
JAMES – Practical Christianity
Lost and Found

Part 14

New Hope Community Church
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“My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.” *James 5:19–20, ESV*

Living The Christian Life Is About:

Progress Not Perfection

Faith Not Sight

Communion Through Commitment

Hope Through Habit

Everyone Gets Lost

“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,” *Romans 3:23, ESV*

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” *Romans 6:23, ESV*

For Every Choice There Is a Consequence

Working Harder Is Not the Answer

In The Midst of Every Consequence Is a Gift

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” *Luke 19:10, ESV*

Some Are Found

“But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.” *Ephesians 2:13, ESV*

“Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.” *1 Peter 2:10, ESV*

“And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” *Acts 4:12, ESV*

We Are All Vulnerable to Wandering

“My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth...” *5:19, ESV*

What Causes Us to Wander?

God Is More Interested in Restoration
Than Condemnation

Love Draws Us Home

“let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.” *5:20, ESV*

“Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all offenses.” *Proverbs 10:12, ESV*

4 G's of Reconciliation

Glorify

Get

Gently

Go

God Will Never Give Up On You

“The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful— for he cannot deny himself.” **2 Timothy 2:11–13, ESV**