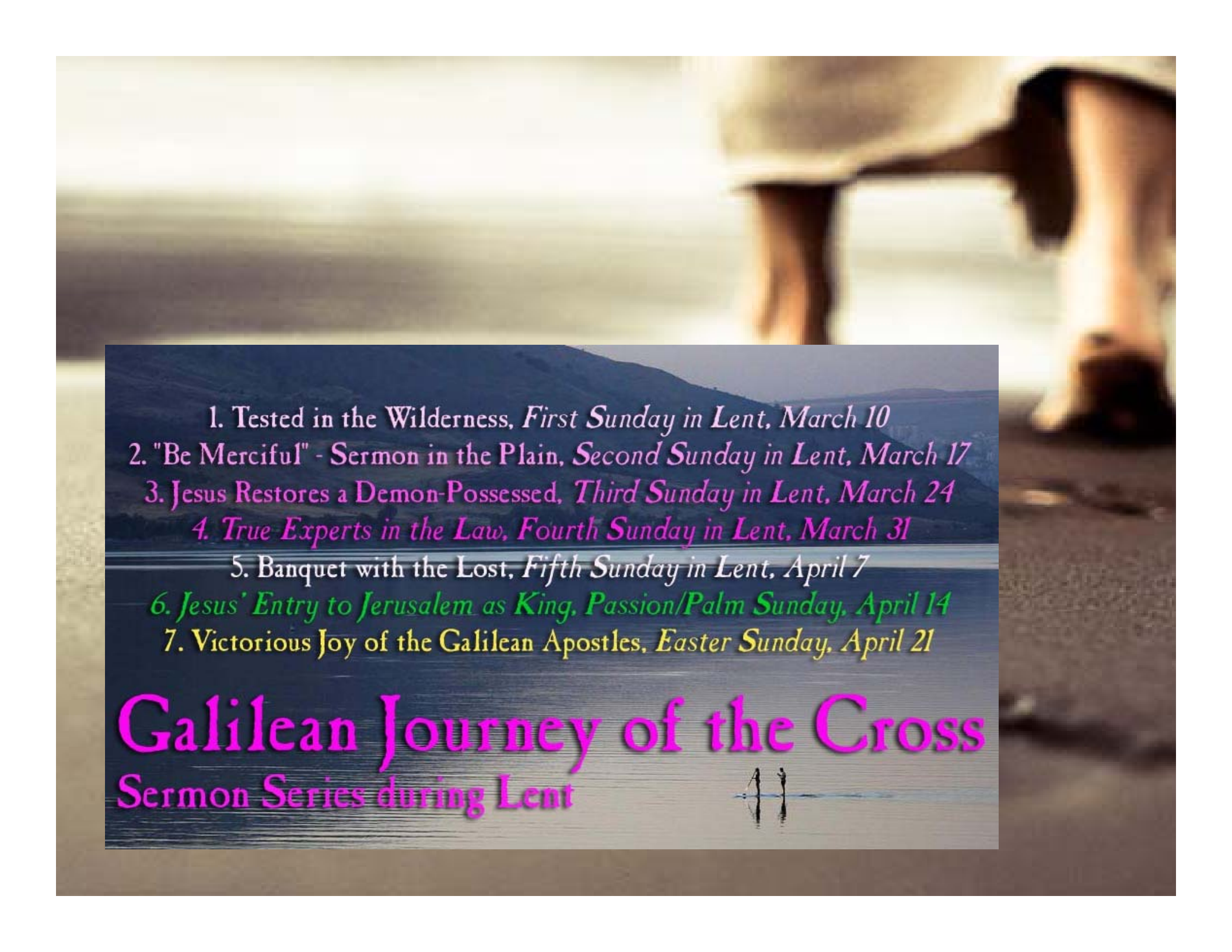




*Lent*  
"He fasted for forty days  
and forty nights..."

40 DAYS WITH  
**JESUS**

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1. Tested in the Wilderness, *First Sunday in Lent, March 10*
  2. "Be Merciful" - Sermon in the Plain, *Second Sunday in Lent, March 17*
  3. Jesus Restores a Demon-Possessed, *Third Sunday in Lent, March 24*
  4. *True Experts in the Law, Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 31*
  5. Banquet with the Lost, *Fifth Sunday in Lent, April 7*
  6. *Jesus' Entry to Jerusalem as King, Passion/Palm Sunday, April 14*
  7. *Victorious Joy of the Galilean Apostles, Easter Sunday, April 21*

# Galilean Journey of the Cross

Sermon Series during Lent

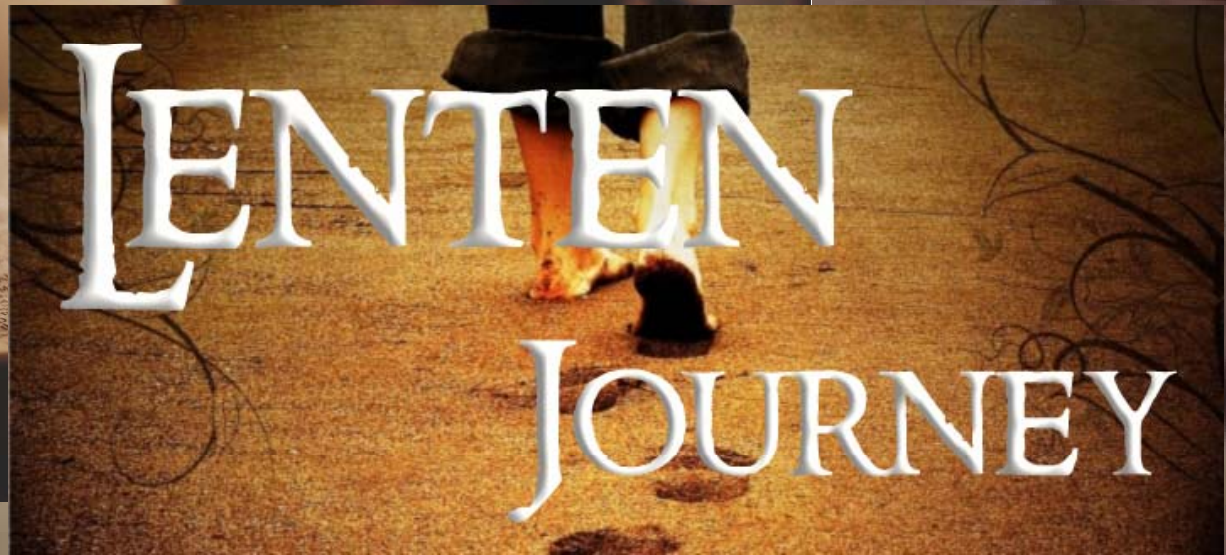




*Luke 15:20-32*  
*Coming to the Father*

"So the son  
left and  
went to his  
father."

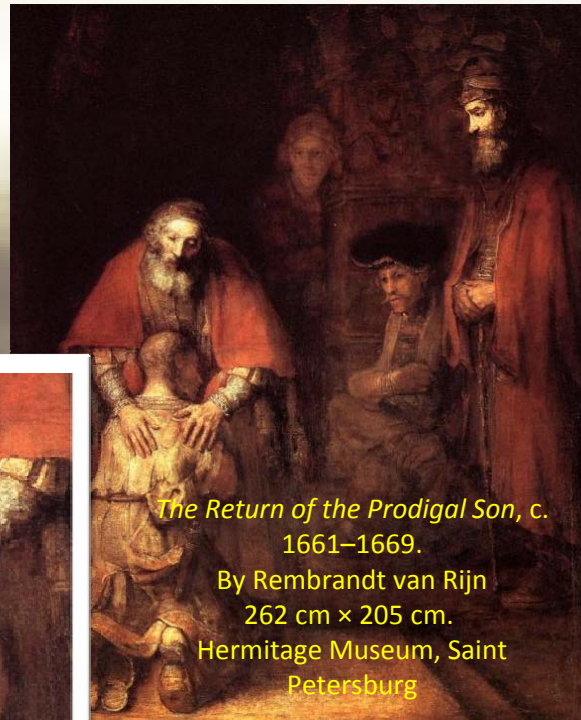
- Luke 15:20-24 -



*Luke 15:20-32*  
*Two Prodigal Sons*



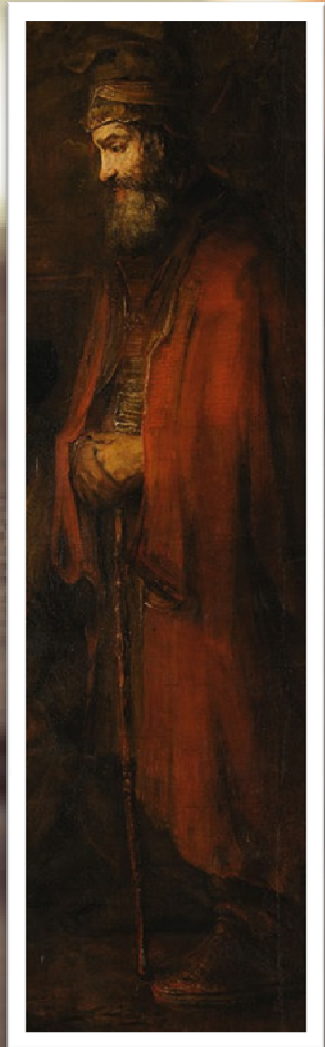
*"I am no longer worthy  
to be called your son;"*



*The Return of the Prodigal Son, c.  
1661–1669.*

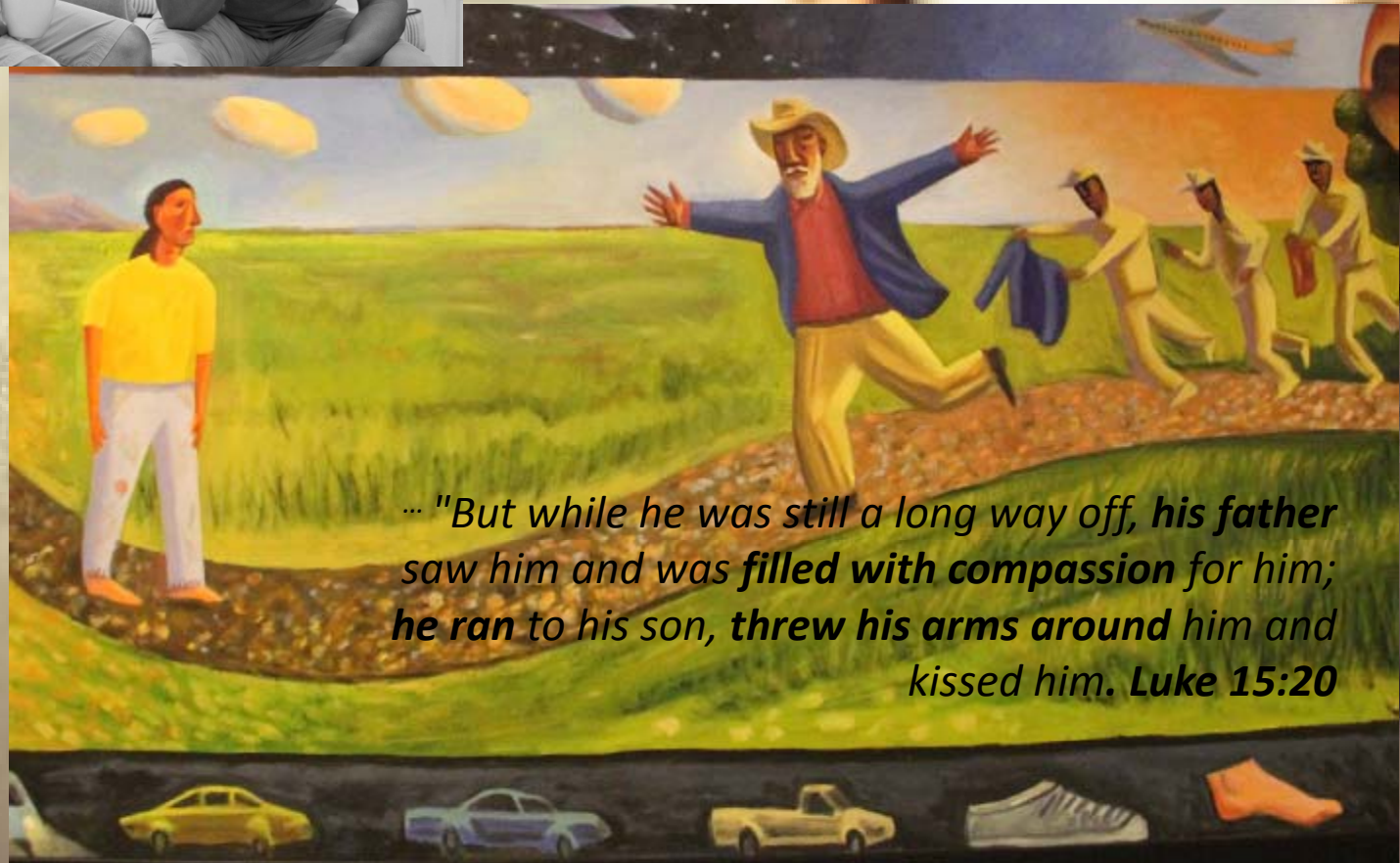
*By Rembrandt van Rijn  
262 cm × 205 cm.  
Hermitage Museum, Saint  
Petersburg*

*"All these  
years I've  
been slaving  
for you and  
disobeyed  
your orders.  
Yet you never  
gave me a  
young goat so  
I could  
celebrate with  
my friends."*





*Luke 15:20-32*  
*O God, Merciful 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. Luke 15:20

*Luke 15:20-32*

*Come, Join the Banquet Set for You*

**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.  
Bring the fattened calf and kill  
it. Let's have a feast and  
celebrate.  
For this son of mine was dead  
and is alive again; he was lost  
and is found.'  
So they began to celebrate.  
Luke 15:22-24**



*1. Our heavenly Father waits for the wayward.*

*Galilean Journey of the Cross*

*Part 5. Banquet with the Lost*



*1. Our heavenly Father waits for the wayward.*

COME HOME. YOUR  
FATHER HAS BEEN  
WAITING UP FOR YOU.

ANCHOR POINT:  
Luke 15:20



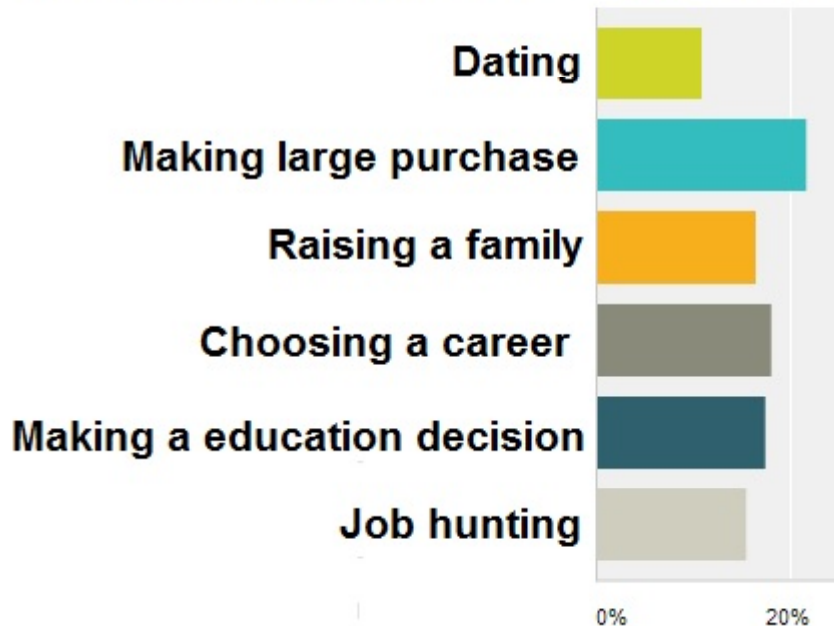
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# 1. Our heavenly Father waits for the wayward.

Was your father's advice most critical when you were:



## A Father's Duty

*% in each group who say it is ... for fathers to provide this for his children*

	<b>Extremely important</b>	<b>Very important</b>	<b>Somewhat/Not important</b>
Values and morals	58	37	5
Emotional support	52	41	7
Discipline	47	43	9
Income	41	45	13

Notes: Percentage who answered "Don't know/Refused" not shown. Based on full sample (N=1,004).

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Part 5. Banquet with the Lost

1. *Our heavenly Father waits for the wayward.*

The Lord is  
compassionate  
and gracious,  
slow to anger,  
abounding in  
love.

- PSALM 103:8 -

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2. We are lost and found.

*Galilean Journey of the Cross*

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2. We are lost and found.



*Have you lost someone or something important?*

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## 2. We are lost and found.

### Child Abuse by the Numbers

*One Year of Statistics in Georgia*



2015 Statistics from the US Department of Health and Human Services



# *Galilean Journey of the Cross*

*Part 5. Banquet with the Lost*

## 2. We are lost and found.

**ELDER ABUSE**  
A SILENT EPIDEMIC



over  
**5.9 Million**  
reported cases of elder abuse in 2010

1 in 9 Americans  
over 60 has  
experienced abuse

only  
**1 in 23**  
cases of elder abuse in the U.S. is reported

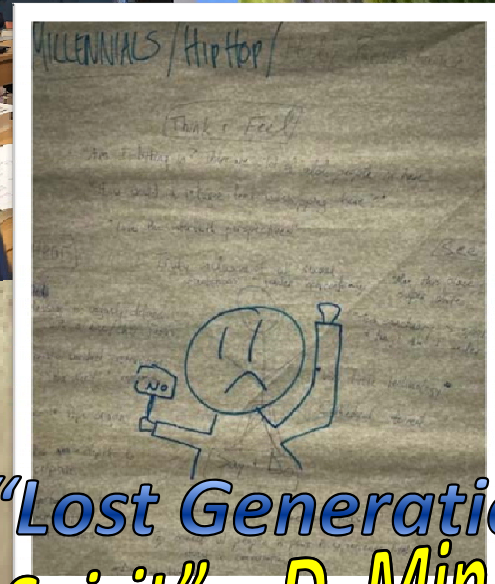


*Galilean Journey of the Cross*

*Part 5. Banquet with the Lost*



## 2. We are lost and found.



**Finding of "Lost Generations"**  
**"Wind of the Spirit" - D. Min. track**

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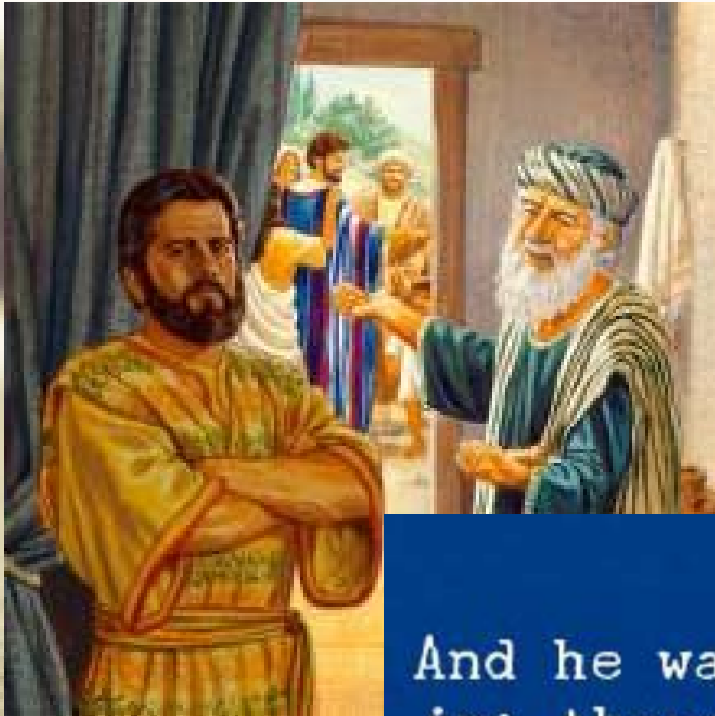
*Part 5. Banquet with the Lost*

3. Someone may be angry, but the Father is not.

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*Part 5. Banquet with the Lost*

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And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and intreated him.

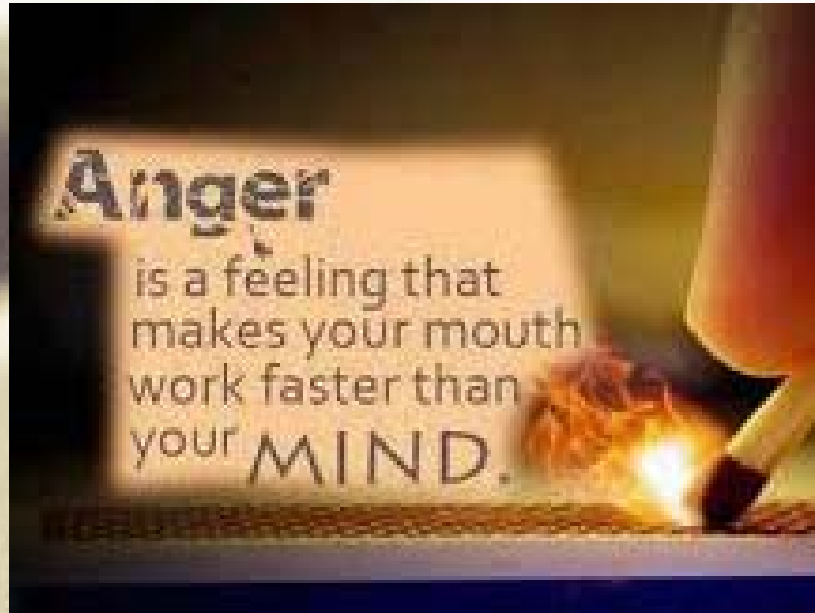
Luke 15:28

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3. Someone may be angry, but the Father is not.



**Anger** is  
one letter  
short of  
danger.

Quoteistan.com

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3. Someone may be angry, but the Father is not.

"When angry, count to ten before you speak; if very angry, count to a hundred."

-Thomas Jefferson

**A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.**

- Proverbs 15:1 -



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3. Someone may be angry, but the Father is not.



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4. Let's have a feast and celebrate.

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