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Come Home "A Call Back To Faith"

Lessons Adapted From James McDonalds Book "Come Home"

Text: James 5:19, 20

1. The Problem Exists

The context of James .The entire book of James is about being mature and going forward in your faith, getting to a place of maturity, and d_____c as a disciple of Christ.

As James comes to the end of the book, James is talking about maturity expressed in praying for the sick. ---praying specifically for the person who is s_____ b_____ o__s_ Ref: John 9:2,3

Sometimes sickness is caused by sin. If you realize you are suffering because of your sin, you need to confess it and p_____ in f_____. James real concern here is not the tendency of humans to wander, but w_____ C_____.

Wandering was a problem then, and it is now. Going astray is a reality we have to deal with if we're r_____ f_____; if we are truly brothers and sisters.

My brothers, if anyone among you, this means a_____! No one is beyond the reach of God's g_____. You can't say they are too far gone, when God's Word says anyone.

Planet tracking was super unreliable, the idea that the planets shifted---*planetai* came to mean something moving, wandering. Here's a good definition: to wander is to proceed without a sense of d_____. Ref: Matthew 7:15

Both things happen: people just foolishly wander off, or r_____ (negative destructive) come and get in someone's head and take them away.

Wandering begins with an initial s_____. Ref: Jn.14:6; 1st Timothy 3:15; John 17:17 Psalm 119:105

People who have wandered from the truth are not in the light; they're in darkness. God's Word is light and direction. God's Word shows us where to go, tells us what to do, and helps us know what's right and wrong. It's g_____.

2 The Remedy Is Possible Ref: Luke 15:7

So pray for the obvious wanderer, but go get the l_____o_____one God put on your heart. Then trust God to put the one closet to you on someone else's heart.

"Someone's got to go get them. The problem exists. The remedy is possible. God will reach them through a p_____. Are you anyone's someone?"

3. The Stakes Are High Ref: Rev. 20:14-15

One of the characteristics of an authentic Christian is that they continue in the faith. False professions and fake Christians leave and n_____come back. True Christians, though they may wander, come back. Ref: Phil. 1:6

God doesn't give up on any of his c_____.

The question we have to answer is, are we selfless enough to risk our own s_____and security? God forgive us if we huddle in our holy huddle and don't have our hearts moved for people who are in danger of eternal consequences. Ref: Psalm 32:1; 1st Peter 4:8

Here is one of the messages that the wanderer desperately needs to hear. If you're a wanderer, don't miss this. You p_____can be forgiven. Your hurts can be healed. Your sin can be atoned for.