

## Bible Study 17 – Restoring a wanderer from the truth – James 5:19-20

*It's always an anxious moment when someone is reported missing in the wilderness. Search and rescue teams spring into action. We wait expectantly for any word of locating the missing person. It's a moment of great joy if they find the person alive and well, but a time of great sorrow when they're too late. Christians are members of God's search and rescue team. But many never respond to the call to go out into the storm and look for the lost. Can you imagine being lost in the woods, but no one came looking for you? When you finally stagger out to civilization, you ask why no one came looking.*

<b>The context</b>	This letter was written to persecuted Jewish Christians. The theme is that Christian faith expresses itself in a life of godliness. It addresses: persevering through trials & temptations, obeying God's Word, discriminating against others, putting faith into action, controlling our language, the relationship between wisdom & behaviour, being in conflict with God & others, steps of repentance, boasting about tomorrow, the sins of the rich, patience in suffering, prayer and restoring a backslider.
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### **PART 1 Read & summarise each section – James 5:16b-20**

Prayer is powerful (v.16b-18)	
Restoring the backslider (v.19)	
God's parental forgiveness (v.20)	

### **PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage**

**1. What I learnt about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit.**

**2. What I learnt about people like us.**

**3. Summarise a key verse in your own words.**

**4. In your opinion, what are the most important biblical principles being taught?**

**5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?**

**6. How can Christians help restore those who have turned away from following God?**

**7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?**

Let's pray for those who have wandered away from following God.



## Obey

Since God's word is true, what must I change in my life to obey God?  
What must I do to obey?

I will
I will
I will

Questions to help me apply this study to myself

- Is there a *SIN* for me to avoid?
- Is there a *PROMISE* from God for me to claim?
- Is there an *EXAMPLE* for me to follow?
- Is there a *COMMANDMENT* or *MODEL* for me to follow?

## Share

Who will I tell about this Bible passage?

## Prayer

**Date:**

One thing you are thankful for.

One thing that's bothering you.

Is there anything this group can do to help you?

Person	Prayer points

**Who needs help?** What can we do to help over the next two weeks?

Person	How will I help them?

