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4th Sunday in Lent - Purple
March 22, 2020

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Fourth Sunday of



CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

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March 22, 2020

PRAISE & WORSHIP

- Come, Thou Fount
- Come, Now Is The Time To Worship
- Grace Greater Than Our Sin
- God, Good Father
- I Will Rise
- Holy Ground

PRAYER & PRAISE CARD

JOYS & CONCERNS/MORNING PRAYER/LORDS PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 15: 11-16

MESSAGE

FINDING WHAT WE LOST

Randy Thomas

INVITATION TO RECEIVE CHRIST & ALTAR TIME/JOIN THE CHURCH

OFFERING

PLEASE NOTE:

Please send prayer requests through mail, email, Facebook, or text.

FINDING WHAT WE'VE LOST

Luke 15:11-16 (NKJV)

¹¹ Then He said: "A certain man had two sons. ¹² And the younger of them said to *his* father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls *to me*.' So he divided to them *his* livelihood. ¹³ And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. ¹⁴ But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. ¹⁵ Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. ¹⁶ And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him *anything*.

*What this younger son struggled with is what many of us struggle with . We want to find something - we want to be happy, we want purpose, meaning, and fulfillment in our lives - but this son just went about the wrong way.

I. I Need To Know What I'm Looking For

Psalm 2:1-3 (NLT2)

¹ Why are the nations so angry? Why do they waste their time with futile plans? ² The kings of the earth prepare for battle; the rulers plot together against the LORD and against his anointed one. ³ "Let us break their chains," they cry, "and free ourselves from slavery to God."

*The prodigal son leaves home in search of something: freedom – his right to live and do what he wants.

Luke 15:12-13 (NLT2)

¹² The younger son told his father, 'I want my share of your estate now before you die.' So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons. ¹³ "A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money in wild living.

II. I Need To Retrace My Steps

2 Corinthians 5:19 (NLT2)

¹⁹ For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.

Luke 15:17-19 (NLT2)

¹⁷ "When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, 'At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will go home to my father and say, "Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, ¹⁹ and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant.'"

2 Corinthians 7:9-10 (NLT2)

⁹ Now I am glad I sent it, not because it hurt you, but because the pain caused you to repent and change your ways. It was the kind of sorrow God wants his people to have, so you were not harmed by us in any way.

¹⁰ For the kind of sorrow God wants us to experience leads us away from sin and results in salvation. There's no regret for that kind of sorrow. But worldly sorrow, which lacks repentance, results in spiritual death.

III. I Need To Receive God's Grace

Luke 15:20-24 (NLT2)

²⁰ "So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. ²¹ His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.' ²² "But his father said to the servants, 'Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. ²³ And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.' So the party began.

*Mercy means we don't get what we should. Grace means getting what we don't deserve.

Jeremiah 2:19 (NLT2)

¹⁹ Your wickedness will bring its own punishment. Your turning from me will shame you. You will see what an evil, bitter thing it is to abandon the LORD your God and not to fear him. I, the Lord, the LORD of Heaven's Armies, have spoken!

Notes:

Announcements and Upcoming Events

- Johnnie & Olga Rivera and Viola Duarte would like to thank everyone for the wonderful luncheon, flowers, and gifts.
- Happy Birthday to Kyle Card on March 27th and Kylie Duarte on April 3rd!
- Due to increasing awareness and governmental precautions, we are limiting our services to print and online only.
- With God's grace we have the sermon posted online <https://www.fsfumc.com/sermons-fumc>
- If you're on Facebook, find our page, [facebook.com/fortstocktonfumc](https://www.facebook.com/fortstocktonfumc), and "Like" and follow us for updates.
- Our website [FSFUMC.com](https://www.fsfumc.com) will also be a source for information
- Office hours will remain the same during this cautious time, feel free to come in for prayer in the sanctuary or prayer room Mondays through Thursdays: 9 am-12 noon and 1-3 pm, as long as you are not feeling ill.
- El Buen Vecino at 401 S. Valentine: Any items you donate are greatly appreciated.
- Our Food Bank is running low on the basics, as are most grocery stores, if you have any extra canned or dried goods you'd like to donate, please let us know. If you or someone you know can use that service, the office is ready to help during regular business hours.

WITH OUR GIFTS

Received last Sunday:...Tithes & Offerings.....\$1,088.00

WITH OUR PRESENCE

Last Sunday's Morning Service.....44

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WITH OUR PRAYERS

Prayers for continued healing for: The Neylands. Johnnie & Olga Rivera. Kay Magee. Blaine Ward. Denna Sadler. Rosie Hopkins & Susie Vestal, her mom. Sara Borden. Melba Ward. Sylvia Thomas. Eva Gail Abington. Terri Klutts Young, Jim & Beth Ivy's friend, who fought cancer ten years ago, and it has returned. Kate Finley, Jessica McGuire Harral's niece, who is a 5 yr. old with cancer dealing with chemo. Graham & Tara Bowman, Graham has Lewy Body Dementia. Bill Rawls, family friend of the Robbins, who has heart issues.



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