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- From _____ to seeing.
 - ▶ To all who need _____...
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- From _____ to resurrection.
 - ▶ To all who are _____ by sin...
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Luke 5:12-14

- From **dirty** to clean.
 - ▶ To all who feel **helpless**...
 - I will **restore** you.

Luke 7:36-50

- From **rejected** to accepted.
 - ▶ To all who are **hurting**...
 - I will **receive** you.

Luke 15:11-24

- From **lost** to found.
 - ▶ To all who feel **hopeless**...
 - I will **rescue** you.

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- From **poor** to rich.
 - ▶ To all who are **humble**...
 - I will **reward** you.

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- From **blind** to seeing.
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 - I will **reveal** myself to You.

HE REDEEMS OUR SOULS...

- From **cross** to resurrection.
 - ▶ To all who are **held captive** by sin...
 - I will **release** you.

CLASS WORK
From our story to His story...

- Begin thinking about the ways God has taken you from a place or position of shame to a place or position of honor. In the space below, identify specific ways or even specific circumstances in which you have experienced his honor covering your shame. Consider how he has cleansed you, how he has received you, how he found you, etc.

- Now identify one of the five stories in Luke we studied that most relates to how you have seen God bestow His honor in your own salvation. Once you have identified that story, use it to fill in the blanks below....
- One of my favorite stories about Jesus is when:
(Fill in details of story in approximately 3-4 sentences here...)

- The whole point of the story is to show us that Jesus came to... (State the reason why Jesus came, i.e., to restore us, to rescue us, to reveal Himself to us, etc.)

- Would you like to know more about how God wants to honor you with His love?

EXAMPLE...

You know, one of my favorite stories about Jesus is when a woman who had a really bad reputation for sin – most likely as a prostitute – came to Jesus. She was an outcast in her society, and no one thought Jesus should even speak to her, but he welcomed her into his presence, forgave her of all her sins, and eventually she left with a peace and wholeness that she would experience for the rest of her life. When everyone else looked at her with shame, Jesus honored her in his presence. The point of this story is to show how Jesus takes us, even in the middle of all our sin and shame, and he receives us into His family when we trust in Him. Would you like to know more about how God wants to honor you by receiving you into his presence?

- Now if you really want to go all out, do the same activity for the other four stories!

HOMEWORK

- After completing the “Class Work” above, get prepared to share that particular story at a moment’s notice. Then pray specifically for an opportunity to share it with someone else this week.
- As you have the opportunity to share your story and/or His story, go to the Brook Hills website (www.brookhills.org) and share how God involved you in His work!

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