





The Prodigal Son

Luke 15.11-32

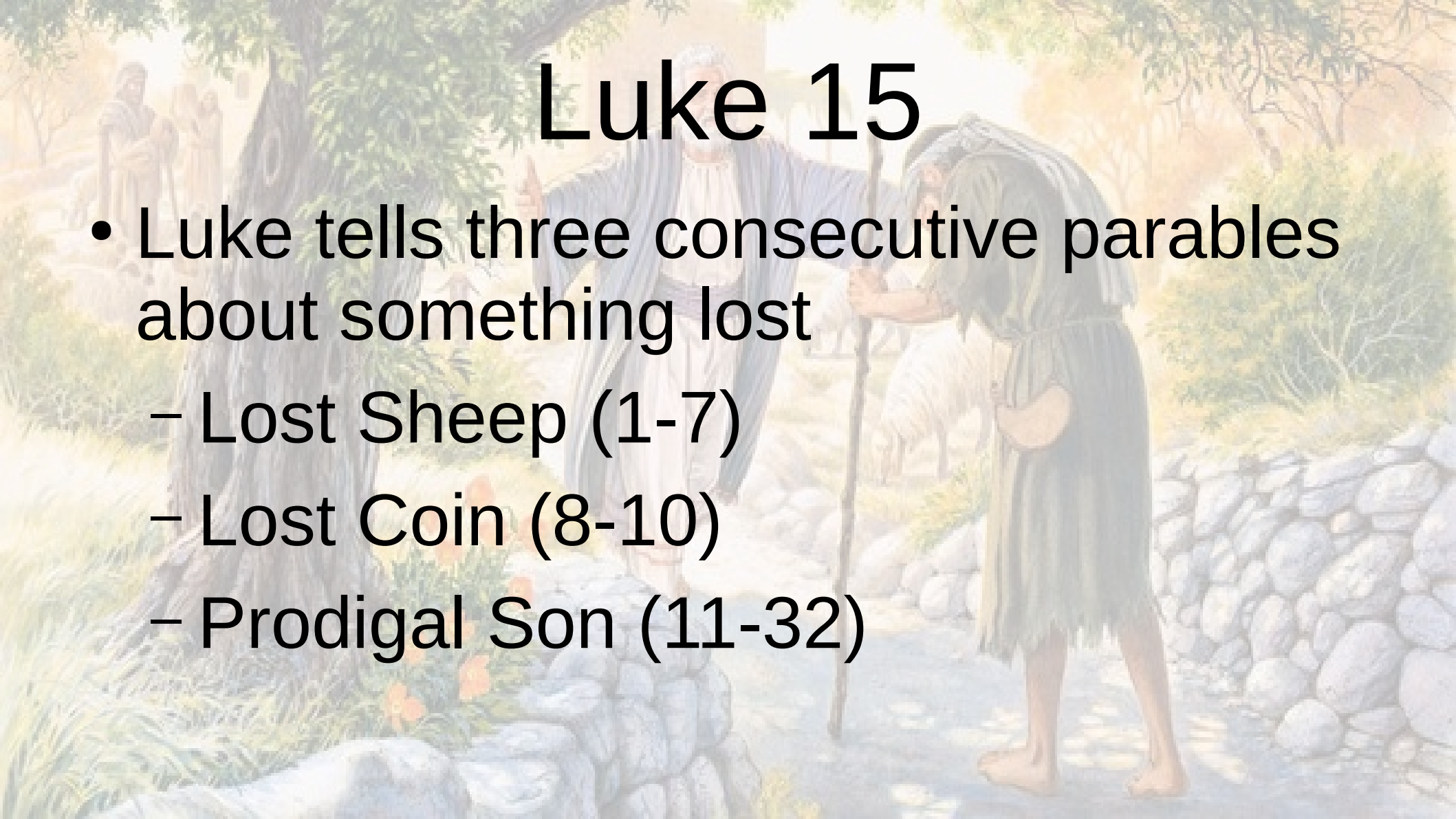
Luke

Luke has many parables that have no parallel in the other Gospels

- Good Samaritan (10.25-37)
- Rich Fool (12.16-21)
- Unfruitful Fig Tree (13.6-9)
- Prodigal Son (15.11-32)

Luke 15

- Luke tells three consecutive parables about something lost
 - Lost Sheep (1-7)
 - Lost Coin (8-10)
 - Prodigal Son (11-32)



The Inheritance (12)

- The son wants his inheritance while the father is still alive
- We often wonder what kind of parent would raise this type of child
- Proverbs 22.6
- Parenting is not the main point of this parable

Rock Bottom (13-16)

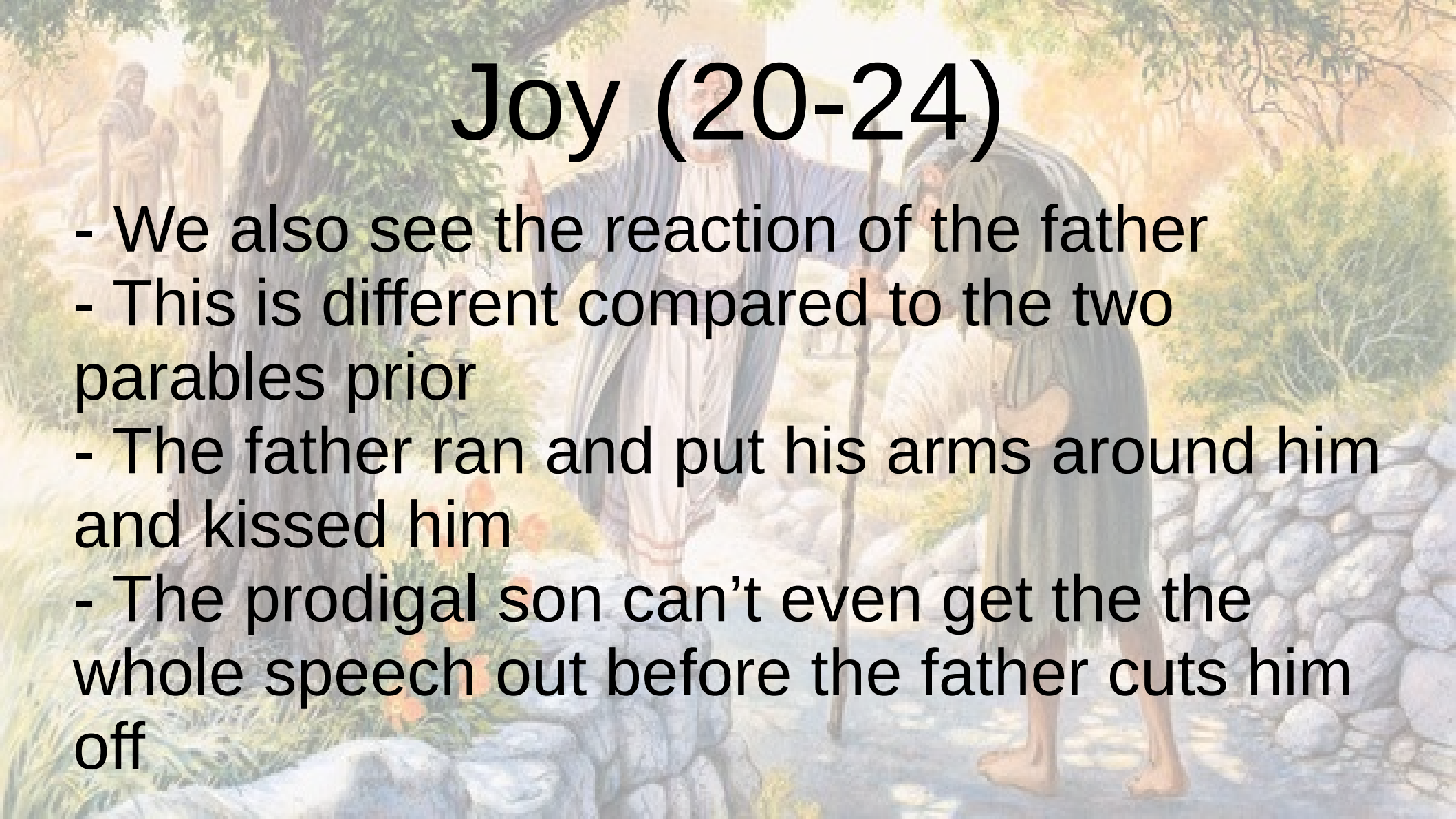
- The son ended up taking the money to the far country and throwing it away on reckless living
- The word “prodigal” means wasteful or reckless
- The far country
 - Reckless living happens when you are far from people you know
 - It's far away, no one is there to help you when something bad happens

Repentance (17- 19)

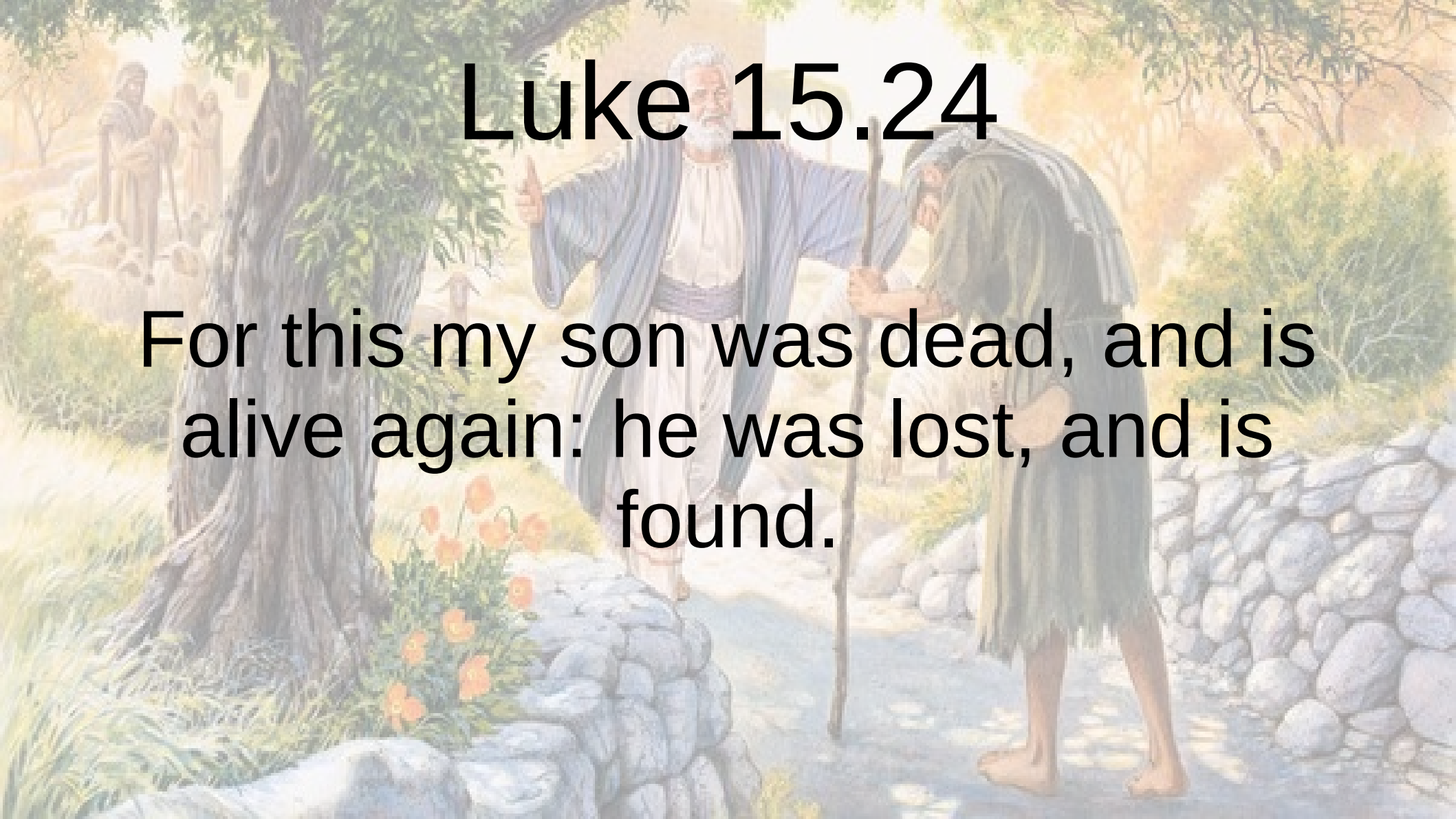
- The prodigal son decided to go back home and ask his father for a job...
- Two ways of looking at this
 - Skeptical- I'll go back and get more money
 - Literal- The story is on repentance
- The son did not let his pride get in the way of repentance

Joy (20-24)

- We also see the reaction of the father
- This is different compared to the two parables prior
- The father ran and put his arms around him and kissed him
- The prodigal son can't even get the the whole speech out before the father cuts him off



Luke 15.24

A religious illustration depicting a scene from the Bible. In the center, an older man with a long white beard and a blue robe over a white tunic stands on a dirt path. He has his right arm raised in a gesture of blessing or proclamation. Facing him, a man in a dark, possibly black, robe is bowing deeply towards the ground, holding a long wooden staff. The background features a large, leafy tree on the left, a low stone wall on the right, and other figures in the distance, including one standing near a building. The scene is set in a rural, sunlit environment with green grass and some orange flowers in the foreground.

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

Conclusion

- The point of the parables is about how much God loves it when a sinner repents
- Proverbs 22.6
- He was trained up in the way he should go, and when he was old, he did not depart from it

There will be bumps along the road, but are we willing to turn to God?