

Peace With Those Closest To Us

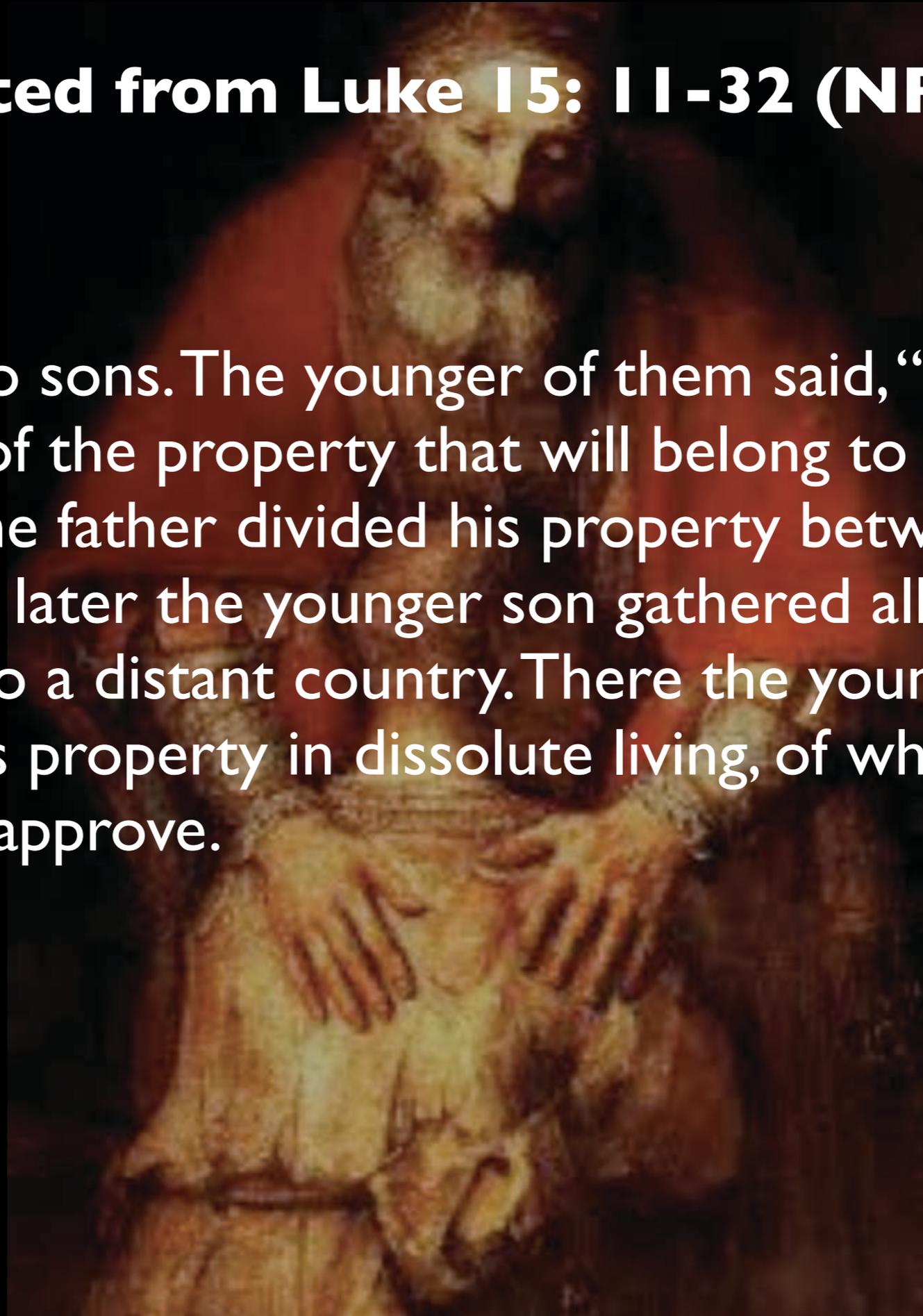


Luke 15: Interpersonal & Family Conflicts
A dramatic reading

Adapted from Luke 15: 11-32 (NRSV)

I.

A man had two sons. The younger of them said, “Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me when you die.” So, the father divided his property between his sons and a few days later the younger son gathered all that he had and travelled to a distant country. There the younger son squandered his property in dissolute living, of which his family did not approve.



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II.

When the son had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he grew hungry. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. The son would gladly have filled himself with the slop that the pigs were eating; but no one gave him anything. He grew thinner and thinner, hungrier and hungrier. When he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough to spare? But here I am, dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'"

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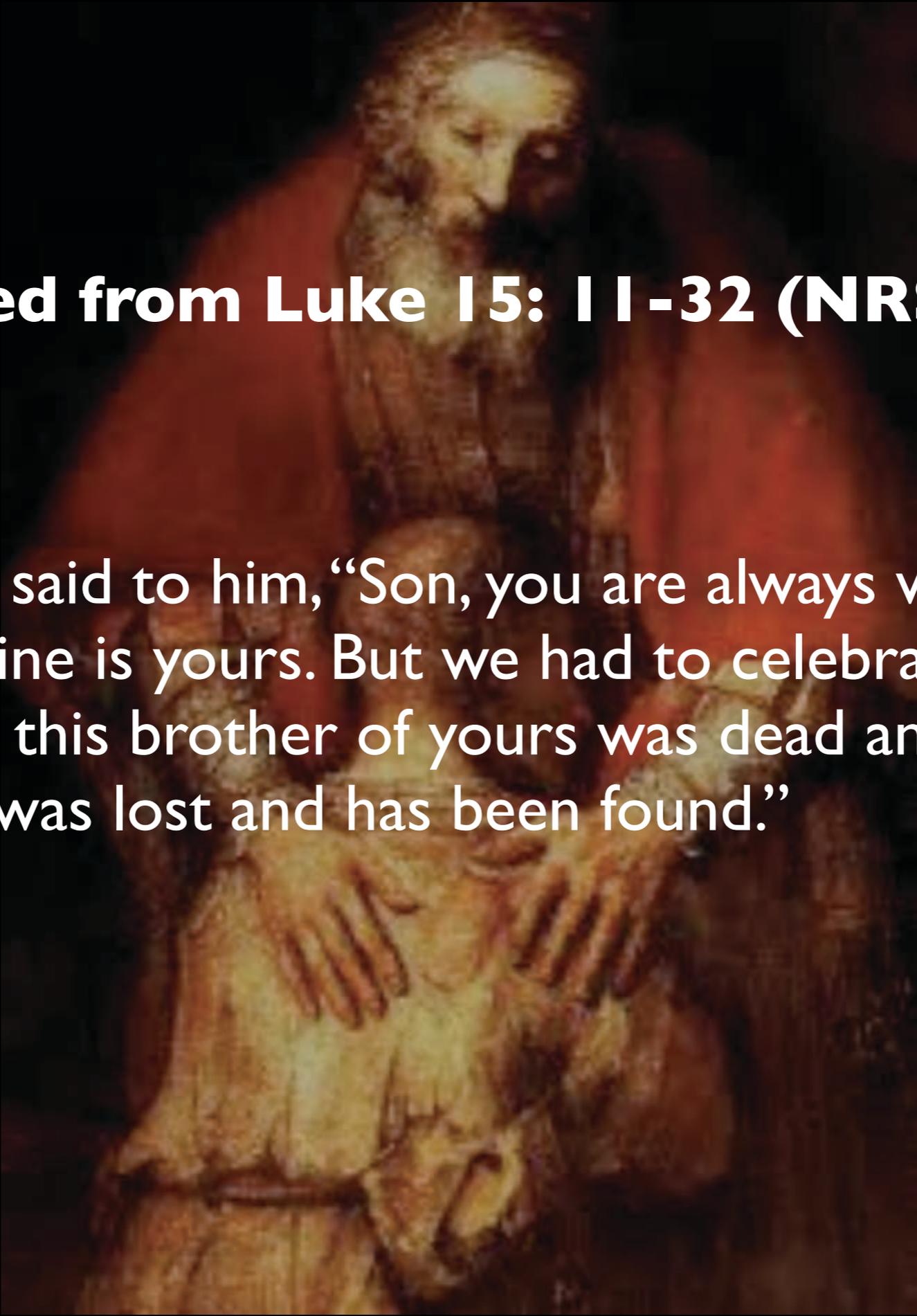
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So he set off and went back to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.” But the father said to his servants, “Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Get the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine who was dead is alive again! He was lost and is found!” And they began to celebrate.

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IV.

Now the elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what was going on. The servant replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have worked like a servant for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends! But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!"



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V.

Then the father said to him, “Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.”

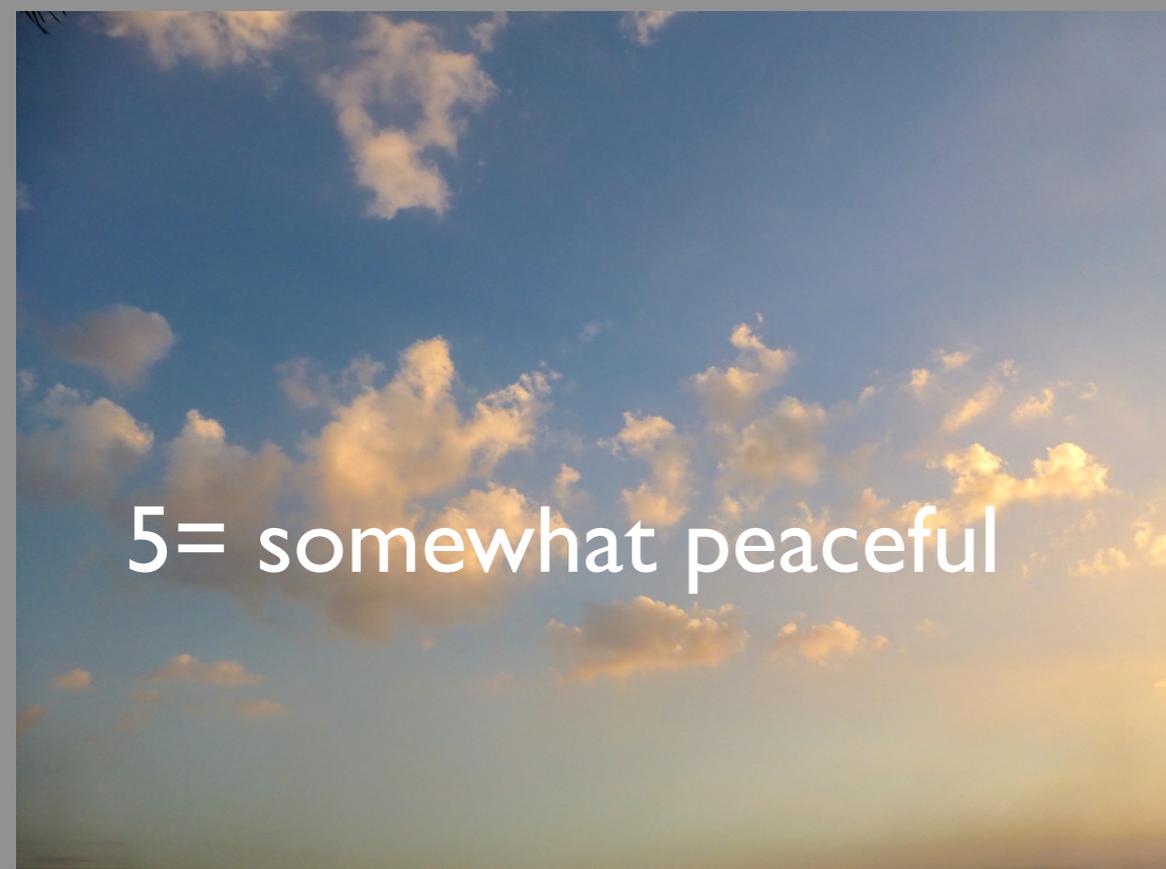
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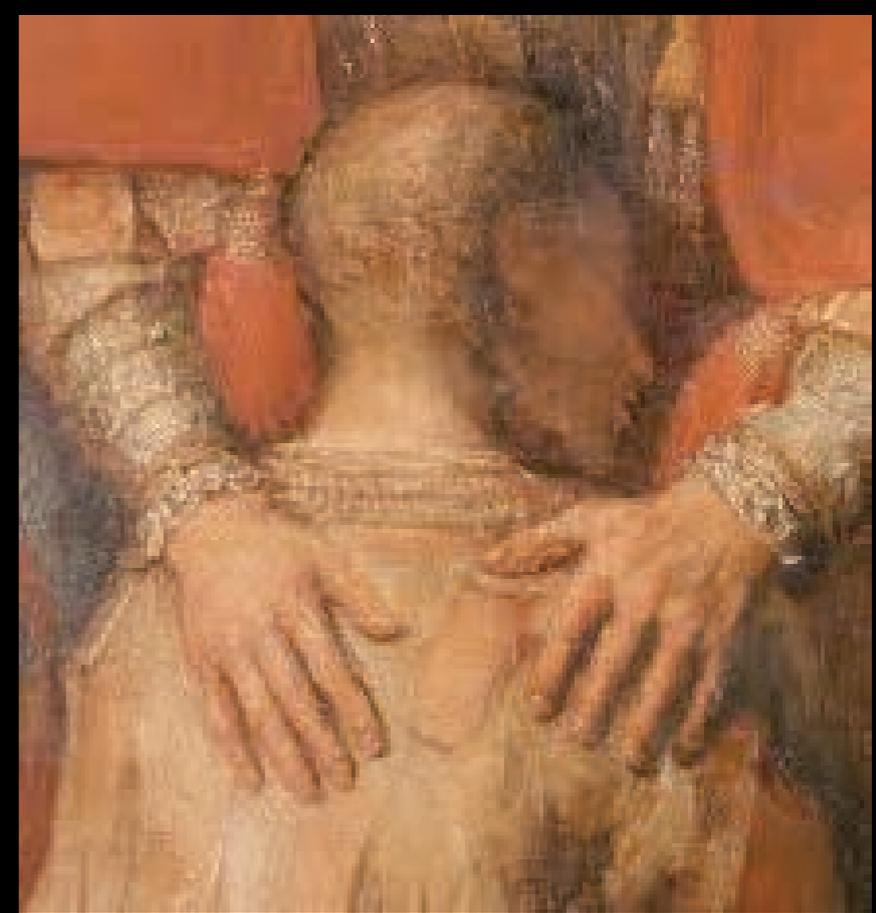
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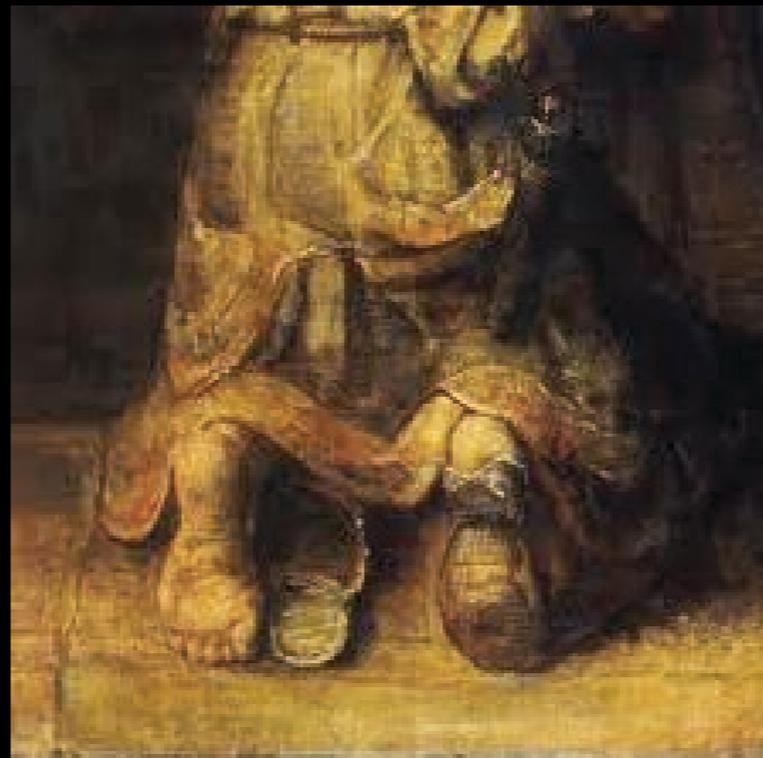


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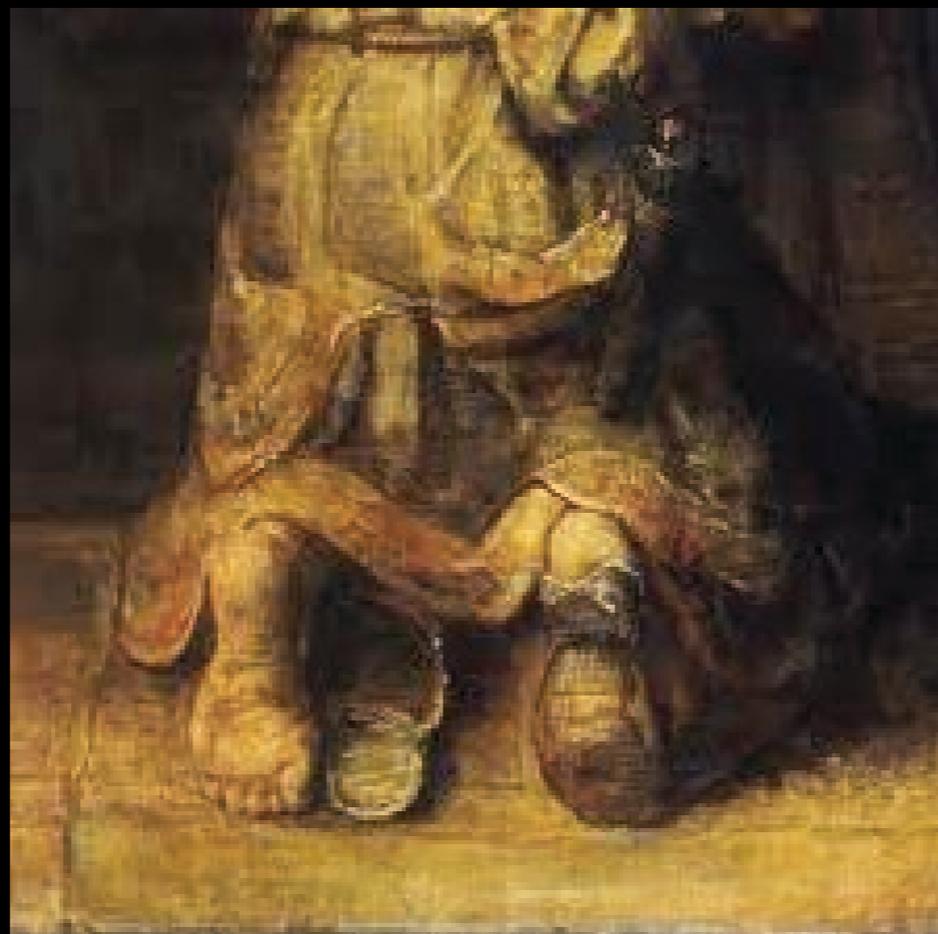
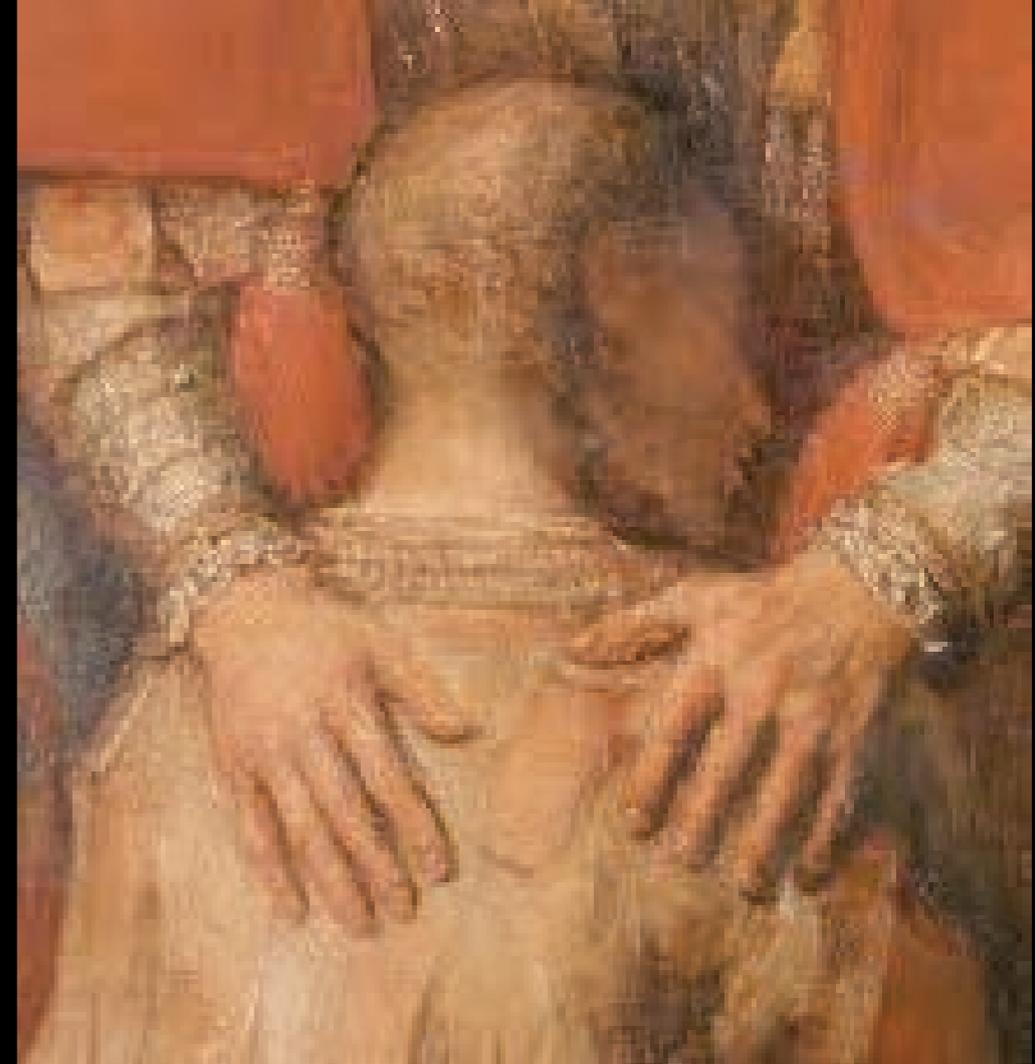
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What does this story tell us about peace?



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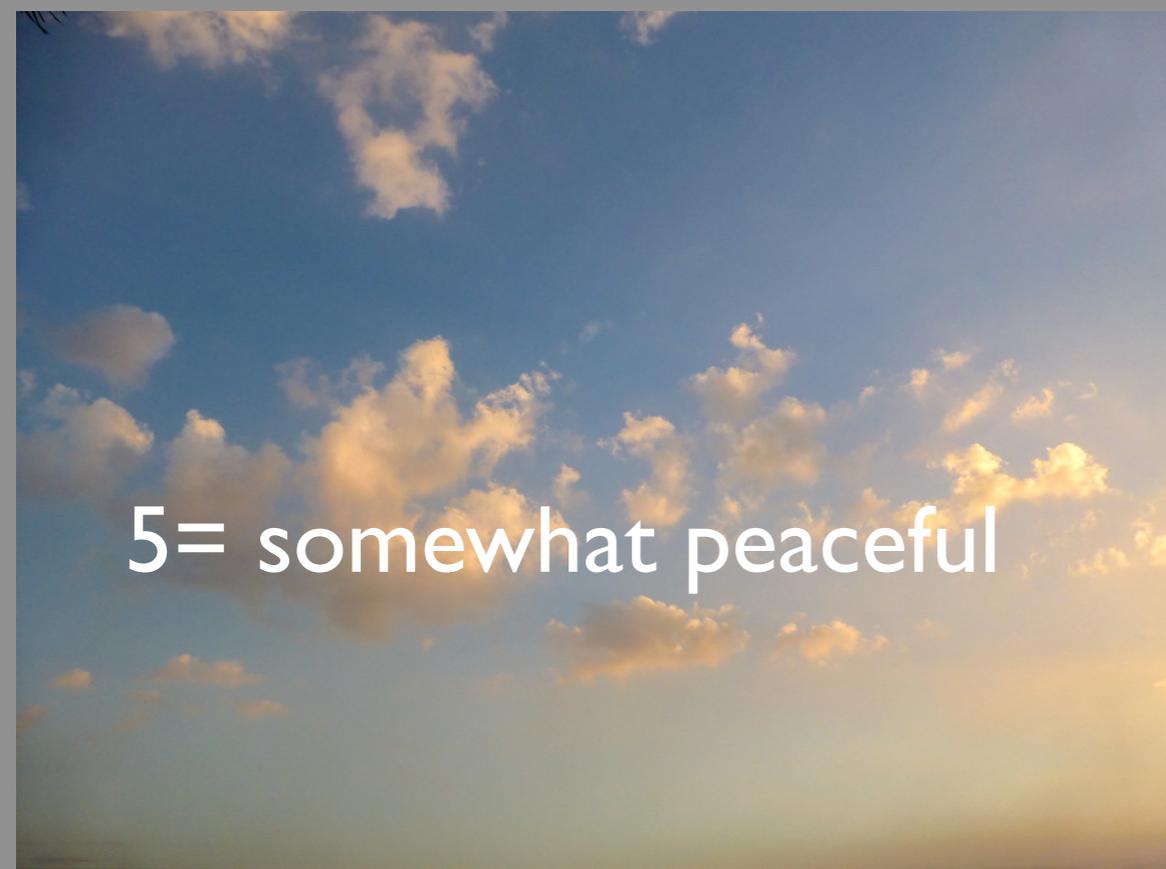
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