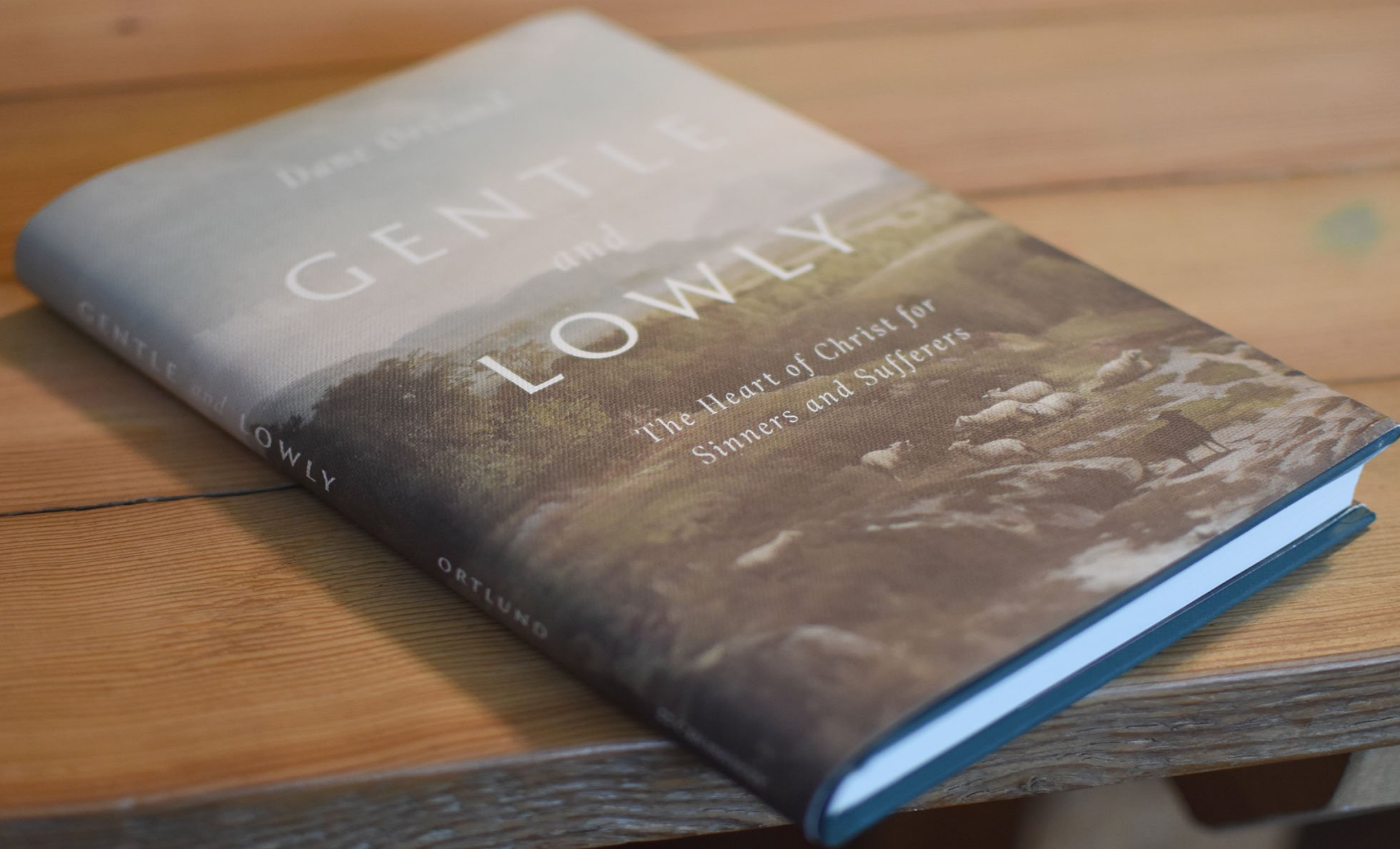


The background of the image is a deep blue night sky filled with numerous small, white stars of varying sizes. A single, very bright star is located in the upper left quadrant, emitting a prominent white starburst or lens flare effect. At the bottom of the image, there is a dark, silhouetted range of mountains or hills. The overall composition is serene and celestial.

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MATTHEW 11:28-29 (ESV)

[28] Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. [29] Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am **gentle and lowly in heart**, and you will find rest for your souls.

ISAIAH 9:2 (NIV)

The people walking in darkness have
seen a great light; on those living in the
land of deep darkness a light has
dawned.



JOHN 8:12 (ESV)

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”



LUKE 2:10 (NIV)

But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you **good news** that will cause **great joy** for all the people.

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LUKE 15:1-2 (NIV)

[1] Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus.

[2] But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

LUKE 15:5-6 (NIV)

And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, “Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.”



LUKE 15:9 (NIV)

And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, "Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin."





LUKE 15:20 (NIV)

So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.



LUKE 15:22-24 (NIV)

But the father said to his servants,
'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on
him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals
on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and
kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate.
For this son of mine was dead and is alive
again; he was lost and is found.' So they
began to celebrate. him.



LUKE 15:30 (NIV)

Yet when **this son of yours** comes back after squandering your money on prostitutes, you celebrate by killing the fattened calf!



LUKE 15:32 (NIV)

“My son,” the father said,
“you are always with me, and
everything I have is yours. But
we had to celebrate and be
glad, because **this brother of
yours** was dead and is alive
again; he was lost and is
found.”