**Shame on Him**

The Mess I’m In

**\*The mess of both our environment (external circumstances) and our decisions cause us to experience lows we never have thought we’d experience.**

* **I’ve created this mess and Jesus is willing AND able to rescue me from it.**

**Isaiah 53:4-6** “Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”

**\*To be lost is to be away from where you’re meant to be.**

**Luke 15:11-16**

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**Forfeit**: to lose/surrender something as a penalty for wrongdoing or neglect.

**While we are lost we forfeit:**

1. **Our true identity.**
* When we start demanding what we deserve from God, it’s not long that we forfeit what we didn’t know we needed.
1. **The ability to make wise decisions.**
* Our pride drives us away from God and we forfeit the wisdom of God for the foolishness of the world.
1. **True security.**
* When we reject God we forfeit security both now and in the future.

**Matthew 7:24-27** “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. **25** And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. **26** And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. **27** And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

1. **True love.**
* When we are lost we forfeit the love of God that is **secure and constant** for a love that quickly disappears.

**John 3:16-17** “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. **17** For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

**Questions to discuss:**

Do you feel the weight of shame daily?

Has this study helped you see how Jesus can free you from that weight?

Who do you need to invite for this study?