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THE WAY AWAY

(Luke 15:11-16)

1. SELFISHNESS - (v12) "... give me ... "

"Selfishness" - self-pleasing at all costs with no regard to consequences; self-centered.
The son soon learned that the more he got what he wanted, the less he wanted what he got.

2. SEPARATION - (v13) "... and took his journey into a far country ... "

The lust for the "far country" was on his heart before the dust was on his feet. (James 1:14-15)
We strive to warn our children about the "far country" and its dangers.

Very seldom does one commit to "riotous living" alone. (1 Cor. 15:33)
God (and parents) never intended children to leave home and do wrong.
Perhaps this tragedy in the "far country" was not self-evident; meaning, he may be
thinking "I'll be alright" "Don't worry about me" "Nothing bad will happen"

3. SIN - (v13) "... he wasted his substance in riotous living"

"Wasted" - to go to waste; to destroy or ruin; not put to proper use.
"Riotous living" - without restraint; disorderly; debauchery.

The specifics are not defined in the text.
The elder brother's conclusion: "has devoured thy living with harlots"

4. STARVATION - (v14) "and he began to be in want" (v16) "no man gave to him"

This son paid a high price for low living. (Galatians 6:7)

He is starved physically: now on his menu was the slop he fed the hogs.

He is starved socially: (v16) "no man gave to him"

He is starved financially: (v14) "and when he had spent all"
His land of plenty has become a land of poverty.
His resume reads "wasteful" and "riotous living."
He is qualified to feed swine.

He is starved spiritually: he is away from home and in a "far country."

CLOSE: Good news! Next week's lesson reveals a way home!

(v17) "he came to himself"
One decency in hog pens is that they are capable of bringing some people to themselves
and then bringing them home.