

A dirt road winds through lush green fields towards a distant horizon. A single tree stands prominently on the horizon line. The sky is filled with dramatic, layered clouds in shades of blue, purple, and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

Never Too Far

Mark 8:34-38

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- 34 When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, “Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.
- 35 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it.
- 36 For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?

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37 Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

38 For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”

1 John 4:16

16 And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.



Romans 8:35-39

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."

37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

Romans 8:35-39

- 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,
- 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Zephaniah 3:17

17 The LORD your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.”



Romans 5:8-10

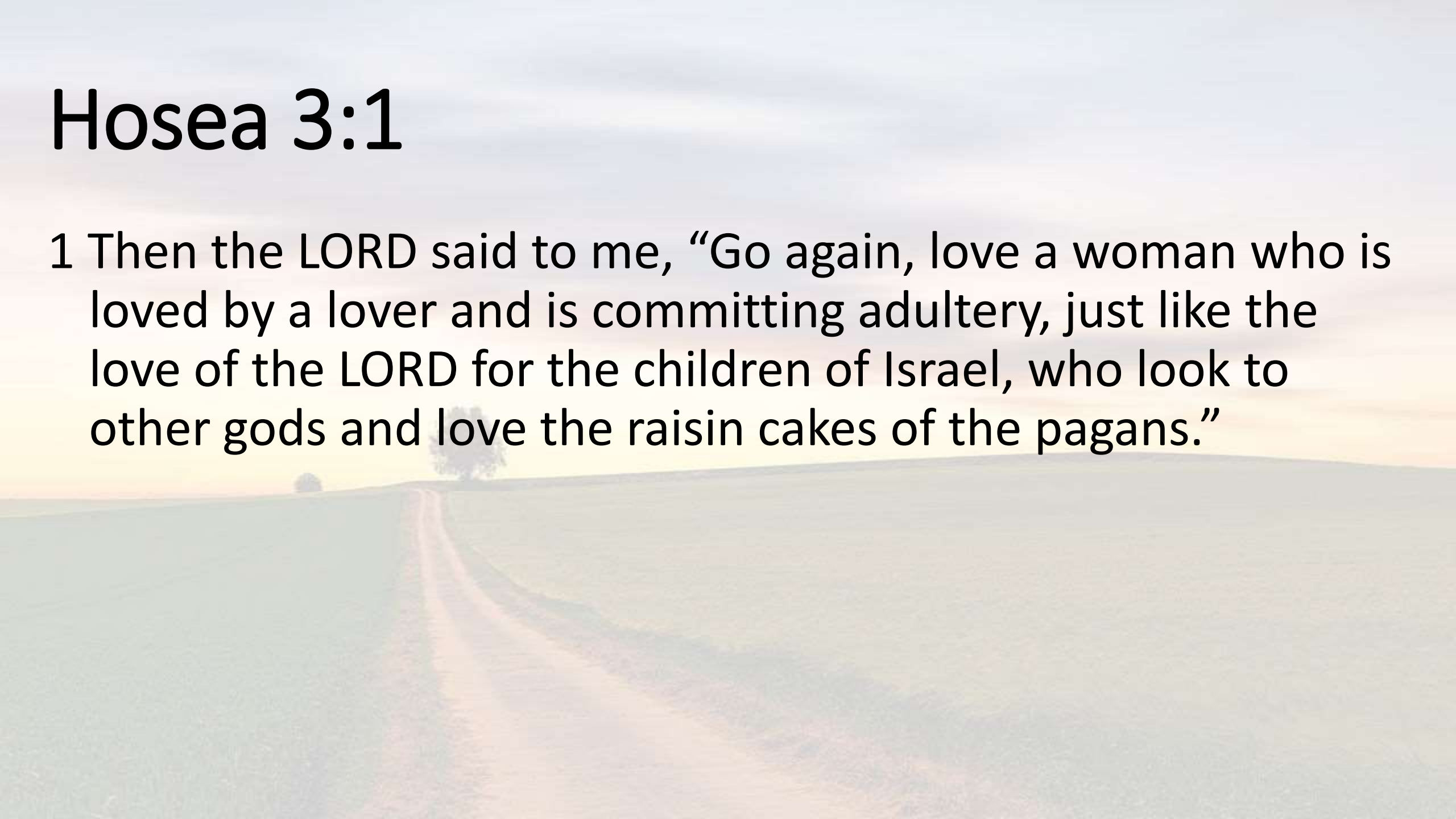
8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

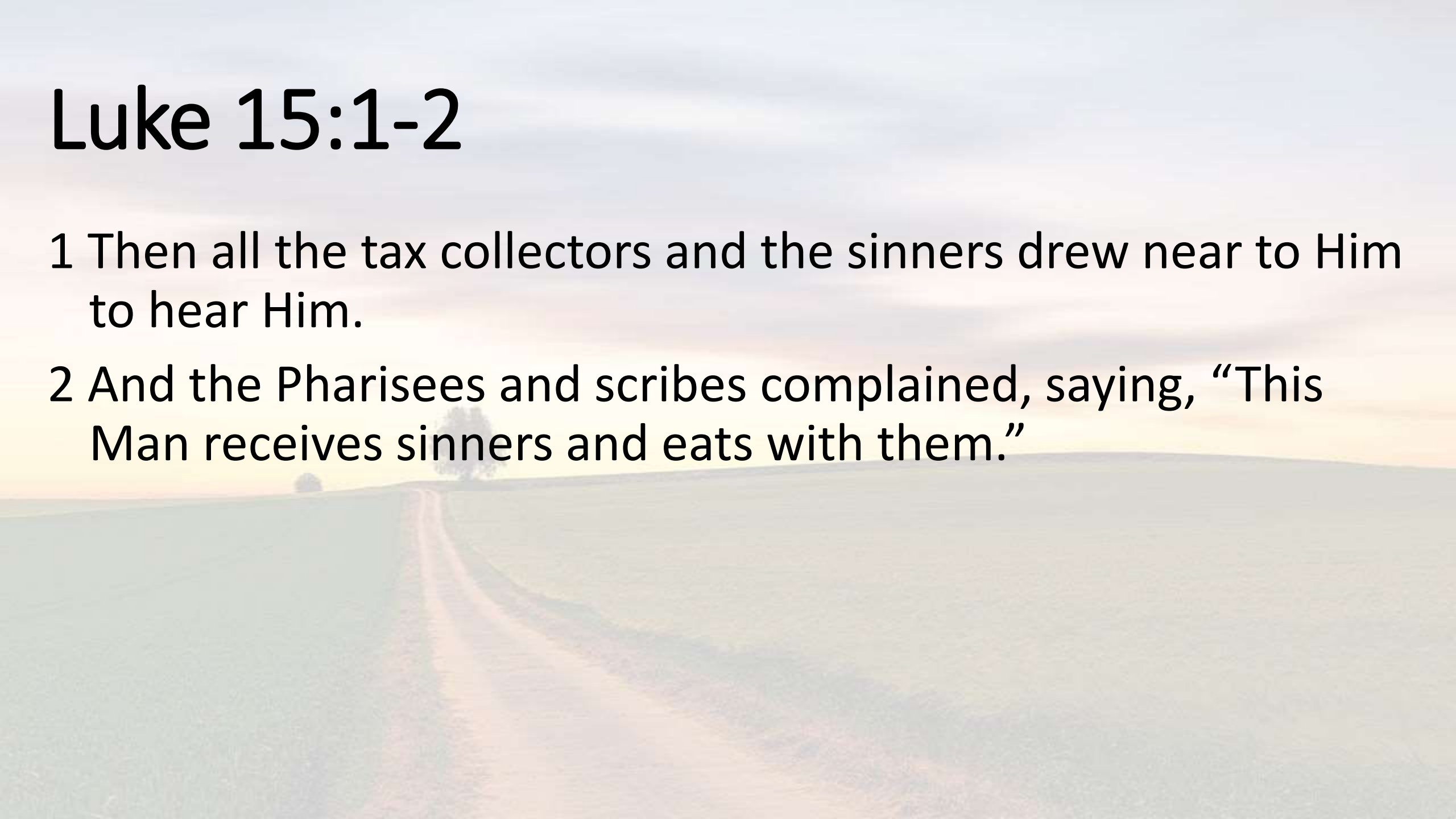
Hosea 3:1

1 Then the LORD said to me, “Go again, love a woman who is loved by a lover and is committing adultery, just like the love of the LORD for the children of Israel, who look to other gods and love the raisin cakes of the pagans.”



Luke 15:1-2

- 1 Then all the tax collectors and the sinners drew near to Him to hear Him.
- 2 And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying, “This Man receives sinners and eats with them.”



Luke 15:11-14

11 Then He said: “A certain man had two sons.

12 And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.’ So he divided to them his livelihood.

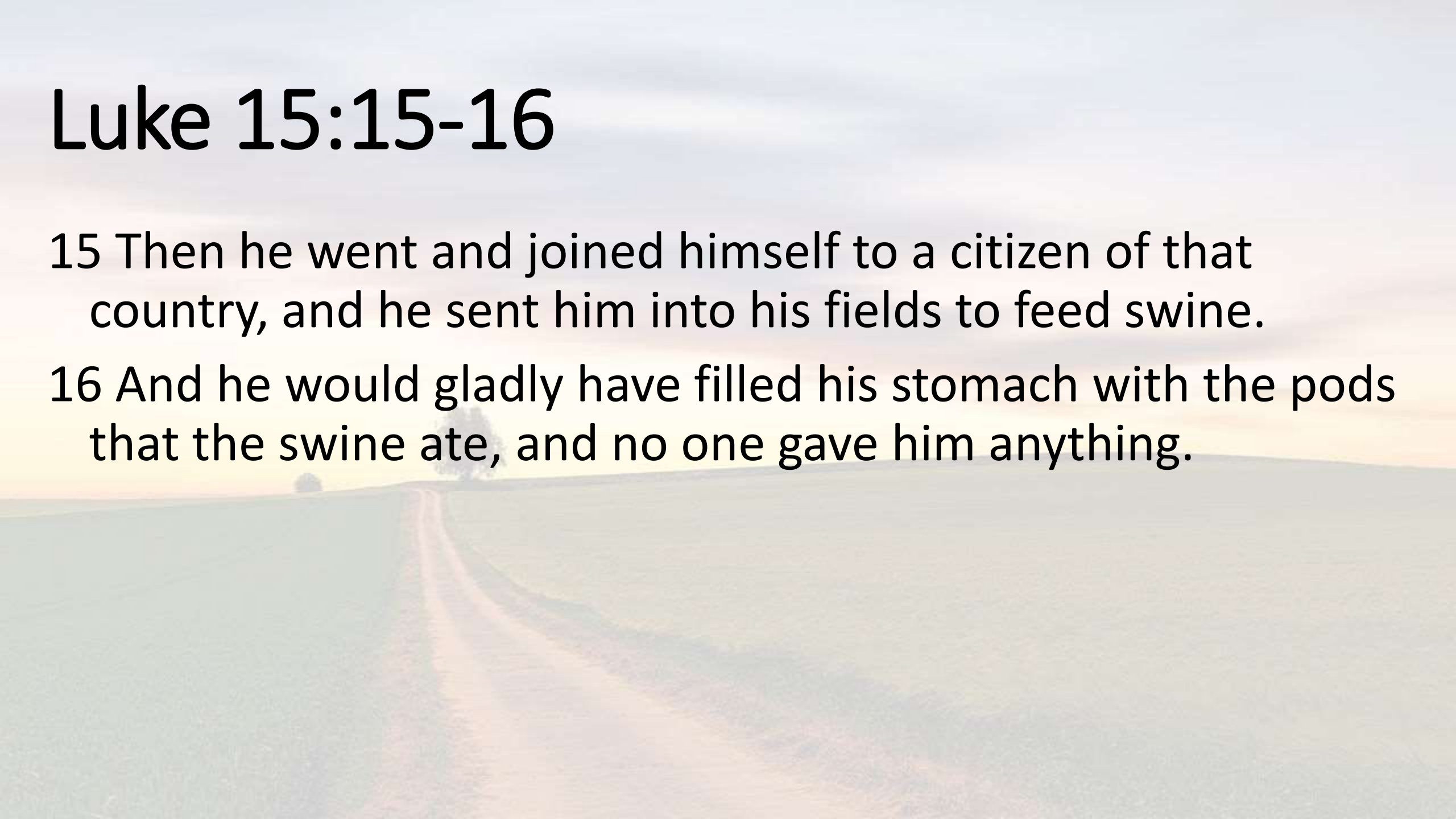
13 And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living.

14 But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want.

Luke 15:15-16

15 Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

16 And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything.



Luke 15:18-20

- 18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him,
“Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you,
19 and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me
like one of your hired servants.” ’
- 20 “And he arose and came to his father. But when he was
still a great way off, his father saw him and had
compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.

Luke 15:21-24

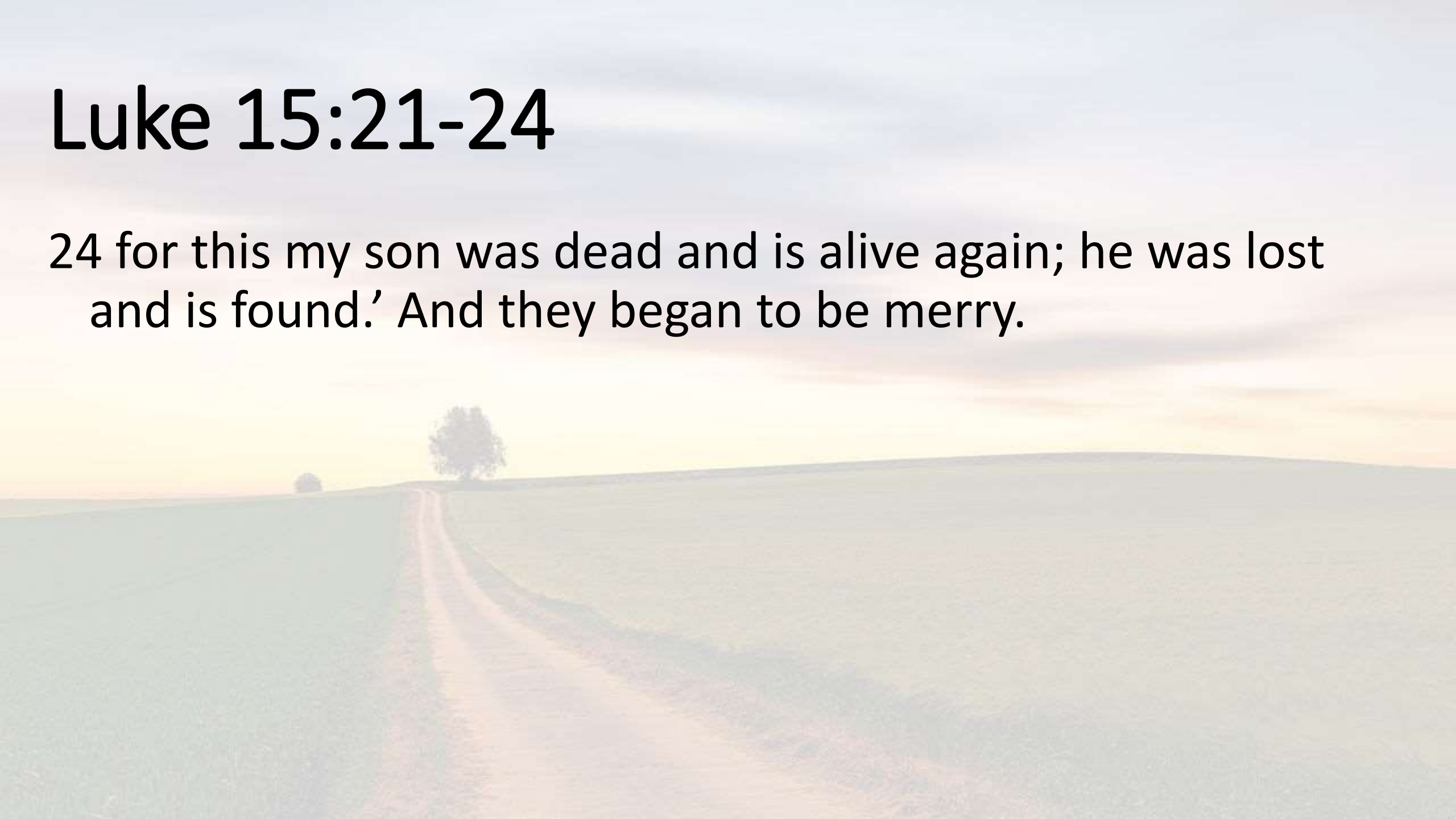
21 And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

22 "But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet.'

23 And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry;

Luke 15:21-24

24 for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry.



John 3:16

16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

