God Still Wants You New Song Community Church June 27, 2021 Pastor Lane Olson

Text: Parable of the Lost Son Luke 15:11-24

A. The Father Betrayed.

- 1. The son requests his share of the inheritance.
- 2. The father had to liquidate some of his assets in order to satisfy the son's request.
- 3. His status in the city gate was diminished.
- 4. The younger son leaves home never intending to return.
- 5. The money ran out and the false friends as well.

B. Starving in the Pig Pen.

- 1. Rock Bottom is a lonely place.
- 2. He had wasted both his life and his Father's money.
- 3. He was broke, starving, dirty, and smelled like a pig.
- 4. He came to His senses.
- 5. His need overcame his shame.

C. The Homecoming.

- 1. The Father ran.
- 2. The Father forgave him unconditionally for the inexcusable.

- 3. He put a clean robe on a dirty son.
- 4. He restored their broken relationship.

D.God uses flawed people.

- 1. There are no perfect people. We all deal with shame.
- 2. The first step is repentance.
- 3. No matter how far you feel you are from God, he still wants you.

Next Steps: Today I am:

- 1. Committing my Life to Jesus
- 2. Asking God to set me free from the hold shame has on my life
- 3. Asking God to restore my joy
- 4. Asking God to restore my sense of worth