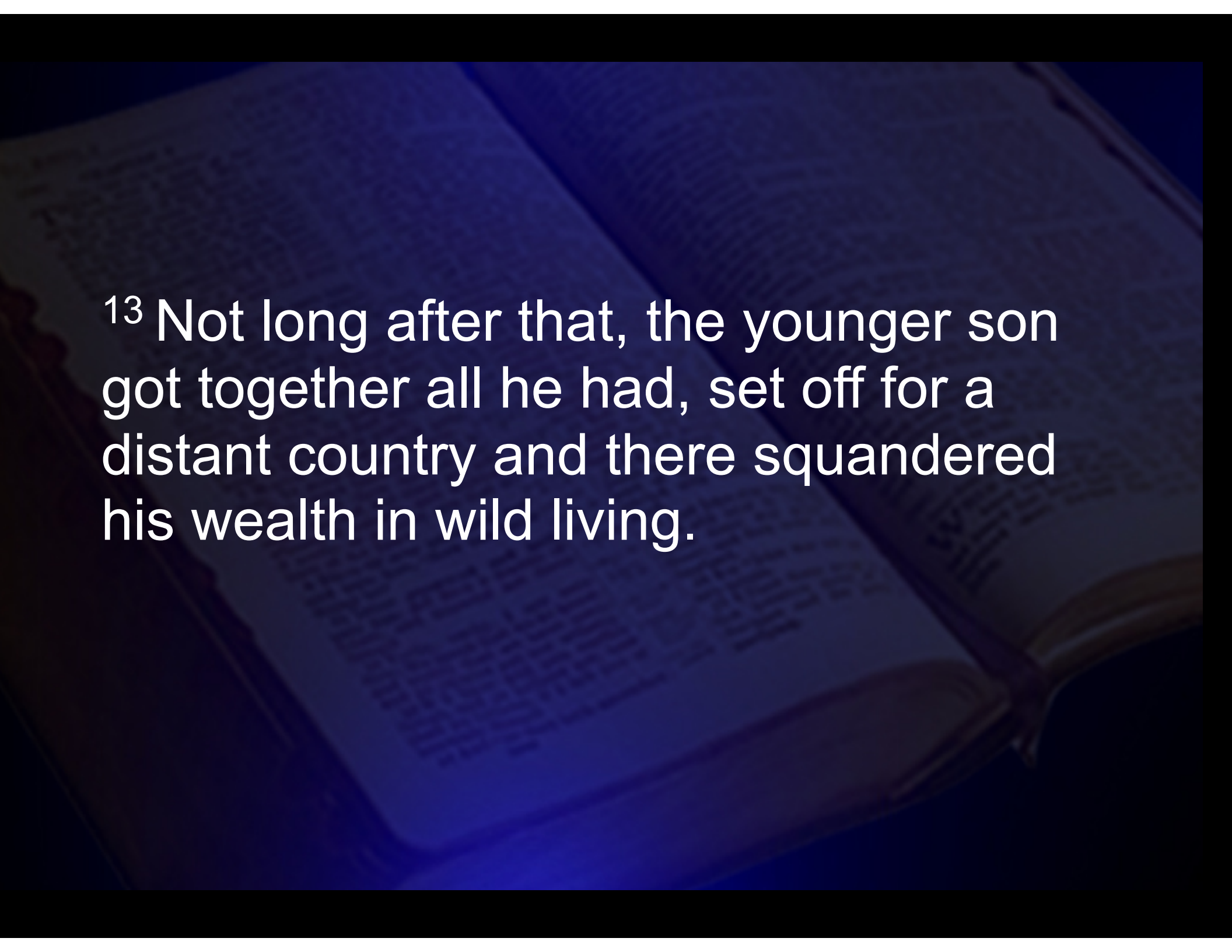


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GRACE

A series from the parables in Luke 15

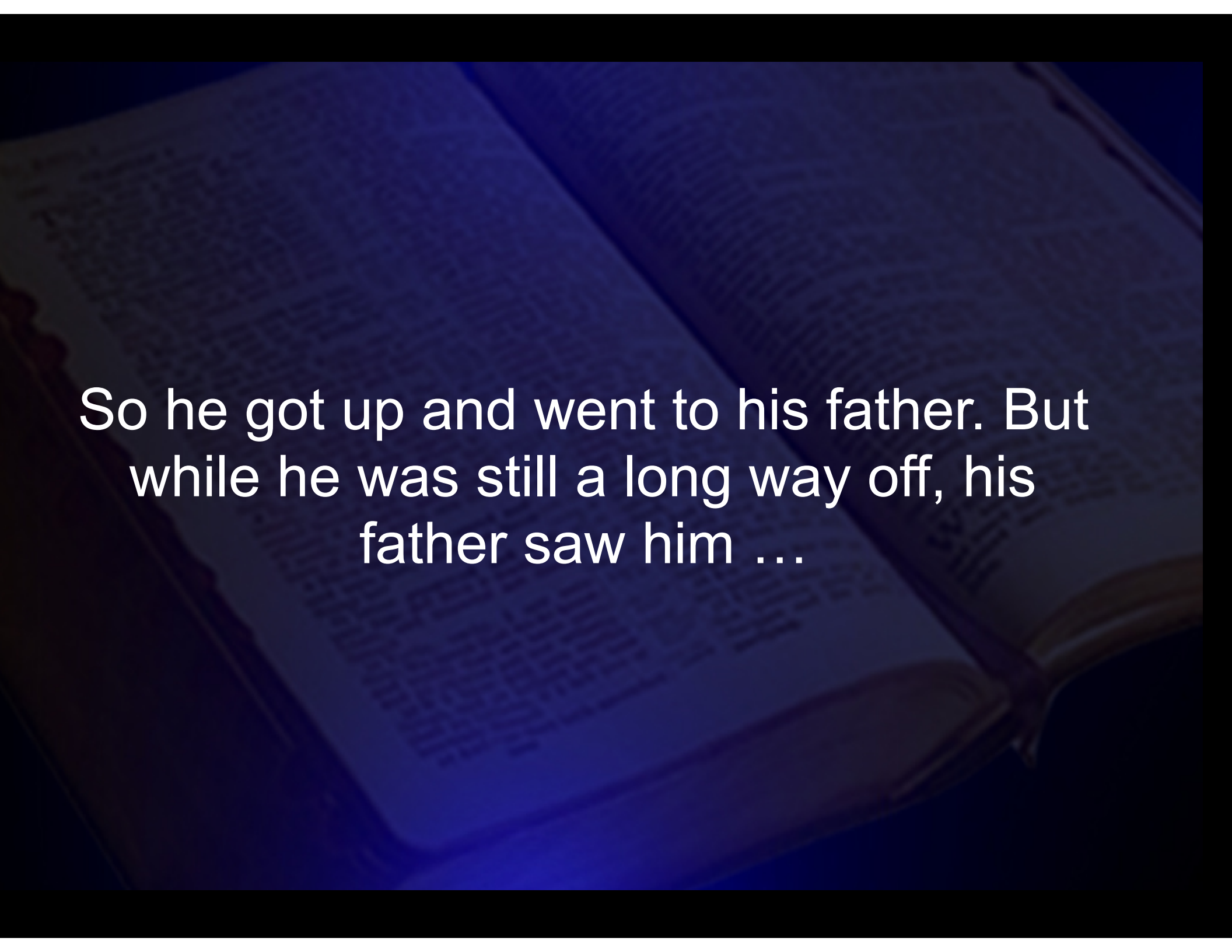


<sup>13</sup> Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.

<sup>17</sup> 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!<sup>18</sup> I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.'

<sup>20</sup> 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.” <sup>21</sup> The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

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."

An open book with a pen resting on it, serving as a background for the text. The book is open, showing two pages of text. A pen is lying across the right page. The entire scene is dimly lit with a blue tint.

So he got up and went to his father. But  
while he was still a long way off, his  
father saw him ...



“And when you stand  
praying, if you hold anything  
against anyone, forgive him”


Mark 11:25





“If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault ... If he listens to you, you have won your brother over.”





“Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.”



*“make me like one of  
your hired men.” vs. 19c*

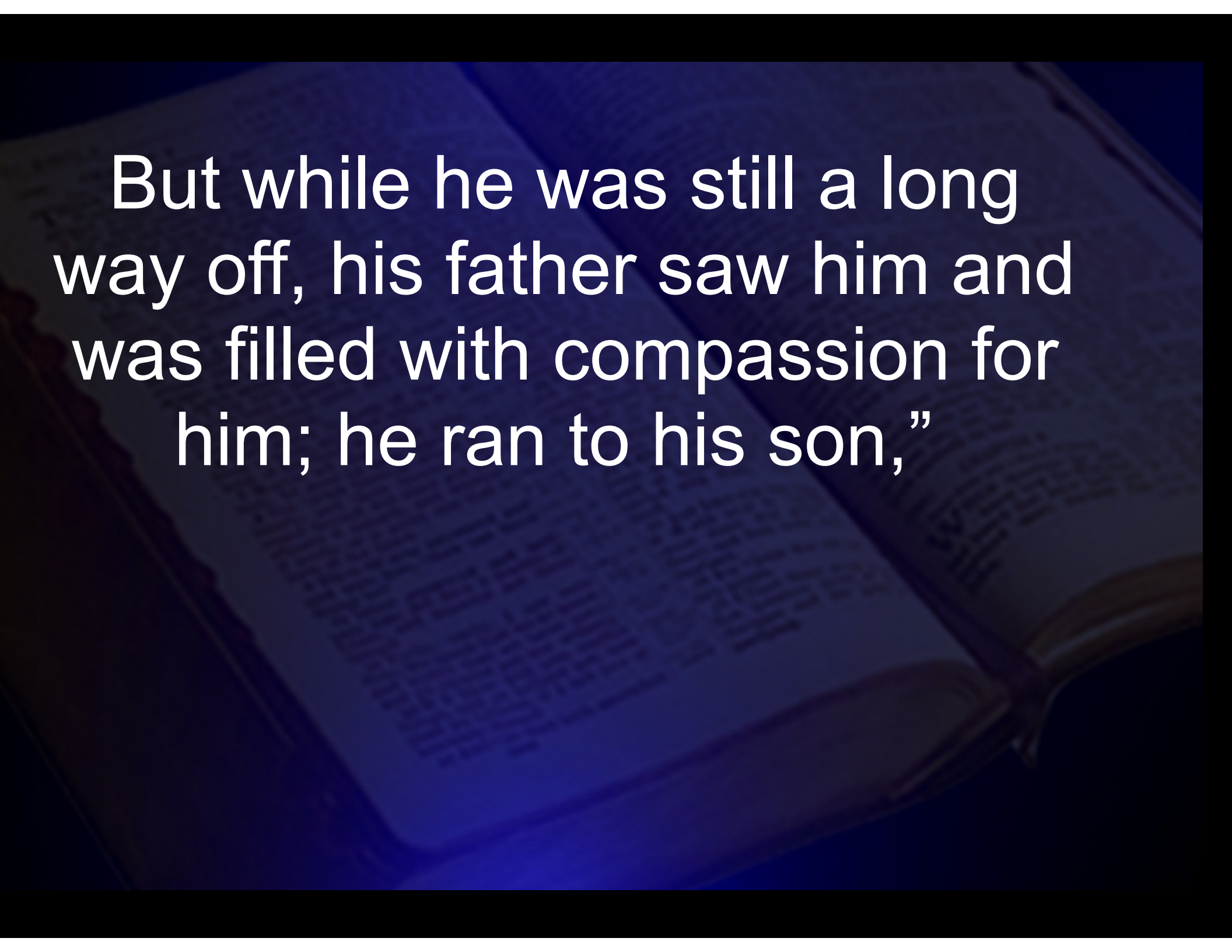
*“I am no longer worthy  
to be called your son ...”*

*vs. 19b*



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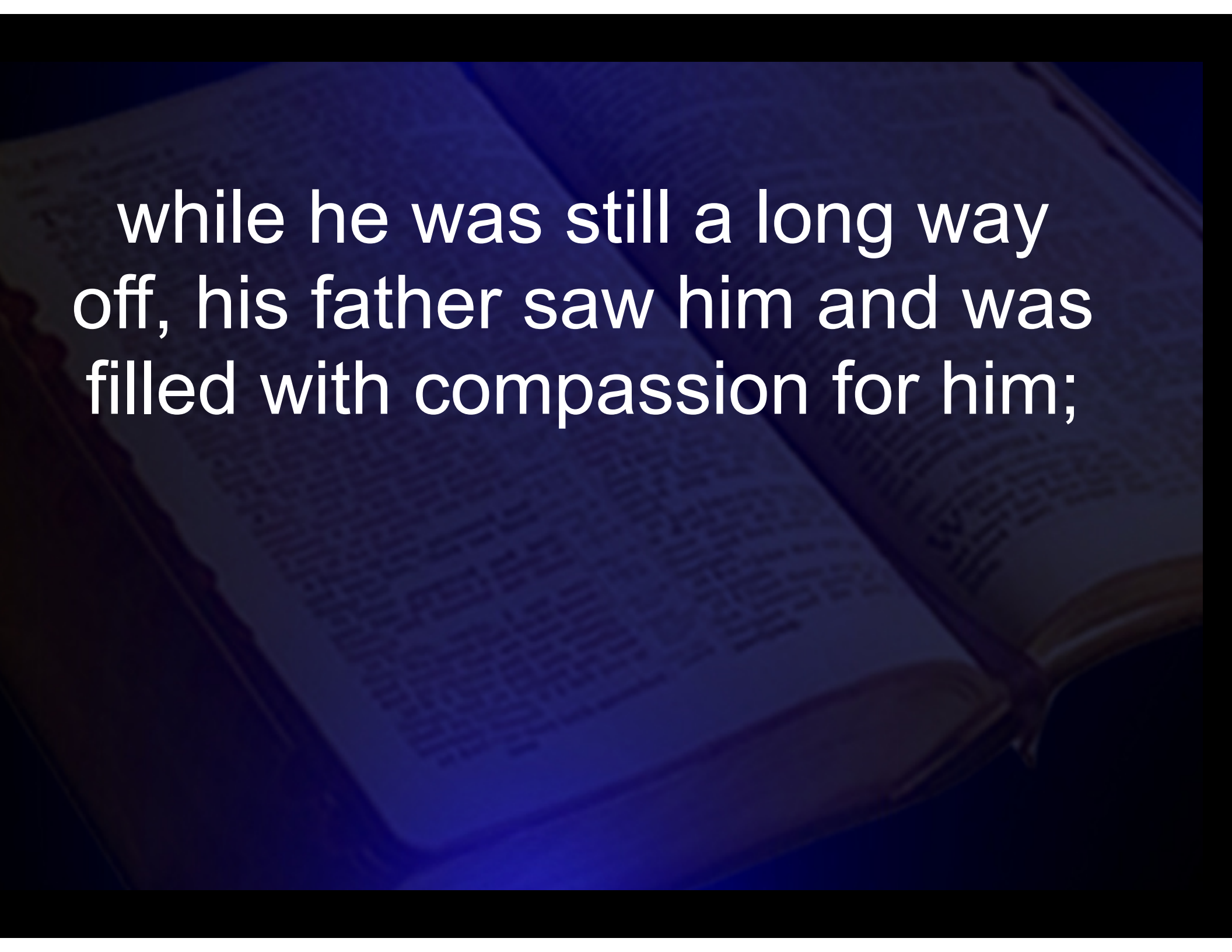
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But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son,"

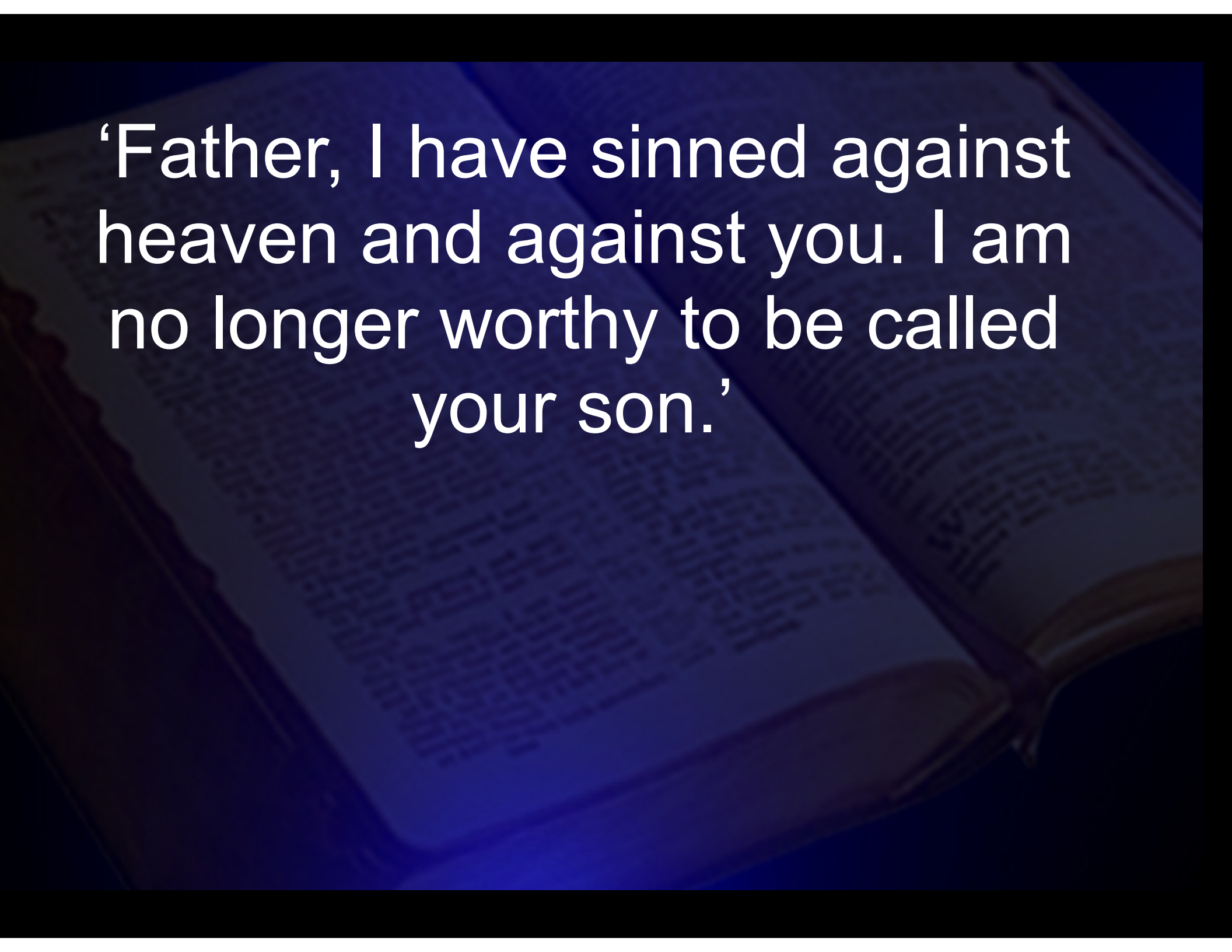






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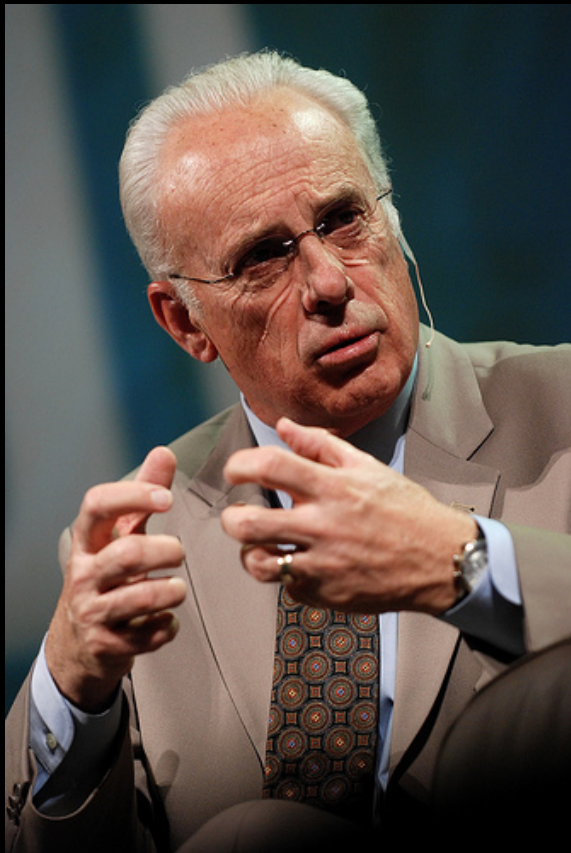
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‘Father, I have sinned against  
heaven and against you. I am  
no longer worthy to be called  
your son.’

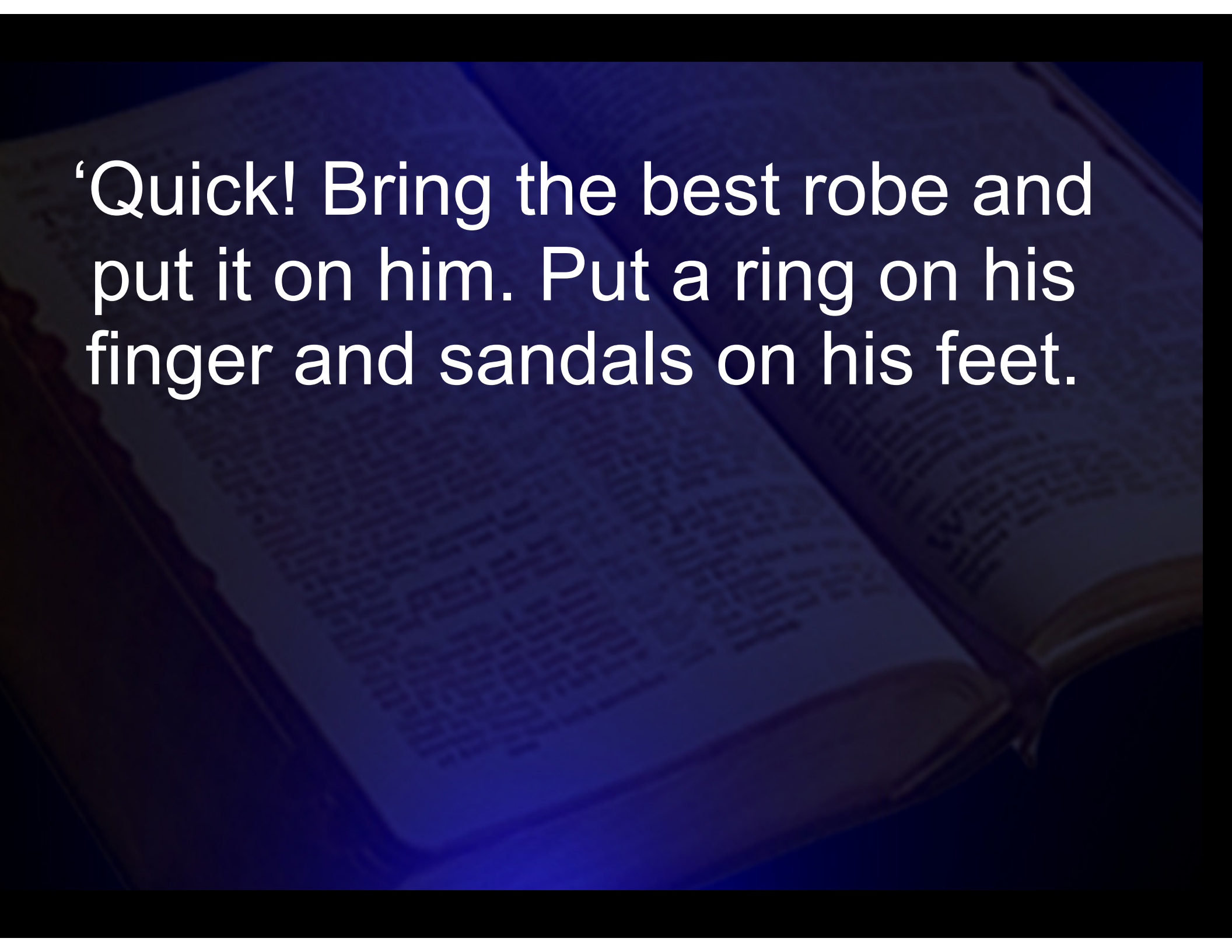


...make me like one of  
your hired men.'

“Because the father is so eager, he receives, and embraces, and reconciles with the son before the son can say anything. And so when the son does speak, he leaves out the works part.”



**John MacArthur**  
**Pastor/Author**



‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.

When people work, their wages are not a gift, but something they have earned.  
<sup>5</sup> But people are counted as righteous, not because of their work, but because of their faith in God who forgives sinners. Romans 4:5

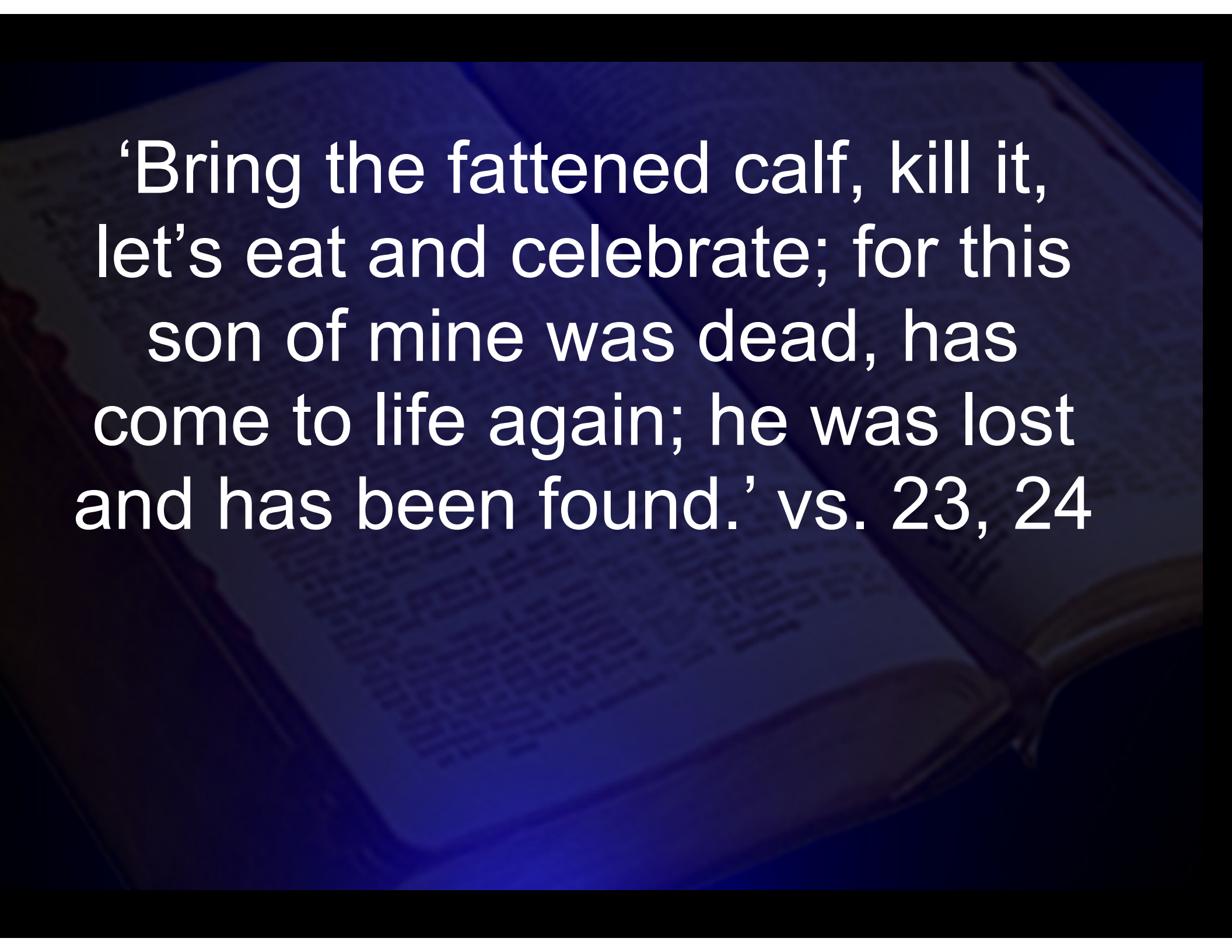


Dallas Willard  
Professor/Author



"Grace is not opposed to effort, it is opposed to earning. Earning is an attitude. Effort is an action."

But where sin increased, grace  
increased all the more,  
Romans 5:20



‘Bring the fattened calf, kill it,  
let’s eat and celebrate; for this  
son of mine was dead, has  
come to life again; he was lost  
and has been found.’ vs. 23, 24

The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God.

David-Psalm 51:17

The one who comes to Me I  
will certainly not cast out.

John 6:37

“He covers us with a robe of righteousness.” Isaiah 61:10



Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path.

Galatians 6:1





