

A wide-angle photograph of a vast field of tall, golden-brown grasses, likely wheat or barley, stretching to the horizon. The sky is filled with large, white, fluffy clouds, with a bright light source breaking through the clouds in the center, creating a lens flare effect. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

# A GRIEF TO OTHERS

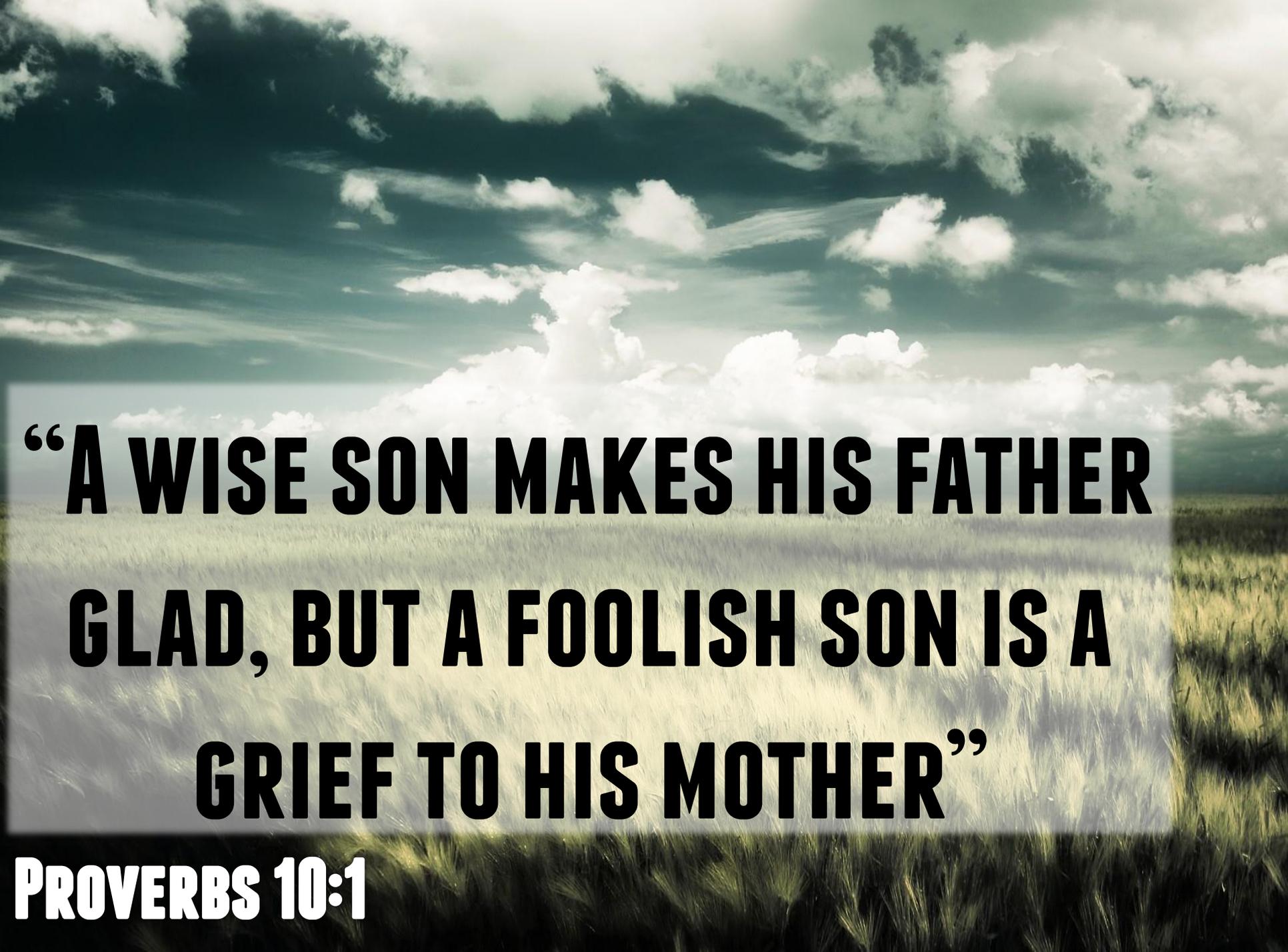
# GRIEVING THE HOLY SPIRIT

- Ephesians 4:17-32 – The text is almost “bookended” by opposite ideas. On the one hand, the “Gentile” lifestyle is one of callousness and hardness. On the other hand, the Christian refuses to “grieve the Holy Spirit.”
- What does it mean to be a grief to God, and how can this be used as motivation for positive, practical change in life?



# GOOD GRIEF!





**“A WISE SON MAKES HIS FATHER  
GLAD, BUT A FOOLISH SON IS A  
GRIEF TO HIS MOTHER”**

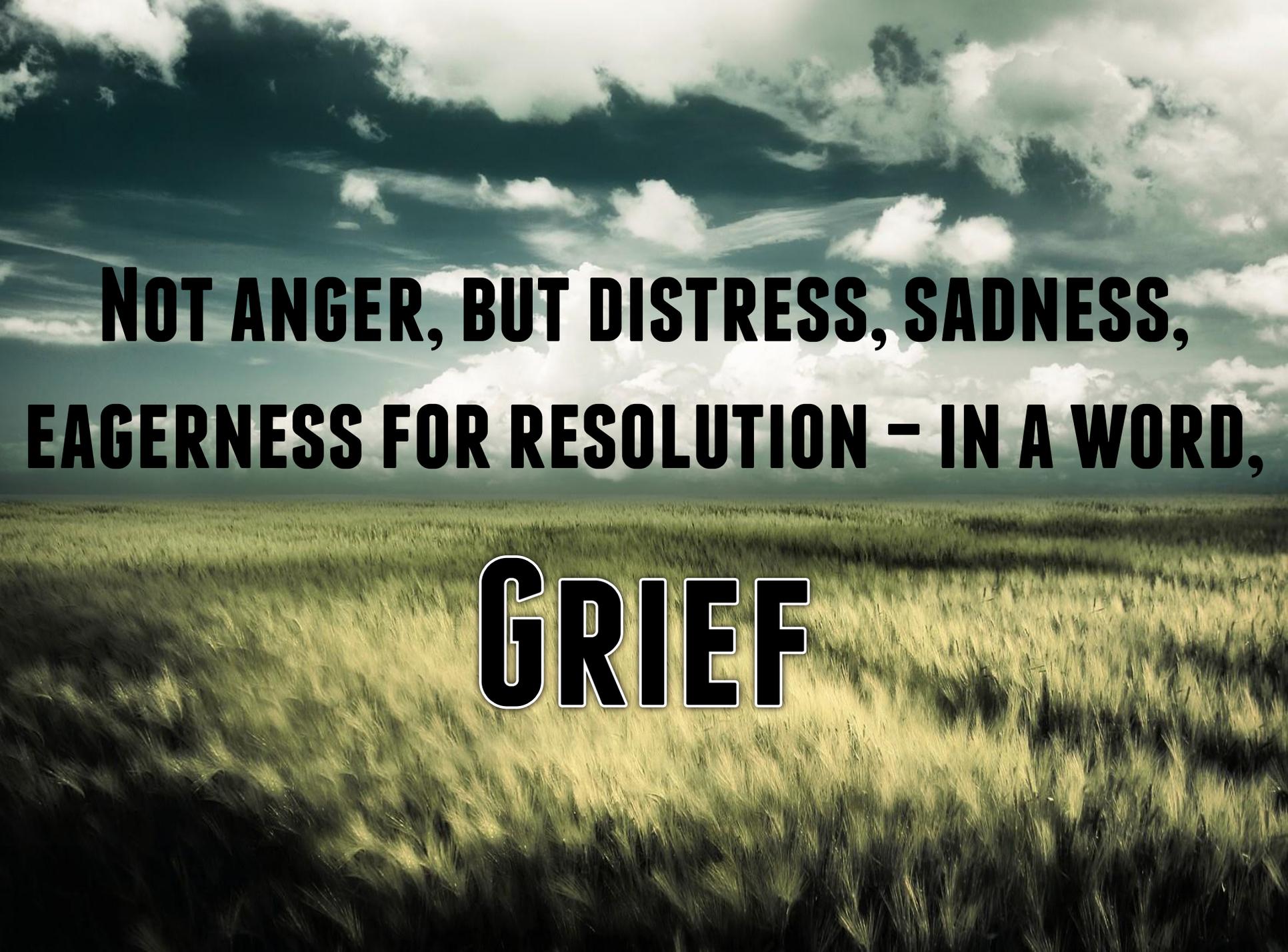
**PROVERBS 10:1**

A wide-angle photograph of a vast field of golden wheat stretching to the horizon. The sky is filled with large, dramatic white and grey clouds, with a bright light source breaking through the clouds in the center, creating a lens flare effect. The overall mood is one of hope and renewal.

# **THE PRODIGAL SON | LUKE 15:11-32**

# PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

- Your actions have an impact on other people. Sin cannot be kept in a vacuum.
- How did the father's emotions manifest themselves? Was he furious? Did he seek revenge? Did he close his heart so that the son "was dead to him"?
- We learn a lot about God in the response of the father in this story (who is as much the main character as anybody else).

A vast field of tall grass under a dramatic, cloudy sky. The grass is a mix of green and yellow, suggesting a late summer or autumn setting. The sky is filled with large, white and grey clouds, with some blue visible between them. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

**NOT ANGER, BUT DISTRESS, SADNESS,  
EAGERNESS FOR RESOLUTION – IN A WORD,**

**GRIEF**

# HOSEA 11:1-4, 8

Probably the greatest motivation for change is to remember how your sins have caused grief to others – a spouse, children, the church, God. Many people have invested something in you. Don't let them down!

