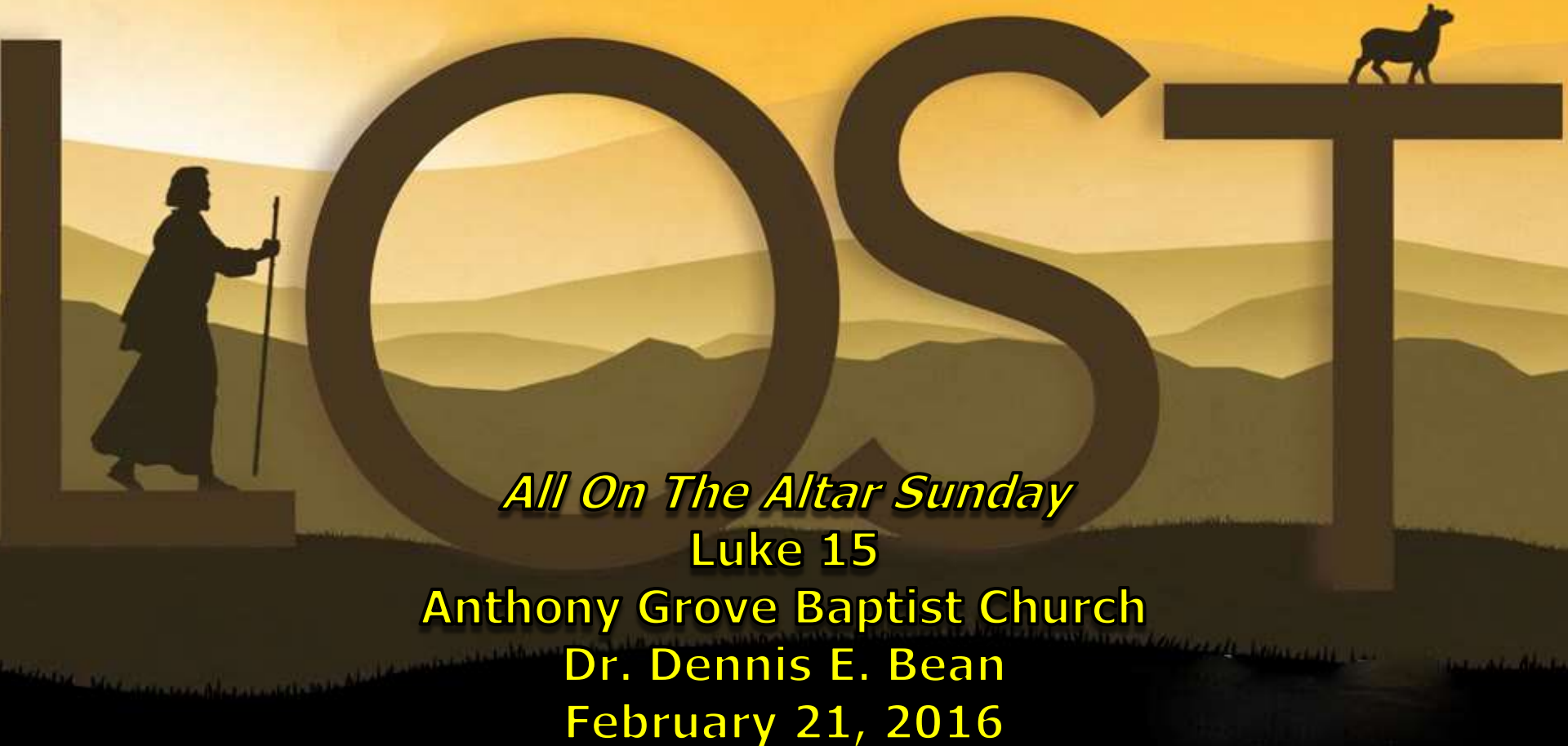


# A Heart For The Lost



*All On The Altar Sunday*

Luke 15

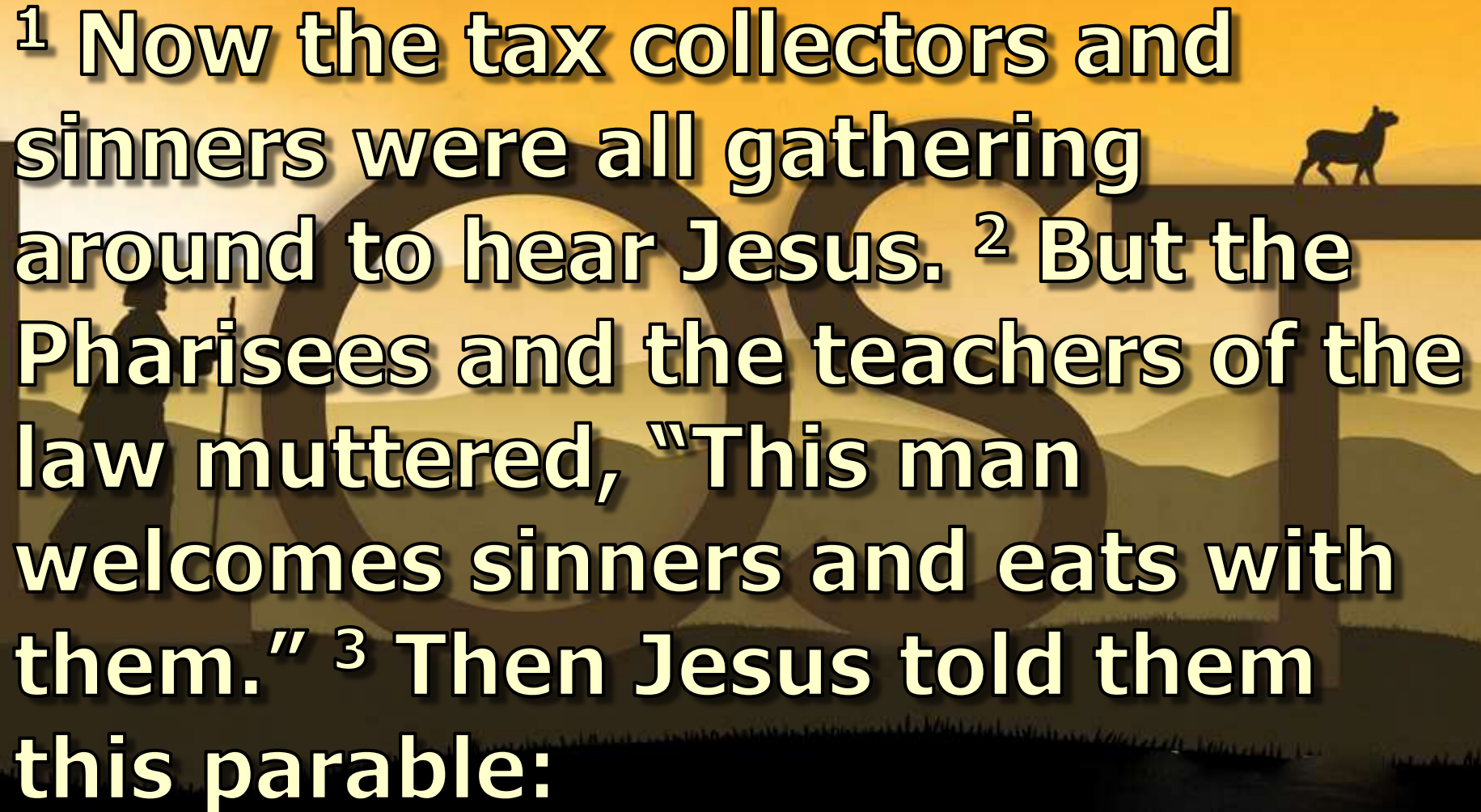
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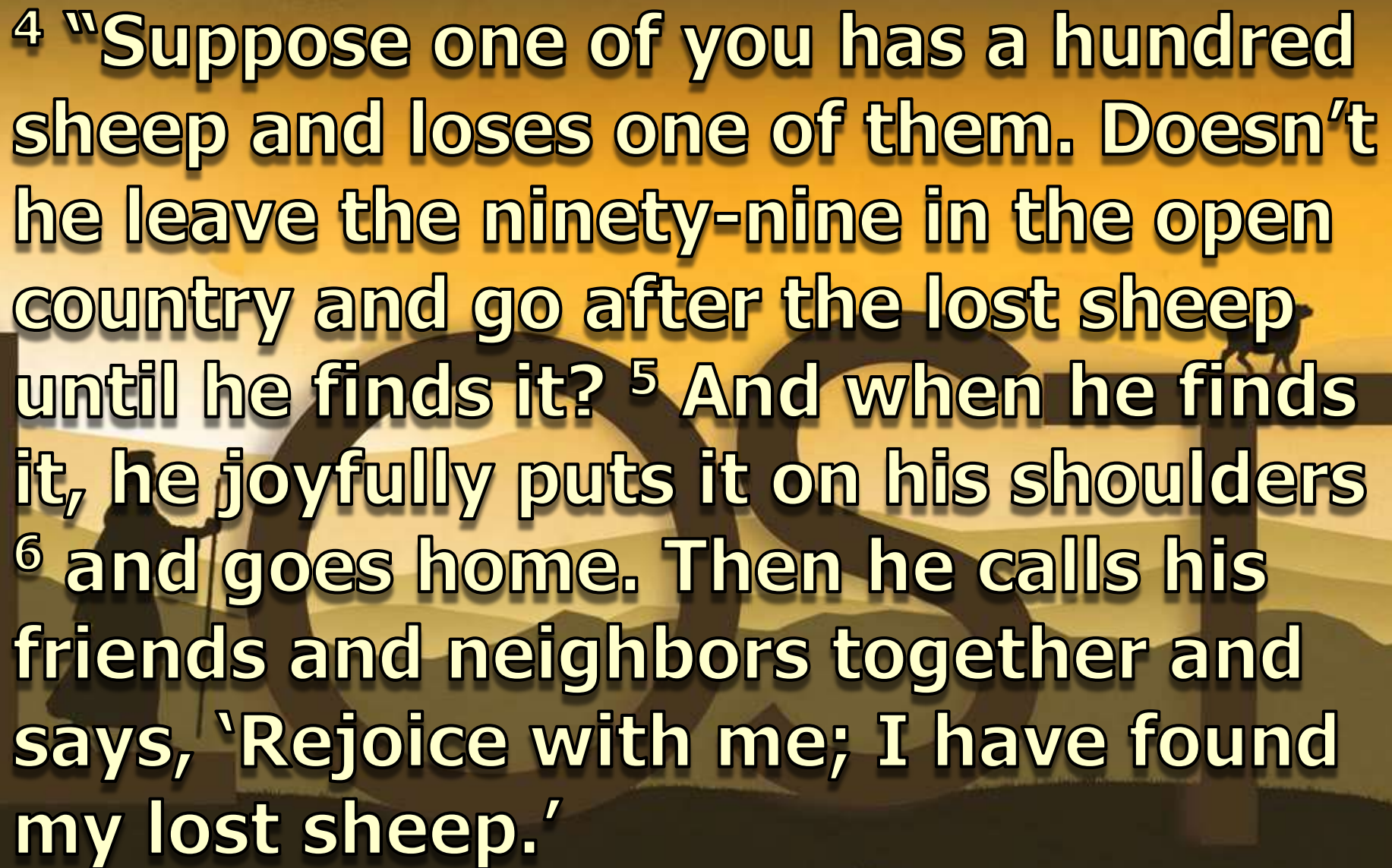
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February 21, 2016

## **Luke 15:1–10**

**<sup>1</sup> Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. <sup>2</sup> But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." <sup>3</sup> Then Jesus told them this parable:**

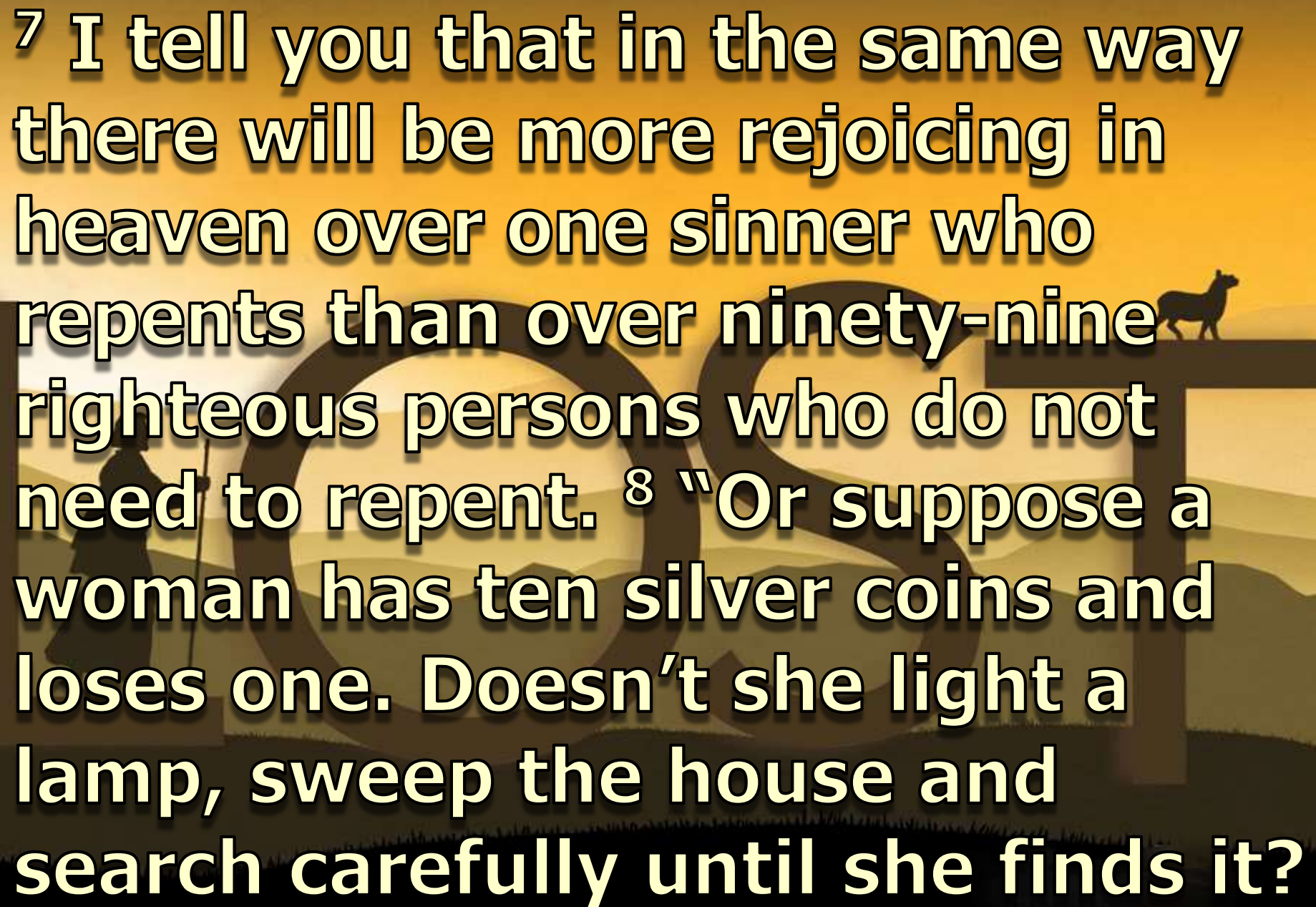
The background of the slide features a warm, golden-yellow sunset or sunrise sky. In the foreground, there are dark silhouettes. On the left, a person stands holding a long staff. On the right, a dog stands on a raised platform or hill. The overall scene is peaceful and contemplative, matching the religious theme of the text.

A stylized illustration of a shepherd with a staff and a dog, with a large number 100 in the background. The shepherd is on the left, holding a staff, and the dog is on the right. The background is a warm, golden-brown color with a large, dark number 100 in the center. The text is overlaid on the image.

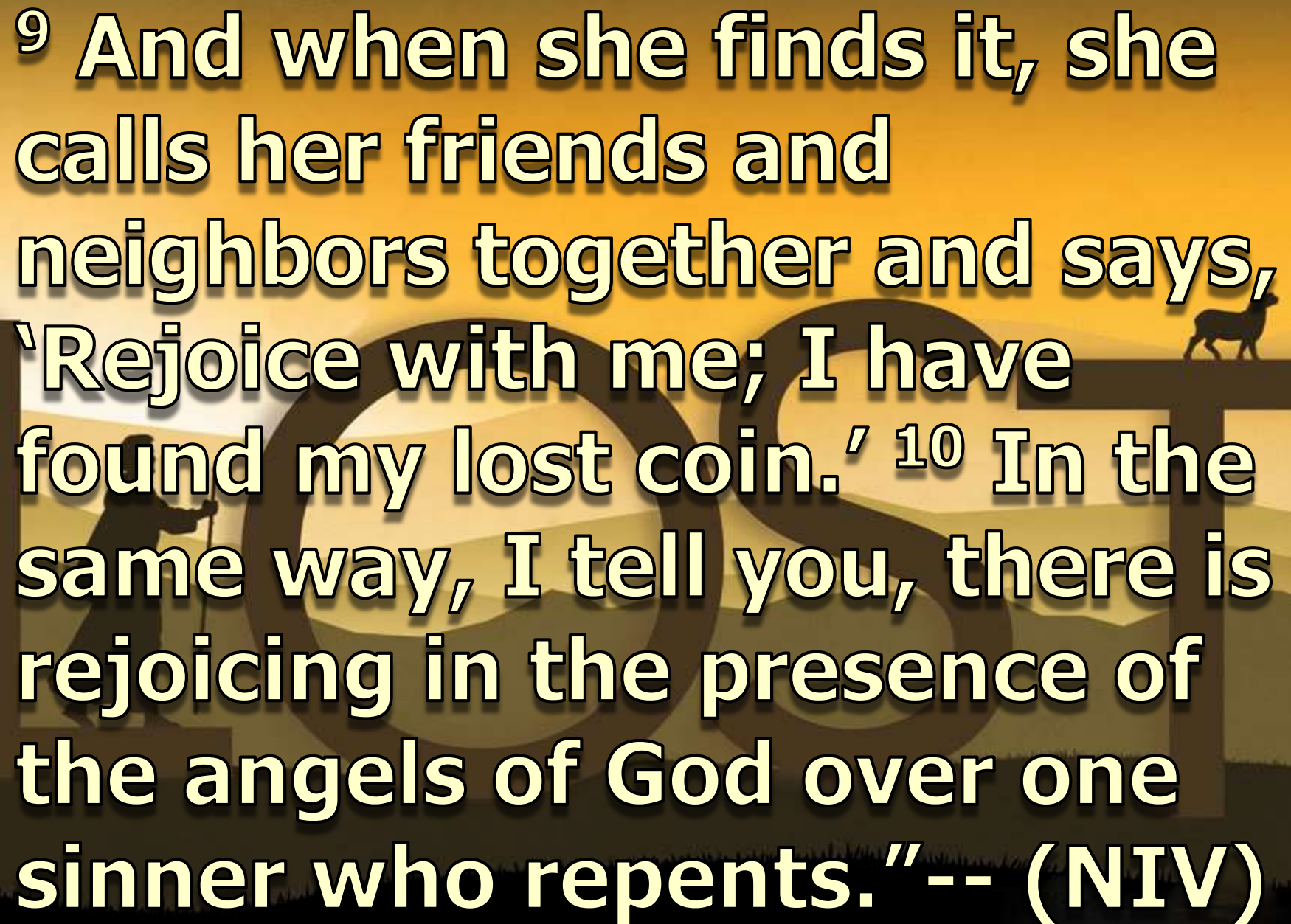
<sup>4</sup> “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders <sup>6</sup> and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’



**7 I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. 8 "Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?**



**9 And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' 10 In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."-- (NIV)**

A stylized illustration of a shepherd with a staff and a dog on a hill, with a large circular graphic in the background.

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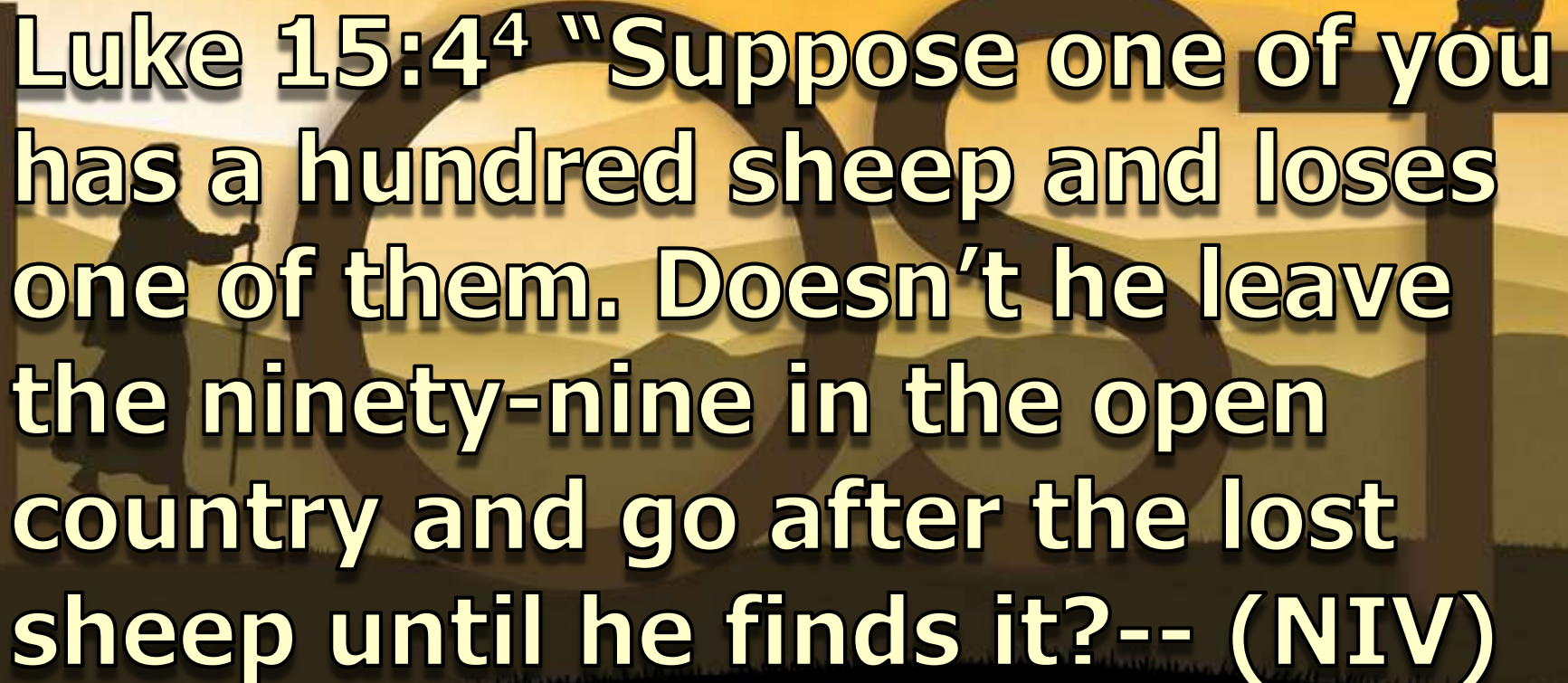




# ***Lessons Learned From the Lost Sheep***

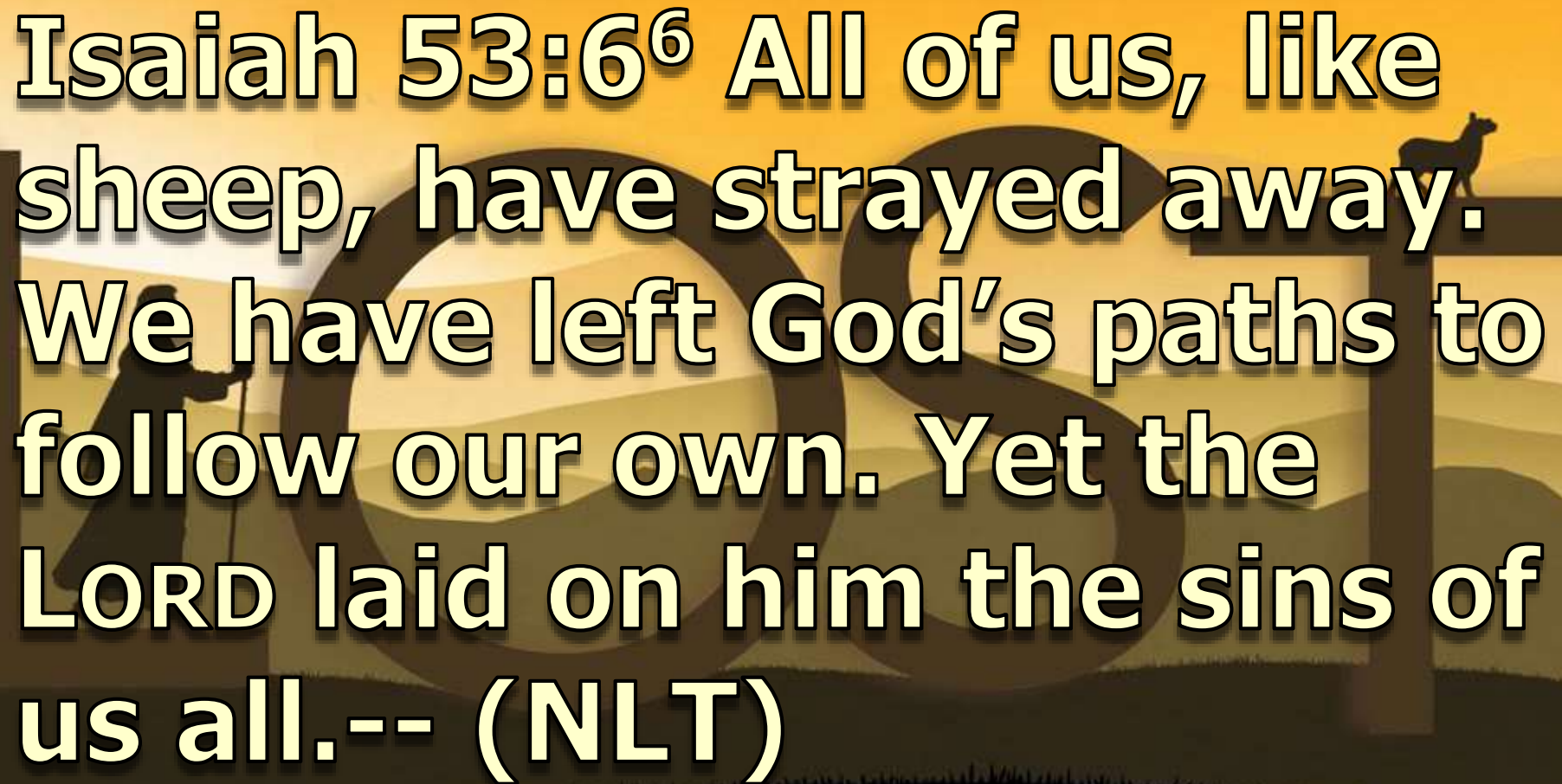
## **1. Jesus Initiates Reaching The Lost.**

**Luke 15:4<sup>4</sup> "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?-- (NIV)**

A stylized illustration of a shepherd in a dark robe and hat, holding a long staff, walking through a hilly landscape. A single sheep is visible in the distance on the right. The background features rolling hills and a large, faint circular graphic element.

## A. Sheep Are Dumb.

Isaiah 53:6<sup>6</sup> All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the LORD laid on him the sins of us all.-- (NLT)

A stylized illustration of a shepherd in silhouette, holding a staff, standing on a grassy hill. In the background, a large, glowing sun or moon is partially obscured by a large, dark, swirling shape. A single sheep is visible on the right side of the hill, looking towards the left. The overall color palette is warm, with shades of orange, yellow, and brown.



## B. Sheep Are Dependent.

Psalm 23:2<sup>2</sup> He makes  
me lie down in green  
pastures, he leads me  
beside quiet waters,  
(NIV)

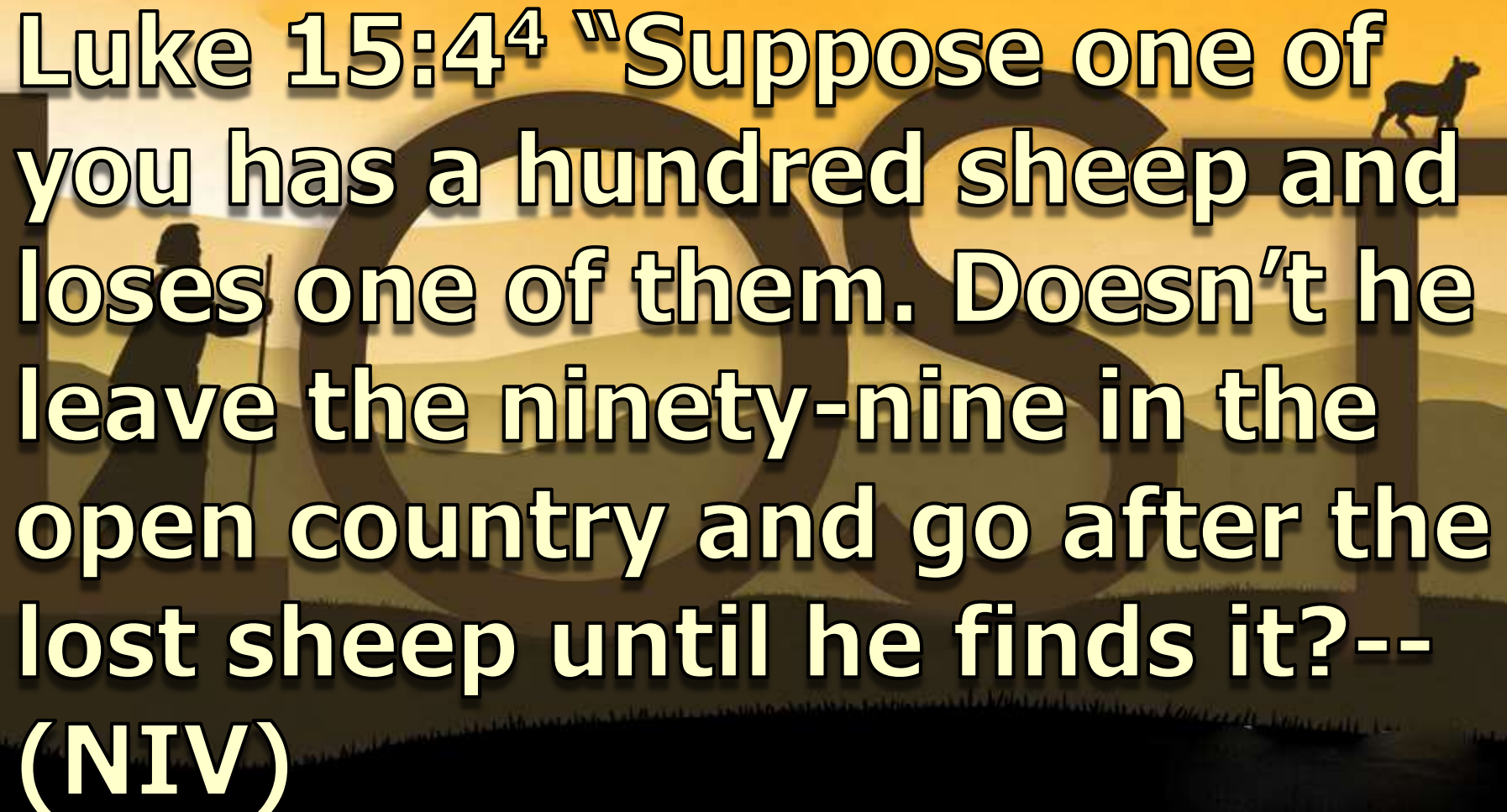


# C. Sheep Are **Defenseless**.

Psalm 23:4<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.--  
(NIV)

## **2. Lost People Are a Top Priority To Jesus.**

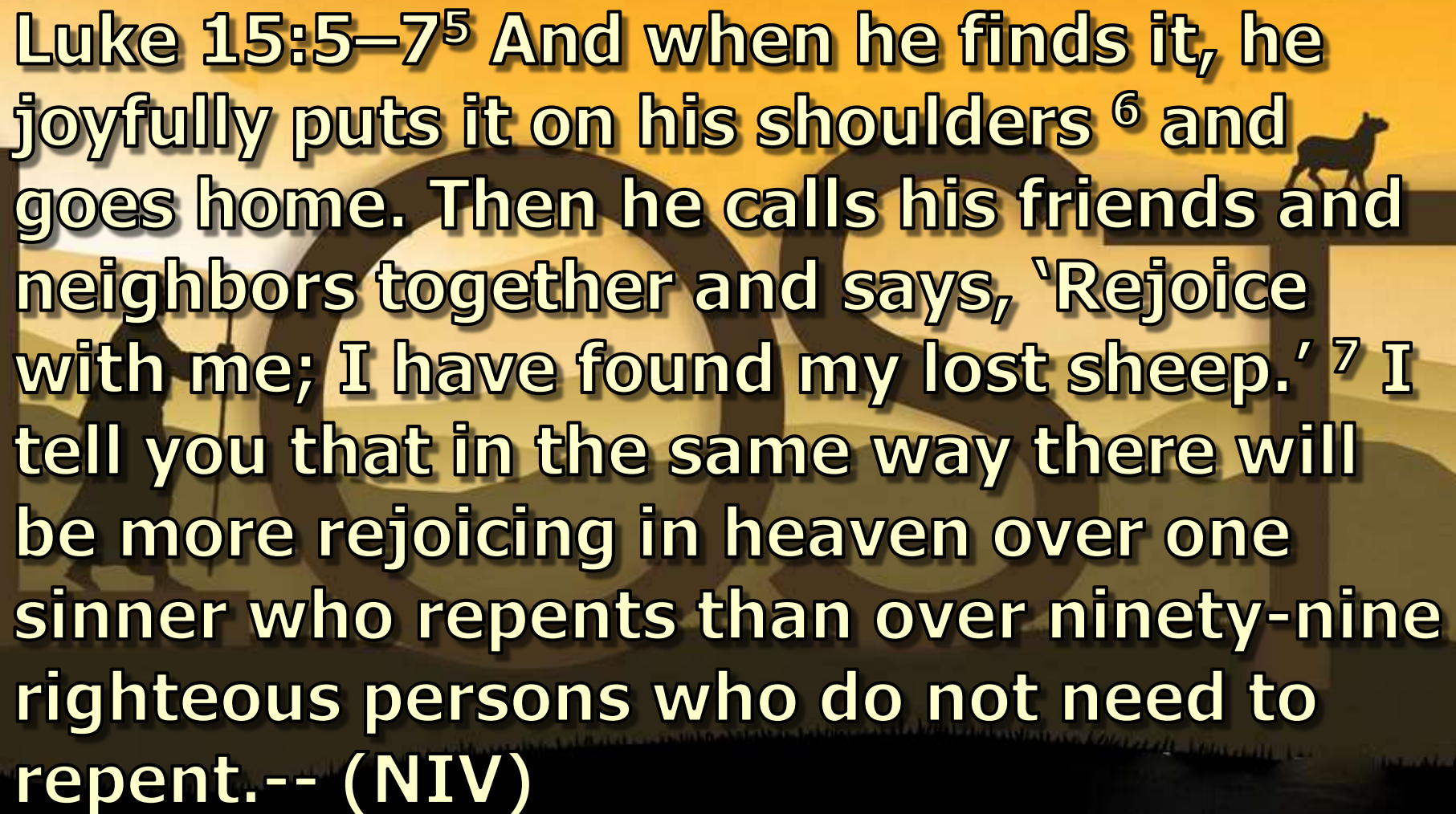
**Luke 15:4<sup>4</sup> "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?--  
(NIV)**

The background of the slide features a silhouette of a shepherd standing on a hill, holding a staff. A dog is also silhouetted on the hill to the right. The background is a warm, orange-yellow gradient, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. A large, faint, stylized letter 'S' is visible behind the text.



### 3. There Is Celebration When The Lost Is Found.

Luke 15:5–7<sup>5</sup> And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders <sup>6</sup> and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' <sup>7</sup> I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.-- (NIV)



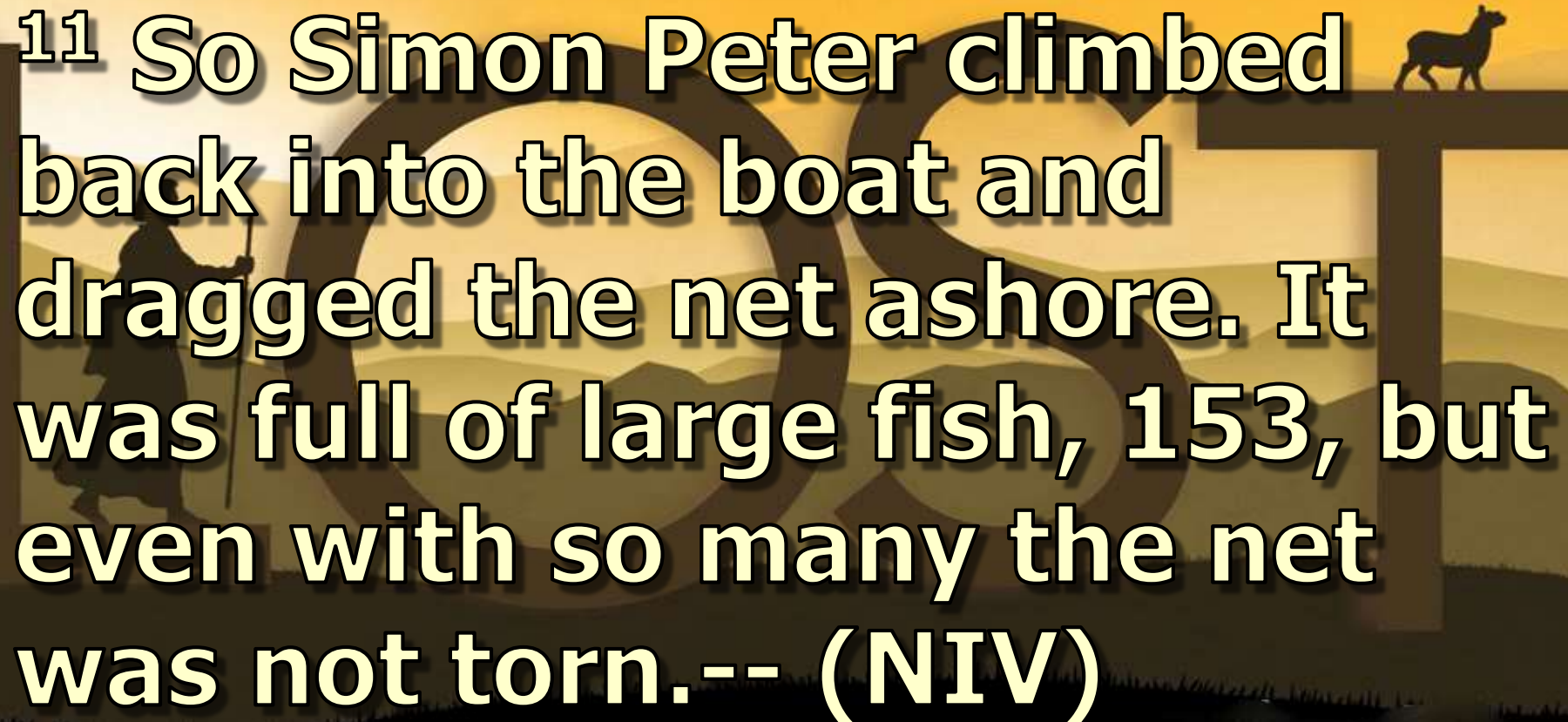
# ***Lessons From The Lost Coin***

**1. Jesus Cares About Quantity.**

**Luke 15:8<sup>8</sup> "Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? (NIV)**

## **John 21:11**

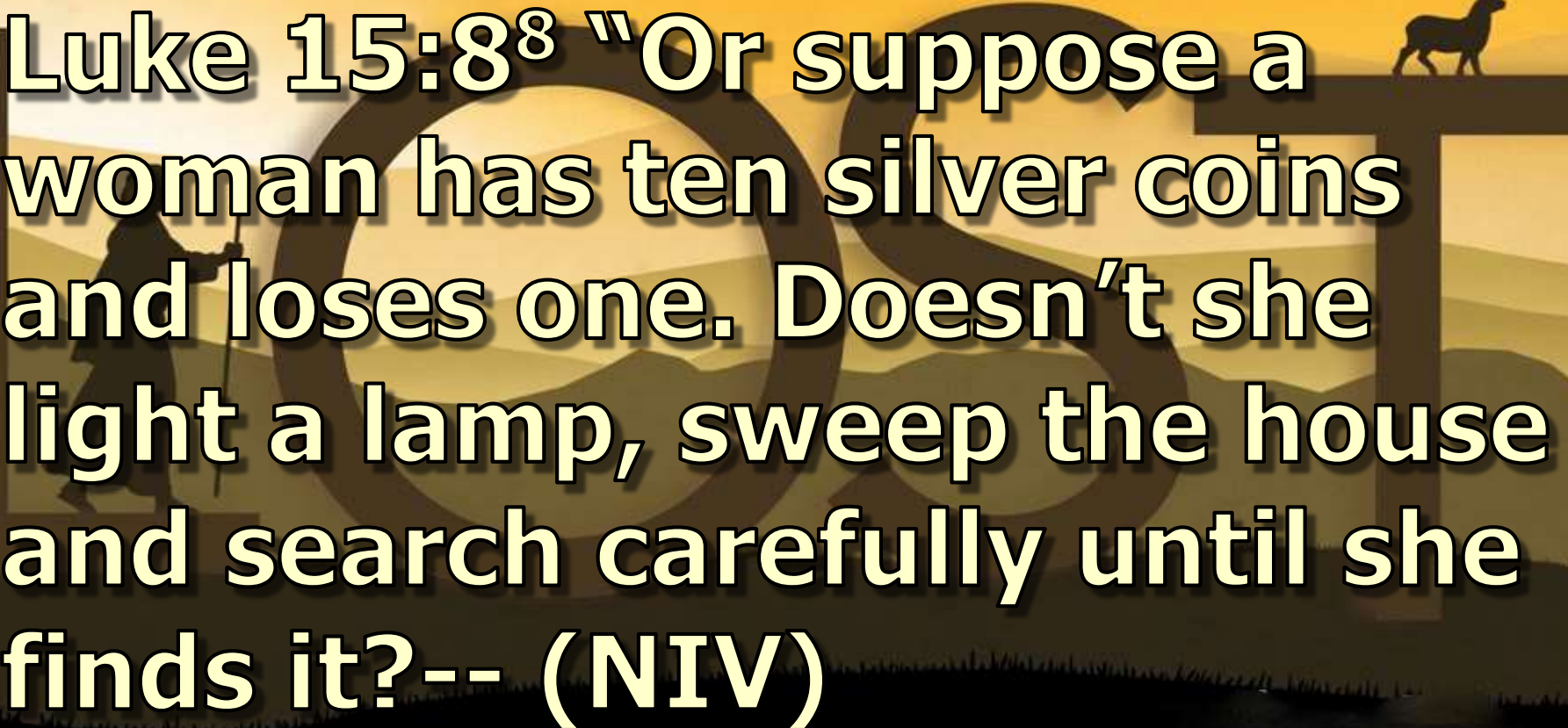
**11 So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn.-- (NIV)**

The background of the slide features a warm, golden sunset sky. In the foreground, a fisherman is silhouetted on the left, pulling a net. On the right, a donkey stands on a horizontal beam. Large, faint, stylized letters 'J' and 'S' are visible behind the text.



## 2. Jesus Searches Persistently for the Lost.

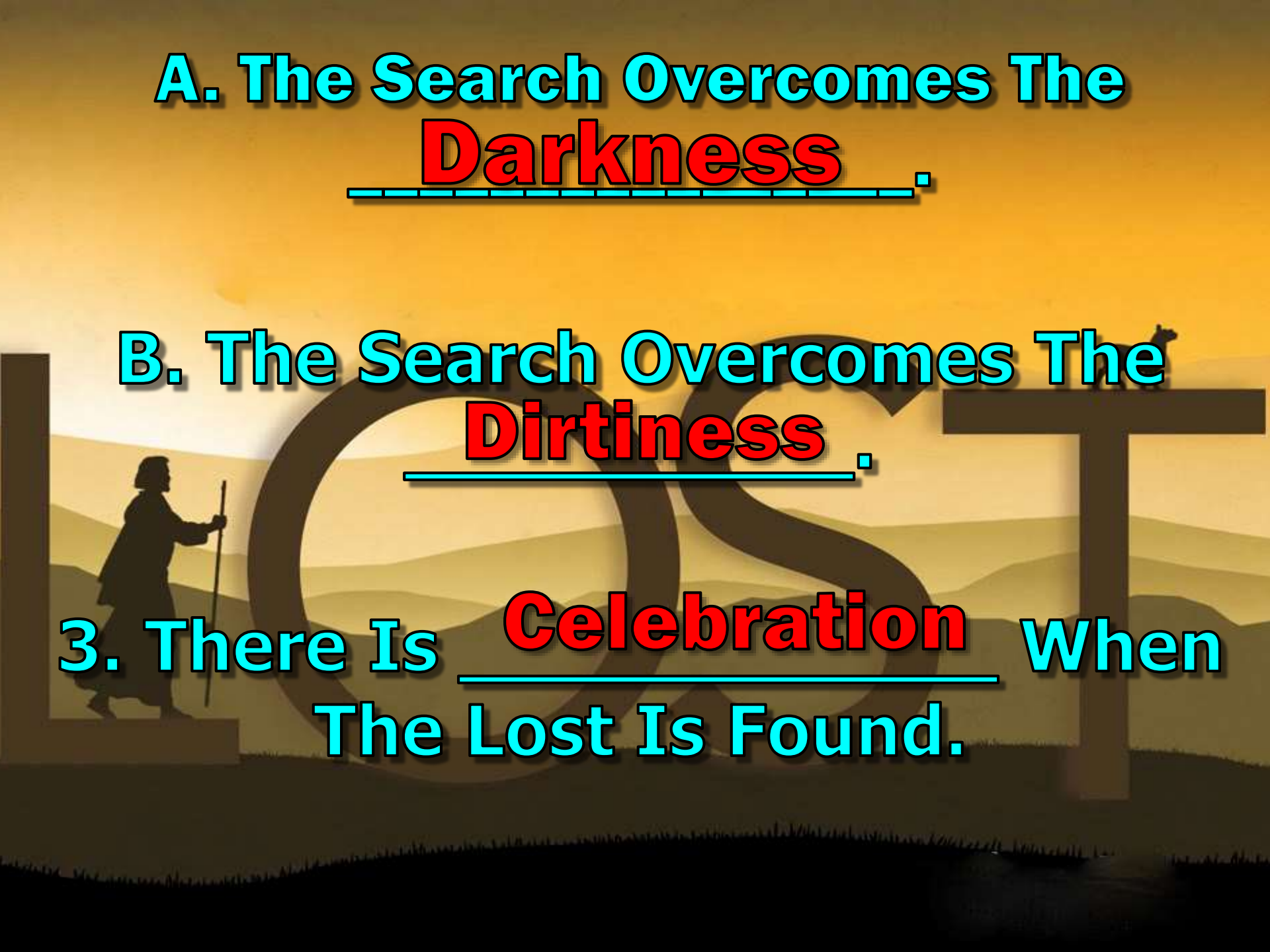
Luke 15:8<sup>8</sup> “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?-- (NIV)

The background of the slide features a stylized illustration. On the left, a silhouette of a woman is shown sweeping a floor with a broom. On the right, a small dog is standing on a ledge or roof. The background is a warm, yellowish-orange gradient with faint, large, circular patterns.

**A. The Search Overcomes The**  
**Darkness**.

**B. The Search Overcomes The**  
**Dirtiness**.

**3. There Is Celebration When**  
**The Lost Is Found.**



# ***Lessons From The Lost Son***

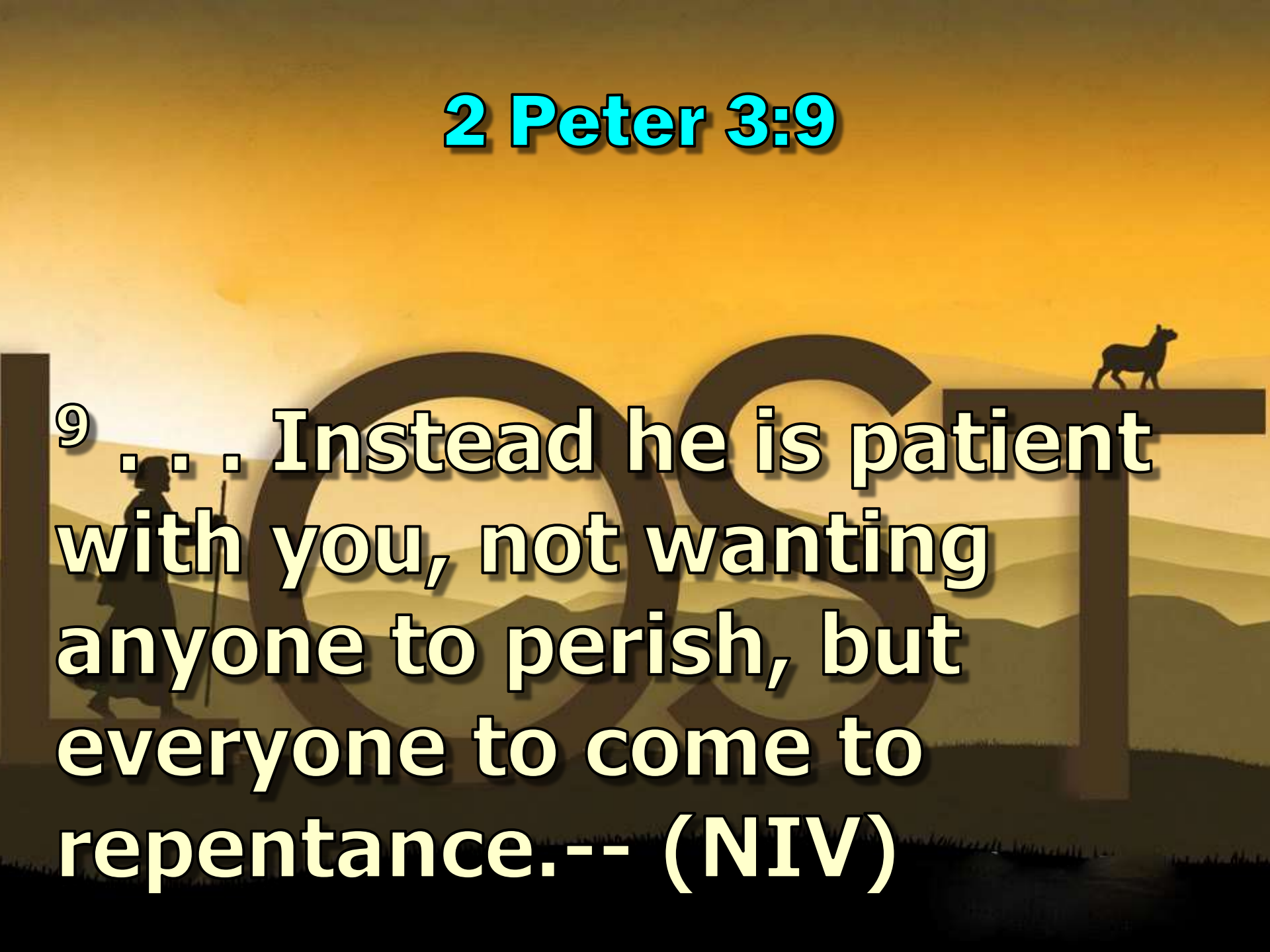
## **1. The Father's Love Is Patient.**

**Luke 15:20<sup>20</sup> 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.-- (NIV)**



## 2 Peter 3:9

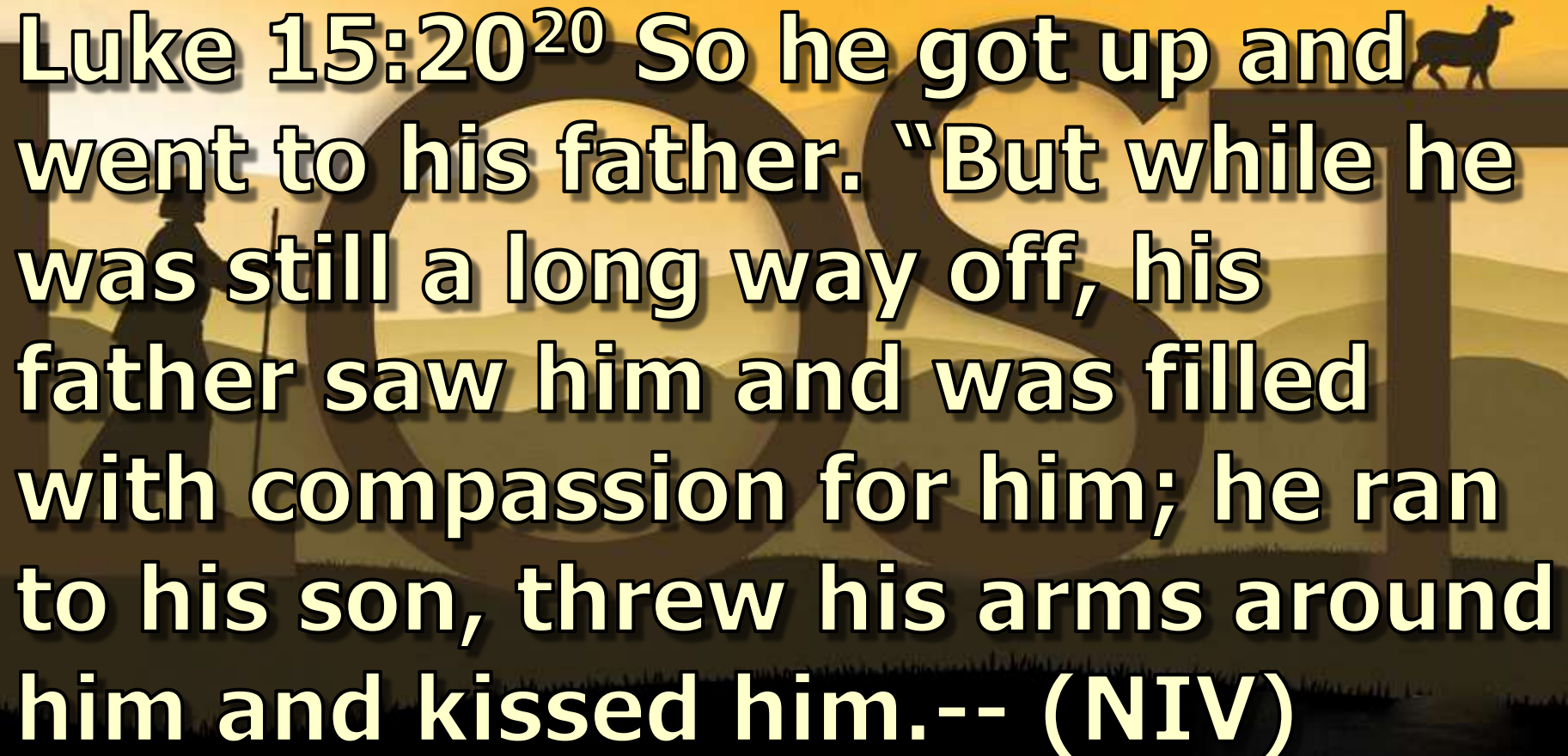
<sup>9</sup> . . . Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.-- (NIV)

A stylized illustration of a shepherd with a staff and a dog on a hill under a large 'Q' watermark. The background is a warm, golden-yellow gradient. In the foreground, a silhouette of a shepherd stands on the left, holding a staff. To the right, a silhouette of a dog stands on a raised platform. A large, dark, semi-transparent 'Q' watermark is centered in the background. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, white font with a black outline.

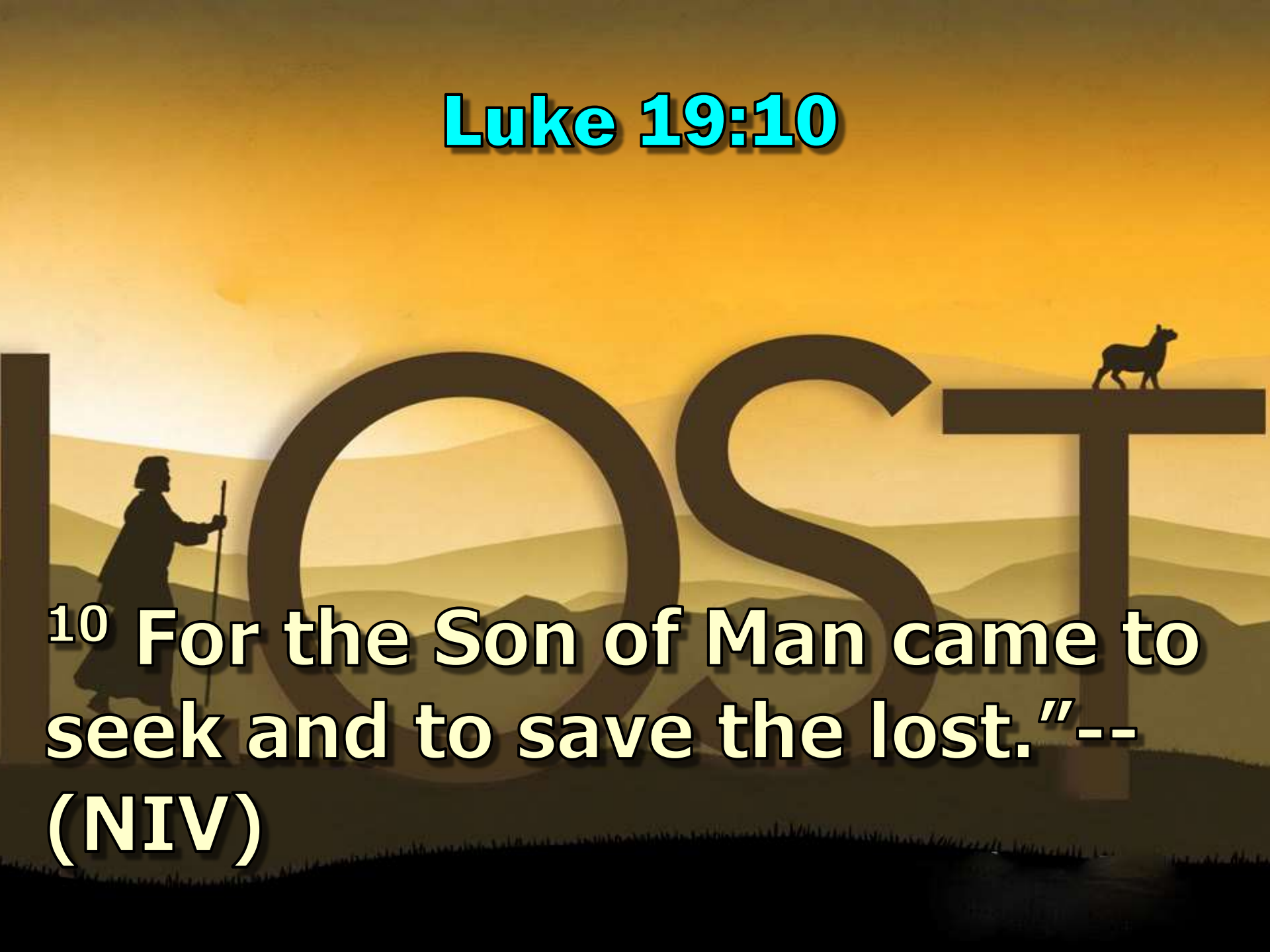
## **2. The Father's Love Is Searching**

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**Luke 15:20<sup>20</sup> 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.-- (NIV)**

A stylized illustration of a man with a staff and a donkey on a journey, with a large 'S' in the background.

# Luke 19:10

The background of the slide features a warm, golden-yellow sunset sky over rolling hills. The word "LOST" is written in large, dark, stylized letters. A silhouette of a shepherd in a robe and hat, holding a staff, stands to the left of the letter "O". A silhouette of a lost sheep stands on the horizontal bar of the letter "T".

**<sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."--  
(NIV)**



### 3. There Is Celebration When The Lost Is Found.

Luke 15:23–24<sup>23</sup> Bring the  
fattened calf and kill it. Let's  
have a feast and celebrate. <sup>24</sup>  
For this son of mine was dead  
and is alive again; he was lost  
and is found.' So they began  
to celebrate.-- (NIV)

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