

Book of James Study

Men of Grace

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James 5:19 - 20

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Major Themes

Three major themes – repeated

- ***Trials and testing of faith***
- ***Wisdom – especially in the areas of speech and obedience***
- ***Riches and Poverty***

Main Idea

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In the midst of your financial trials and social tensions you need to repent of your drift into worldliness and commit to single-minded faith in God alone

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Bringing “backsliders” back to the way of truth is eternally significant and should be a ministry priority

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Matthew 18:10 – 14

10 “Beware that you don’t look down on any of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels are always in the presence of my heavenly Father.”

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12 "If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them wanders away, what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others on the hills and go out to search for the one that is lost? 13 And if he finds it, I tell you the truth, he will rejoice over it more than over the ninety-nine that didn't wander away! 14 In the same way, it is not my heavenly Father's will that even one of these little ones should perish."

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Galatians 6:1-2

"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. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ."

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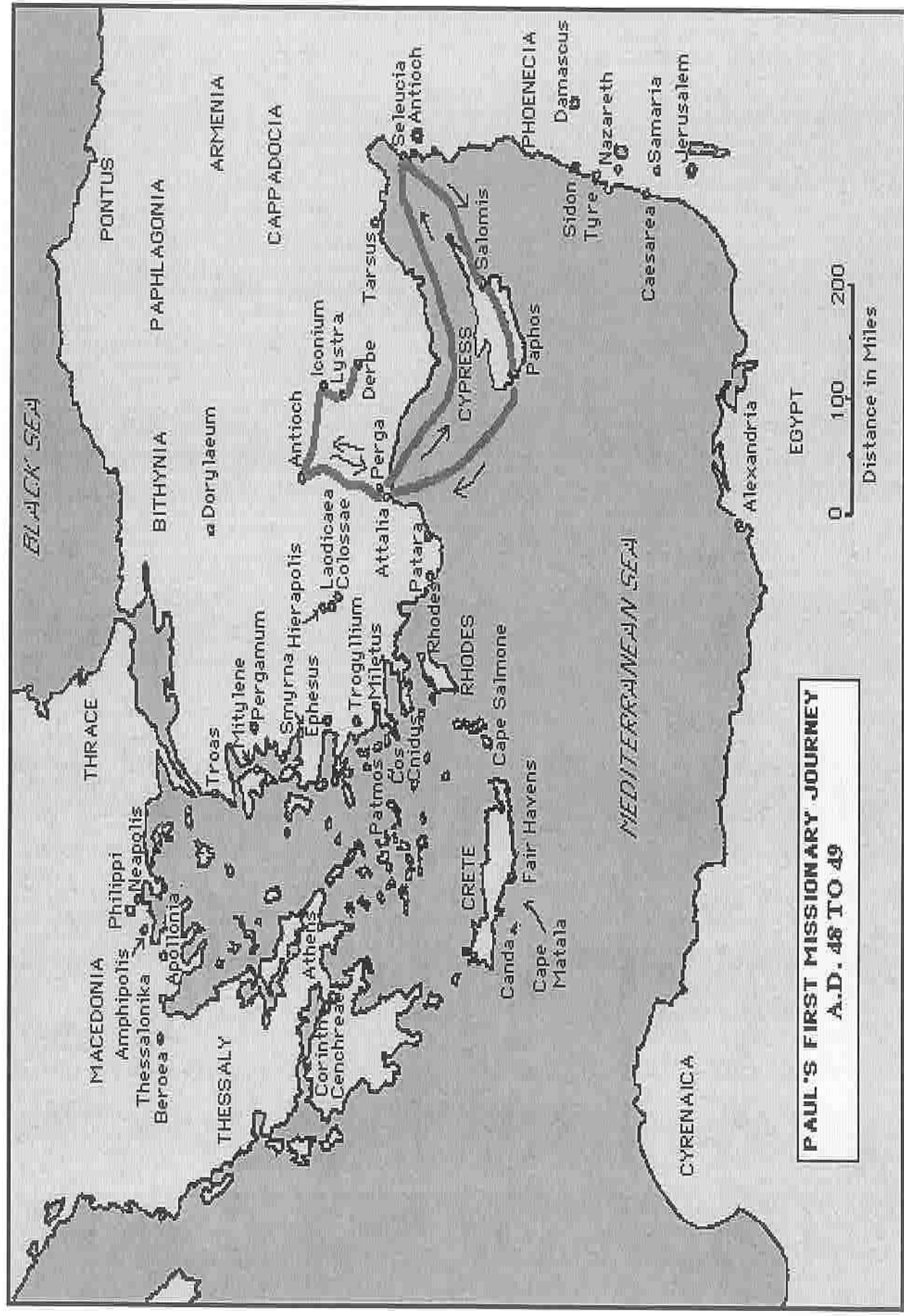
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Discussion Questions:

- 1. What is our responsibility to "brothers" who "wander from the way of the truth"? How significant is this responsibility? Should this be more of a ministry priority?***
- 2. Do you have friends or family members that have "wandered"? How can we "bring them back" to the way of truth?***
- 3. Do you have any stories of "wanderers" who have been brought back?***

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Thank You



PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY
A.D. 48 TO 49

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19. MY DEAR BROTHERS,

IF SOMEONE AMONG YOU

WANDERS AWAY FROM THE TRUTH

AND IS BROUGHT BACK,

20 YOU CAN BE SURE

THAT

WHOEVER BRINGS THE SINNER BACK

WILL SAVE THAT PERSON FROM DEATH

AND BRING ABOUT THE FORGIVENESS

OF MANY SINS.