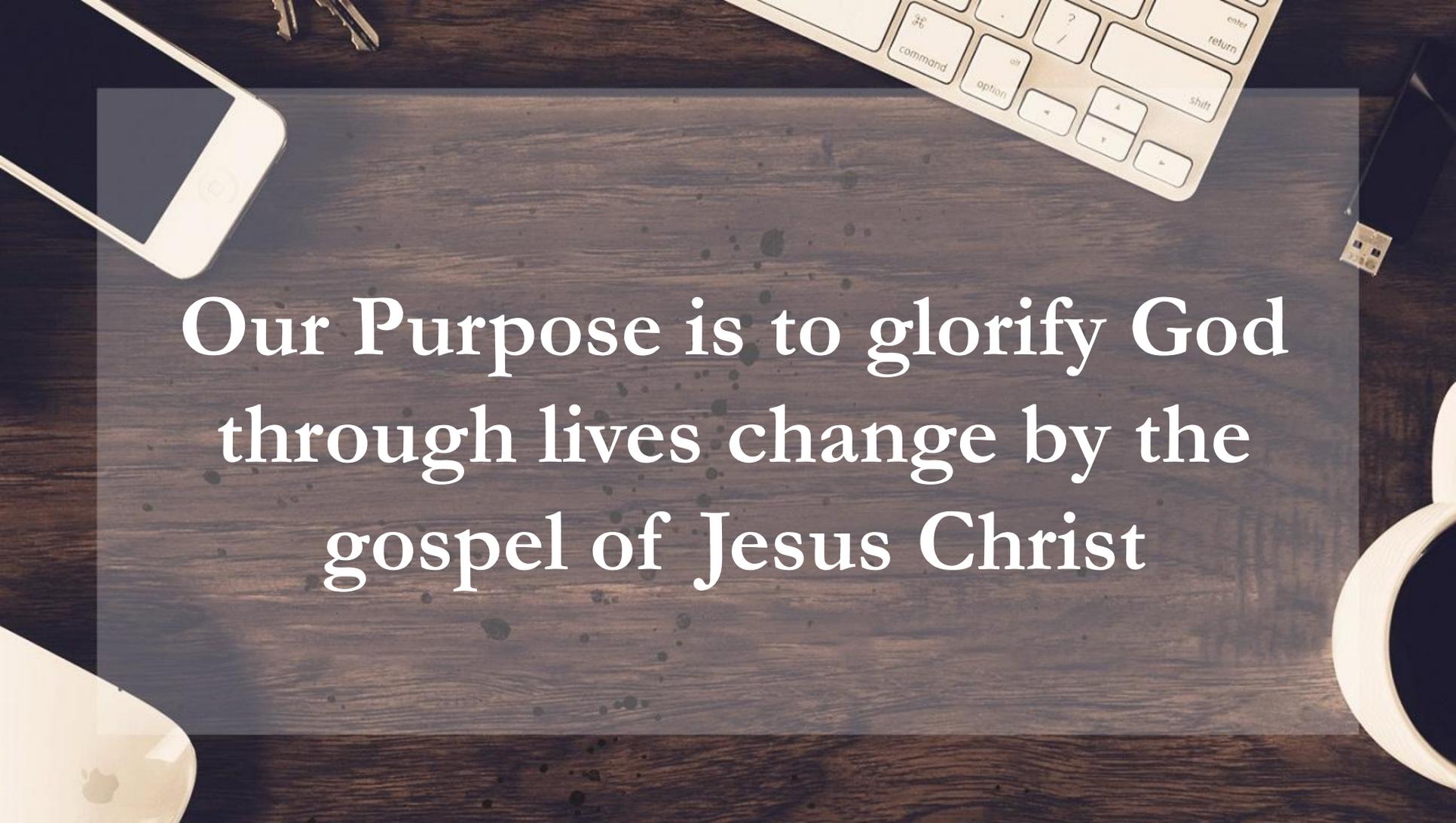


A top-down view of a dark wooden desk with various items: a smartphone, keys, a keyboard, a USB drive, and a coffee cup. The text "Back to Basics" is written in a white, cursive font across the center of the desk.

Back to Basics

A top-down view of a dark wooden desk. In the top left corner, there is a white smartphone and a set of keys. In the top right corner, there is a white computer keyboard. In the bottom right corner, there is a white coffee cup. A USB drive is visible on the right side of the desk. The text "Family Traits" is centered on the desk in a white serif font.

Family Traits

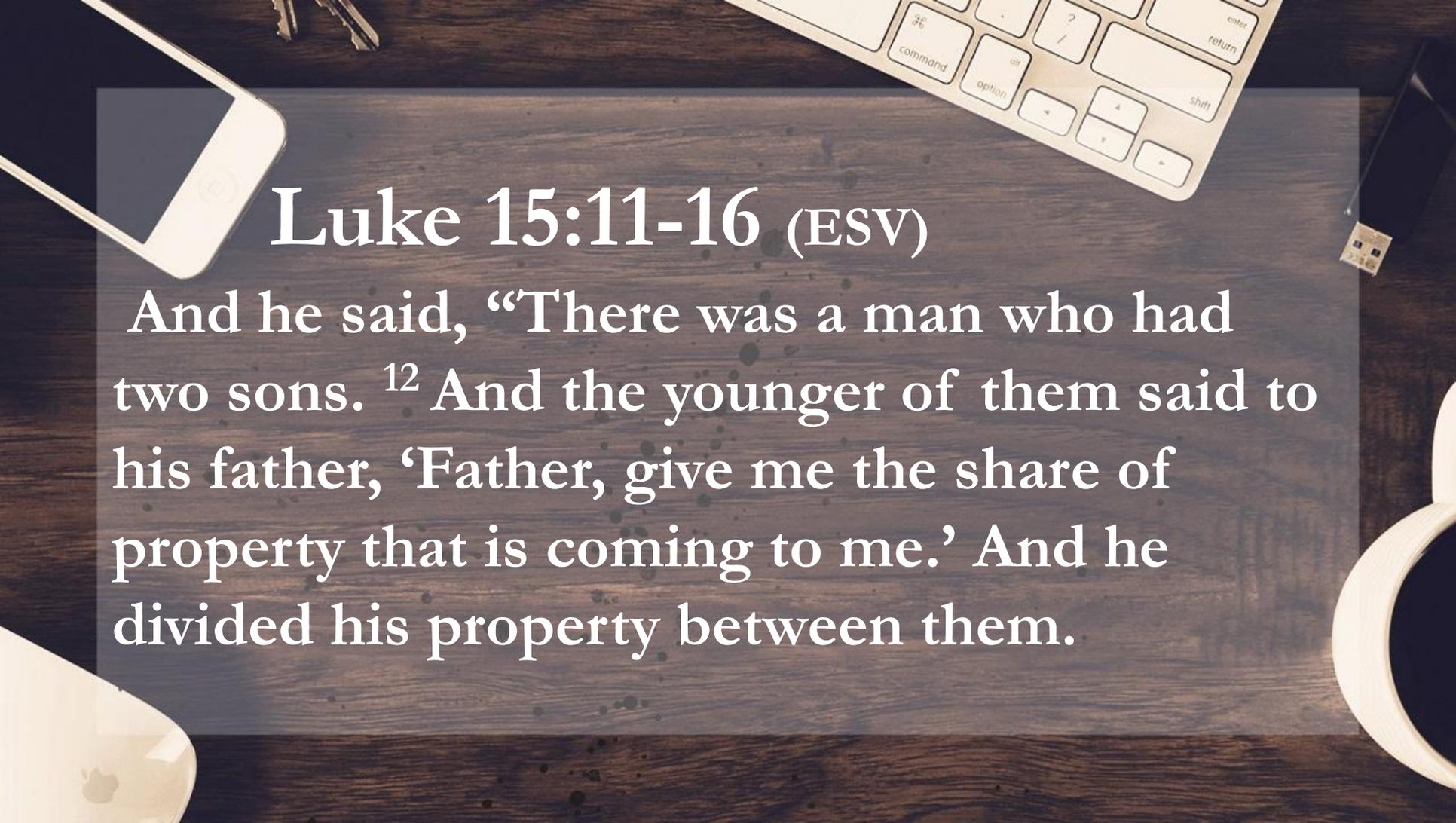
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Our Purpose is to glorify God
through lives change by the
gospel of Jesus Christ

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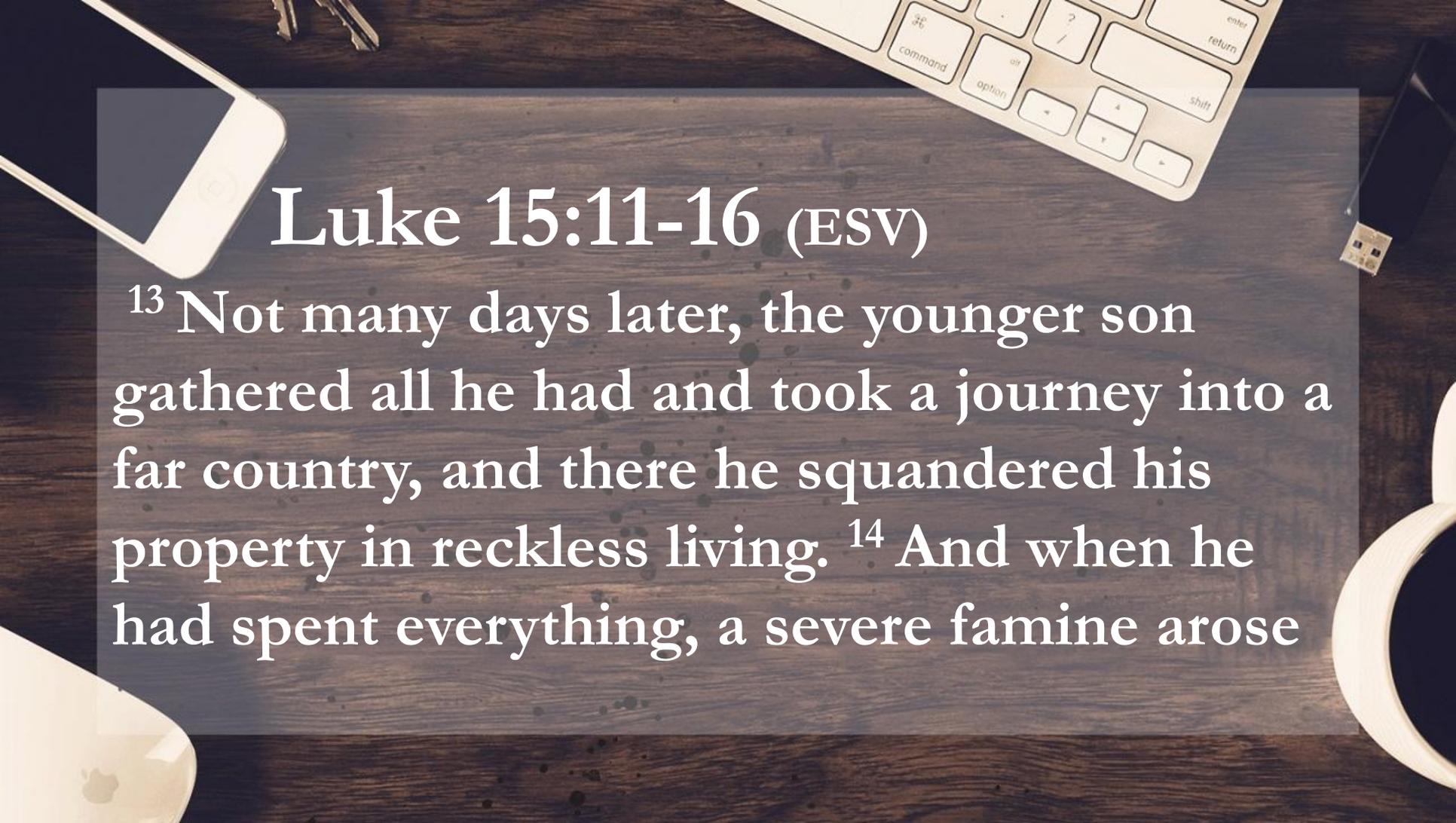
Family Traits:

God's family are becoming a people who are Bible-believing, gospel-centered, transformation-minded, joyfully committed to each other, and passionately concerned for our community and the world.

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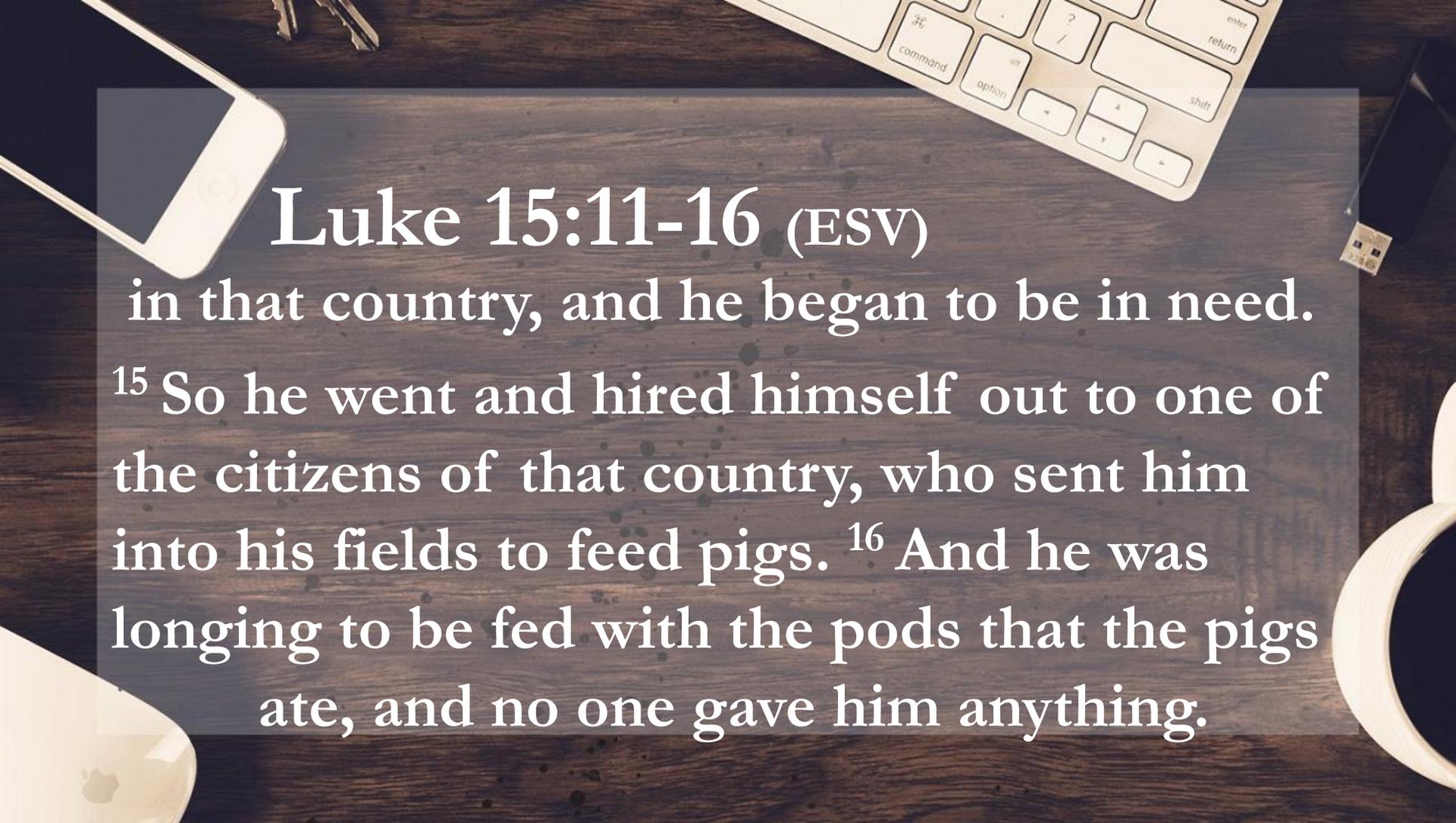
Luke 15:11-16 (ESV)

And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them.

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Luke 15:11-16 (ESV)

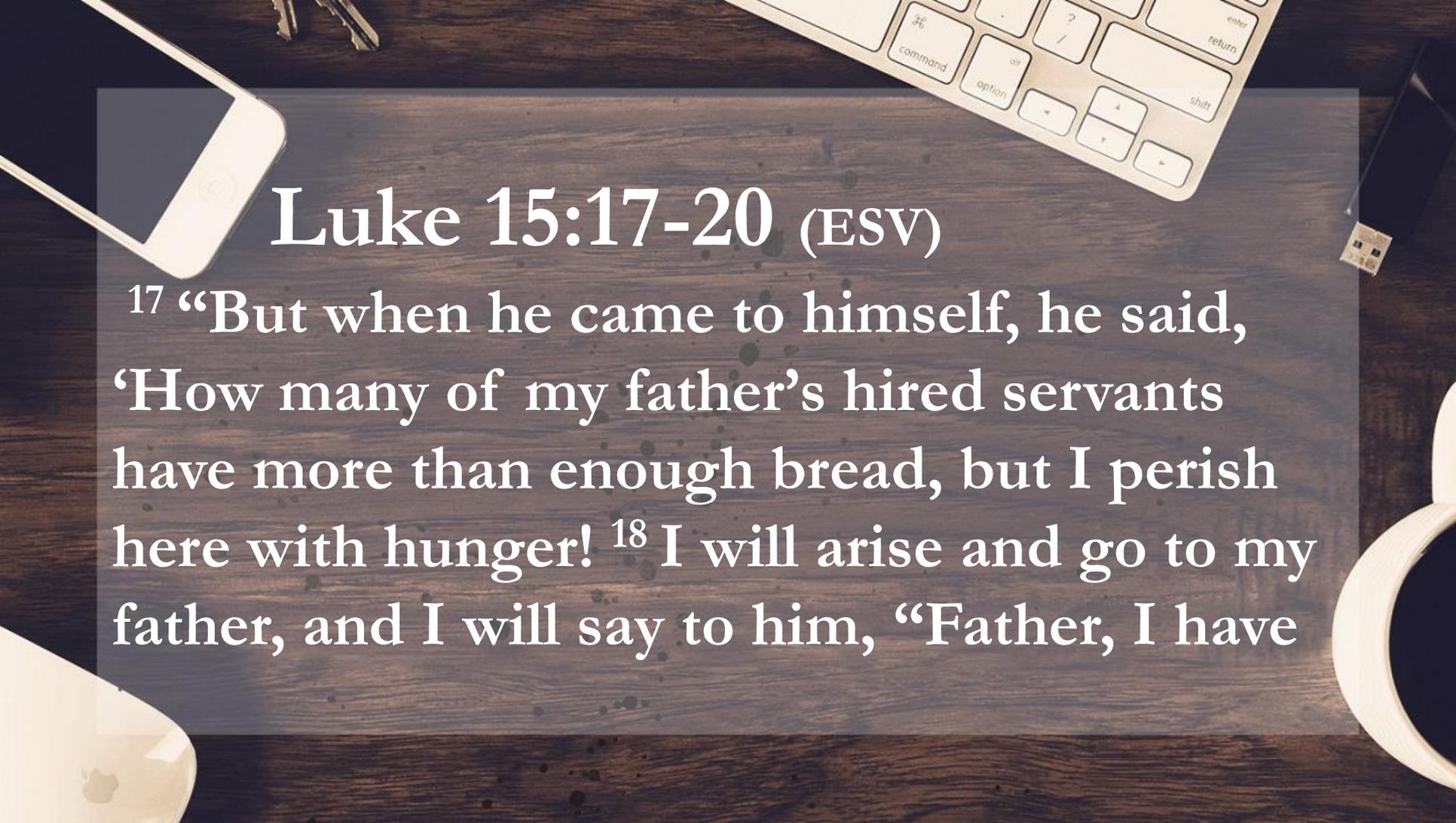
¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose

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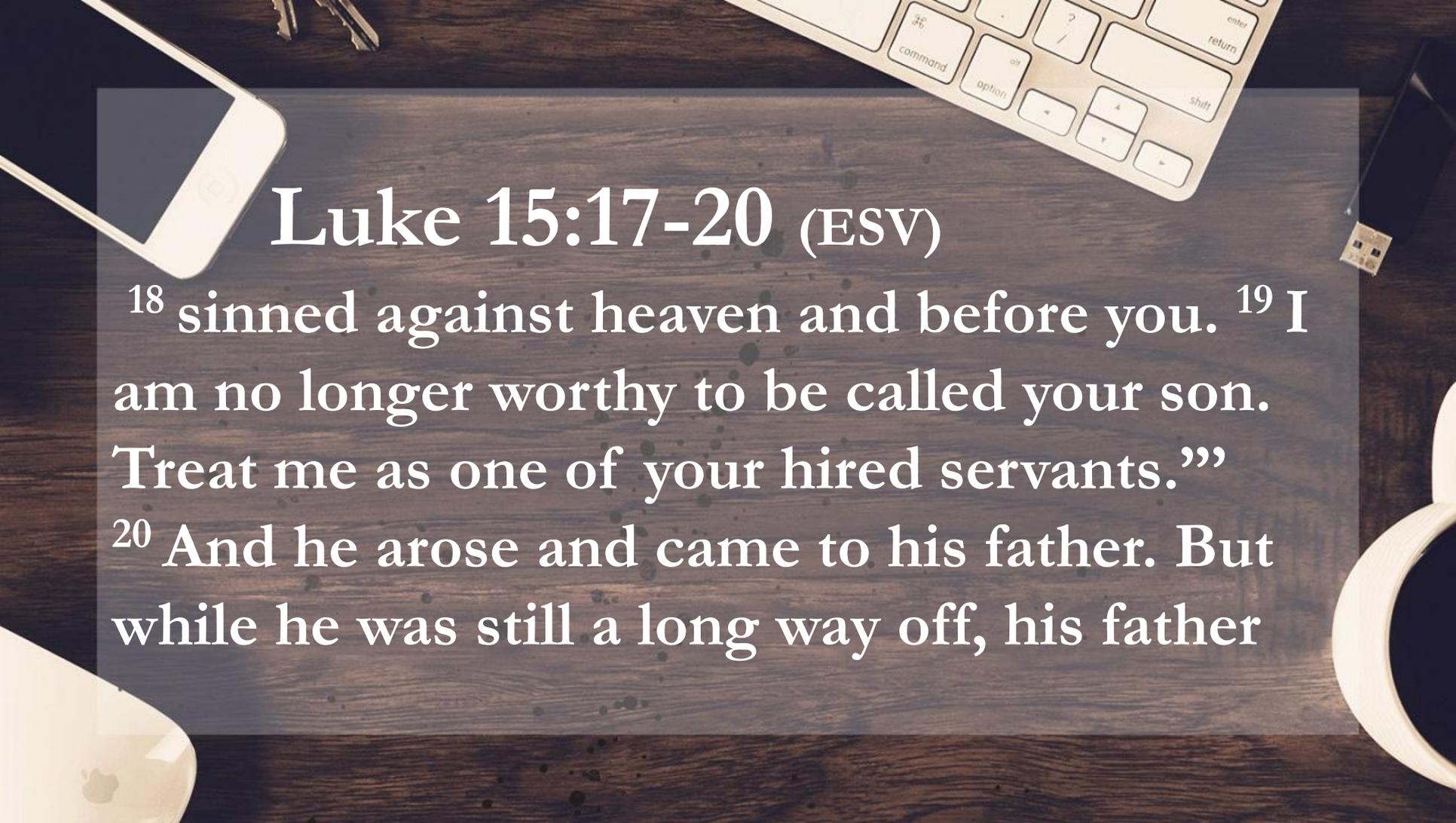
in that country, and he began to be in need.

¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

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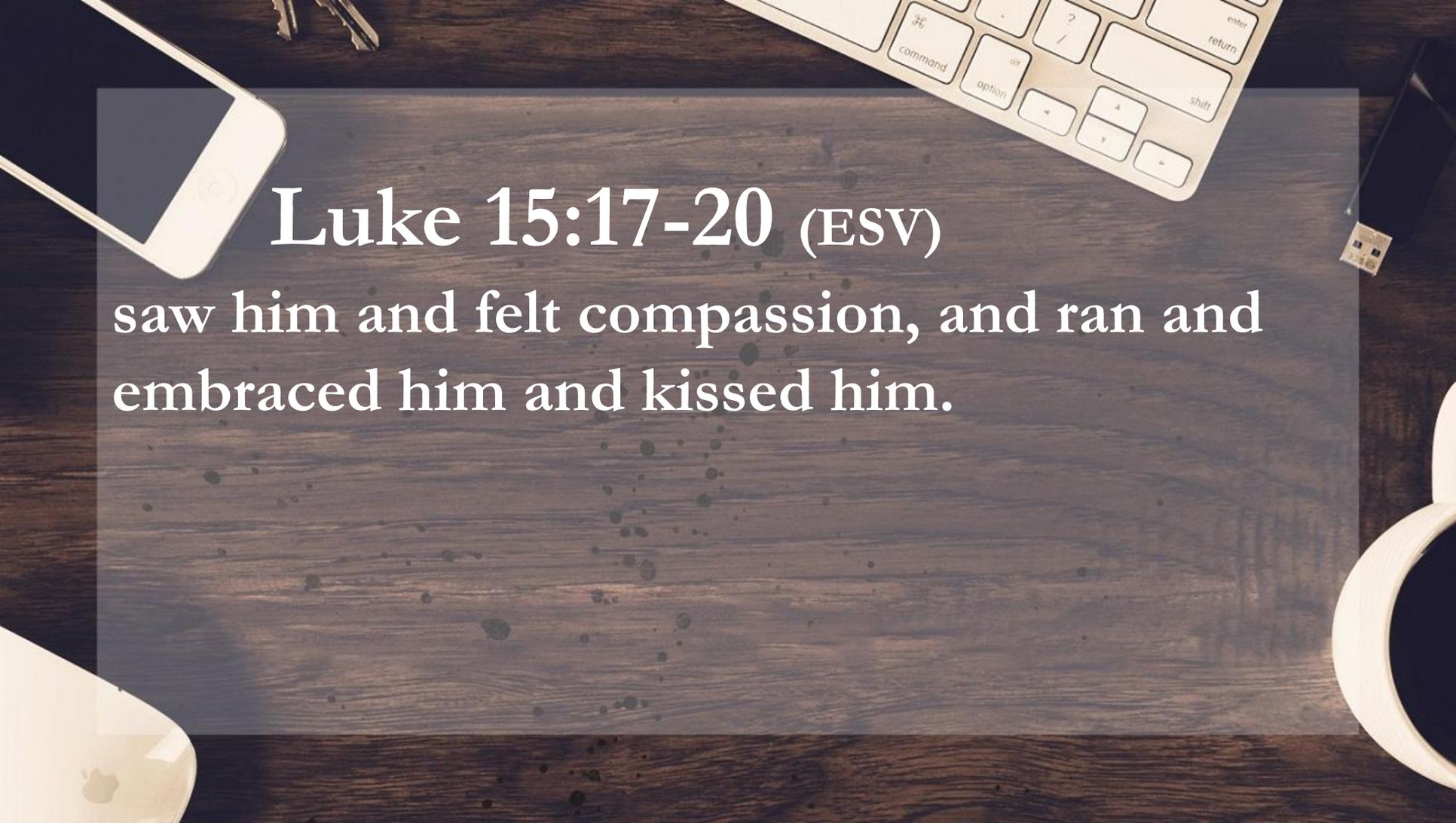
Luke 15:17-20 (ESV)

¹⁷ “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have

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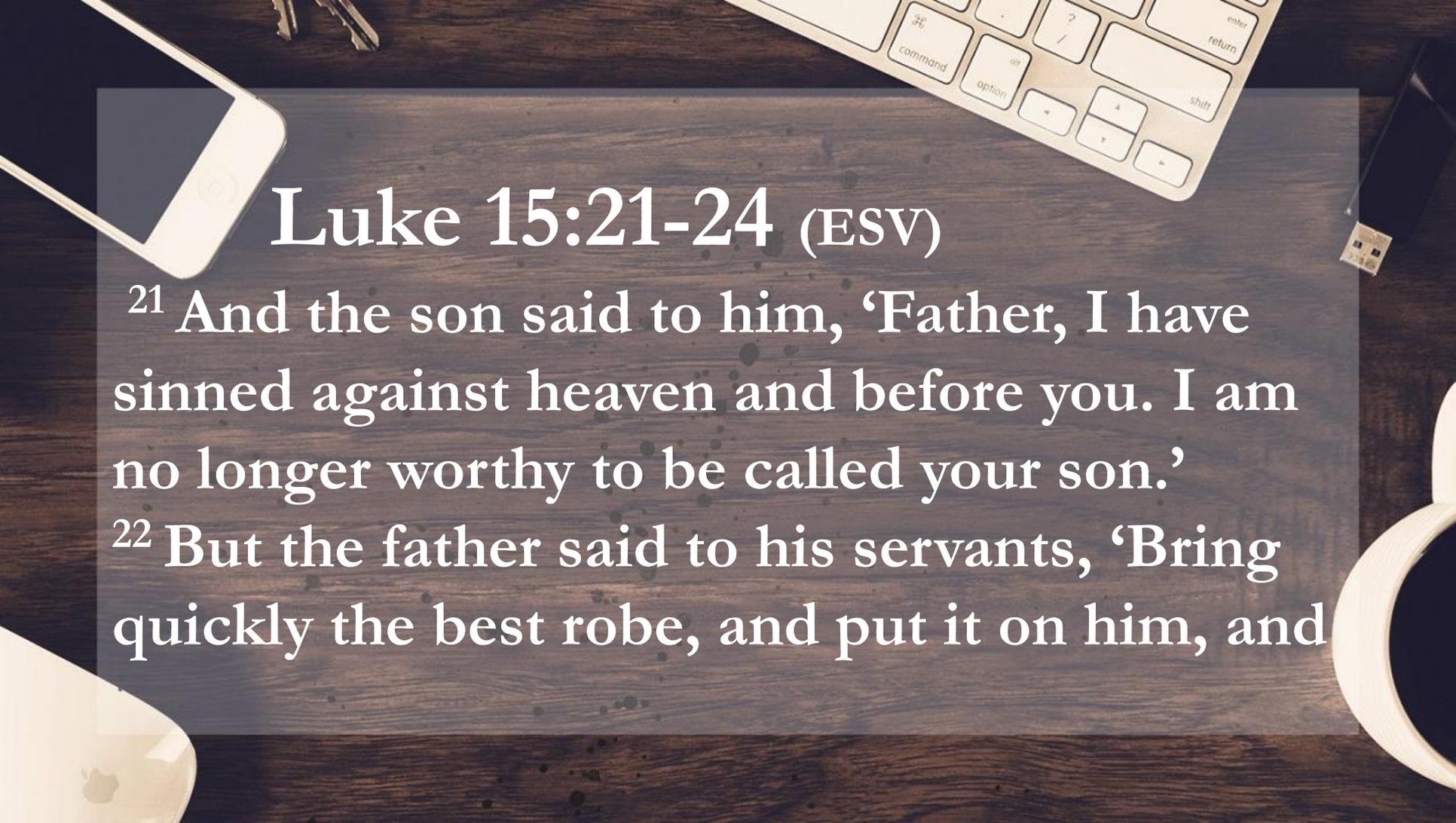
Luke 15:17-20 (ESV)

¹⁸ sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”
²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father



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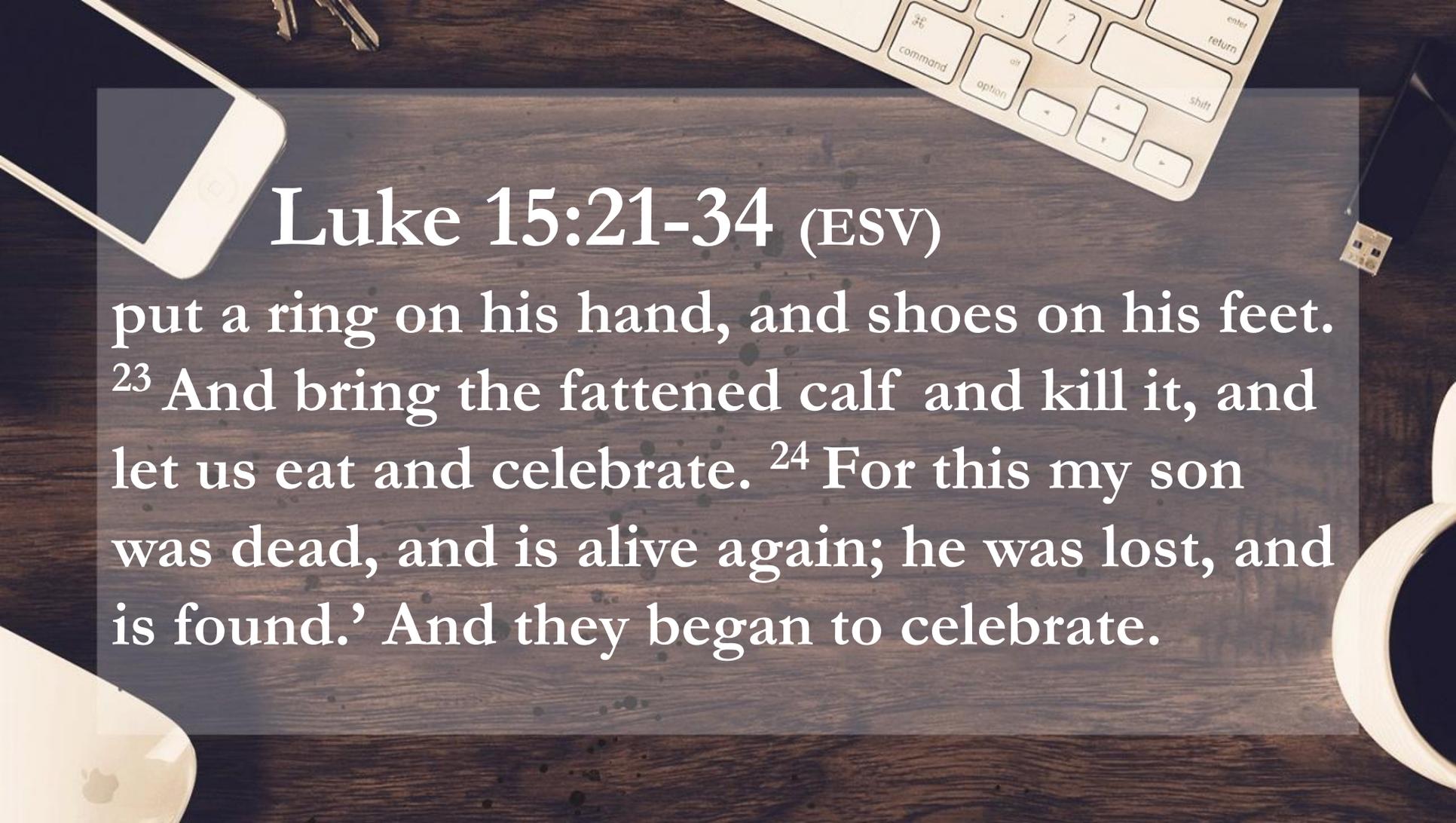
saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

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Luke 15:21-24 (ESV)

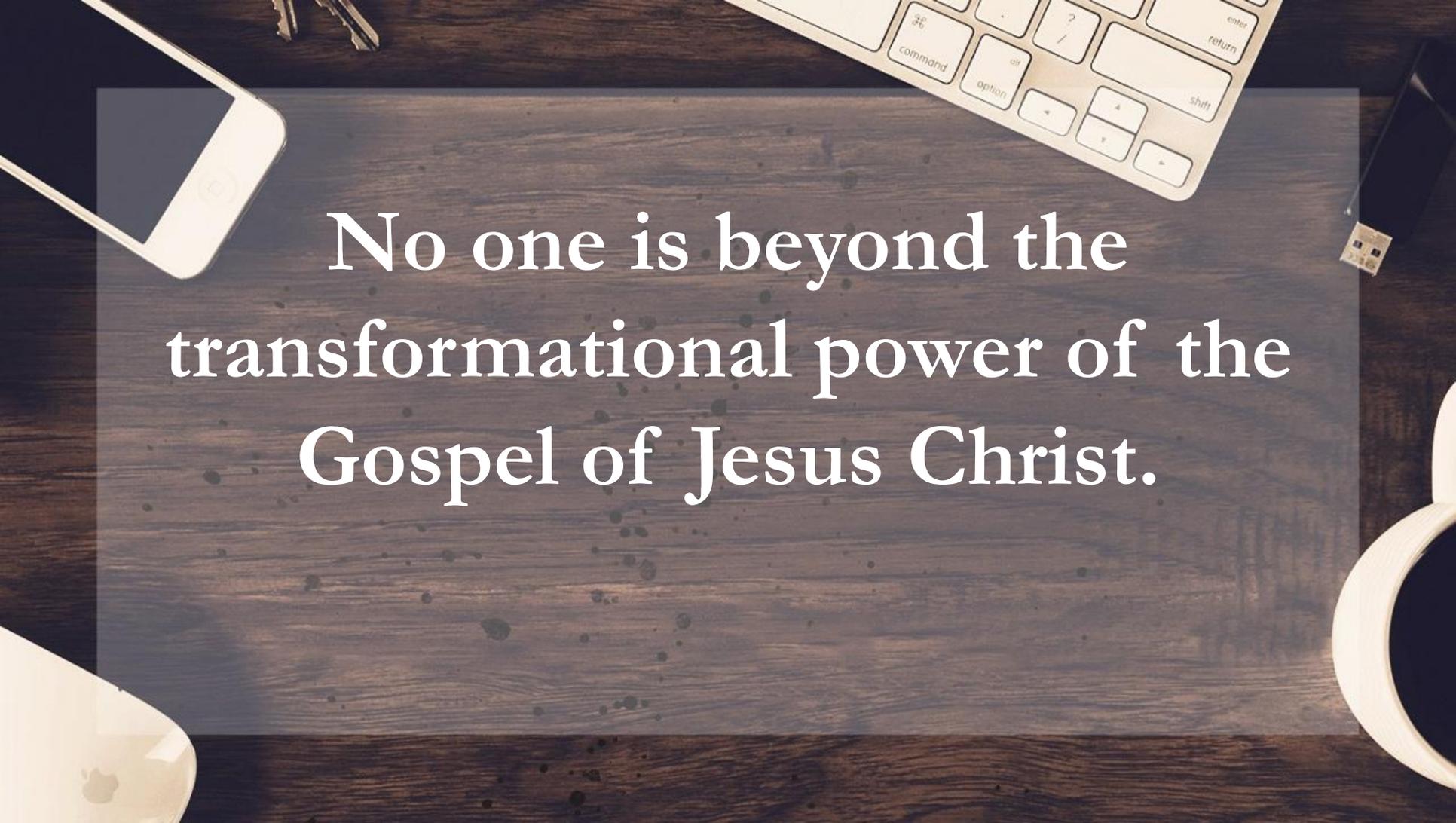
²¹ And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

²² But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and

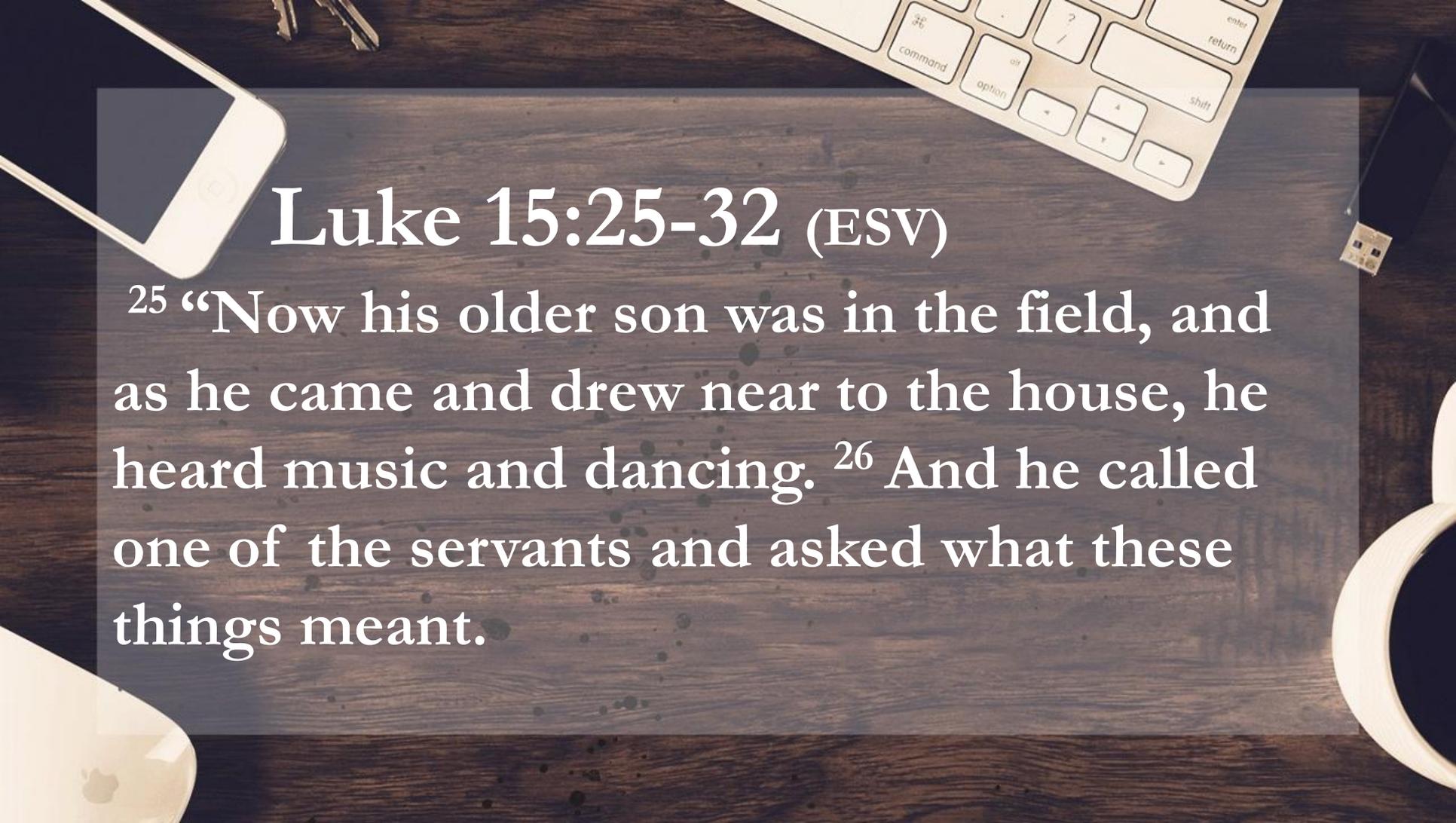


Luke 15:21-34 (ESV)

put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet.
²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

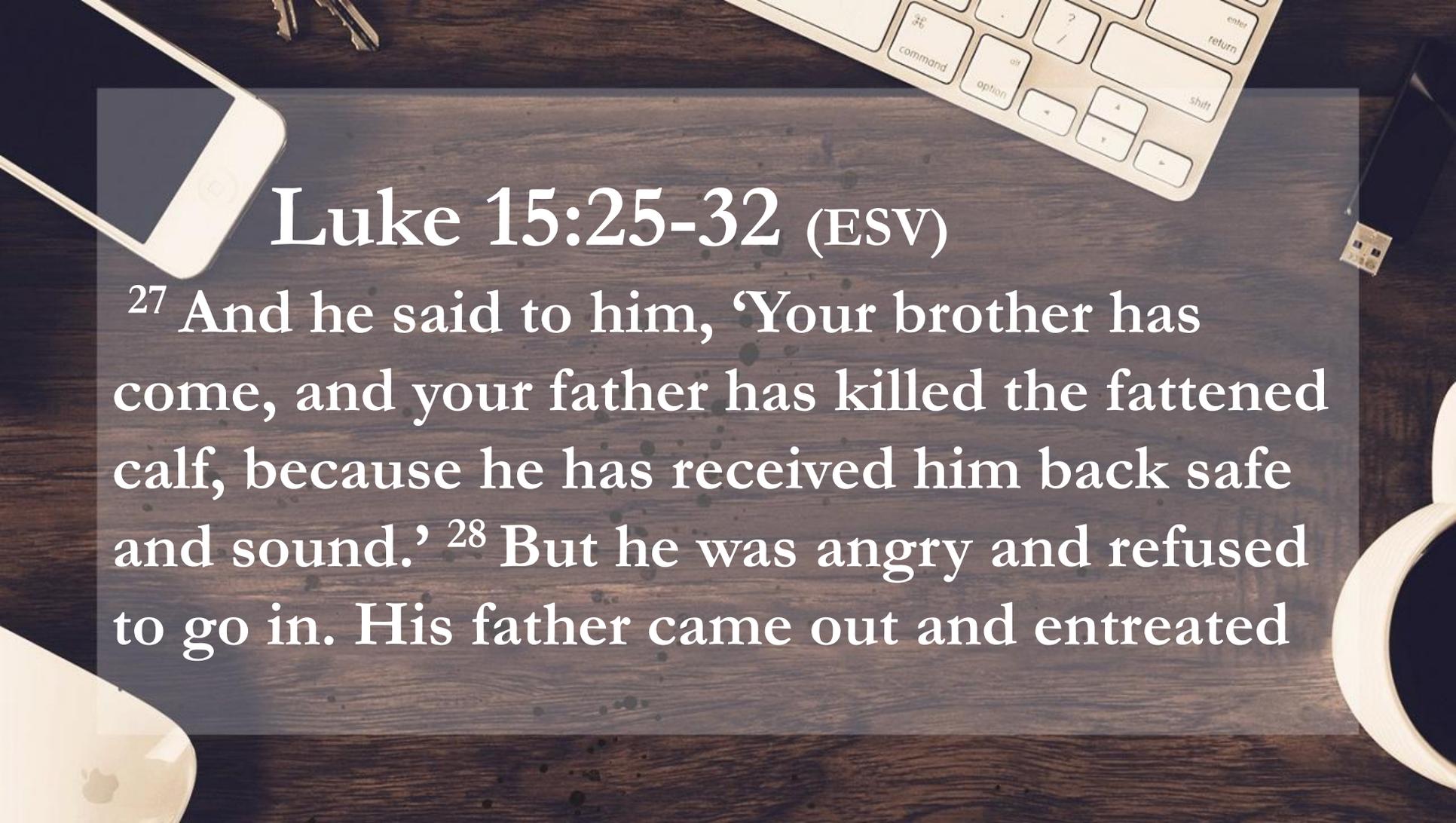
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No one is beyond the
transformational power of the
Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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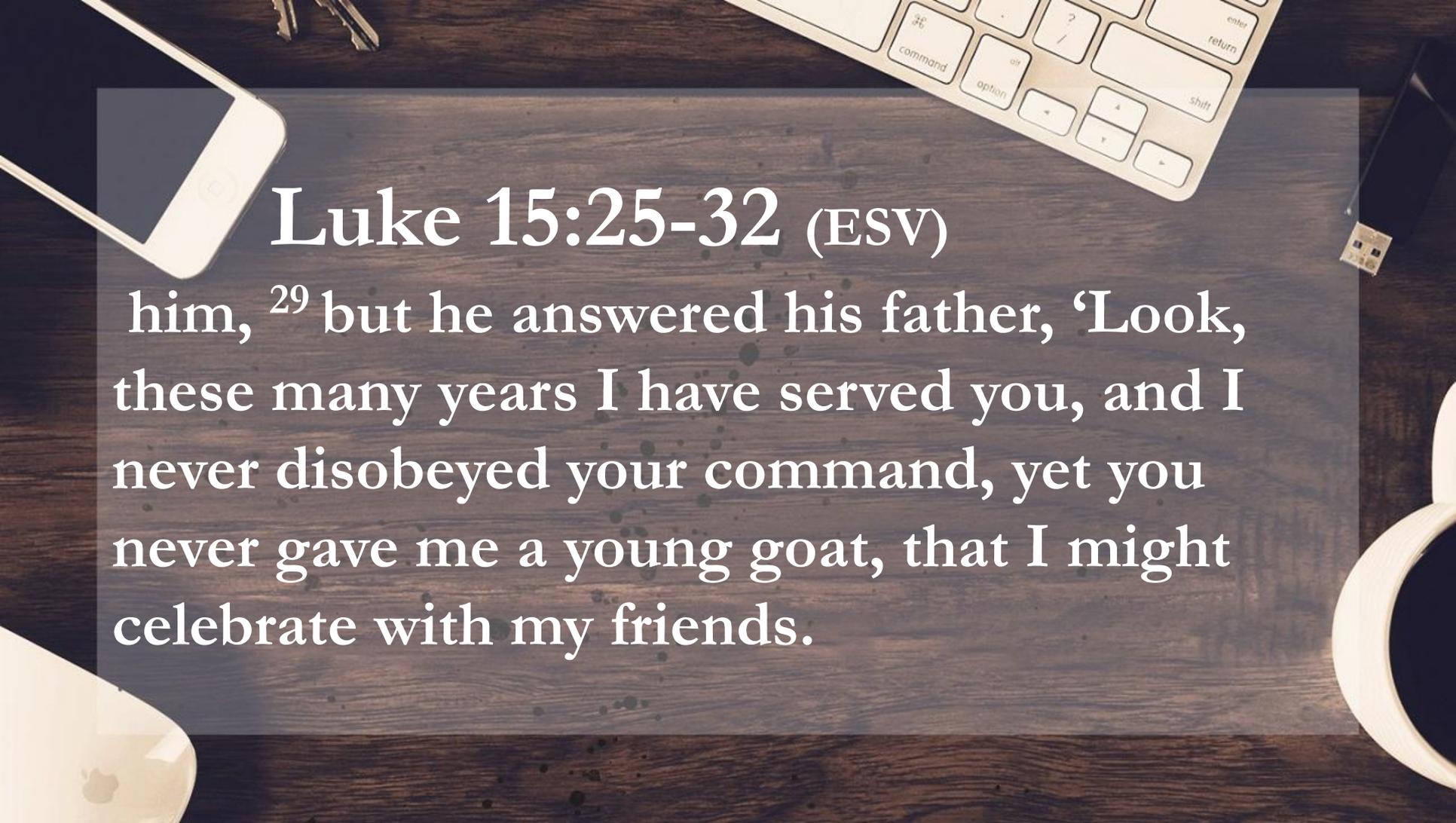
Luke 15:25-32 (ESV)

²⁵ “Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant.

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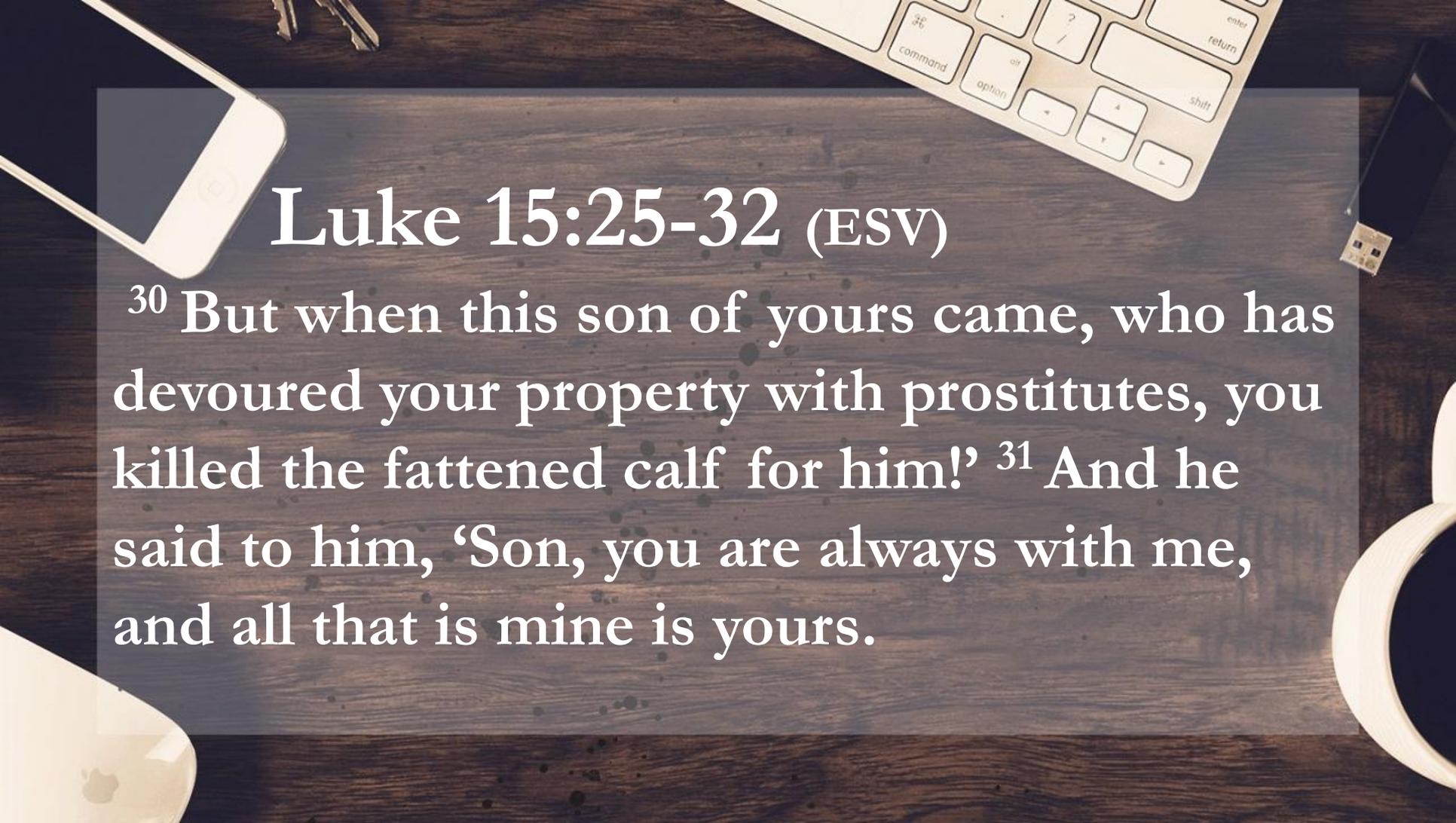
Luke 15:25-32 (ESV)

²⁷ And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated

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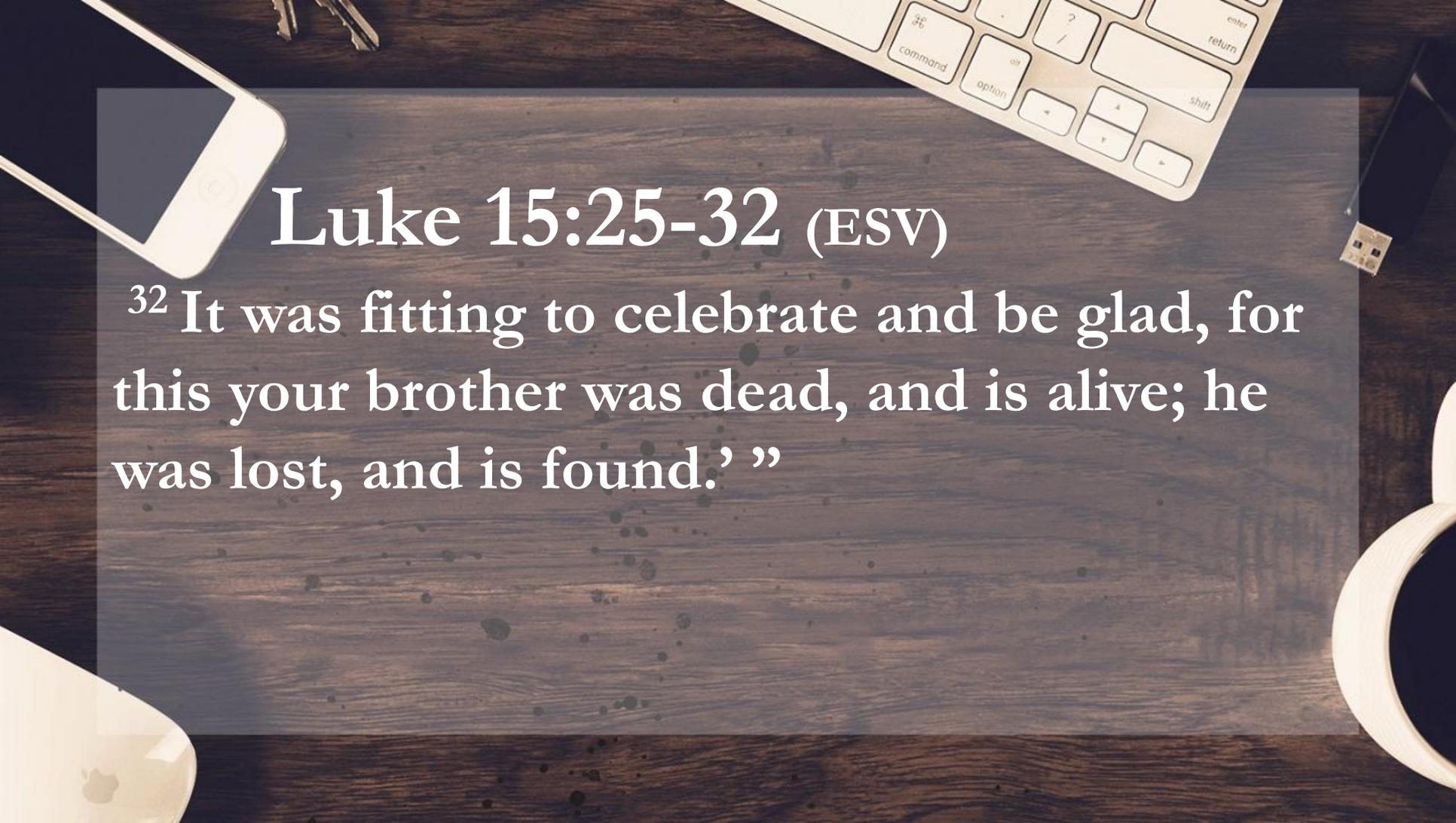
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him, ²⁹ but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends.

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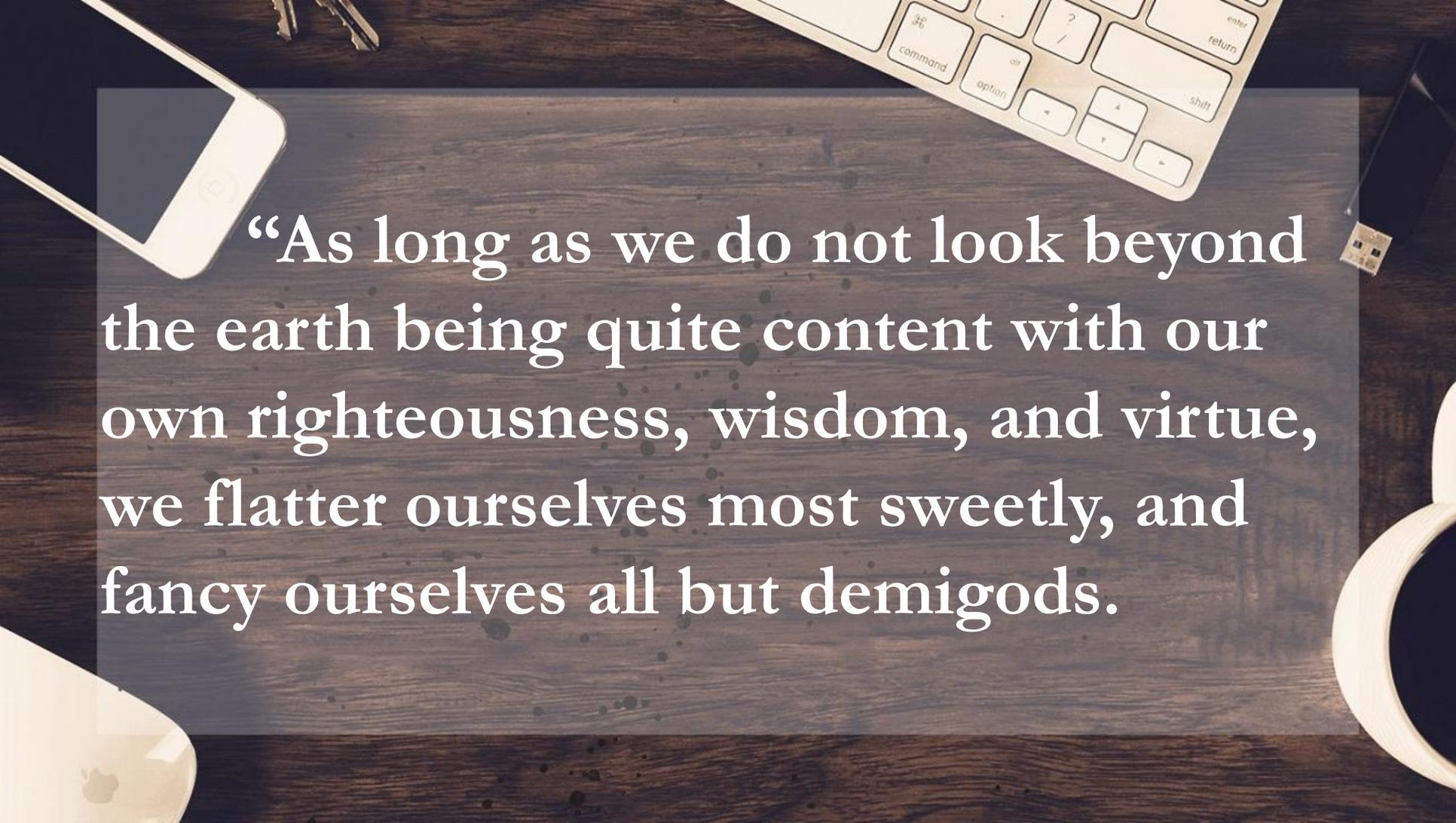
Luke 15:25-32 (ESV)

³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.’

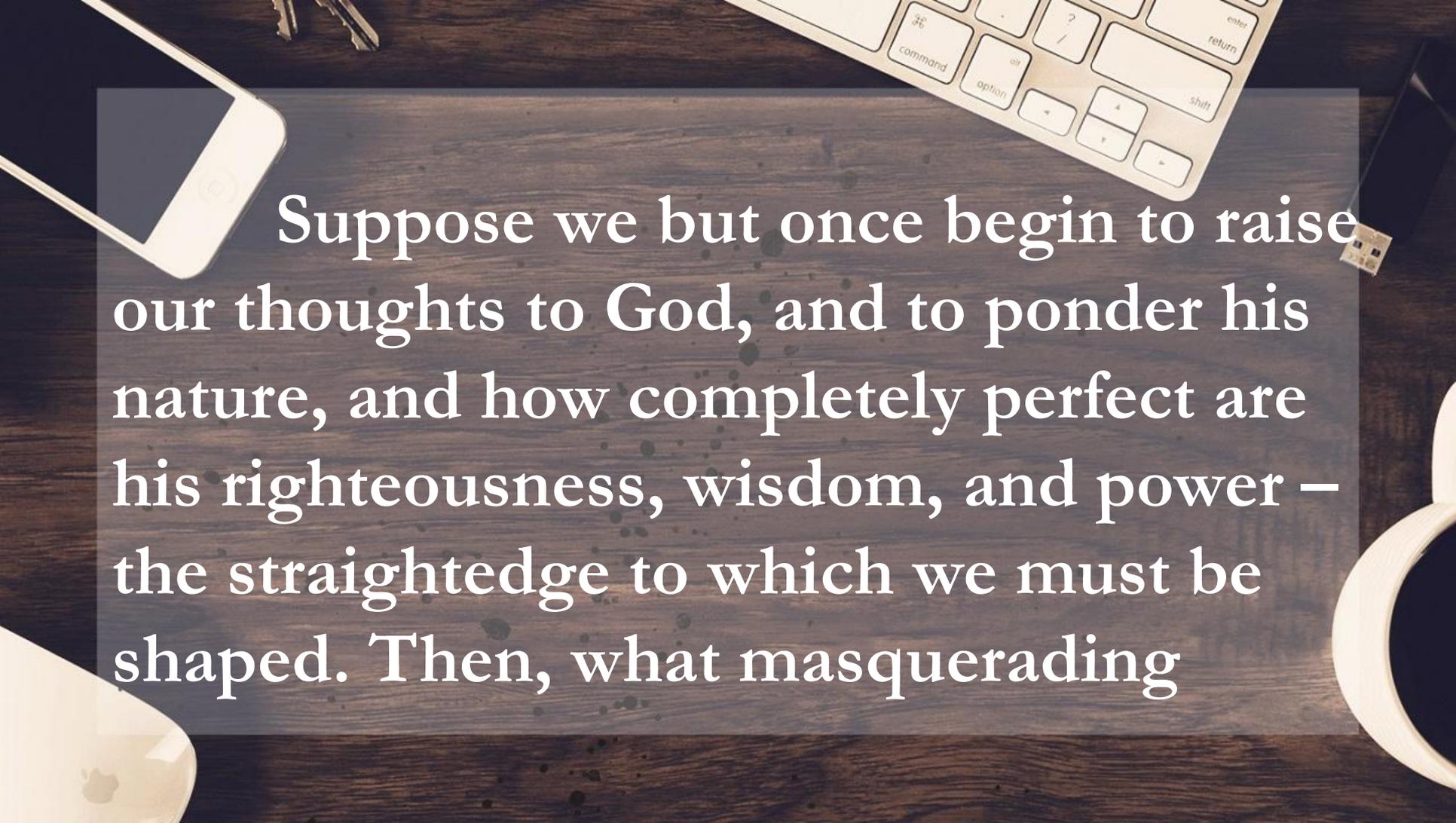
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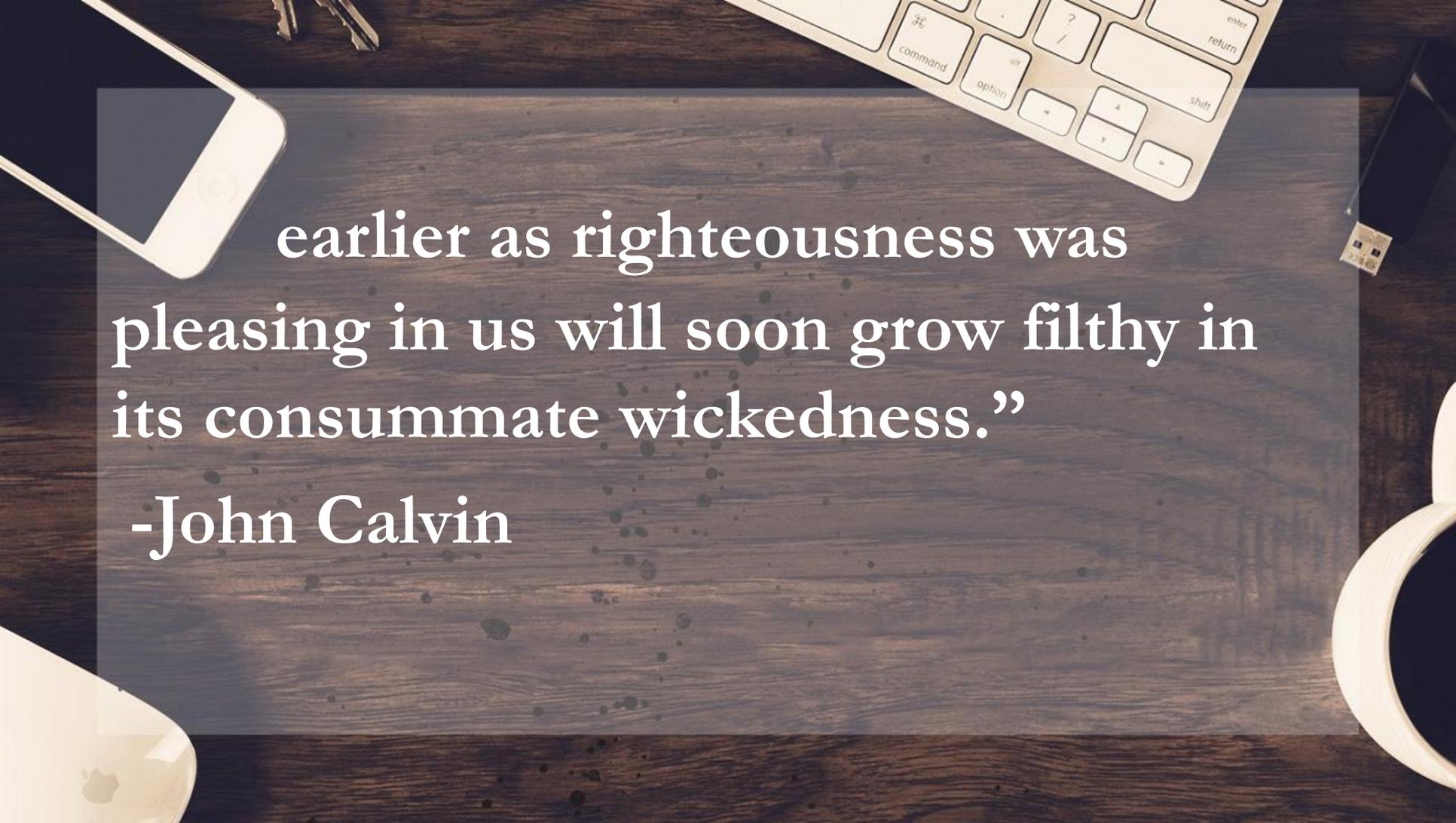
³² It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’ ”

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“As long as we do not look beyond the earth being quite content with our own righteousness, wisdom, and virtue, we flatter ourselves most sweetly, and fancy ourselves all but demigods.

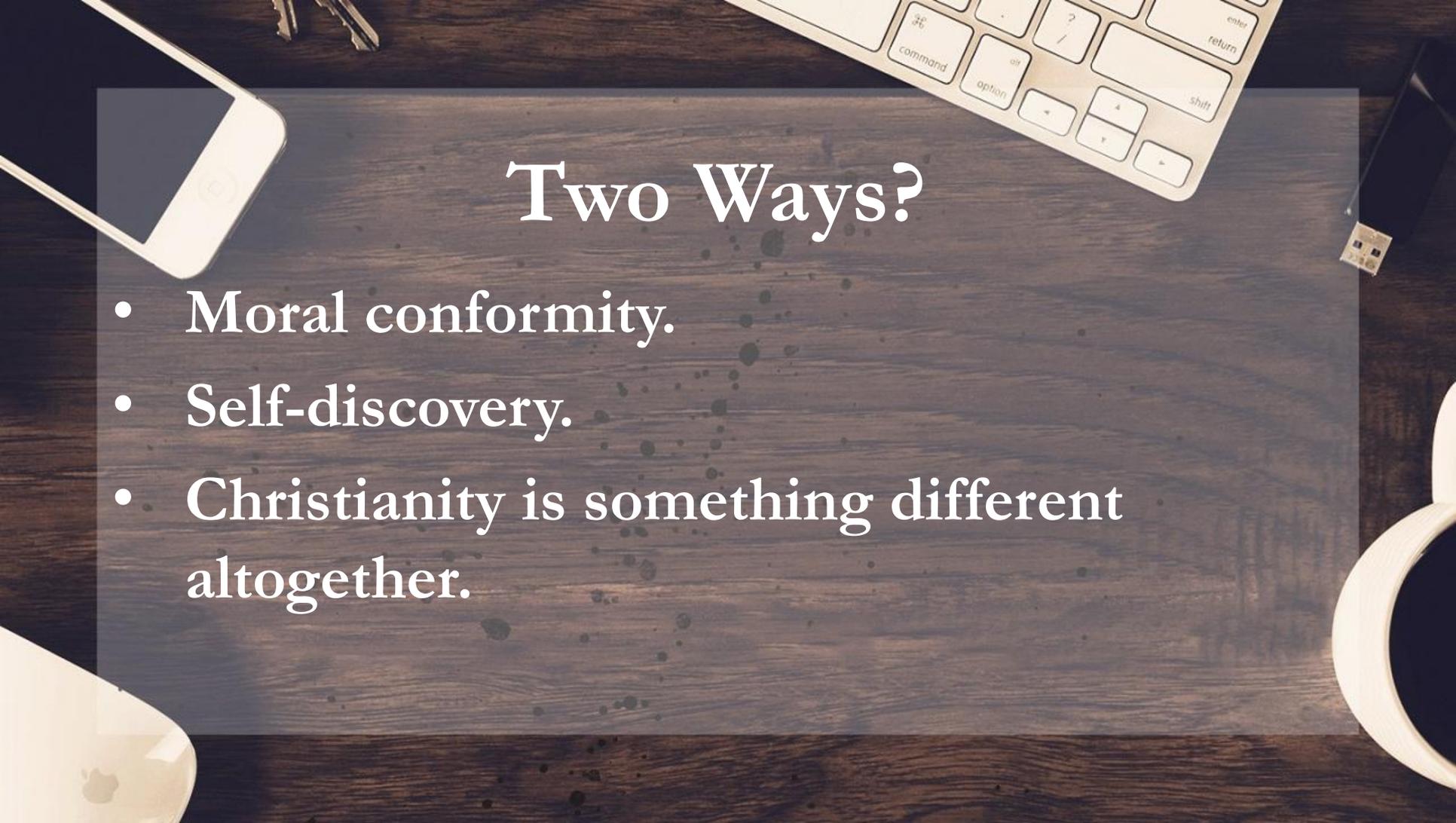
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Suppose we but once begin to raise our thoughts to God, and to ponder his nature, and how completely perfect are his righteousness, wisdom, and power – the straightedge to which we must be shaped. Then, what masquerading

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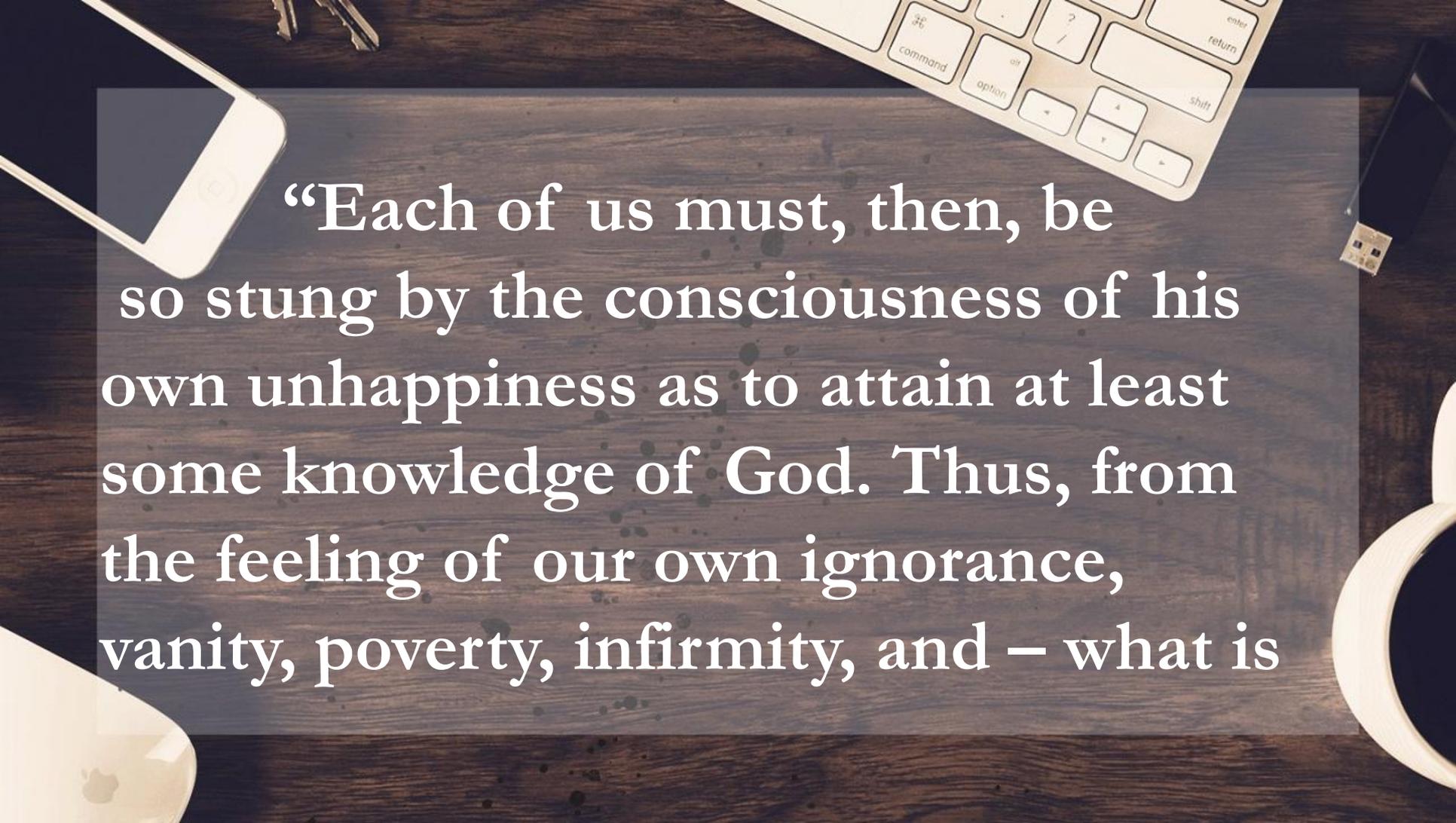
earlier as righteousness was
pleasing in us will soon grow filthy in
its consummate wickedness.”

-John Calvin

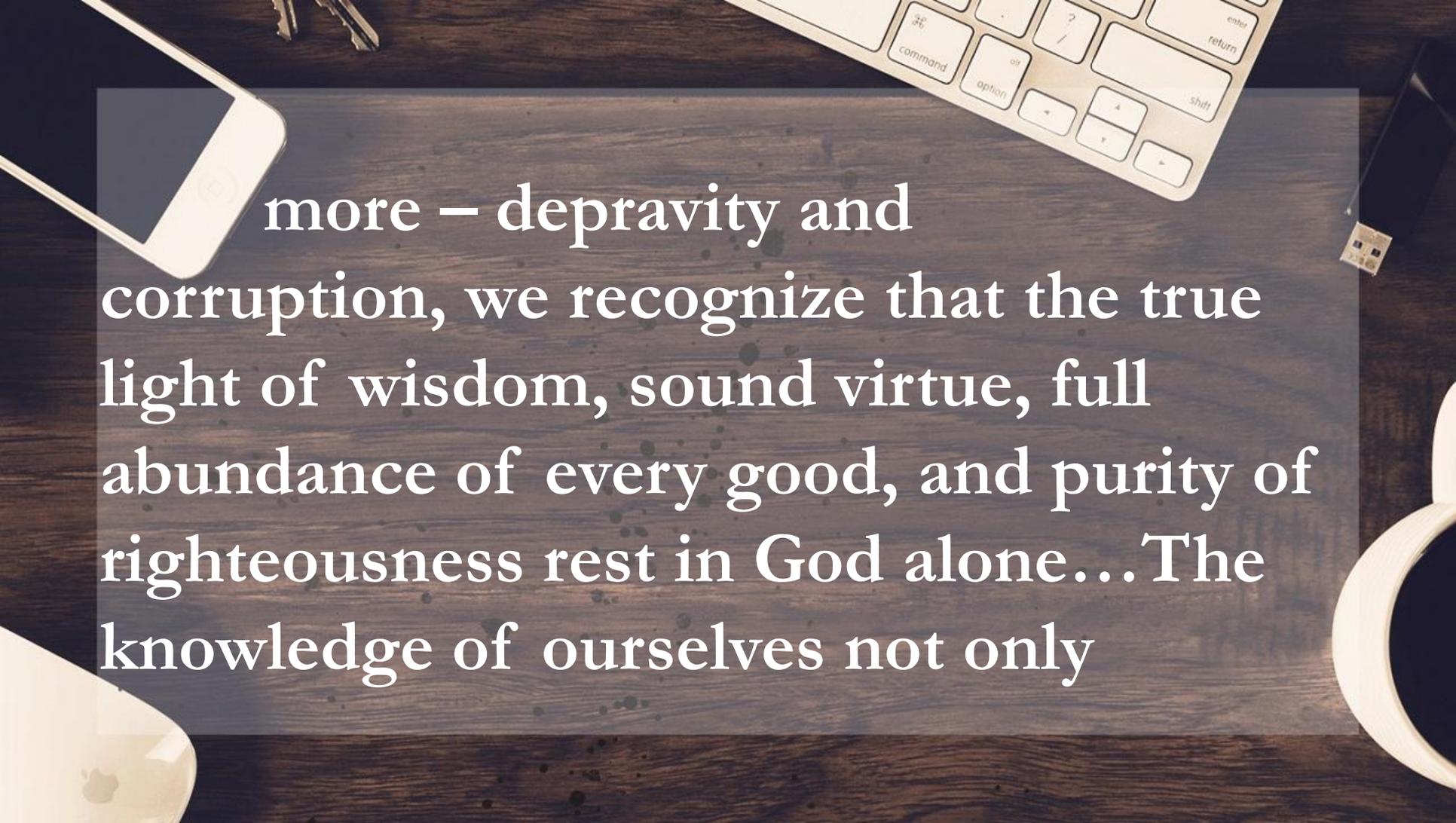
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Two Ways?

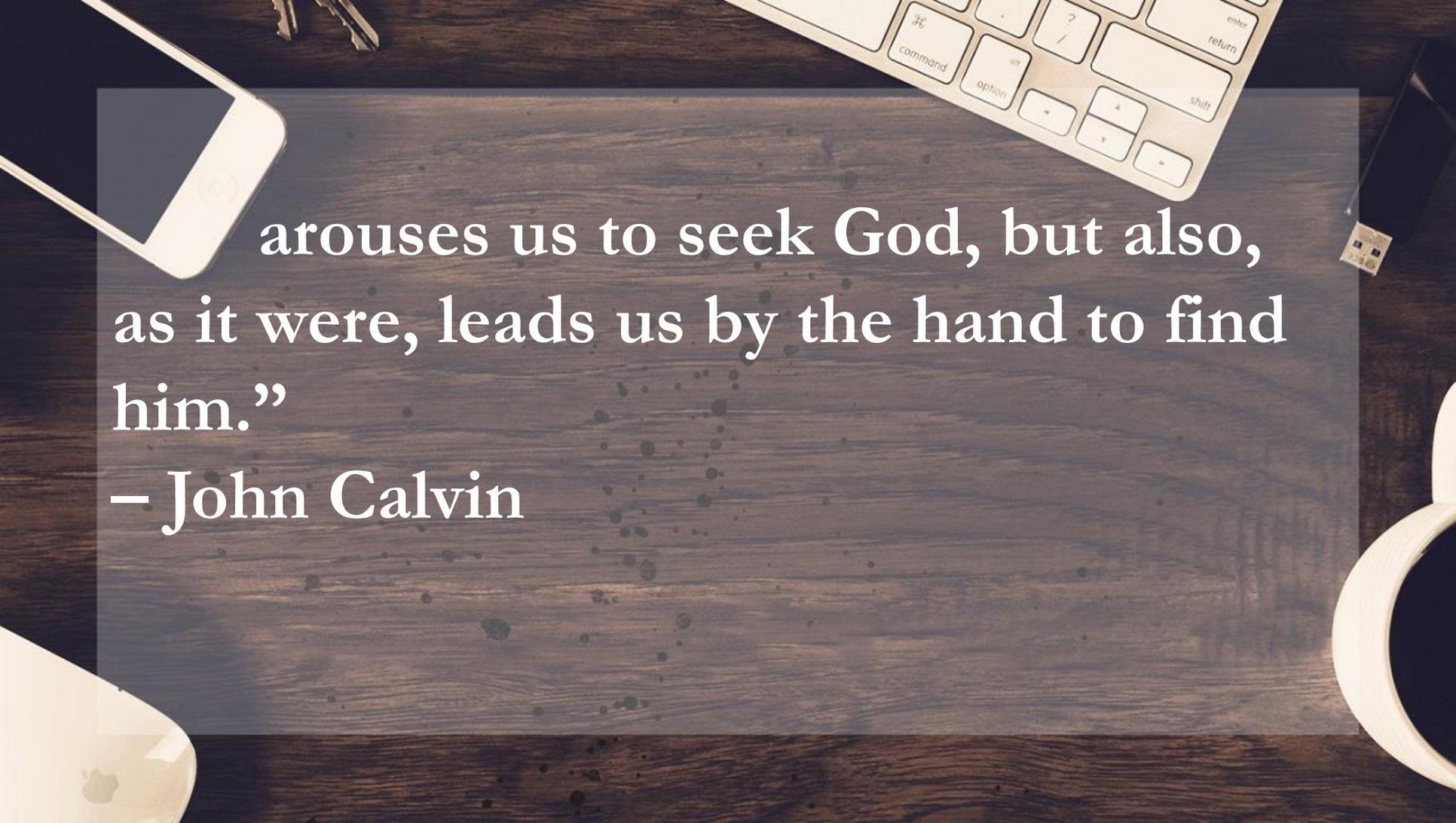
- Moral conformity.
- Self-discovery.
- Christianity is something different altogether.

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“Each of us must, then, be so stung by the consciousness of his own unhappiness as to attain at least some knowledge of God. Thus, from the feeling of our own ignorance, vanity, poverty, infirmity, and – what is

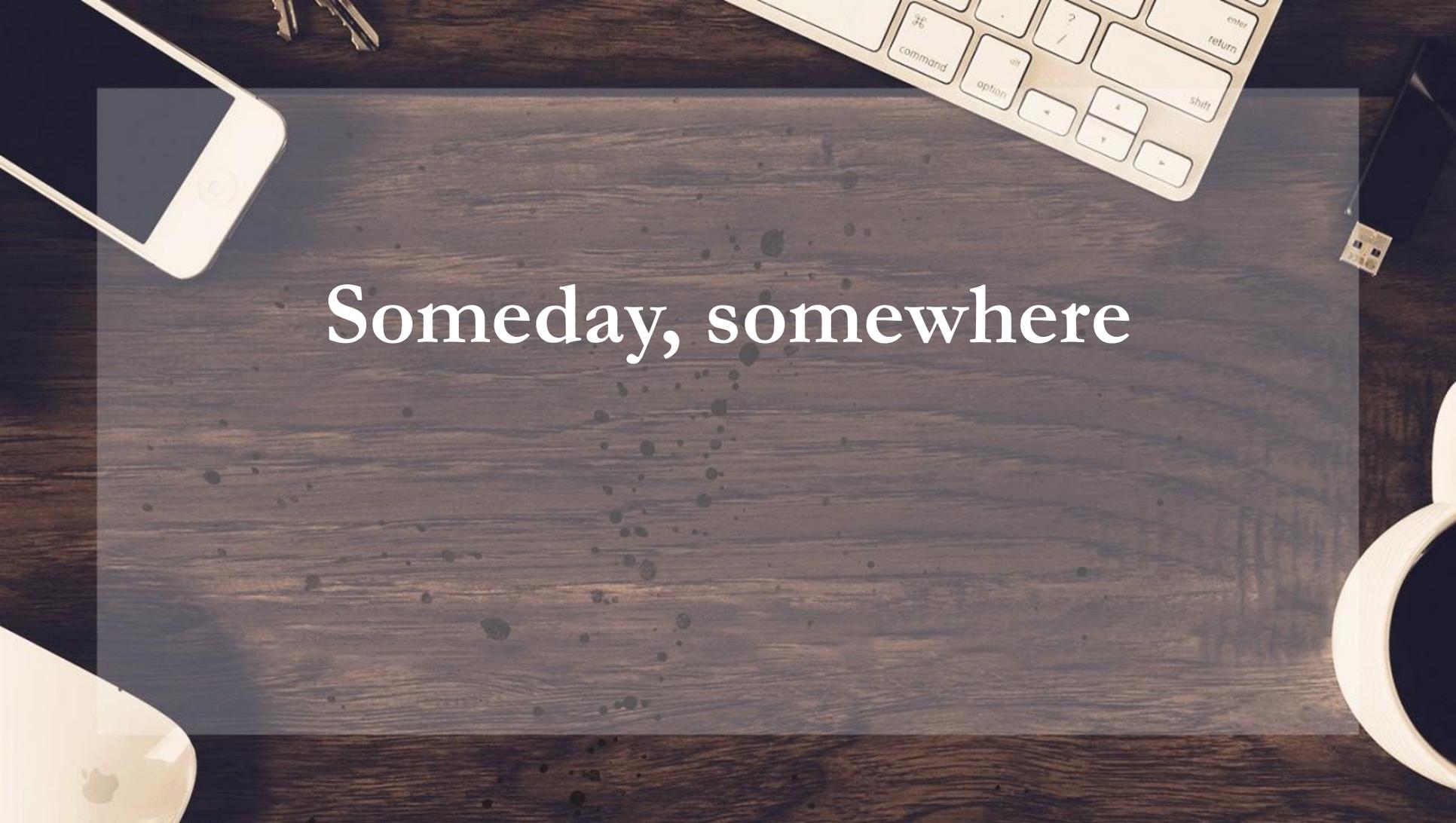
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more – depravity and
corruption, we recognize that the true
light of wisdom, sound virtue, full
abundance of every good, and purity of
righteousness rest in God alone... The
knowledge of ourselves not only

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arouses us to seek God, but also,
as it were, leads us by the hand to find
him.”

– John Calvin

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Someday, somewhere

If you would like to talk to Chuck about the sermon, please feel free to call him, email him or friend him on Facebook.



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