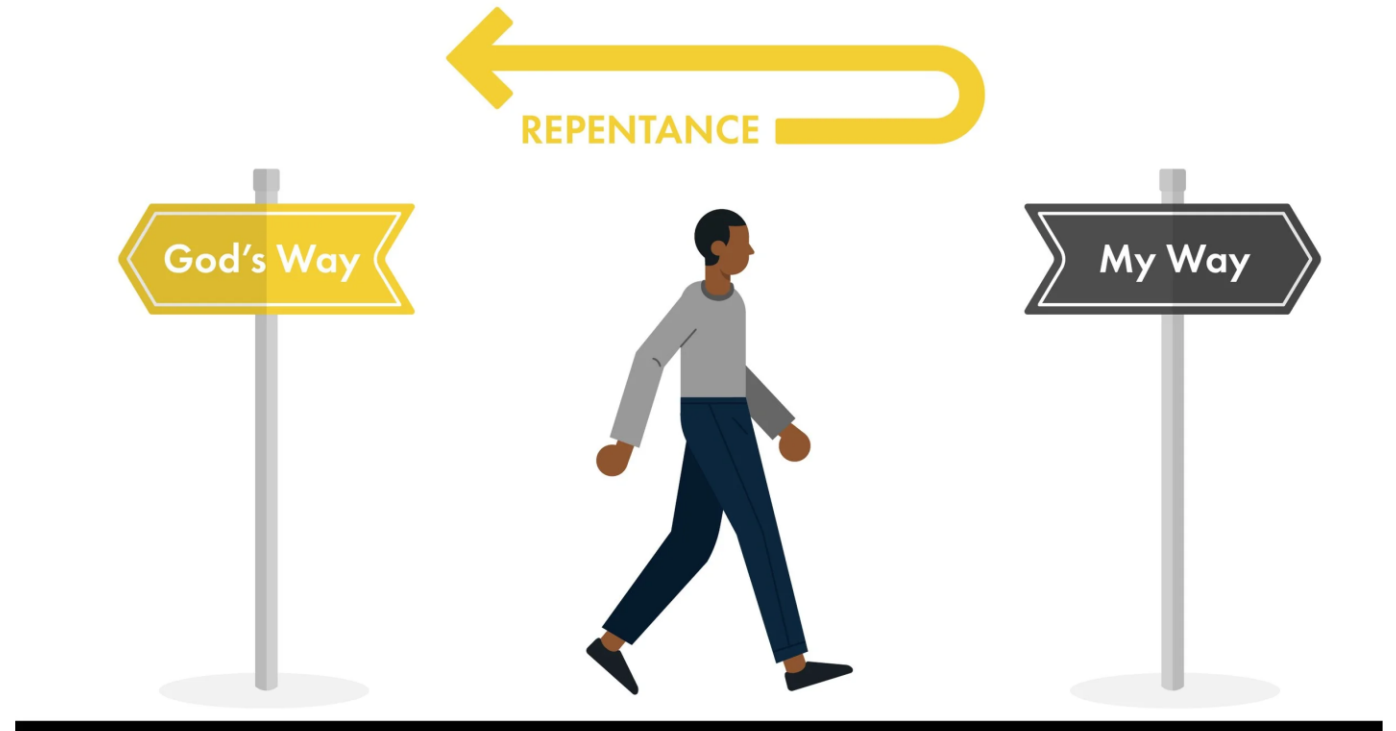


“...IF I HAVE TAKEN ANYTHING
FROM ANYONE BY FALSE
ACCUSATION, I RESTORE
FOURFOLD.”

Luke 19:8



REASONS FOR REPENTANCE



“Prepare for me the ways of repentance,
O Lady the Virgin” *11th hour litany*

1. FEELING THE LOSS

- The prodigal son and his humiliation
“...and I perish with hunger!” *Luke 15:18*
- Jonah in the belly of the great fish.
- Dignity, freedom, reputation, relationships,
and the favor of God “If I regard iniquity in
my heart, the Lord will not hear”

Psalms 66:18



2. THE BURDEN OF SIN

- St. Moses the strong.
- The rebuke of the conscience.
- The burden of shame & guilt.



3. REALIZING THE VANITY OF PLEASURE

- **King Solomon** “Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure, For my heart rejoiced in all my labor; and this was my reward from all my labor. Then I looked on all the works that my hands had done and on the labor in which I had toiled; and indeed, all was vanity and grasping for the wind. *There was no profit under the sun*” *Ecclesiastes 2: 10 - 11*



4. FINDING MEANING & PURPOSE

- St. Augustine: “You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you“
- Neither career, wealth, or relationships can satisfy man’s heart.



5. FEAR OF JUDGEMENT

- St. Peter the worshipper.
- The Russian man who experienced a vision after death and returned.



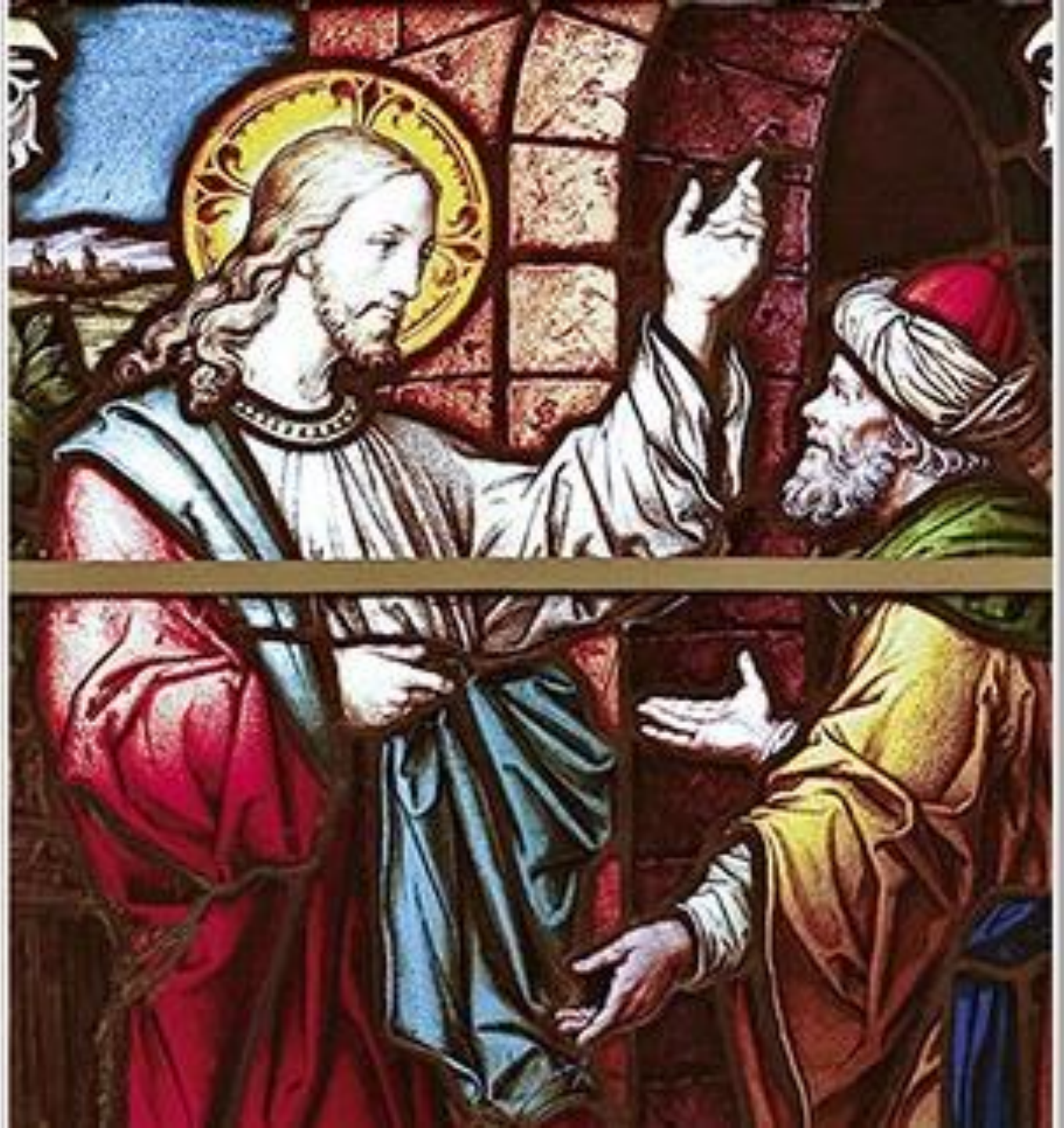
6. ENCOUNTERING A GODLY MAN

- St. Augustine inspired by the biography of St. Anthony.
- St. John the Short visiting St. Paesa.
- Nathan the prophet confronting King David.



7. SEEING & TASTING CHRIST

- Zacchaeus “...and received Him joyfully” *Luke 19: 6*
- The Samaritan woman.
- St. Paul “Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ” *Philippians 3:8*



Courage!

WHAT IS IN
COMMON?



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1. To be potentially mocked while searching for the Lord Jesus like Zacchaeus.
 2. To sit and examine myself to see where I am and take full responsibility like the prodigal son.
 3. To simply say “I am sorry” like David



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4. To not continuing on the path of fools pursuing the mirage of finding happiness through ungodly pleasures.
 5. To accept the cost of change like all of them.

