

Caring Enough To Rescue The Wanderer / James 5:19-20
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Passage Summary

James appeals to his readers to help their fellow brothers or sisters in Christ who have wandered from the truth.

Action Steps

1. Care for the wanderer.
2. Go humbly, compassionately and gently.
3. Speak courageously.

Scripture Meditation

James 5:19-20

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.

Message Takeaway

1. How did you hear God speaking to you?
2. In what ways were you strengthened?
3. Where do you need help?
4. What can you apply today?

Going Deeper in Application

1. How can you help restore a brother or sister who is caught in a transgression, while avoiding feeling superior to them, or being tempted yourself? (Read Galatians 6:1-5)
2. How can you discern between the time to confront and the time to comfort?
3. What are some practical actions you can take so that you can be ready to bring back a wandering brother or sister in the Lord?
4. Who in your church has wandered from the truth that can you pray for and consider helping as an agent of reconciliation?
5. In what ways might you be wandering from the truth? What would seeking help look like for you?

Further Study (Read James 5:19-20)

1. Verses 19-20 form a conclusion to the whole book of James. What does James exhort us as Christians to do for each other?
2. What does it mean to wander from the truth?
3. Why might someone wander away from the truth? (Read 2 Timothy 4:1-5)
4. What themes throughout this letter from James can be applied to this effort to bring someone back?
5. How do the final verses, 19-20, connect to the previous discussion of effective prayer in the context of believers? In what way do these verses call the church to pray and act for the good of healthy hearts, lives and souls?