

Bring Him Back

James 5:19-20

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My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, ²⁰let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. James 5:19-20 (English Standard Version)

Take-Home Truth: When a member of our fellowship wanders from the truth, we must do our best to bring him back.

Our Task: When a Christ-Follower sees someone in the fellowship wander from the Truth, he or she must intervene.

- **Question #1:** Who am I responsible for?

And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. 1 John 3:23 (New International Version)

Tip: Go after people that you are in relationship with.

- **Question #2:** How do I know that something is sufficiently wrong in a brother's or sister's life that I should intervene?

"Judge not, that you be not judged." Matthew 7:1 (ESV)

What did Jesus mean by "Judge not. . ." ? Judge (or evaluate) a person's behavior, not his heart.

Tip: Be sufficiently involved with the members of your Christian community that you know what's going on in their lives.

Tip: If something looks wrong, notice how your brother's or sister's behavior measures up to God's Word!

- **Question #3:** What should I actually do to help when someone “wanders from the truth”?

Tip: Intentionally plan and carry out a crucial conversation with the person who is wandering from the truth.

Tip: Speak discretely, gently and specifically.

Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path.
Galatians 6:1 (New Living Translation)

The Result: **WHEN A CHRIST-FOLLOWER HELPS SOMEONE TO RECONCILE TO GOD THEY RESCUE THAT PERSON'S SOUL FROM DEATH.**

- “Save his soul” = new life
- “Cover a multitude of sins” = forgiveness.

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. John 10:27-29 (ESV)

Jesus said to the people who believed in him, “You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. ³²And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”
John 8:31-32 (NLT)