

# EMPOWERED

The Book of James

## Relationship Rehab

James 5:16-20

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### TWO TOOLS THE “CHURCH FAMILY” NEEDS

1. **CONFESSION**
2. **RECLAMATION**

### WHY ARE THESE TOOLS NECESSARY?

In **confession**, you go to somebody and say, “**I’VE SINNED**. I’m caught in its snare. **HELP** me. I need help.”

But in **reclamation**, you have to go to somebody and say, “**YOU’RE** caught in **SIN’S** snare. You need help.”

### THE NATURE OF CONFESSION

- Sin against God? **SECRET** confession.
- Sin against a person? **PRIVATE** confession.
- Sin against a group or community? **PUBLIC** confession.

The purpose of confession is to **HEAL** the relationship.

### THE PRODIGAL SON’S MODEL:

- “I have sinned against heaven,
- “and against you.
- “I am no longer worthy to be called your son;
- “make me like one of your hired servants.”

### THE NATURE OF RECLAMATION

*Who do we do this to?* People who have **WANDERED** from the **TRUTH**.

*Who does this reclamation?* It’s the job of **EVERY CHRISTIAN**.

*How serious is this business?* You could save a soul from **DEATH**.

*What’s the motivation for doing this?* Jesus uses us as **INSTRUMENTS** in others lives to bring the love that “covers a multitude of sins.”

## James 5:16-20

<sup>16</sup> Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

<sup>17</sup> Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. <sup>18</sup> Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

<sup>19</sup> My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, <sup>20</sup> remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.