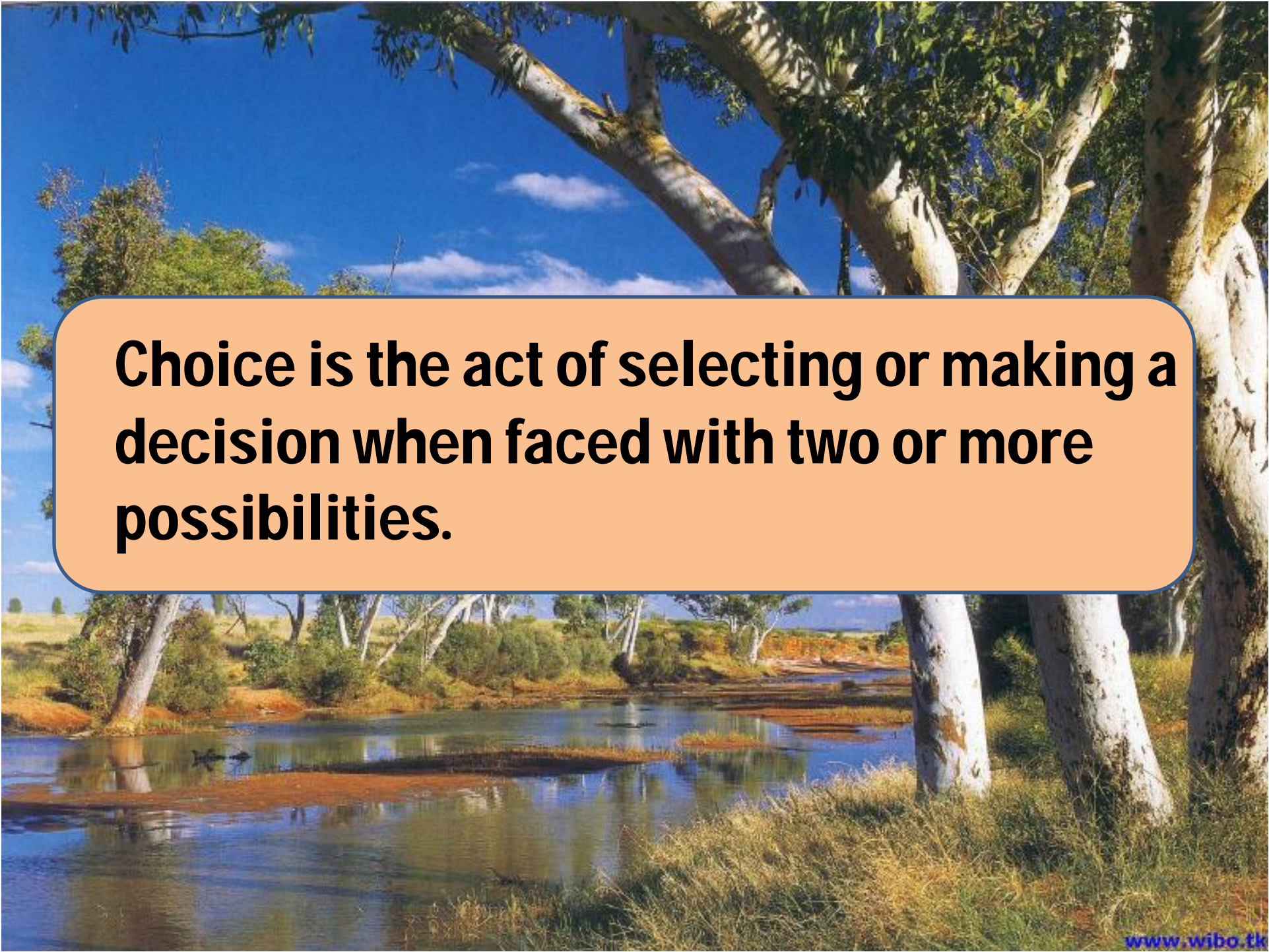
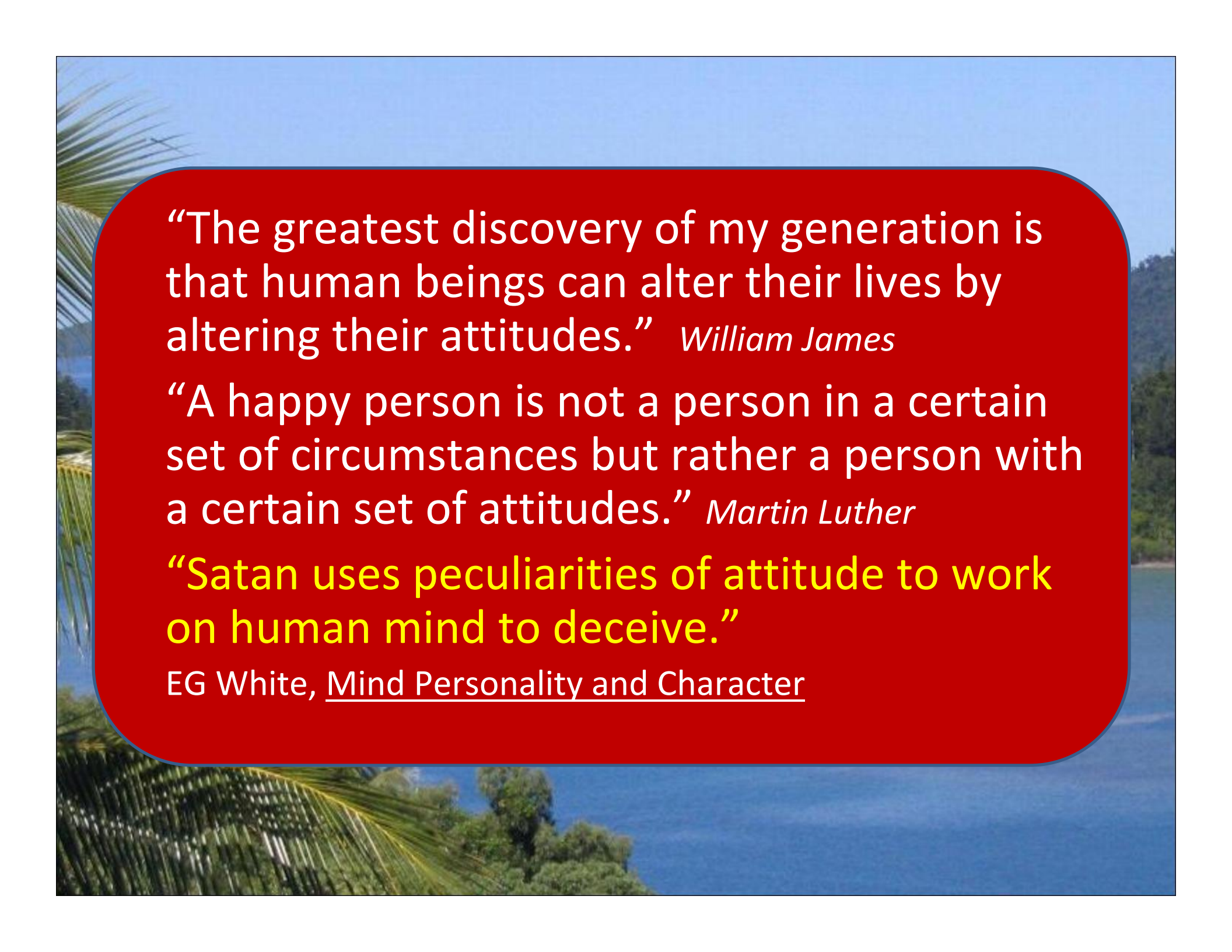




THE CHOICES WE MAKE



Choice is the act of selecting or making a decision when faced with two or more possibilities.




“The greatest discovery of my generation is that human beings can alter their lives by altering their attitudes.” *William James*


“A happy person is not a person in a certain set of circumstances but rather a person with a certain set of attitudes.” *Martin Luther*

“Satan uses peculiarities of attitude to work on human mind to deceive.”

EG White, Mind Personality and Character

A photograph of a lush garden. In the foreground, a dense field of red and orange tulips is in full bloom. Behind them, a green lawn stretches towards a backdrop of various trees and shrubs, including a large evergreen on the left and a flowering tree on the right. A yellow banner with a blue border and decorative scroll-like corners is superimposed over the middle of the image.

ATTITUDE!!



**They made choices that were
inconsistent with their
upbringing.**

The impulse to rebel.

The impulse to try something new.

The impulse to mix in with the crowd.





THE SCENE AT HOME

THE SCENE IN A FAR COUNTRY

THE RETURN OF THE YOUNGER SON

Luke 15:12

**...Father, give me the portion of
goods that falleth *to me*. And he
divided unto them *his* living.**

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- **People want LOVE without MARRIAGE.**
 - **Man wants FREEDOM without RESPONSIBILITY**
 - **We want people to GIVE to us without our SERVING them.**
 - **There are some Christians who want CHURCH BENEFITS without the CHURCH.**
 - **There are even those who want FORGIVENESS without REPENTANCE and OBEDIENCE!**

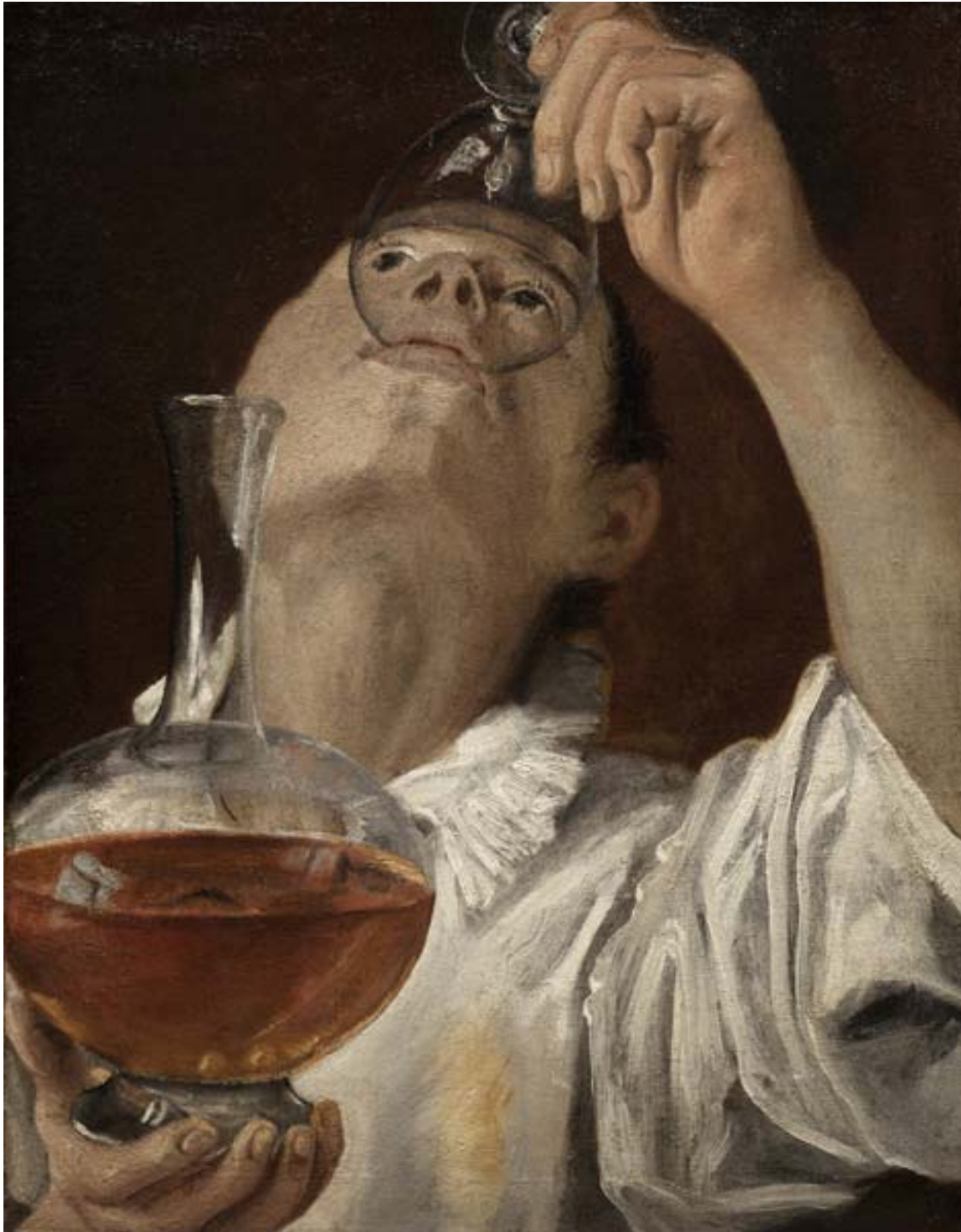
A photograph of a dirt road winding through a green field. A car is visible in the distance on the road. The text is overlaid on the image.

Luke 15:13

**And not many days after the
younger son gathered all
together, and took his journey
into a far country...**



**When the son walked away from
the father, he became LOST.**

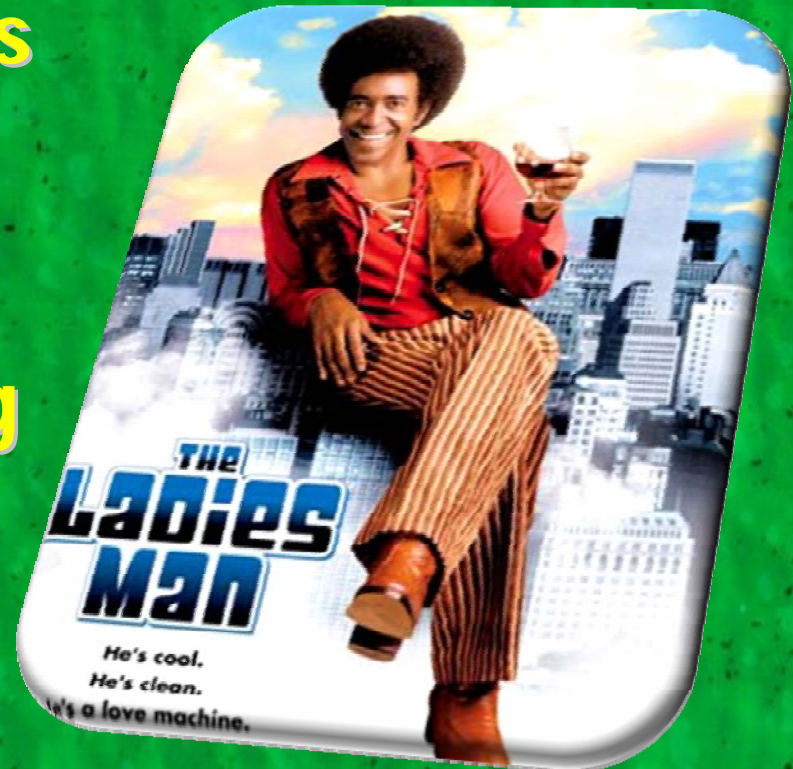


Luke 15:13

**... wasted his
substance with
riotous living.**

Jesus didn't tell us what the young son did. He allows us to draw our own conclusions.

- ☐ **Maybe he used drugs**
- ☐ **Drank beers**
- ☐ **Had many girls**
- ☐ **Partied all night long**





Luke 15:30

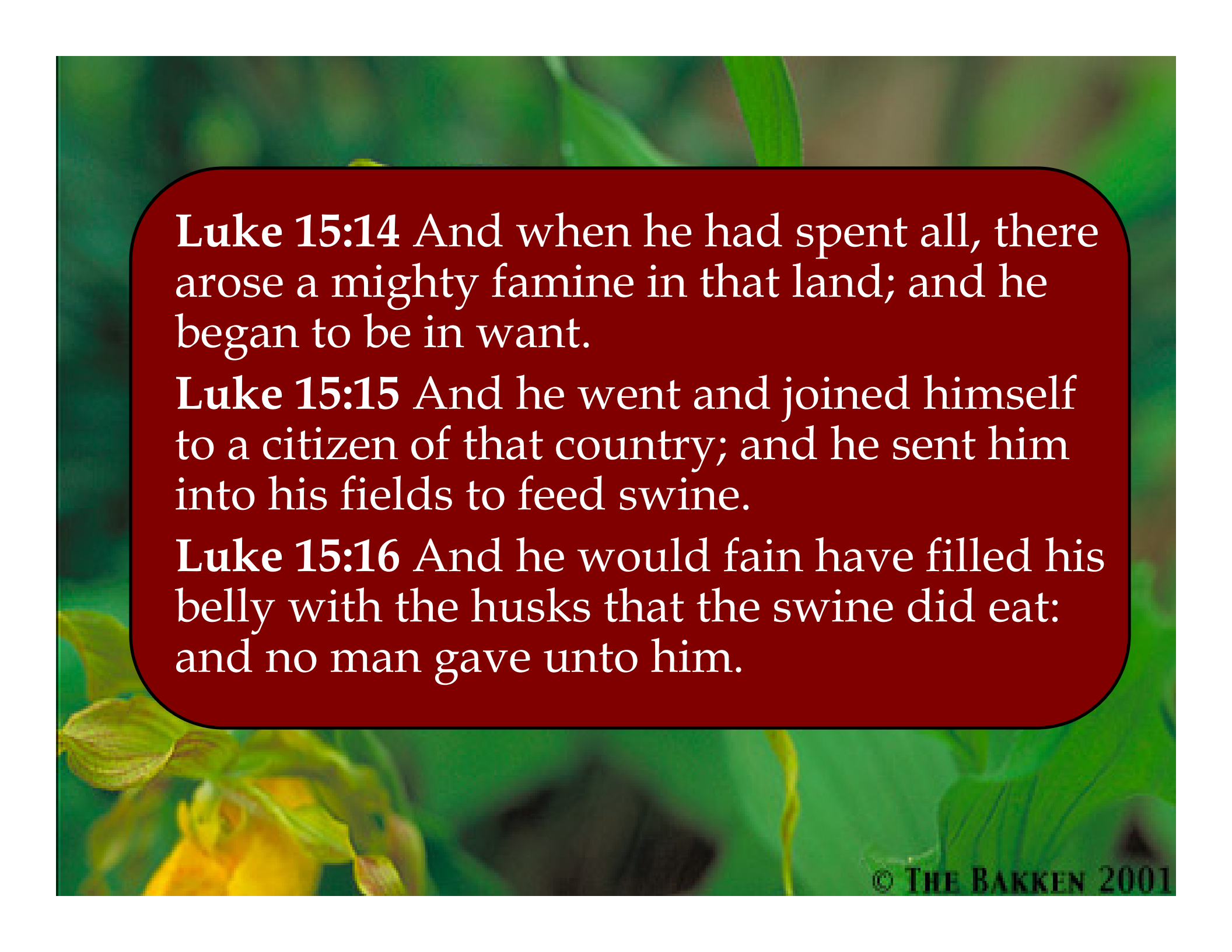
**But as soon as this thy son was
come, which hath devoured thy
living with harlots...**

Sex comes easy

Drugs are at your fingertips

It is easy to compromise





Luke 15:14 And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.

Luke 15:15 And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

Luke 15:16 And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.

No more MONEY
No more FRIENDS,
No more FREEDOM





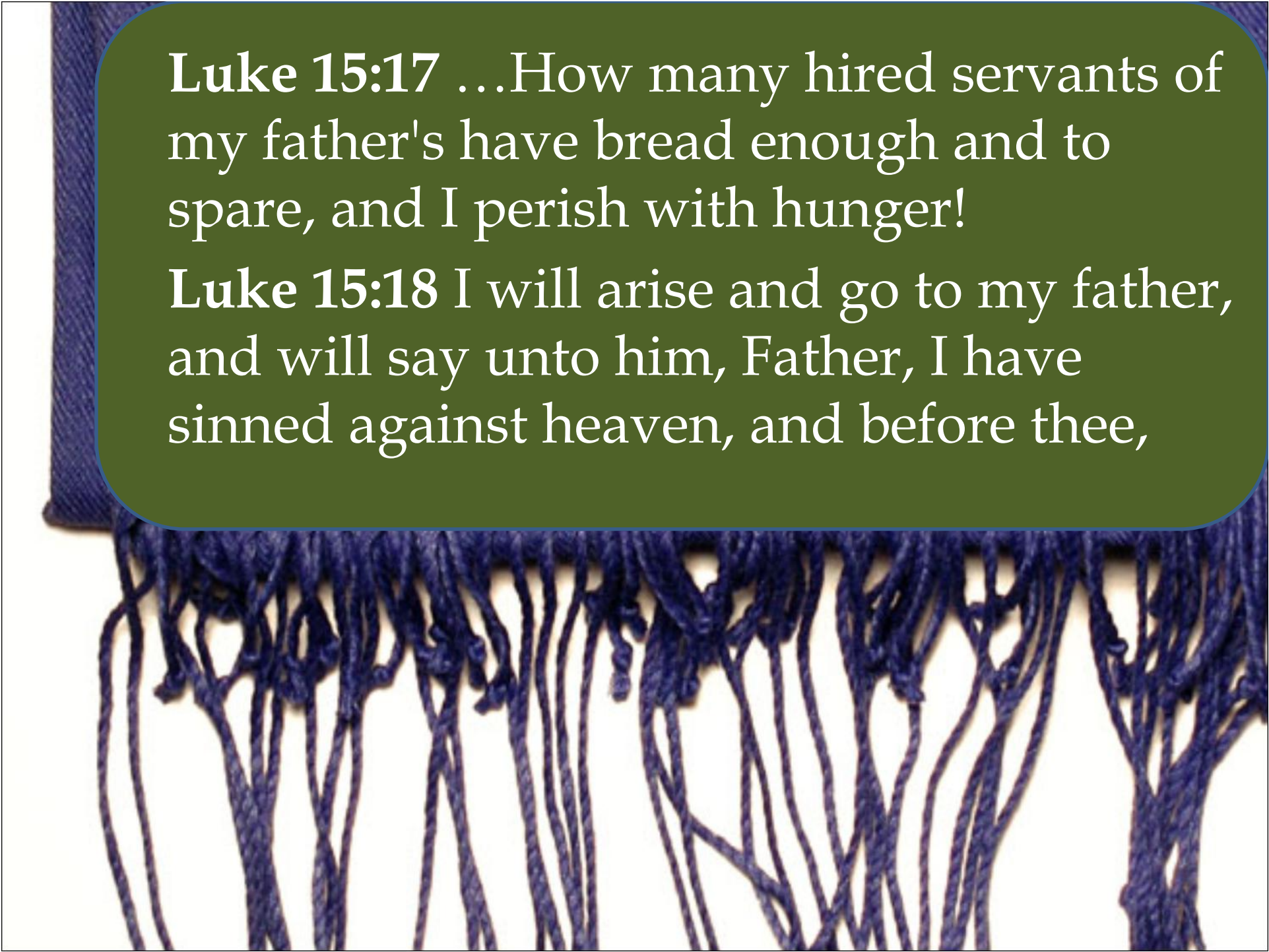
**He could have invested the money
Used the money to start a business
Pay for his tuition to complete a
degree**

A person wearing a black t-shirt is standing in front of a scenic background of mountains at sunset. The sky is a mix of orange, pink, and blue. The person's face is not visible, only their torso and arms. The text is overlaid on the image.

**In fact the turning point of the story
comes when he reaches a perception of
his moral failing**

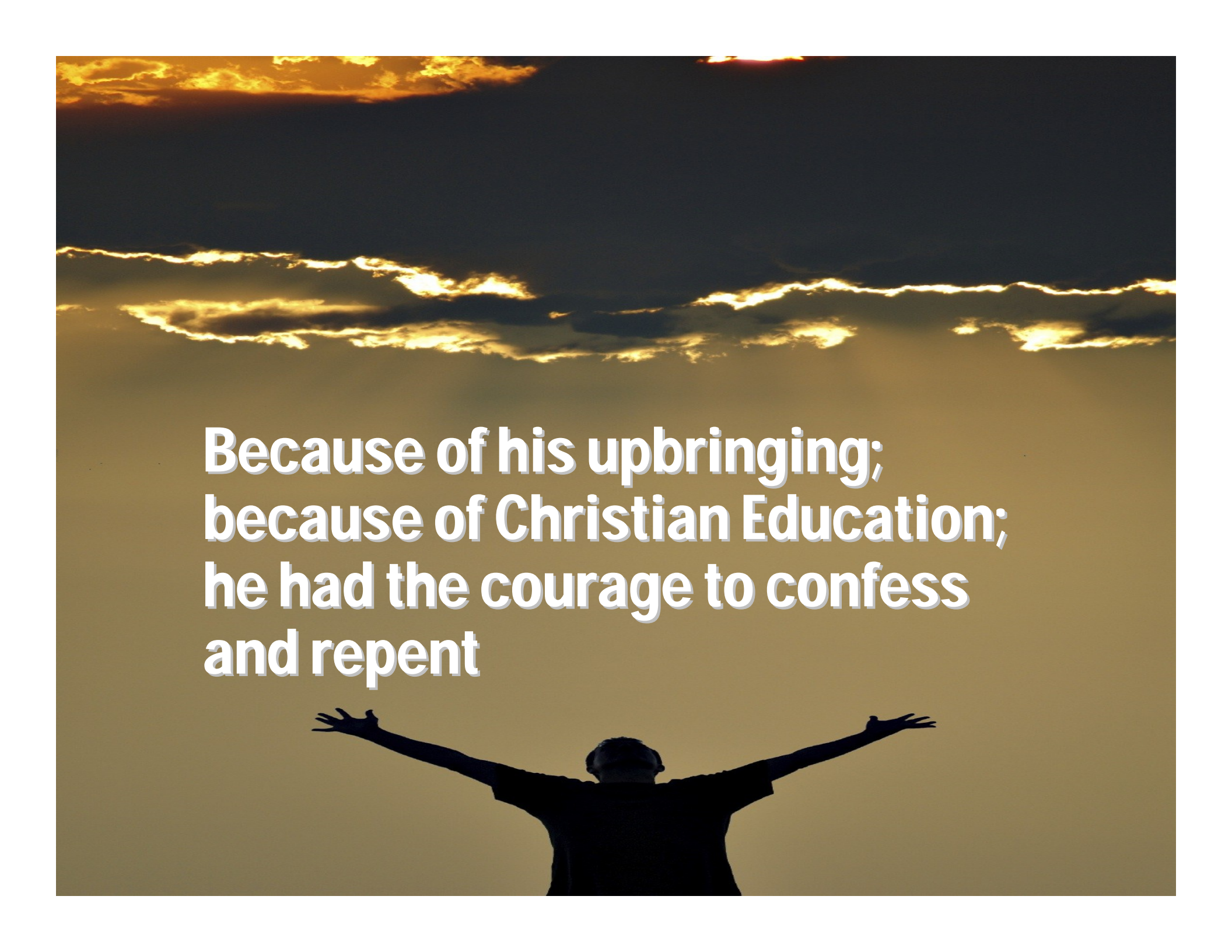
HE CAME TO HIMSELF!!!

You cannot begin the return home to God until you take an honest look at the misery you have caused your family and yourself.



Luke 15:17 ...How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

Luke 15:18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,

A person is silhouetted against a dramatic sky at sunset or sunrise. The person's arms are raised in a gesture of praise or surrender. The sky is filled with dark, horizontal clouds that are illuminated from below by the sun, creating a bright, golden glow. The overall mood is one of awe and spiritual significance.

**Because of his upbringing;
because of Christian Education;
he had the courage to confess
and repent**



**The father
reverses our
expectation by
showing
forgiveness even
before the son had
a chance to
confess.**

Luke 15:22 ...Bring forth the best robe, and put *it* on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on *his* feet:

Luke 15:23 And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill *it*; and let us eat, and be merry:

Luke 15:24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found...

LOVE ENDURING	The loss of the boy grieved the father
LOVE EXPECTING	He believed his son would come back home
LOVE EXCITING	He had compassion and ran
LOVE EMBRACING	He hugged him and kissed him
LOVE ENRICHING	Gave him the best robe
LOVE ENTHUSING	Ordered the fatted calf
LOVE EXPLAINING	His other son asked, "Dad what is the reason for all the festivity?" He replied, "My son was dead but he is alive, he was lost but now he is found."

Outwardly he was in compliance with his father, but inwardly he too was far from home.



You cannot jump into muddy water and come out clean.

You cannot expect to have healthy lungs if you smoke cigarettes.

You cannot expect to live a pure life if you keep looking at x-rated movies.

You cannot move with the wrong crowd and do the right things.

A young calf with black and white patches stands in a field of dry, brown grass. The calf has a white face with a black patch around its eye and a black patch on its forehead. It has black spots on its back and legs. The background is a simple, light-colored wall.

The father prepared the calf because he believed he would have returned.

The calf was innocent but the father gave the calf.

The blood of the calf was shed on the son's behalf



- **One man died in his sins – the cross of rebellion**
- **The other man died to his sins – the cross of repentance**
- **But the man in the middle died for our sins – the cross of redemption**

