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Introduction:

While the world around us increasingly embrace what

Pope John Paul II called, "a culture of death," the light of the Gospel shines through that darkness as a beacon of hope!

Text: Luke 15:11-24

Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons.

The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

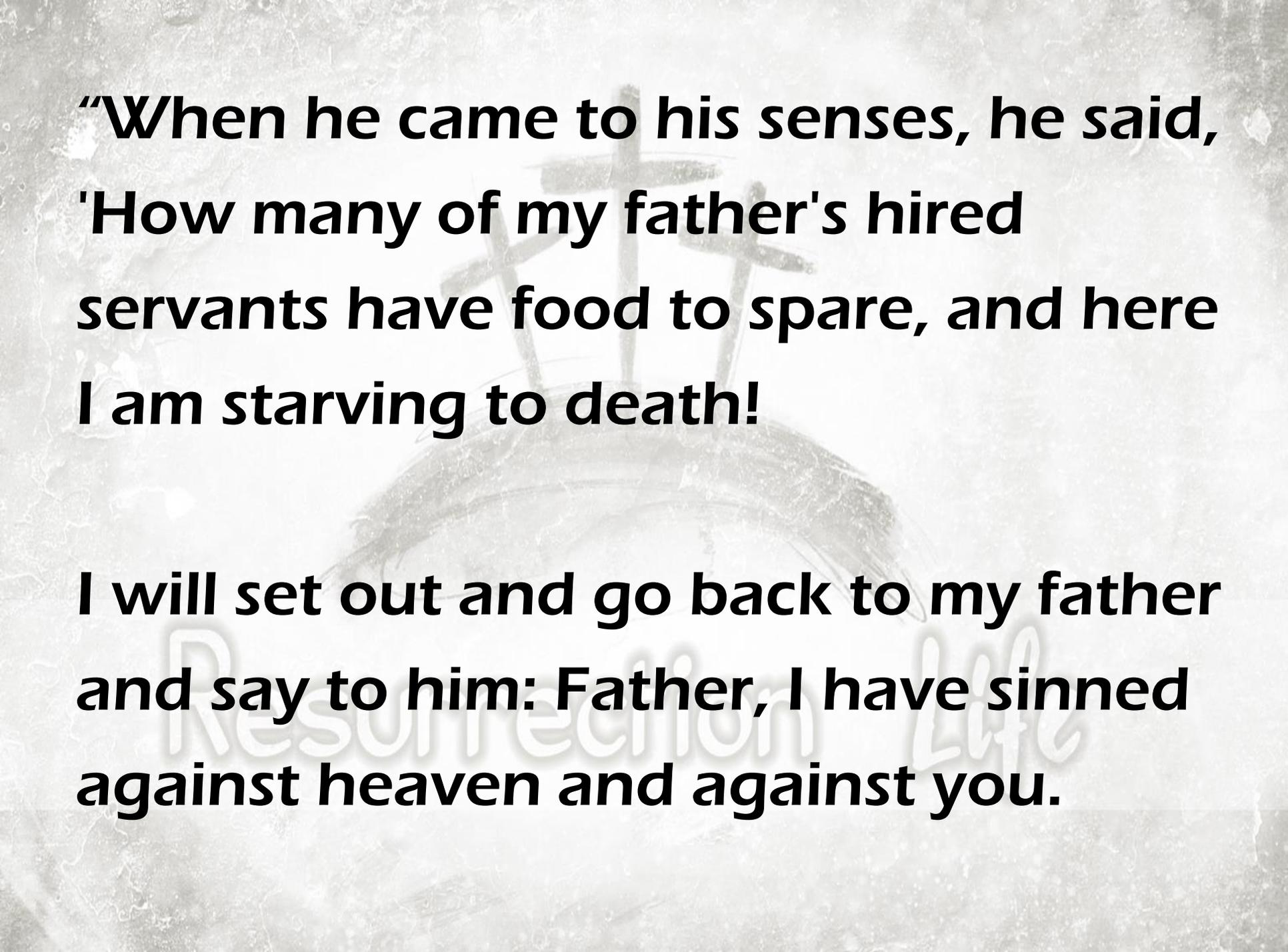
“Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.

After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need.

So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs.

He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

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**“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!**

**I will set out and go back to my father
and say to him: Father, I have sinned
against heaven and against you.**

I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.'

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.

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

“But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him.

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**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 15:11-24

In what ways is **RESURRECTION**
life the same as **NATURAL** life?

It must be **GIVEN** to us by someone else.

Those who receive it **CARRY** the
LIKENESS of the **GIVER**.

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In what ways is **RESURRECTION**
life the same as **NATURAL** life?

It is a cause for **JOY** and
CELEBRATION!

It is initially **FRAGILE**, and must be
carefully **PROTECTED** and
NURTURED.

In what ways is **RESURRECTION**
life the same as **NATURAL** life?

It **GROWS**, constantly becoming
STRONGER and more
MATURE.

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In what ways is **RESURRECTION** life different than **NATURAL** life?

It is a **CHOICE** on the part of the recipient, who must choose to accept and receive it.

It is not subject to the law of **DEATH**, and can never be taken away from us!

In what ways is **RESURRECTION**
life different than **NATURAL** life?

It is a deeper, richer form of life that brings
LOVE, JOY, and **PEACE** to those
who receive it!

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Conclusion:

Did you know that YOU could cause a great celebration to take place in Heaven today?

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