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Worship Service  
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## JAMES: Real Faith, Real Life

Lesson Twenty-Four • James 5:19-20

### A Rescue Mission

#### Be Watchful Till Jesus Comes!

If anyone among us in the church wanders from the truth, we are to embark on a spiritual SEARCH and RESCUE mission.

#### A Rescue Mission

### 1. The Danger Described: Anyone Can WANDER from Gospel Truth! Vs. 19a

#### Seriousness of Wandering

To wander from the truth is to wander from LIFE towards DEATH.

#### What to Watch for

Watch for wandering in BELIEFS and BEHAVIOR.

### 2. The Rescue Required: Bring the Wandering Sinner BACK to Gospel Truth! Vs. 19b

#### Responsibility of Rescuing

- It is "anyone" in the church who may wander from the truth and it is "SOMEONE" in the church who brings the wanderer back.
- Someone seeks to rescue the wandering sinner by TURNING him or her back to the truth.

### 3. The Blessing Promised: Wandering Sinner Is RESTORED by Gospel Truth! Vs. 20

#### Blessing of Returning

- Their SOUL is saved from death and their SINS are covered.

#### "Remember This"

There is always a WAY BACK, because at the Cross there is always hope for the wanderer. There is always hope for us all in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

#### Three Groups Represented in the Church

- ☐ WANDERERS: those who have wandered from the truth.
- ☐ NON-CHRISTIANS: those who have never responded to the Gospel.
- ☐ CHRISTIANS: those who have been rescued by the grace of God.

#### COMMUNION

##### Remembering Our Sins Are Covered by Jesus Christ

Followers of Jesus Christ (those who trust Christ for salvation, identify with Christ in baptism, and commit to Christ's body in membership of a local church of like faith and practice) are invited to participate in Communion located at the four tables in the auditorium. **After you take the bread and cup back to your seat, PLEASE WAIT so we may eat and drink together.** The bread and juice represent the body and blood of Jesus when He died on the Cross and reminds us who our Lord is, what He has done for us, is doing for us, and will yet do for us when He returns. Come, Lord Jesus, come!