


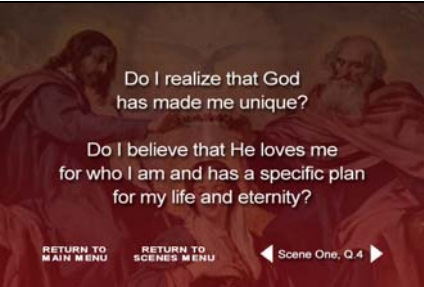


RETURN TO THE FATHER'S HOUSE

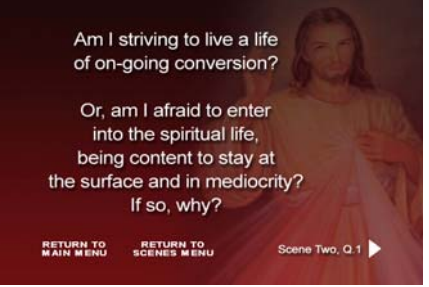
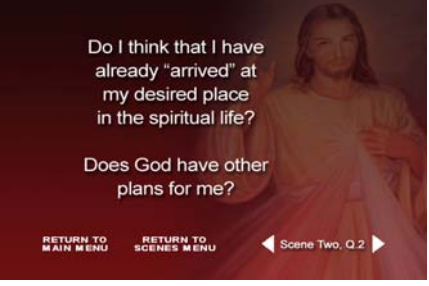


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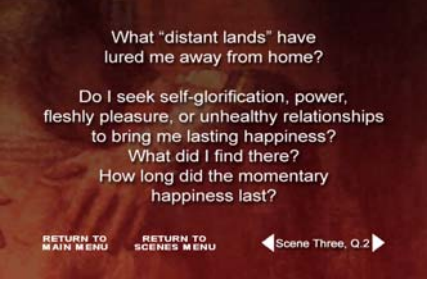
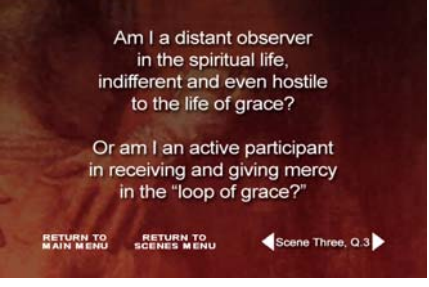
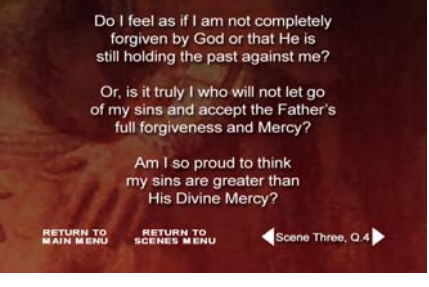
Facilitator's Notes for Reflection Questions

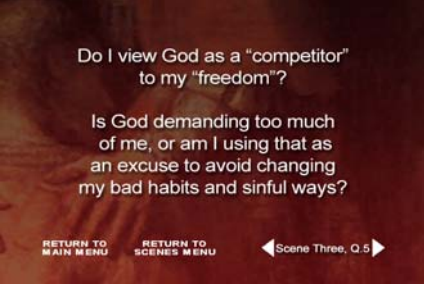

SCENE ONE: RETREAT INTRODUCTION		
 <p>What is my view of God?</p> <p>RETURN TO MAIN MENU RETURN TO SCENES MENU Scene One, Q.1 ▶</p>	1-1	Video -M. Angelica's prayer
 <p>How has my own personal & cultural history affected my view and relationship to God the Father?</p> <p>Am I afraid of Him? If so, why?</p> <p>RETURN TO MAIN MENU RETURN TO SCENES MENU ◀ Scene One, Q.2 ▶</p>	1-2	Video -youth detention home -C.S. Lewis, wife Joy dies
 <p>Do I believe that He knows me personally and that He will care for me?</p> <p>RETURN TO MAIN MENU RETURN TO SCENES MENU ◀ Scene One, Q.3 ▶</p>	1-3	Video -God the Father is the creator of all; God loves his creation
 <p>Do I realize that God has made me unique?</p> <p>Do I believe that He loves me for who I am and has a specific plan for my life and eternity?</p> <p>RETURN TO MAIN MENU RETURN TO SCENES MENU ◀ Scene One, Q.4 ▶</p>	1-4	Video -Hope in the Resurrection

SCENE TWO: JOINED TO CHRIST IN LOVE

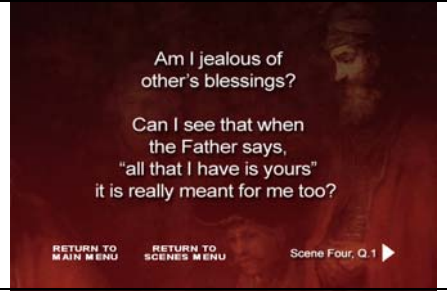
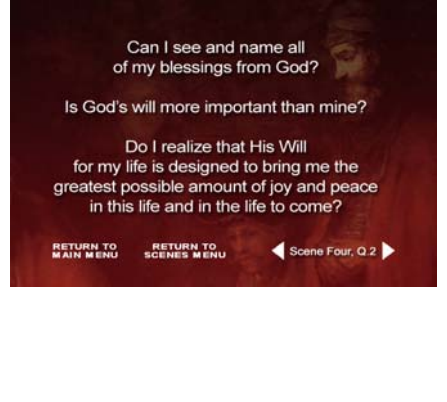


 <p>Am I striving to live a life of on-going conversion?</p> <p>Or, am I afraid to enter into the spiritual life, being content to stay at the surface and in mediocrity? If so, why?</p> <p>RETURN TO MAIN MENU RETURN TO SCENES MENU Scene Two, Q.1 ▶</p>	<p>2-1</p>	<p>Video</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Francis Cardinal George -“Deus Caritas Est”, Benedict XVI, 2007 -story of coming home After being abroad -story of the eye glasses
 <p>Do I think that I have already “arrived” at my desired place in the spiritual life?</p> <p>Does God have other plans for me?</p> <p>RETURN TO MAIN MENU RETURN TO SCENES MENU ◀ Scene Two, Q.2 ▶</p>	<p>2-2</p>	<p>Video</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -young Rembrandt, un-Settled people are always in motion -older, mature Rembrandt, at peace with God’s will for his life
 <p>Do I believe that I can only be healed by the grace of God, or do I rely on my own strength?</p> <p>How successful have my own efforts been?</p> <p>RETURN TO MAIN MENU RETURN TO SCENES MENU ◀ Scene Two, Q.3 ▶</p>	<p>2-3</p>	<p>Video</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -fall of the rebel angels -Adam and Eve, original sin -story of Judas and St. Peter
 <p>Do I trust in the Lord’s Divine Mercy in my life?</p> <p>Have I allowed Jesus to be my most intimate friend and Savior?</p> <p>RETURN TO MAIN MENU RETURN TO SCENES MENU ◀ Scene Two, Q.4 ▶</p>	<p>2-4</p>	<p>Video</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -danger of spiritual mediocrity -example of living in a “fast-forward” culture -fear of unknown -fear of living without vices

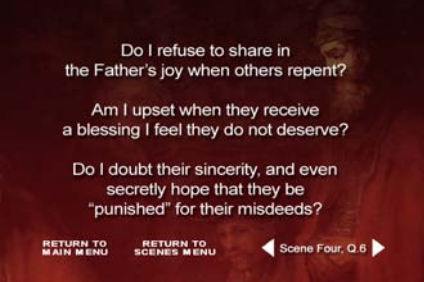


SCENE THREE: THE ILLUSION OF LEAVING HOME



 <p>In what ways am I similar to the prodigal son?</p> <p>RETURN TO MAIN MENU RETURN TO SCENES MENU Scene Three, Q.1 ▶</p>	<p>3-1</p> <p>Luke 15: 11-32</p>	<p>Video</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Prodigal son wishes his Father dead in Jewish custom -Prodigal son only thinks of himself
 <p>What "distant lands" have lured me away from home?</p> <p>Do I seek self-glorification, power, fleshly pleasure, or unhealthy relationships to bring me lasting happiness? What did I find there? How long did the momentary happiness last?</p> <p>RETURN TO MAIN MENU RETURN TO SCENES MENU ◀ Scene Three, Q.2 ▶</p>	<p>3-2</p>	<p>Video</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -sin appears attractive -the big empty space -scars, both physical and moral -the world's voice is loud, example of TV advertisers increasing the volume
 <p>Am I a distant observer in the spiritual life, indifferent and even hostile to the life of grace?</p> <p>Or am I an active participant in receiving and giving mercy in the "loop of grace?"</p> <p>RETURN TO MAIN MENU RETURN TO SCENES MENU ◀ Scene Three, Q.3 ▶</p>	<p>3-3</p>	<p>Video</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Rembrandt demonstrates the spiritual life by showing people in relation to light -sin fractures us, internally, socially, and from right relationship with God
 <p>Do I feel as if I am not completely forgiven by God or that He is still holding the past against me?</p> <p>Or, is it truly I who will not let go of my sins and accept the Father's full forgiveness and Mercy?</p> <p>Am I so proud to think my sins are greater than His Divine Mercy?</p> <p>RETURN TO MAIN MENU RETURN TO SCENES MENU ◀ Scene Three, Q.4 ▶</p>	<p>3-4</p>	<p>Video</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Prodigal son wants to return, but only as a servant

 <p>Do I view God as a "competitor" to my "freedom"?</p> <p>Is God demanding too much of me, or am I using that as an excuse to avoid changing my bad habits and sinful ways?</p> <p>RETURN TO MAIN MENU RETURN TO SCENES MENU ◀ Scene Three, Q.5 ▶</p>	<p>3-5</p>	<p>Video</p> <p>-story of fashion model, afraid God wanted to ruin her fun</p>
 <p>What have been my "turning points"?</p> <p>When was the humbling moment that I finally realized that I needed to "return home to the Father's love"?</p> <p>RETURN TO MAIN MENU RETURN TO SCENES MENU ◀ Scene Three, Q.6 ▶</p>	<p>3-6</p>	<p>Video</p> <p>-Tolstoy's, "Ivan Illych", story of man who finally came to accept Christ after pain of death</p> <p>-example of Eric Clapton's recovery story</p>

SCENE FOUR: RETURNING TO THE FATHER'S EMBRACE

 <p>Am I jealous of other's blessings?</p> <p>Can I see that when the Father says, "all that I have is yours" it is really meant for me too?</p> <p>RETURN TO MAIN MENU RETURN TO SCENES MENU Scene Four, Q. 1 ▶</p>	<p>4-1</p>	<p>Video</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -the Elder brother is jealous, envious, angry -Cain and Abel
 <p>Can I see and name all of my blessings from God?</p> <p>Is God's will more important than mine?</p> <p>Do I realize that His Will for my life is designed to bring me the greatest possible amount of joy and peace in this life and in the life to come?</p> <p>RETURN TO MAIN MENU RETURN TO SCENES MENU ◀ Scene Four, Q. 2 ▶</p>	<p>4-2</p>	<p>Video</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Elder brother is not grateful -God has designed our life, so we must be thankful, even for the crosses, they too are gift
 <p>Am I grateful for even the struggles in my life, since they lead me to rely on God instead of myself?</p> <p>Do I realize that my trials draw the Father's love and compassion upon me in blessing?</p> <p>RETURN TO MAIN MENU RETURN TO SCENES MENU ◀ Scene Four, Q. 3 ▶</p>	<p>4-3</p>	<p>Video</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -the Father runs out to the Prodigal son -example of Fr. Aniello Salicone
 <p>Am I harboring any unforgiveness in my heart?</p> <p>Does envy, anger, or greed keep me from being merciful to others?</p> <p>RETURN TO MAIN MENU RETURN TO SCENES MENU ◀ Scene Four, Q. 4 ▶</p>	<p>4-4</p>	<p>Video</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -resentment chains us to the person we feel negatively towards

 <p>Am I resentful of those "less dutiful" than me in carrying out tasks?</p> <p>Do I think I am better than others or superior to them, and therefore more deserving of God's grace?</p> <p>RETURN TO MAIN MENU RETURN TO SCENES MENU ◀ Scene Four, Q. 5 ▶</p>	<p>4-5</p>	<p>Video</p> <p>-the Elder brother stayed home, but interiorly got lost</p>
 <p>Do I refuse to share in the Father's joy when others repent?</p> <p>Am I upset when they receive a blessing I feel they do not deserve?</p> <p>Do I doubt their sincerity, and even secretly hope that they be "punished" for their misdeeds?</p> <p>RETURN TO MAIN MENU RETURN TO SCENES MENU ◀ Scene Four, Q. 6 ▶</p>	<p>4-6</p>	<p>Video</p> <p>-the Father runs out to greet the Prodigal son</p> <p>-God has made every person unique</p>
 <p>Do I believe that the Father "runs out" to embrace me as well?</p> <p>Do I believe that I am worth looking for?</p> <p>RETURN TO MAIN MENU RETURN TO SCENES MENU ◀ Scene Four, Q. 7 ▶</p>	<p>4-7</p>	<p>Video</p> <p>-the Prodigal son wanted to return as a hired-hand</p>
 <p>Do I sometimes find myself constantly worrying and in distress?</p> <p>Do I trust in God's Providence to provide "my daily bread"?</p> <p>RETURN TO MAIN MENU RETURN TO SCENES MENU ◀ Scene Four, Q. 8 ▶</p>	<p>4-8</p>	<p>Video</p> <p>-story of the little boy on the airplane who could not reach the overhead compartment, "but his Daddy could."</p>

 <p>Do I pray to God? When I do pray, is it "from the heart" or are my prayers said in a hurried fashion?</p> <p>Am I as concerned that I thank the Father for all of His blessings poured out upon me, as I am that He hears my prayers of petition when I am in need?</p> <p>RETURN TO MAIN MENU RETURN TO SCENES MENU ◀ Scene Four, Q. 9 ▶</p>	<p>4-9</p> <p>CCC: 2599, 2761-2865</p>	<p>Video</p> <p>-hurried prayer vs. praying from your heart</p> <p>-“Our Father” meditation</p>
 <p>Am I ready to let myself be fully loved and forgiven by the Father?</p> <p>Do I trust that the Father wants me home and is looking for me?</p> <p>RETURN TO MAIN MENU RETURN TO SCENES MENU ◀ Scene Four, Q. 10 ▶</p>	<p>4-10</p> <p>Examination of Conscience</p>	<p>Video</p> <p>Sacrament of Reconciliation</p> <p>Fear of the Lord, actually is a desire to please the Lord in all things</p> <p>-example of emergency room, and the tiny shards of glass in a wound; is like sin in the soul, festering</p>