

Reflection Questions: Am I willing to confront in love those who have strayed? If I've strayed, am I willing to be confronted? Where am I straying from the truth or have errors in my ways?

How can we pray for others and our church this week?

Quotes to Ponder

Truth is a living thing; when it grips our minds it changes our lives.

We have a care for each other not only when someone in physical (14-15) or spiritual (16a) need makes an approach for help, but also when there is no such call. This is when the evidence of our own eyes tells us that someone within the circle of the fellowship is slipping away.

Alec Moyter

Let us not sit down silently and say, "God will do His own work."

It is quite true He will; but then He does His work by using His children as instruments.

Charles Spurgeon

No man can be said to be truly converted to Christ who has not bent his will to Christ. He may give intellectual assent to the claims of Christ and may have had emotional religious experiences; however, he is not truly converted until he has surrendered his will to Christ as Lord, Savior, and Master.

Billy Graham

The church retains its integrity, its essence, when we render mutual assistance, including moral and spiritual correction, if necessary.

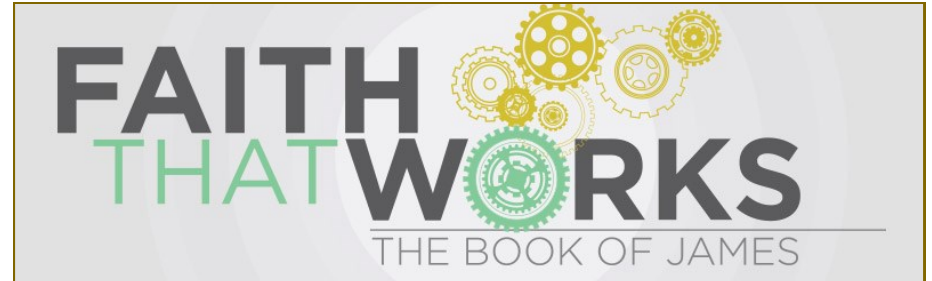
Daniel M. Doriani

When church members cease using their tongues to tear down one another and instead use them to call others to repentance, the body of Christ fulfills her call to be a doer of the Word.

R..C. Sproul

We must therefore take heed lest souls perish through our sloth, whose salvation God puts in a manner in our hands. Not that we can bestow salvation on them; but that God by our ministry delivers and saves those who seem otherwise to be nigh destruction.

John Calvin



#28 Search and Rescue (5:19-20)

Sermon
Notes

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1. The Problem

2. The Responsibility

3. The Goal

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you?
Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you?

Matthew 18:15-17 —

Galatians 6:1-2 —

2. Are those who stray from the truth Christians or non-Christians (*James 5:19-20*)? Explain.

Luke 15:3-7 —

1 John 2:19 —

3. Is it possible to have those in church who claim to be Christians but are not? How might we be able to distinguish between false Christians and true Christians according to James?

8. What are the results of turning sinners *from the error of their ways* (*James 5:20*)? What does each mean?

4. What do the following parables teach about false and true Christians?
Matthew 13:18-23 —

9. Read *Acts 3:19*. What does this teach about the necessity of sinners turning from their sin? Salvation requires what?

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 —

10. What do the following verses teach about sinners?
Matthew 9:13 — *Romans 5:8* —

5. What does the phrase, *strays from the truth*, mean (*James 5:19*)? The phrase, *error of his way* (*James 5:20*)?

Luke 15:7, 10 —

1 Timothy 1:15 —

6. What does James tell us to attempt to do for those who wander from the truth (*James 5:19*)?

Luke 18:13-14 —

7. What do the following Scriptures teach about restoring those who stray?

Matthew 18:12-14 —

Luke 22:31-32 —

11. Why do we find it hard to confront those who stray from the truth?

12. When going after those who stray, what is to be our motivation?

13. How can we know whether just to pray or when it is time to talk with a straying person?