

The image features a central blue circle with a textured, slightly grainy appearance. Inside this circle, the word "PRODIGAL" is written in a large, bold, white, sans-serif font. Below it, the phrase "WHICH ROAD ARE YOU ON?" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. Surrounding the central circle is a complex network of lines and nodes. The lines are in various colors: blue, green, red, yellow, cyan, and purple. The nodes are small white circles with black outlines, connected by the colored lines. The background is a light, textured greyish-beige color.

PRODIGAL
WHICH ROAD ARE YOU ON?

A network diagram with a central blue circle containing the text 'Luke 15'. The diagram consists of a central blue circle with the text 'Luke 15' in white. Surrounding the circle are several interconnected lines of various colors (blue, green, red, yellow, purple, cyan) that form a complex network. Each line is composed of small white circles connected by straight lines, creating a web-like structure. The background is a light beige color.

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**A simple story used to illustrate
a moral or spiritual principle/lesson.**

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*And when he has found it,
he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.*

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*And when he comes home, he calls
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So...therefore...what now?

- Are you needing a party?
- Are you a party thrower?
- Are you a party pooper?



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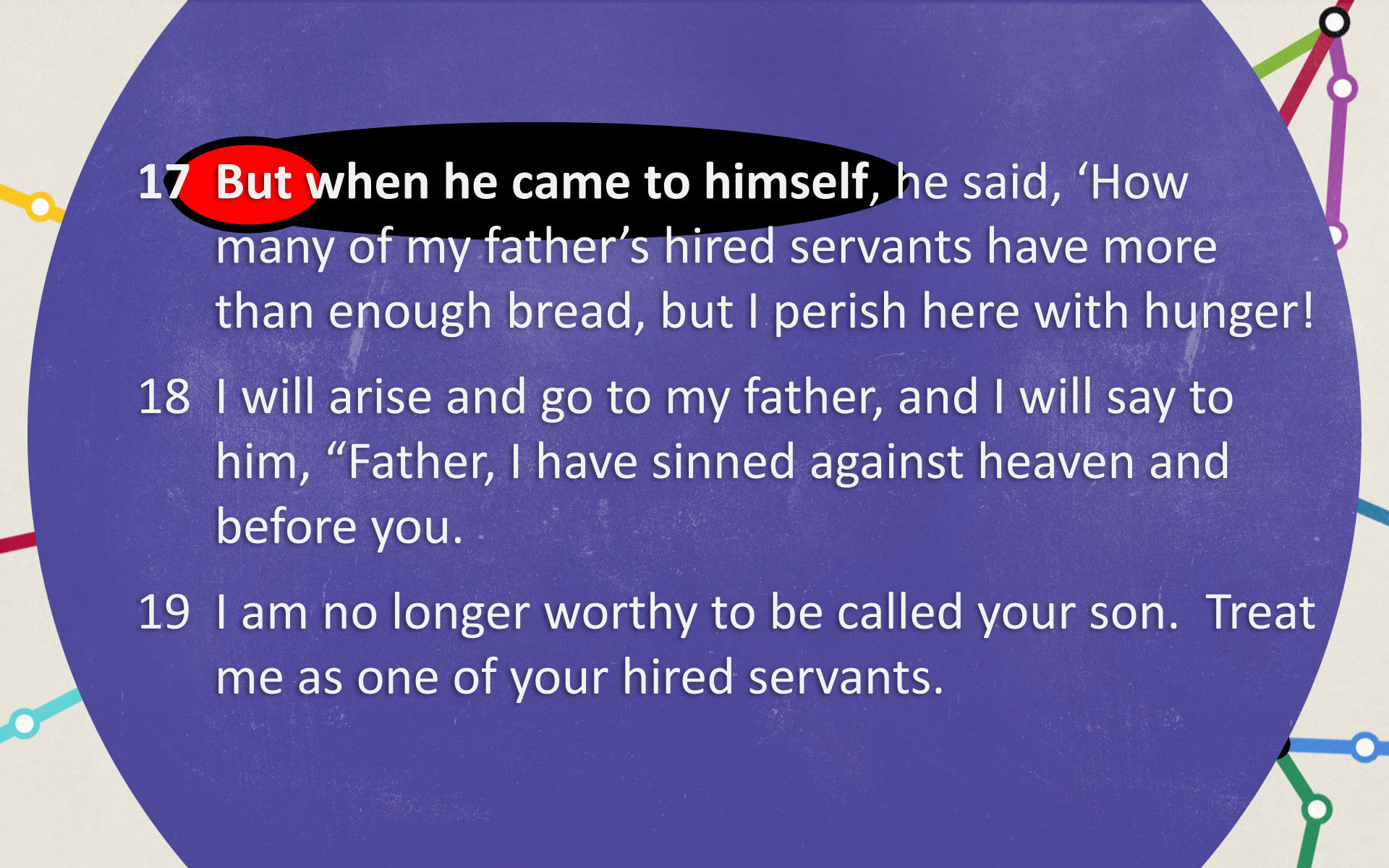
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17 **But when he came to himself**, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger!

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19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.

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20 And he arose and came to his father.
But while he was still a long way off,
his father saw him and felt compassion,
and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

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 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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In spite of the disrespect and contempt the younger son displayed, his father retained a heart of compassion and patience, waiting for this son to come to the end of himself, and then throws a party to celebrate his return.

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In spite of the disrespect and contempt we have toward God He retains a heart of compassion and patience toward us, waiting for us to come to the end of ourselves, and is planning to throw a party to celebrate our return.

Older Brother with the Father

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- 26 And he called one of the servants and asked
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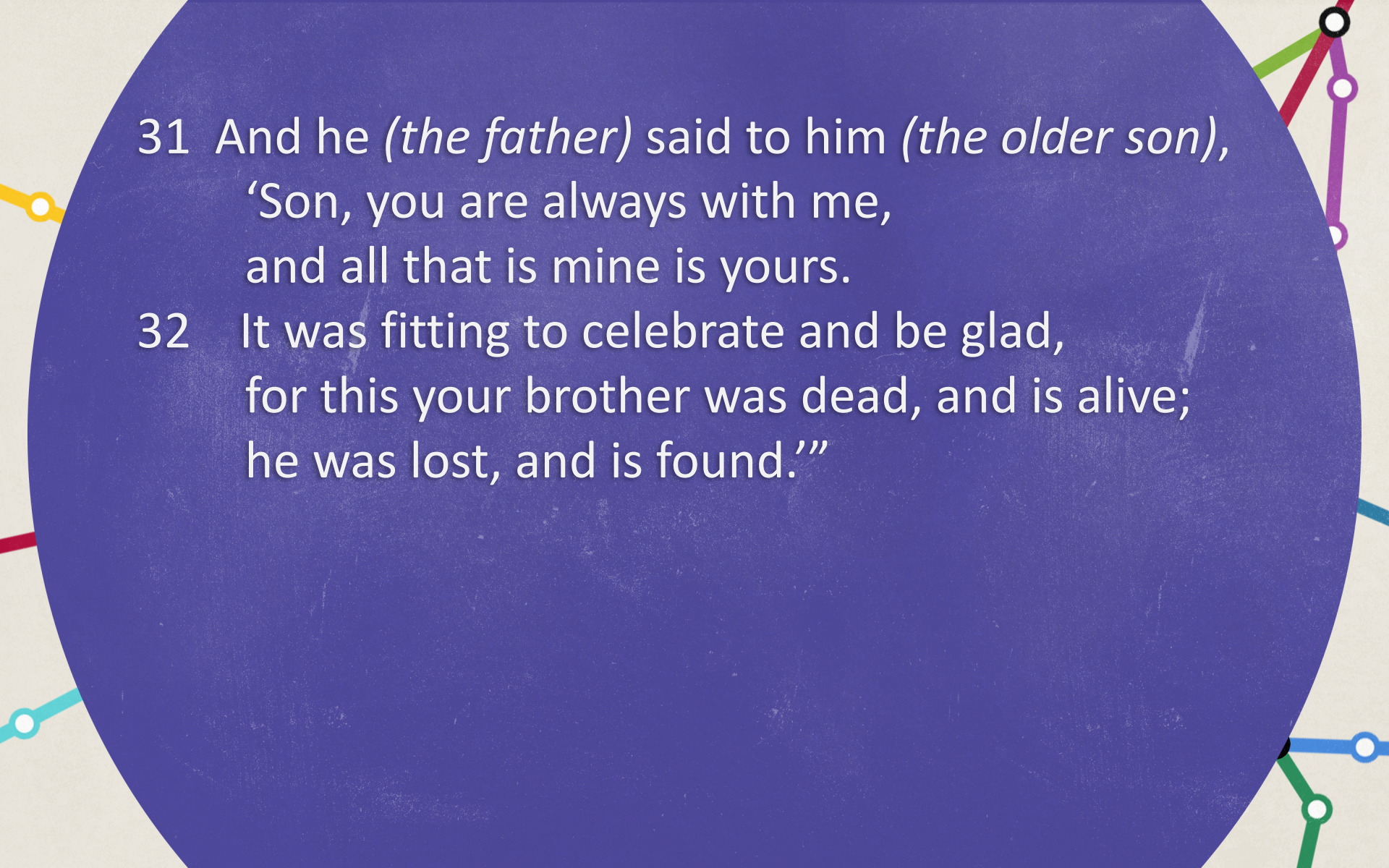
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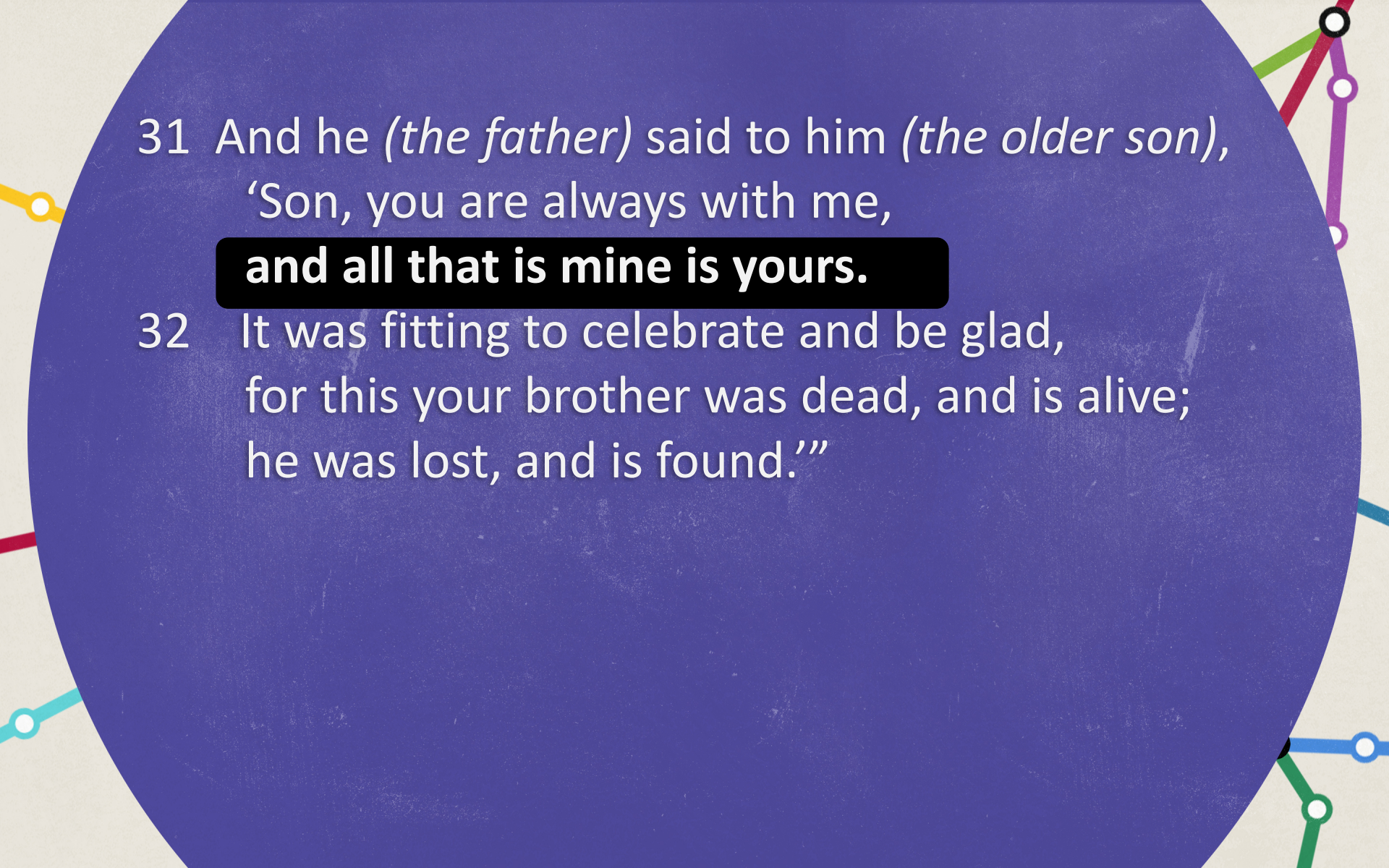


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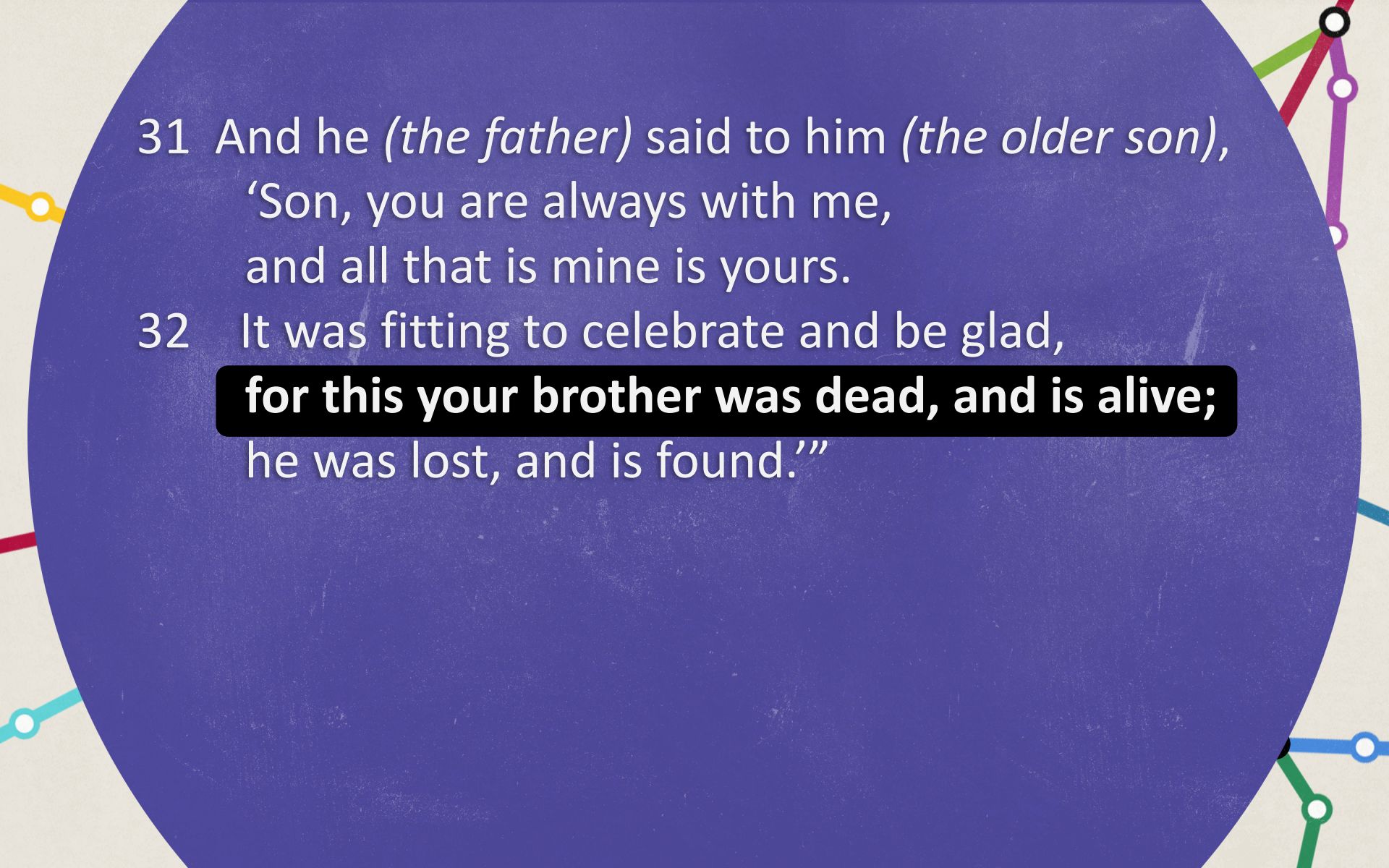
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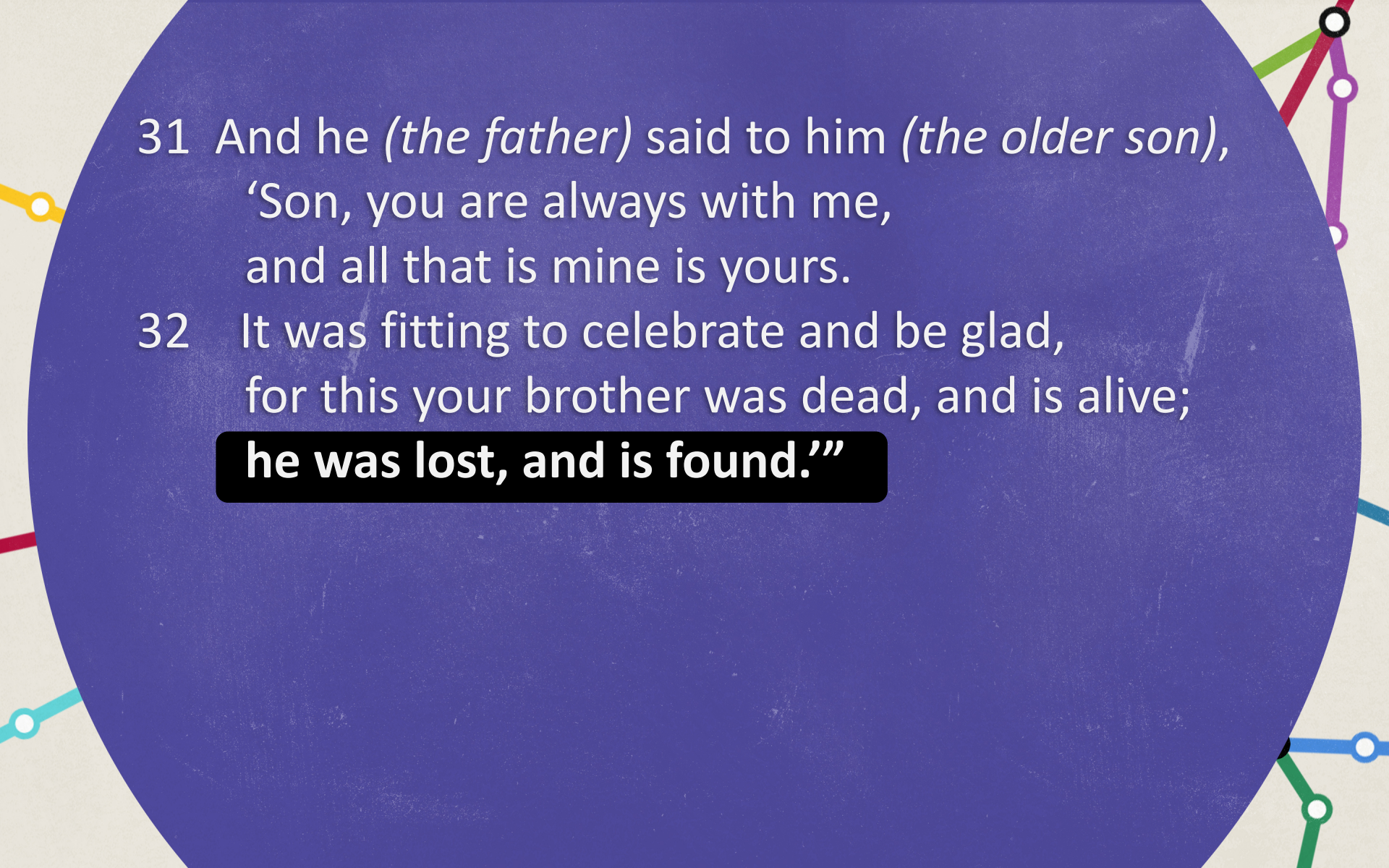
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Why won't you celebrate
the redemption of your brother?

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