

JAMES: BUILDING A FAITH THAT WORKS

JAMES 5:19-20 | NOVEMBER 16, 2025

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PREPARE YOUR HEART & MIND

Begin this time in prayer, confessing any sins you can recall, thanking the Lord for the gift of His Word, and asking for His Spirit to guide you in your time.

THIS WEEK'S PASSAGE

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you strays from the truth and someone turns him back, ²⁰ let him know that the one who has turned a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SERMON ON THE MOUNT

ORDER YOUR BOOK BY
DECEMBER 1

Echo Weekend

NOVEMBER 21 - 23

Women's Christmas Gathering

DECEMBER 2 | 7 PM

Some events have registration requirements/deadlines, so be sure to check our website or app for more information and registration.

REFLECT/CONNECT

- When have you seen someone help another person get back on track spiritually, emotionally, or otherwise? What stood out about the way they did it?
- What makes it difficult to step in and help when you notice someone drifting or wandering from their faith?

Use these questions to reflect privately in prayer, or journal, or to start a meaningful conversation in your Life Group.



GROW IN THE WORD

James closes this section and his entire letter with a final word on the restoration of a believer. He offers a word of encouragement toward those who bring a wandering believer back to their faith. James explains that the believer who has restored the sinner from the error of his way has saved his life from death and has covered a multitude of sins (v. 19-20).

- What do you think it means to "stray from the truth"? How might that look in both belief and behavior?
- What role does community play in helping someone who has strayed from faith? How do Galatians 6:1-2; Hebrews 10:24-25 add to James's final words here?
- How does the final verse of the book of James reveal God's heart for the sinner and wanderer? Reflect on Romans 5:6-8; 1 Peter 4:8; 1 Corinthians 13:4-7.
- How might God be prompting you to return to Him, or to reach out to someone who has wandered away from the faith?
- In what ways has the book of James shaped you, instructed you, convicted you, or encouraged you? Take time to reflect on your study of James over the recent months.

These questions are designed to guide your personal study,
or spark spiritual conversation in your Life Group.



PRACTICE TOGETHER

- Spend time this week praying for someone you know who has strayed from their faith or their church community. Ask God for wisdom and compassion to encourage them toward restoration.
- As a Life Group, family, or community, talk about what healthy accountability looks like. How can you create an environment of grace and truth where confession, forgiveness, and encouragement can thrive?

This section provides an easy way to live out the truths of the passage in daily life, whether you're with your Life Group, family & friends, or on your own. These practices help turn reflection into relationship & action.



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