The Long Way Home
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Text: Luke 15:11–20a (ESV)

Luke 15:1-2 (ESV)
Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

Luke 15:3 (ESV)
So he told them this parable:

Luke 15:10 (ESV)
Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

1. Realize you are _____ for life in the wrong places.

Luke 15:11-12 (ESV)
And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them.

2. Realize the _____ of going the wrong way.

Luke 15:13 (ESV)
Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living.

Luke 15:14 (ESV)
And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need.

Luke 15:15 (ESV)
So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs.

Luke 15:16 (ESV)
And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

*** He was _____.**

*** He acted _____.**

*** He _____ everything he had**.

*** He _____ himself from every relationship that was important to him**.

Proverbs 18:1 (ESV)
Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire; he breaks out against all sound judgment.

***He made a long string of bad _____.**

3. Return home by taking the _____ _____.

Luke 15:17 (ESV)
"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger!

Luke 15:18 (ESV)
I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.

Luke 15:19-20a (ESV)
I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father.