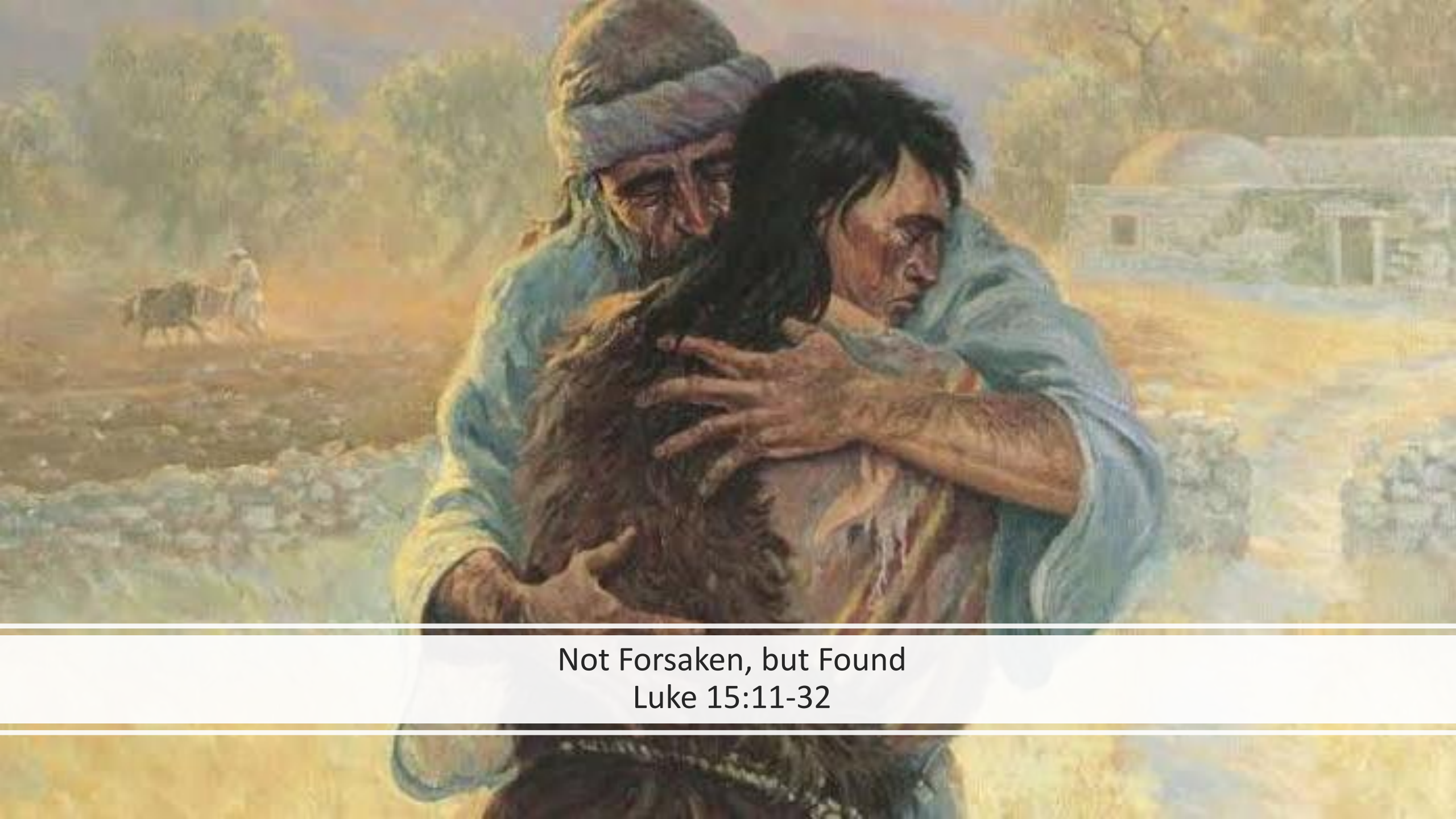


Not Forsaken, but Found
Luke 15:11-32

11 Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. 12 The
younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the
estate.’ So he divided his property between them.

13 “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off
for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.
14 After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that
whole country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired
himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to
feed pigs. 16 He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs
were eating, but no one gave him anything.

17 “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s
hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! 18 I
will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have
sinned against heaven and against you. 19 I am no longer worthy to be
called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ 20 So he got
up and went to his father.

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled
with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around
him and kissed him.

21 “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and
against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

22 “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and
put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 Bring
the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. 24 For this
son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So
they began to celebrate.

25 “Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the
house, he heard music and dancing. 26 So he called one of the
servants and asked him what was going on. 27 ‘Your brother has
come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf
because he has him back safe and sound.’

28 “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. 29 But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’

31 “‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. 32 But we had to celebrate and be glad, because **this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”**

Deuteronomy

- 17 He must acknowledge the son of his unloved wife as the firstborn by giving him a double share of all he has. That son is the first sign of his father’s strength. The right of the firstborn belongs to him.

2 Peter

22 They became illustrations of the true proverbs: “A dog will return to its vomit,” and a washed pig to its rolling in the mud.

Ephesians 2

- As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. 3 All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh[a] and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. 4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,

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