

PRACTICAL FAITH

A Letter from James



A Fellowship of Concern
James 5:19-20

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INTRODUCTION

- Unusual way to close a NT epistle
- Connection with previous section, and overarching theme of humility
- The “restoration” of someone who is sick, someone who is in sin (both of whom presumably want restoration)
- What about someone who needs restoration but isn’t seeking it? What is a community of faith to do?

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THE REALITY OF THE WANDERER

¹⁹ My siblings,
if *anyone* among you wanders
from *the truth*

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THE ROLE OF THE RESTORER

and *someone* brings them back,

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THE OUTCOME OF RESTORATION

²⁰ let them know that
whoever *brings back* a sinner
from their wandering
will save their soul from *death*
and will *cover* a multitude of sins.

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RESPONSE

- For those who would restore...
 - Galatians 6:1
 - 2 Timothy 2:24-26
- For those who are wandering...
 - Psalm 51
 - Matthew 18:15-20
- When they don't return...

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