

James 5:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; If anyone wanders from the truth and someone turns him back, restoration occurs. James calls the community to pursue straying believers.

Reformed ecclesiology stresses mutual care; church members are responsible for one another's perseverance.

Historical Context

False teaching and persecution led some to wander. James empowers ordinary believers—not just leaders—to engage in restorative ministry, aligning with Galatians 6:1.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. Who in your circle may be drifting from truth?
2. How can you lovingly pursue them?
3. What community structures support restorative care?

Interlinear Text

Ἀδελφοί ἐάν τις ἐν ὑμῖν πλανηθῇ ἀπὸ τῆς ἀληθείας
Brethren **if** **any** **of** **you** **do err** **from** ^{G3588} **the truth**
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καὶ ἐπιστρέψῃ τις αὐτόν
and **convert** **any** **him**
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Additional Cross-References

Galatians 6:1 (Parallel theme): Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

Matthew 18:15 (Parallel theme): Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.

James 5:20 (Parallel theme): Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

Luke 22:32 (Parallel theme): But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

Ezekiel 34:16 (Parallel theme): I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment.

Proverbs 19:27 (Parallel theme): Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge.

2 Peter 3:17 (Parallel theme): Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness.

Isaiah 3:12 (Parallel theme): As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths.

1 Timothy 6:10 (Parallel theme): For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

Psalms 119:118 (Parallel theme): Thou hast trodden down all them that err from thy statutes: for their deceit is falsehood.