



The image features a central blue circle with a textured, slightly grainy surface. 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. The background is a light beige or off-white color with a subtle texture. Overlaid on this background is a complex network of colorful lines (blue, green, red, yellow, purple, cyan) that connect various white circular nodes. The lines and nodes form a web-like structure that radiates outwards from the central circle, suggesting a path or a network of choices.



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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,  
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## *The Father and the younger son*

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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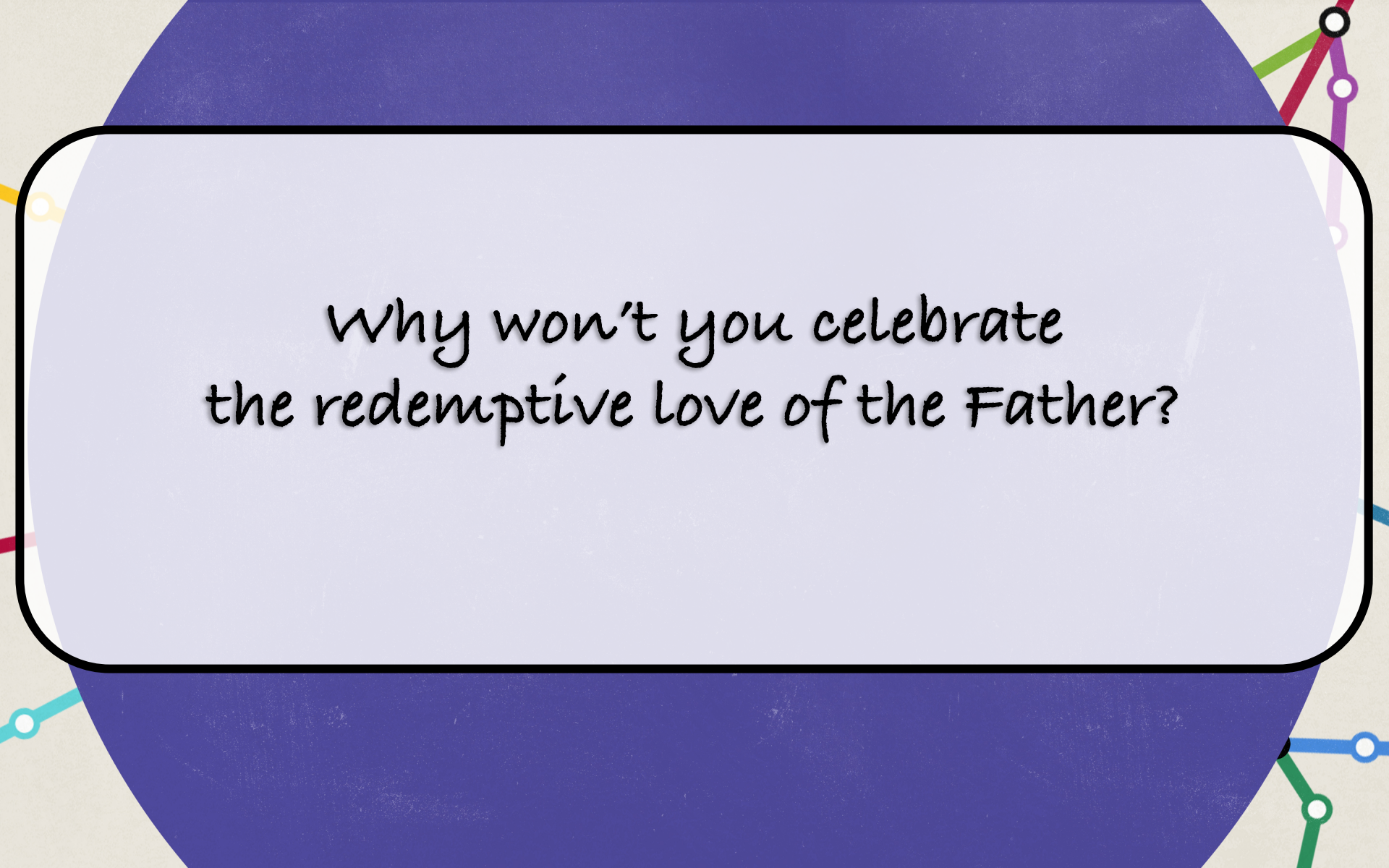


*an unfinished story...*

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Jesus leaves this story sitting in the laps of those listening, especially those who were grumbling...and He is asking...





Why won't you celebrate  
the redemptive love of the Father?

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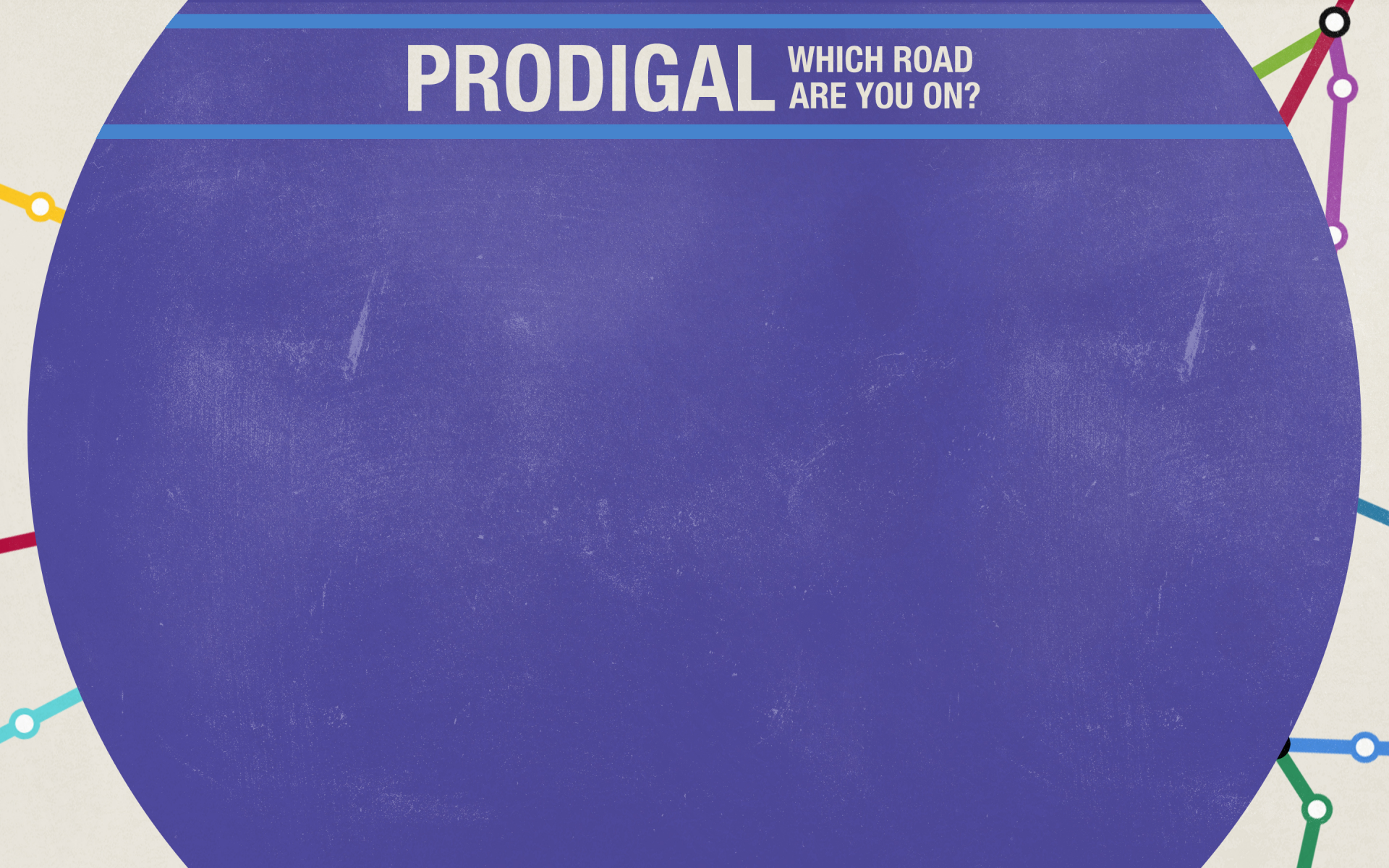


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Self discovery and religious conformity divorced from a loving  
relationship with God are equally destined for disaster.

A network diagram with a central blue circle containing text. The background is a light beige color with a network of colorful lines (blue, green, red, yellow, purple) and white circular nodes. The lines connect the nodes in a complex, interconnected pattern. The central blue circle is the focal point, containing the text "So..." and "Which road are you on?".

So...

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**PRODIGAL** WHICH ROAD  
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