



When Heaven
Celebrates

A scenic view of a blue river flowing through lush green grass. The river is the central focus, curving from the top left towards the bottom right. The grass is vibrant green and appears to be a marshy or wetland area. The water is clear and reflects the sky. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

*The Parable of the
Lost Son*

Luke 15:11-24



1) Rebellion

“A man had two sons. The younger son told his father, ‘I want my share of your estate now, instead of waiting until you die.’ So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons.

(Luke 15:11-16)

“A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and took a trip to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money on wild living.

(Luke 15:11-16)

About the time his money ran out, a great famine swept over the land, and he began to starve. He persuaded a local farmer to hire him to feed his pigs.

(Luke 15:11-16)

The boy became so hungry
that even the pods he was
feeding the pigs looked
good to him. But no one
gave him anything.

(Luke 15:11-16)

Key Thoughts:

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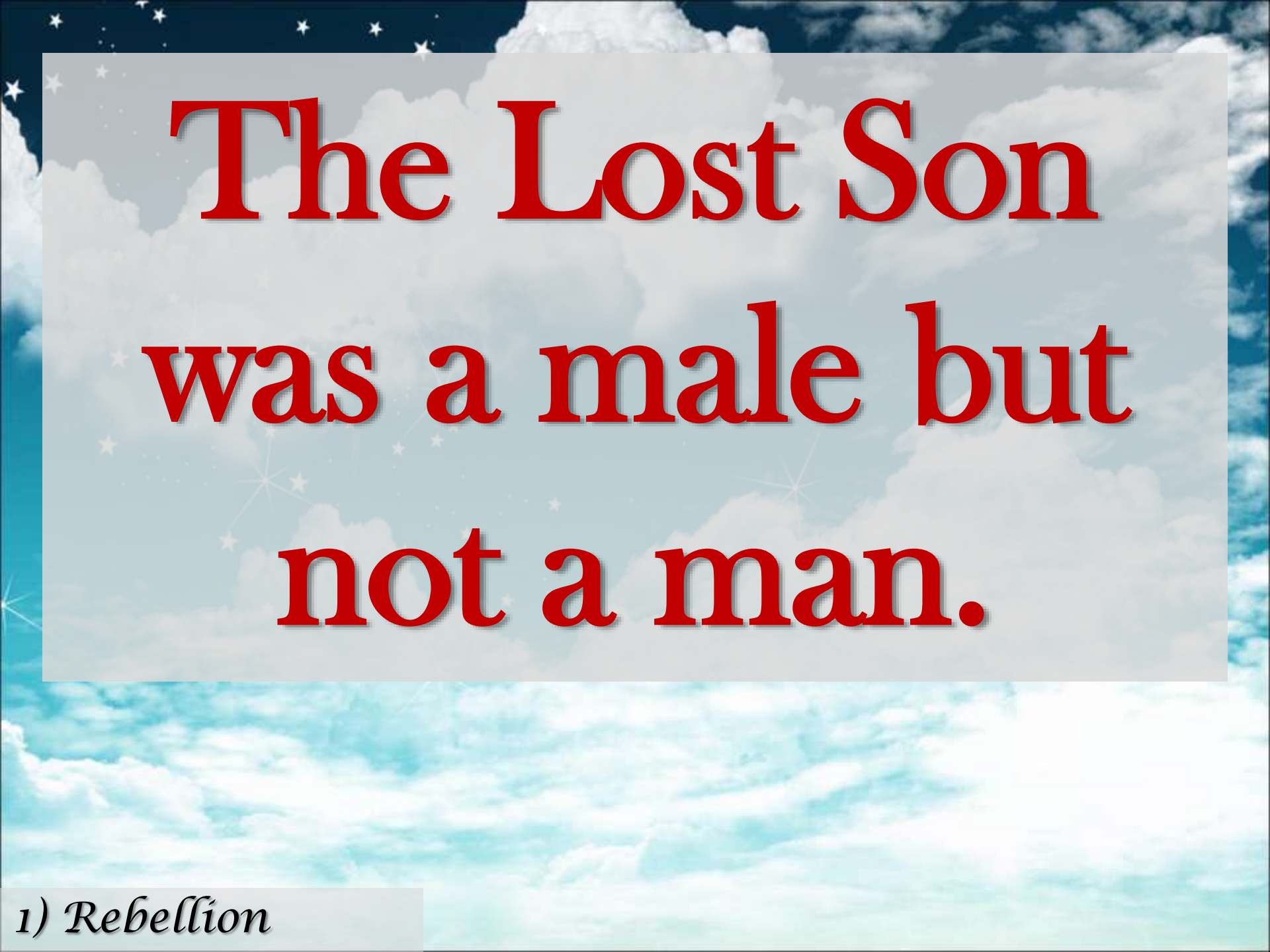
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**The Lost Son
was a male but
not a man.**

1) Rebellion

LEBANON VALLEY

Knights



YOUR WORLD NEEDS A HERO

LINK ARMS WITH OTHER MEN AND BEGIN
YOUR JOURNEY TOWARDS AUTHENTIC MANHOOD!



THE KNIGHT'S CODE OF HONOR:

To the women who have longed for a world filled with knights, may they not be disappointed. May all women feel safe, respected and loved by the men around them. To our daughters, may they recognize the difference between a male and a man, and may they find the latter. To our sons, may they see our knighthood, go on their own personal quest and take the journey of manhood further than we have before them. To the men who brought honor before us, we join you. To the males who brought disappointment, we offer healing. To the world in which we find ourselves, may you discover renewed hope, the courage to change and the difference true manhood brings.

**For many of us, the time has
come to put to death the boy
or girl inside you and become
the man or woman God
created you to be.**

When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me.

(1 Corinthians 13:11)



2) *Repentance*

When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, 'At home even the hired men have food enough to spare, and here I am, dying of hunger!

(Luke 15:17-20)

I will go home to my father and say, “Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired man.”

(Luke 15:17-20)



Blame

**Failure invites finger
pointing.**



Blame

**Blaming others is the natural
enemy of repentance.**



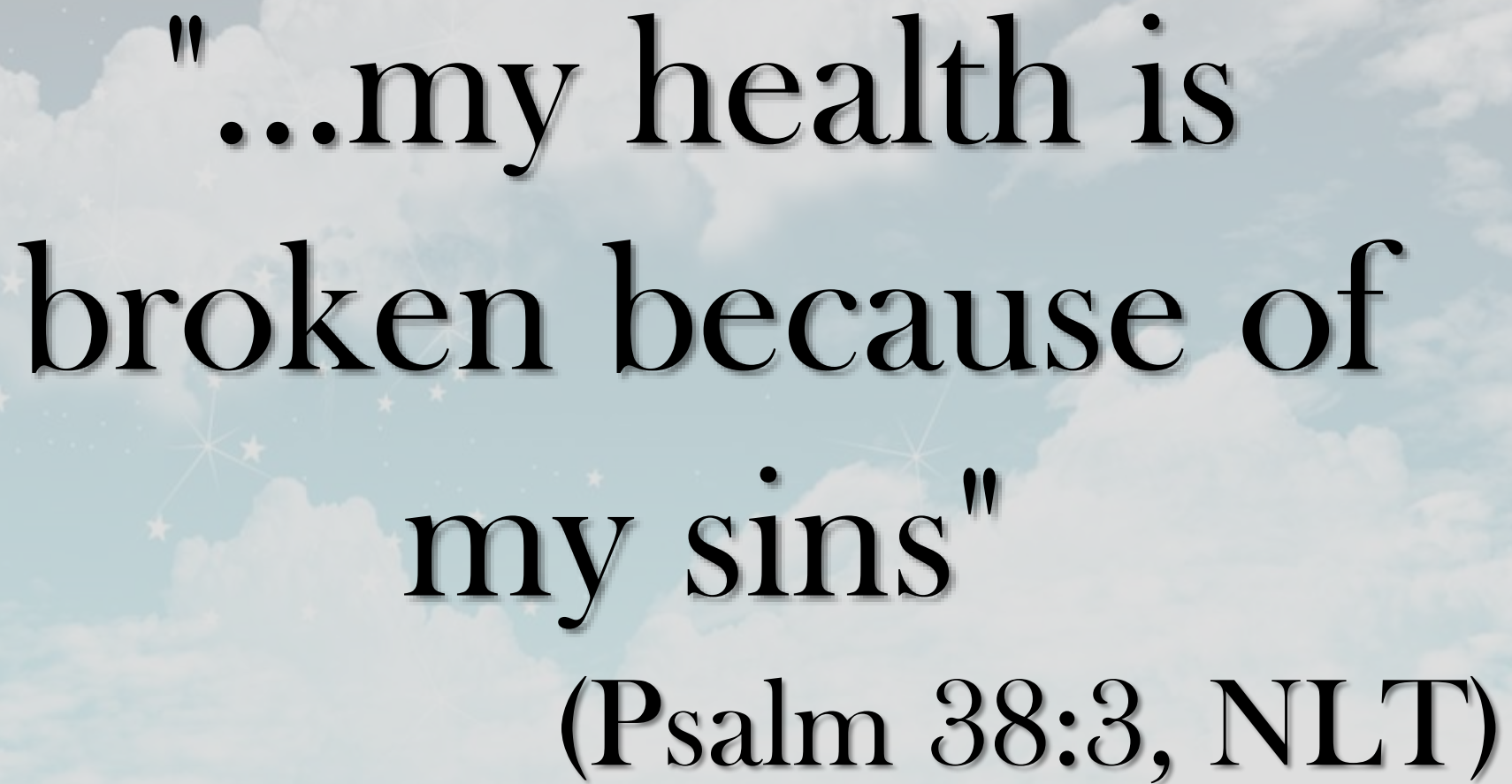
Blaming others is deadly.

“Cardiac patients who blamed their heart attacks on others were 8 times more likely to suffer another heart attack within the next 5 years. On the other hand, accepting responsibility for poor lifestyle choices reduced risk for subsequent attack. These patients usually expressed gratitude for a 2nd chance at life.”

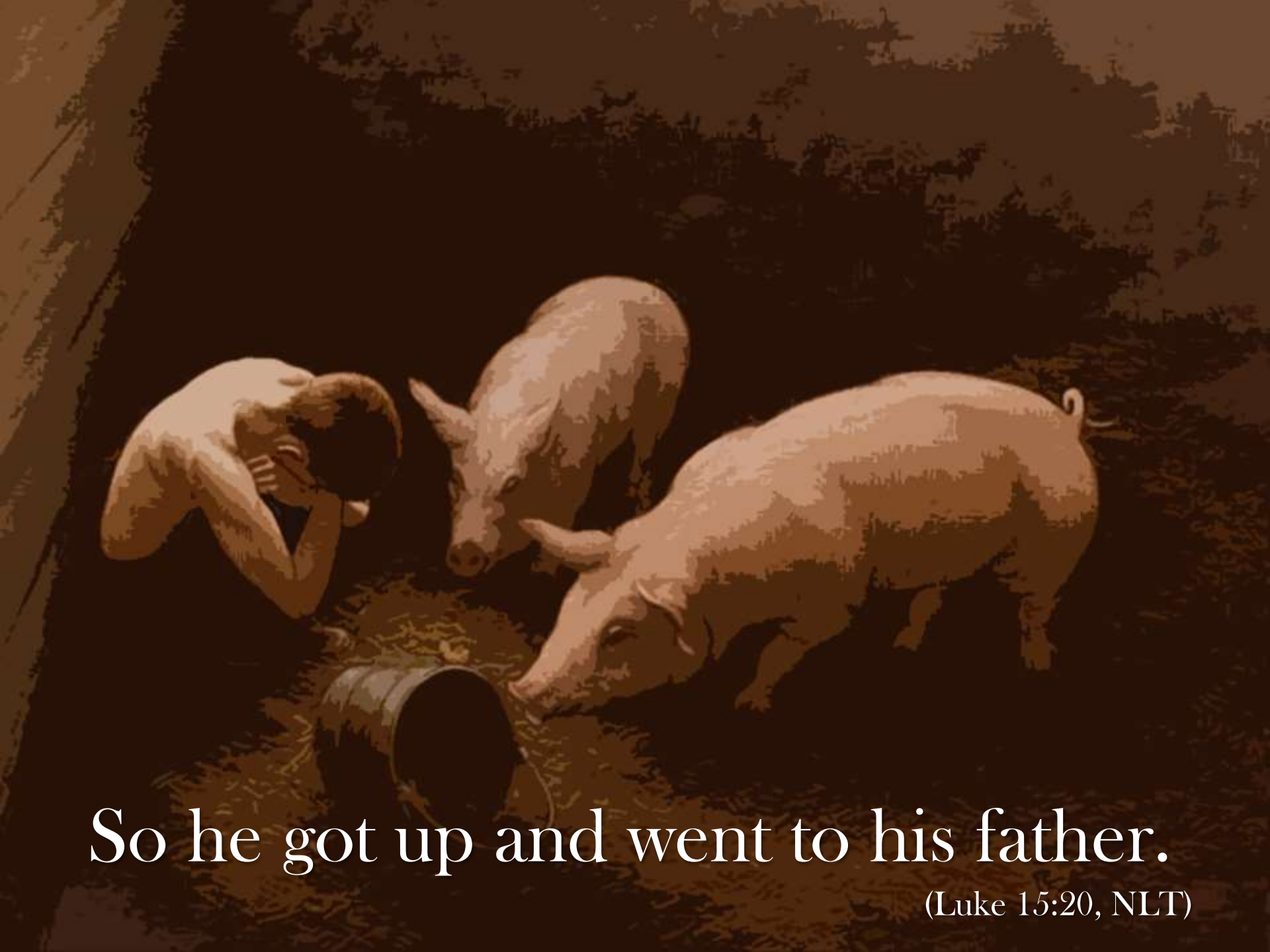
*-Dr. Glenn Affleck
University of Connecticut*



2) Repentance



"...my health is
broken because of
my sins"
(Psalm 38:3, NLT)



So he got up and went to his father.

(Luke 15:20, NLT)



3) The Road Home



And while he was still a long distance away, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him.

(Luke 15:20, NLT)

His son said to him, 'Father, I
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heaven and you, and I am no
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your son.'

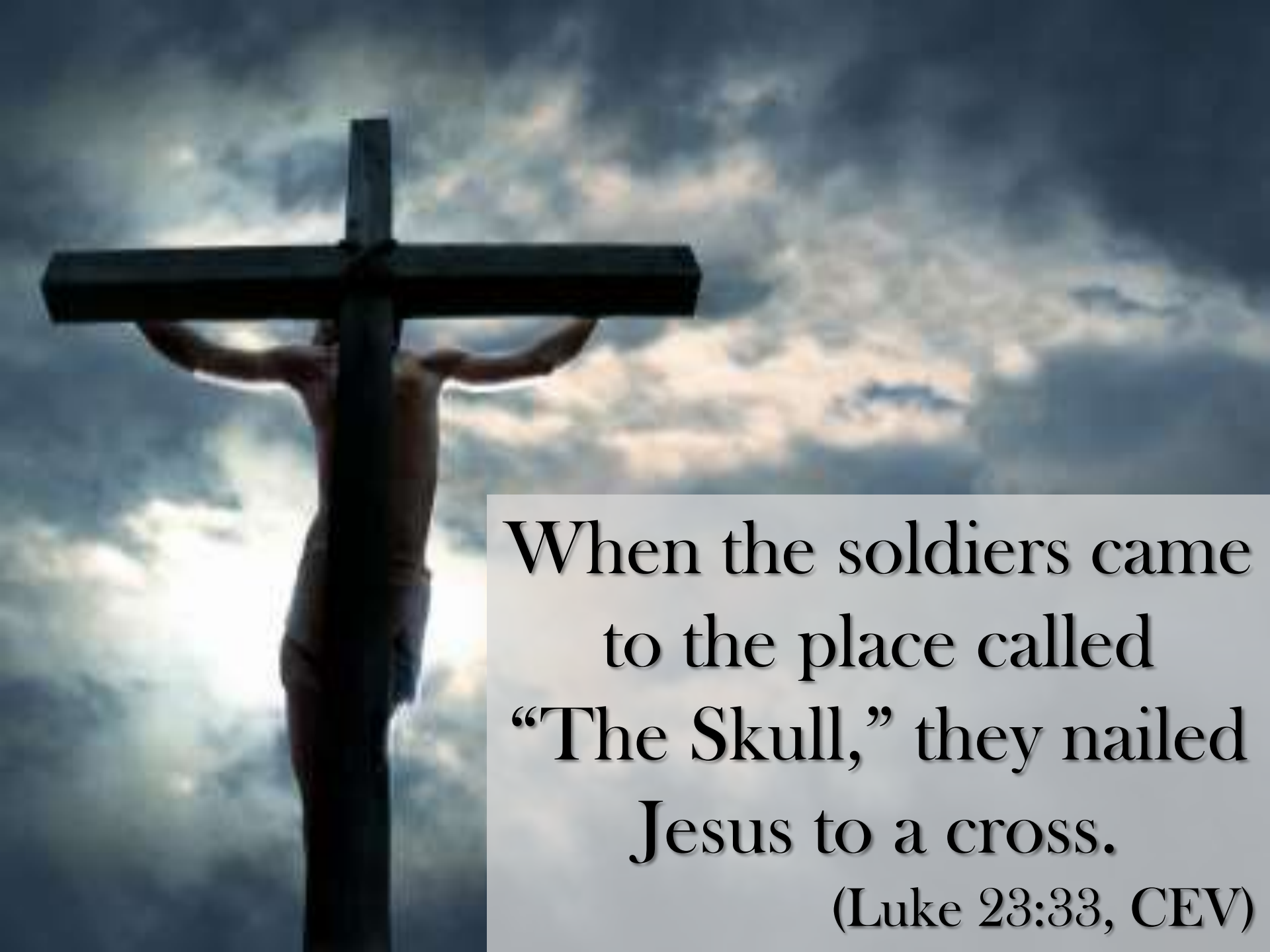
(Luke 15:21-24, NLT)

“But his father said to the servants,
‘Quick! Bring the finest robe in
the house and put it on him. Get a
ring for his finger, and sandals for
his feet. And kill the calf we have
been fattening in the pen.

(Luke 15:21-24, NLT)

We must celebrate with a feast, for this son of mine was dead and has now re-turned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.' So the party began.
(Luke 15:21-24, NLT)





When the soldiers came
to the place called
“The Skull,” they nailed
Jesus to a cross.

(Luke 23:33, CEV)



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