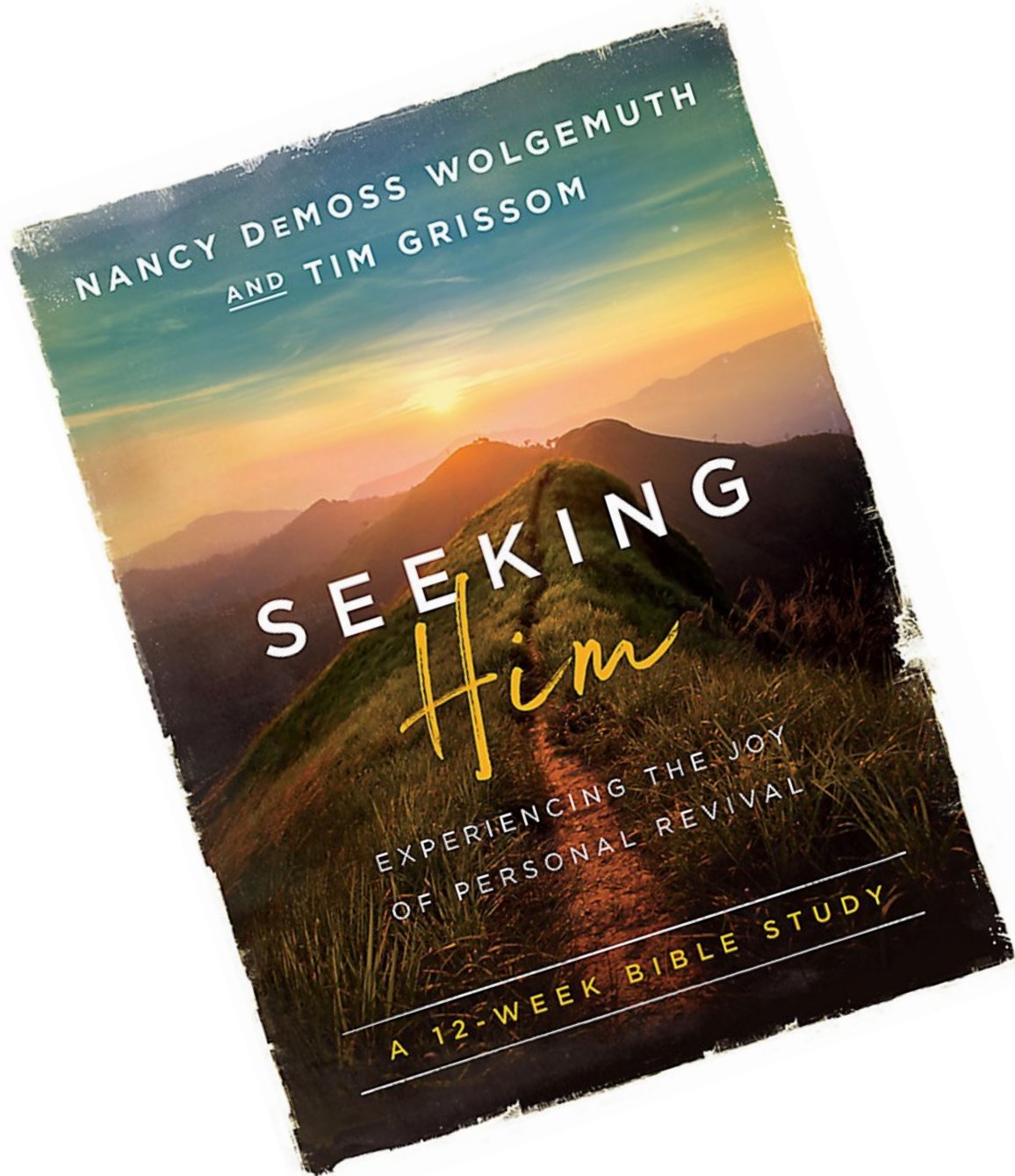




SEEKING *Him*

EXPERIENCING THE JOY
OF PERSONAL REVIVAL



Week Four
**Repentance:
The Big Turnaround**

Luke 15:11-24

¹¹ And He said, "A man had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the estate that is coming to me.' And so, he divided his wealth between them. ¹³ And not many days later, the younger son gathered everything together and went on a journey to a distant country, and there he squandered his estate in wild living.

Luke 15:11-24

¹⁴ Now when he had spent everything, a severe famine occurred in that country, and he began doing without. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. ¹⁶ And he longed to have his fill of the pods that the swine were eating, and no one was giving him *anything*.

Luke 15:11-24


¹⁷ But when he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired laborers have more than enough bread, but I am dying here from hunger! ¹⁸ I will set out and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired laborers.'" ²⁰ So he set out and came to his father.

Luke 15:11-24

But when he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion *for him*, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹ 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.' .

Luke 15:11-24

22 But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet; 23 and bring the fattened calf, slaughter it, and let's eat and celebrate; 24 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.



**“All the misfortunes of mankind
derive from one single thing, which
is our inability to be at ease at
home” ~ Blaise Pascal**

The background is a landscape painting. The top half shows a dark, blue-green sky with some light streaks. The middle section is a hazy, yellowish-green valley. The bottom section is a bright, orange-yellow sky, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall style is impressionistic and atmospheric.

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2. True repentance acknowledges that I have sinned against the goodness of God.

Stephen Charnock

“I have exasperated the power that is as the roaring of a lion... I have provoked one that is the sovereign Lord of heaven and earth, whose word can tear up the foundation of the world...”

But repentance motivated by God’s goodness cries, “I haven’t sensed a goodness that is like the dropping of the dew; I have a founder of God that has had the behavior of a friend quotation”.

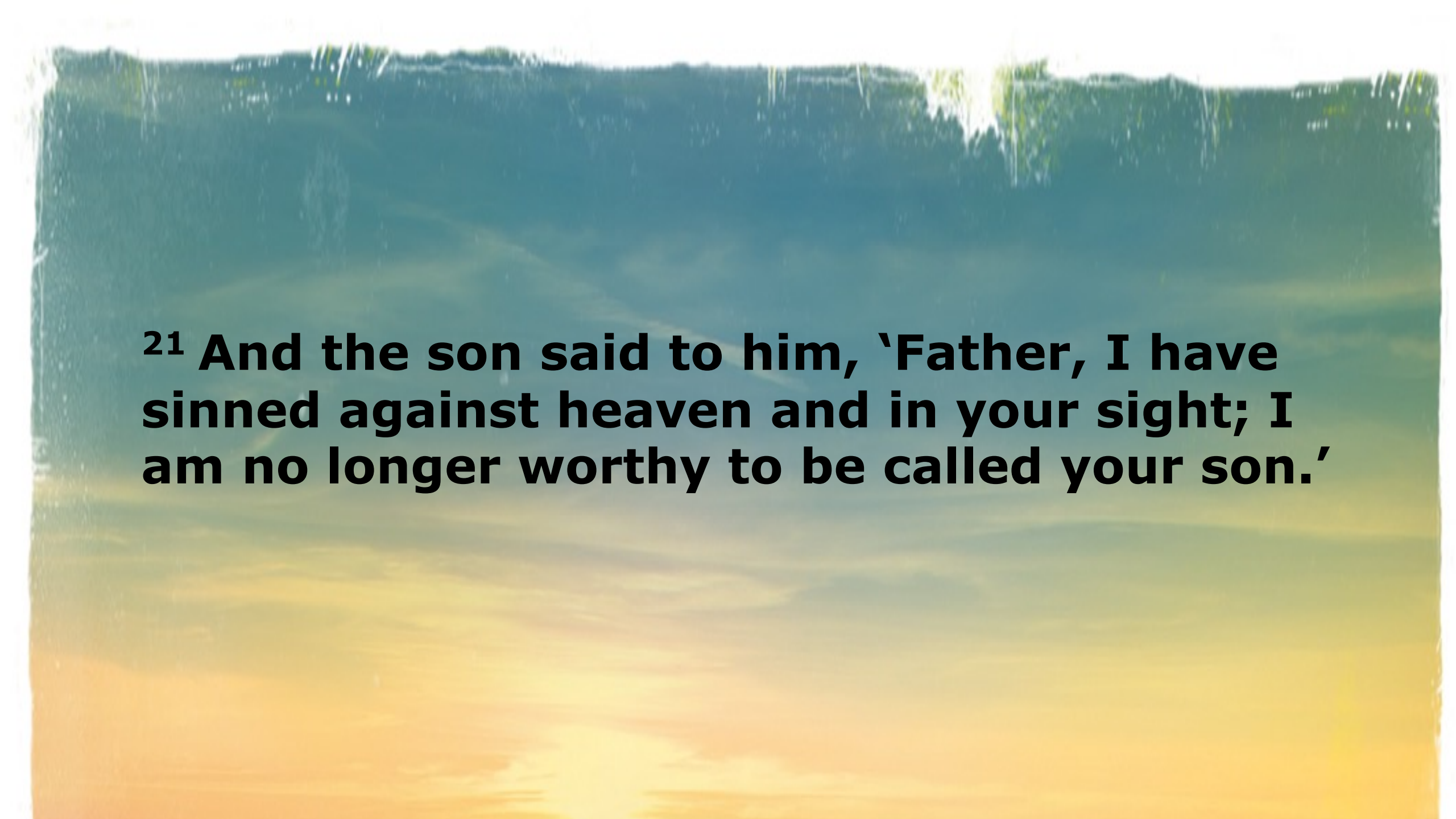


William Taylor

“True Repentance hates the sin and not merely the penalty and hates the sin most of all because it has discovered and felt the love of God.”



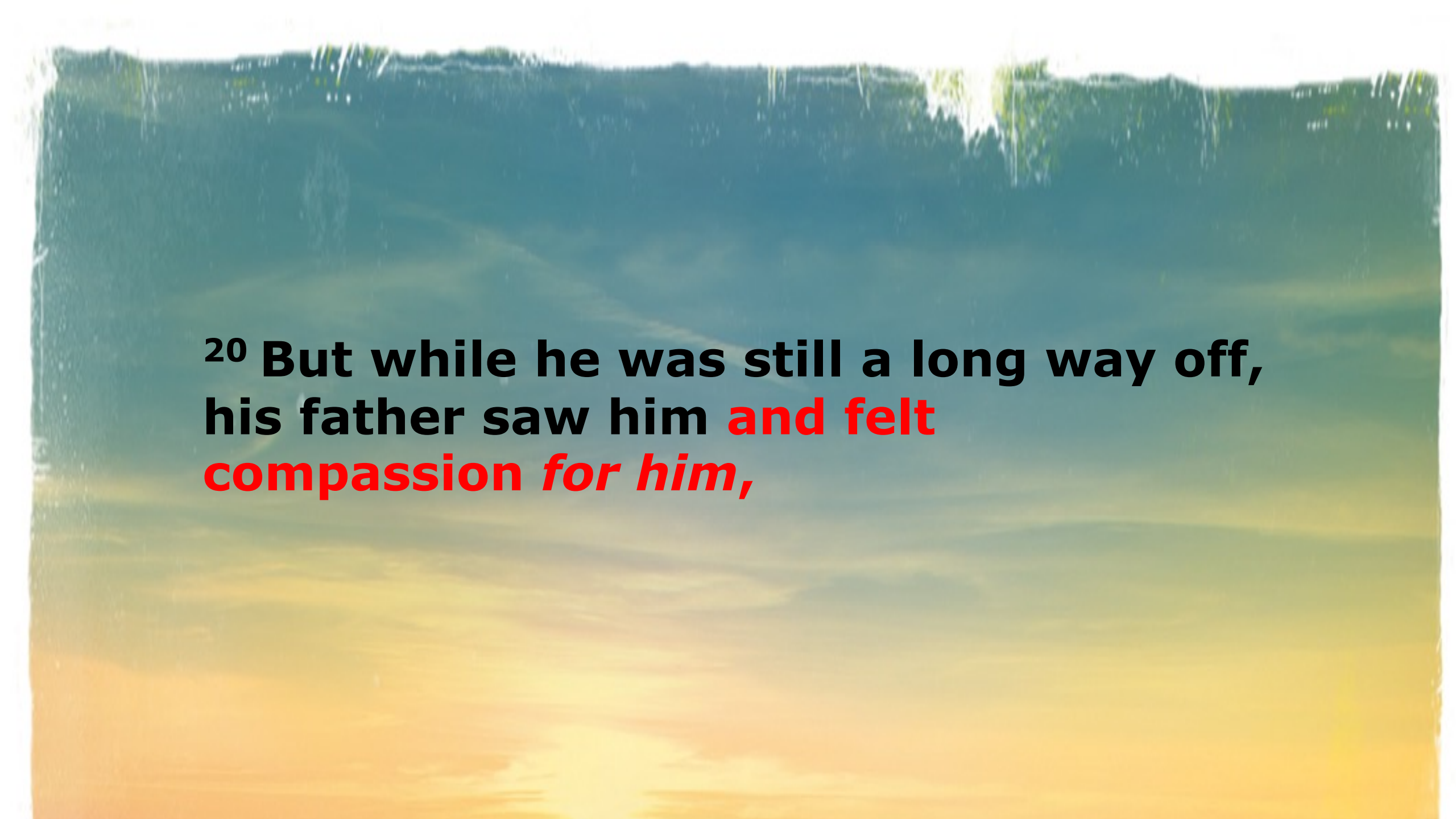
**3. Because of the Goodness of God,
liberating repentance means I can
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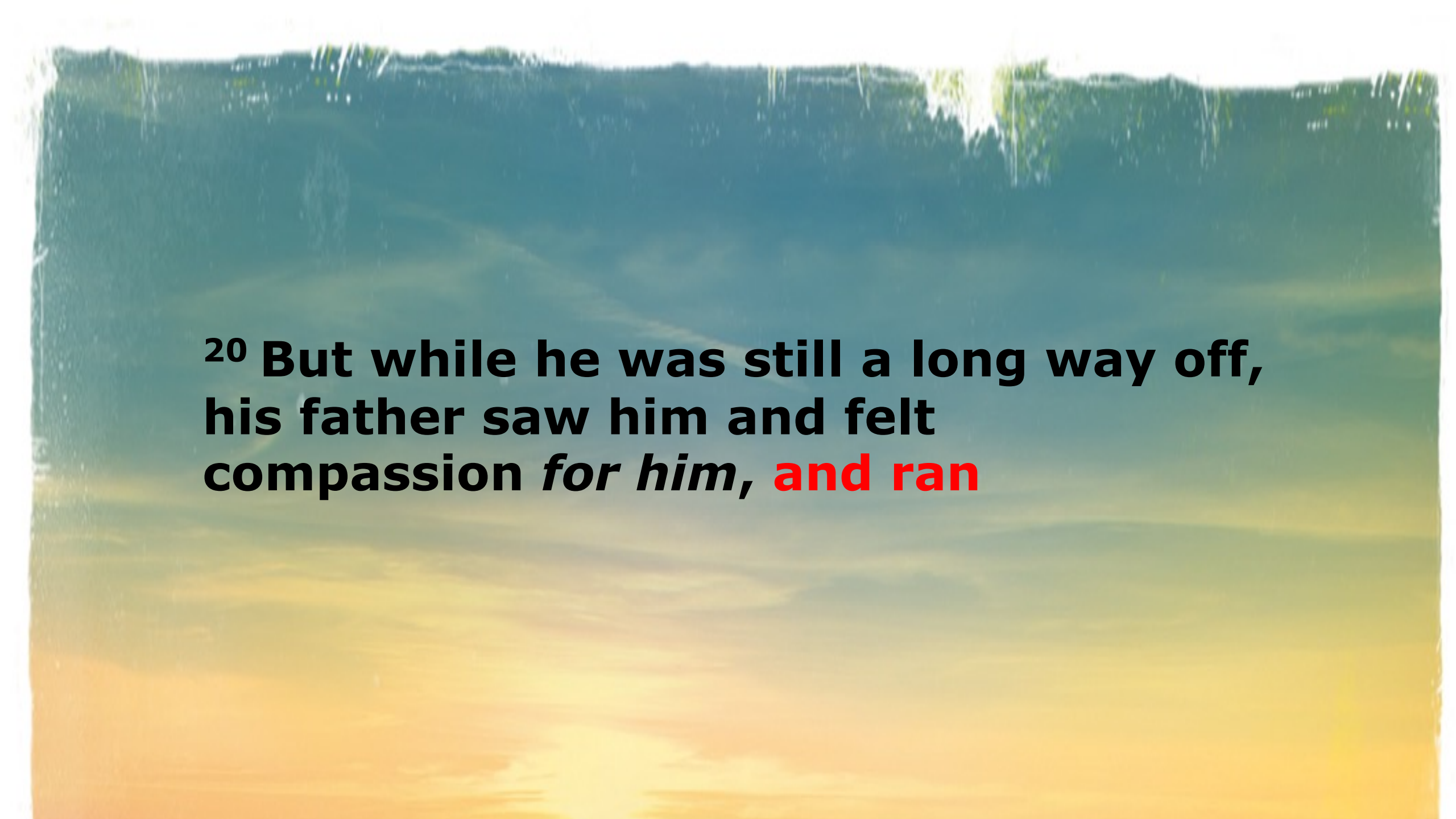
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