

James 5:16-17 (JBP)

...Tremendous power is made available through a good man's earnest prayer.

¹⁷ Do you remember Elijah? He was a man like us but he prayed earnestly that it should not rain. In fact, not a drop fell on the land for three and a half years.

James 5:18-19 (JBP)

Then he prayed again, the heavens gave the rain and the earth sprouted with vegetation as usual. ¹⁹ My brothers, if any of you should wander away from the truth and another should turn him back on to the right path...

James 5:20 (JBP)

...then the you may be sure that in turning a man back from his wandering course he has rescued a soul from death, and his loving action will "cover a multitude of sins.

Search and

RESCUE

James 5:16-20



Galatians 6:2 (NIV)

Carry each other's **BURDENS**,
and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

The **RIGHTEOUS** man is the one who is
committed to doing God's **Will** and to
CULTIVATING a relationship with **God...**

The prayer of a man whose
heart is right with God
works wonders.

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Deuteronomy 11:16-18 (NIV)

Be careful, or you will be enticed to turn away and **worship other gods** and bow down to them. ¹⁷ Then **the LORD's anger will burn against you**, and **HE** will shut the heavens **SO THAT it will NOT RAIN** and the ground will yield **NO produce...**

1 Kings 18:42 (NIV)

...Elijah **climbed** to the top of **Carmel**,
bent down to the ground and put his
face between his knees.

→ Elijah is just **LIKE us** –
and yet he **PRAYED**

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→ **God answered Elijah's prayer**
because he was **PRAYING** for
what **God wanted**

The Example Elijah set...

- **RIGHT** with God
- Stood up **AGAINST** Evil
- **NEVER** Quit
- Prayers were **PASSIONATE** and Effective

Isaiah 45:5 (NIV)

I AM the **LORD**, and there
is **NO OTHER**;
apart from **ME** there is **NO God**.

James summarizes what he has taught about
the **misuse** of the tongue, **jealousy**,
seeking social status at the **expense** of other
believers, **being quarrelsome**, **false** teaching
concerning **Faith and Works...**
and he showed that **ALL** these were
symptoms of **WANDERING**
from the **TRUTH.**

1 Corinthians 11:27, 30 (NIV)

...whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.

...³⁰ That is why **many among you are weak and sick,** and a **number of you have fallen asleep.**

Christians have the **opportunity** and the **responsibility** to care for one another through **the task of loving doctrinal and moral CORRECTION**. The theme here is not evangelism, but **the loving care of the Christian community**.

19 ... if one of you should **WANDER**
from the **TRUTH** and **SOMEONE**
should bring him back,

Galatians 6:1 (ESV)

Brothers, **if anyone is caught in any transgression**, you who are spiritual should **RESTORE** him in a spirit of gentleness.

Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.

Who should **RESTORE** the **FALLEN**?

- **GROWING** in your Faith
- **PURSUE** those that Wander Away
- Seek to **RESTORE**
- Do Not become **ARROGANT**

¹⁹ ...if one of you should wander from
the truth and **SOMEONE** should
BRING him **BACK...**

James's instructions concerning prayer, doctrine, and divisions within the church are ...instructions to the **WHOLE** community. We are called to seek ways to be **faithful to this teaching.**

1 Peter 2:24-25 (NIV)

He Himself bore our sins in **His body** on the tree, **so that** we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by **His wounds** you have been healed. ²⁵ For **you were like sheep going astray**, but now you have **RETURNED** to the **Shepherd and Overseer** of your souls.

HELP each other RETURN to OUR Shepherd...

- Invest in **RELATIONSHIPS**
- **SUPPORT** each other
- Do not **IGNORE** Sin
- Pray **EARNESTLY** For Others
- **ENCOURAGE** Others