



## LESSON 17 - JAMES 5:19-20 (STUDENT)

1. What changes did you make as a result of applying last week's lesson?
2. Read James 5:19-20. Summarize these last two verses.
3. Read James 5:13-16. How does the paragraph begin and end? Summarize what these verses are saying. How do they relate to the last three paragraphs?

5:1-6 The rich were to weep because the Lord of Hosts had heard the cry of those they were oppressing.	7-11 The afflicted brethren were to patiently await God's judgment on the wicked.	5:12 While the afflicted were waiting, they were to have integrity in oaths they currently were making and had made.	5:13-18 Those who have various trials should each respond accordingly.	5:19-20
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4. Does the admonition (5:19-20) to rescue those who are wandering from the truth apply to all members in the church, or just to the elders? Who is James addressing?
5. When you think of someone straying or wandering, what biblical word picture comes to mind? Who are we like in many ways, and why (Matthew 18:12; 1 Peter 2:25)?

6. What contributes to a believer's wandering from the truth and getting lost? List your answers after first reviewing James chapters 1-5, and then reading Psalm 1:1-3; 119:9-11; Hebrews 3:12-13; 4:16; 5:11-6:1; 10:23-25; 1 John 2:15-17.
  
7. Record a time in *your* life where you were tempted or succumbed in this way? How did you find your way back? Who helped you along the way?
  
8. How can we help believers who are wandering from the truth? What does Scripture remind us of what we are to do (Galatians 6:1; 1 Thess. 5:14; Hebrews 3:13)? Give some practical examples of what you can do.
  
9. Jesus cared enough about His disciples that He applied this principle with Peter. Read John 18:25-27 and then John 21:15-17. How did Peter sin against Jesus, and how was he restored? List some ways God used this for His kingdom purposes, according to Acts 2-4.
  
10. Before we go to turn back a straying sinner to Christ, what must we seriously consider?

Matthew 7:1-5

Matthew 18:15

Galatians 6:1-2

11. If someone claims Christ as his/her Lord and Savior while continuing in unrepentant sin, how does Jesus want His body of believers to proceed, according to the following verses?

Matthew 18:16-17

1 Timothy 5:20

12. How will you know if a person has truly repented from his/her sin?

A. Proverbs 28:13; Luke 15:18a; 1 John 1:9:

B. Proverbs 28:13; Luke 15:18b; James 5:19-20:

C. Matthew 5:23-24; Philemon 18-19:

D. Psalm 51:17; 2 Corinthians 7:8-11:

E. Galatians 5:22:

13. What are the two promised results for the ministry of reconciliation, as expressed in James 5:20?

14. Remind yourself from James 1:13-15 about an issue that is destructive to people and the end result of it. Do you understand why it is so important to step out in faith and restore someone in this condition? Why do you think people struggle with this in the body of Christ today? Why might you struggle with it?
15. What gift has God given to parents to help turn their children from their sin and "rescue [their souls] from Sheol [or death]"?
- Proverbs 22:15
- Proverbs 23:13-14
- Proverbs 29:15
- Hebrews 12:10-11
16. How should believers respond when they have received reproof from someone?
- Proverbs 9:8
- Proverbs 10:8
- Proverbs 15:12
- Proverbs 19:25
17. When you come alongside someone, seeking to turn that one from his/her erring ways, how many sins are covered, according to verse 20?
18. Look up the word "cover" (*kalupsei*). What is James implying? Is he asking the person who is in the process of restoring a sinner to hide the sins of that person (Psalm 32:1; 85:2)?
19. Read John 7:5 and 1 Corinthians 15:7. Who at one time denied the deity of Christ, and then who eventually restored him? What additional insight does that give you as to why James wrote in the way and with the tone that he did?

20. So now the book of James has come to an abrupt end. You may actually find yourself wanting to place an "Amen!" at the end. But to sum up this powerful series of lessons, take a moment to list 5 ways the study has impacted your life and has given you hope to change for the glory of God. What will you remember as you go through your own trials and difficulties? How will you guard your tongue against evil speaking? How will you safeguard your heart against worldliness?

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