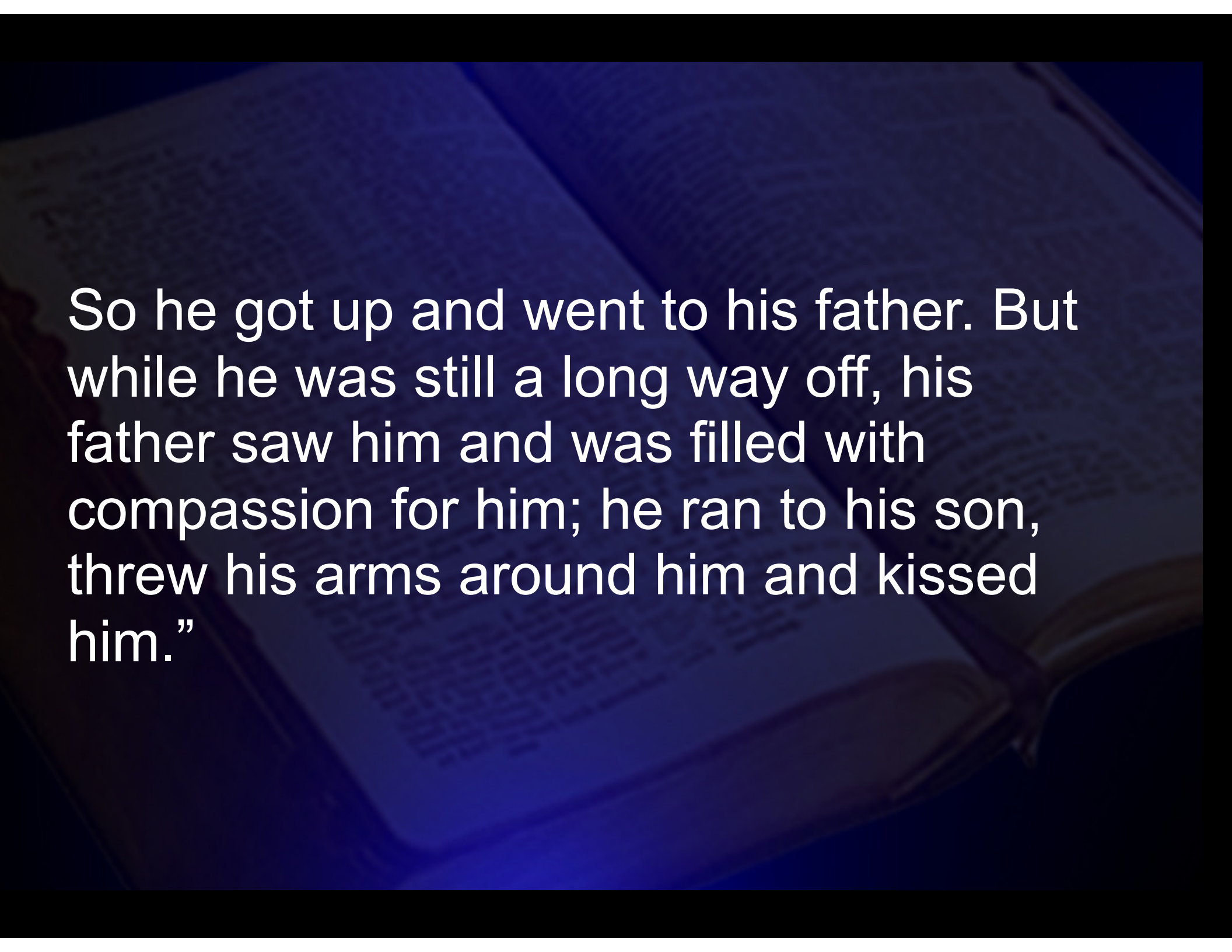
"I have sinned against you (dad) I am not worthy to be called your son."

III. What repentance is not.

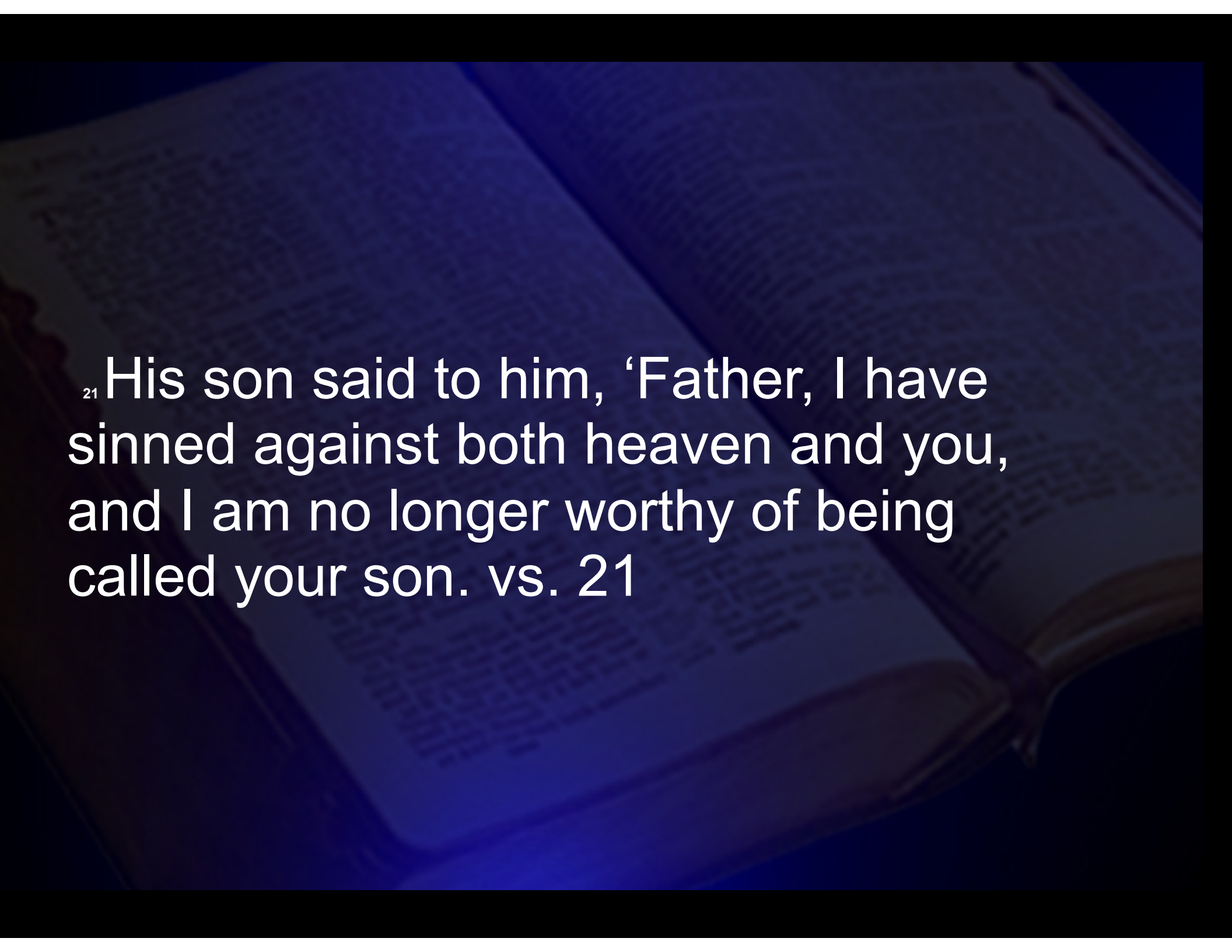
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²¹ His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. vs. 21

The high and lofty one who lives in eternity, the Holy One, says this: “I live in the high and holy place with those whose spirits are contrite and humble. I restore the crushed spirit of the humble and revive the courage of those with repentant hearts.

Isaiah 57:15

Forgive me for shedding blood, O God who saves;...16 You do not desire a sacrifice, or I would offer one. You do not want a burnt offering.17 The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God.

Psalm 51:14,16-17

"Share with me one thing I maybe missing in myself that causes offense or makes others to feel uncomfortable?"

IV. What happens in churches that practice repentance?

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Who knows, I've never seen one before.

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Gracious Accountability

IV. What happens in churches that practice repentance?

We don't give up on one another

