

THE BOOK OF  
**JAMES**

# 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.

# Proverbs 27:6

Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse  
are the kisses of an enemy.

# Central Question

2:14 – What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?

# Central Answer

2:26 – For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

# Matthew 7:21-23

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness'

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# 1 Peter 2:25

For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls

# 1 Timothy 6:10

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

# Wandering is...

- Usually a Gradual Movement
- Something for which we are Individually Responsible
- Usually Best Observed by Others

# John 8:31-32

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

# 1 John 2:19

They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us

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# Galatians 6:1

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.

# Swindoll

Under the excuse of “patiently waiting on the Lord,” Christians frequently stand back and “patiently” watch a brother or sister sink deeper into sin

# 1 Peter 4:8

Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.