

12. Pursue the Wanderer

James 5:19-20

19 My brothers, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring him back, 20 remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save him from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

Chart the wanderer

▲ He's listed as a disciple

19 My brothers, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring him back, 20 remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save him from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

▲ He's living in deception

19 My brothers, **if one of you should wander from the truth** and someone should bring him back, 20 remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from **the error of his way** will save him from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

▲ He's living in disobedience

19 My brothers, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring him back, 20 remember this: Whoever turns **a sinner** from the error of his way will save him from death and cover over **a multitude of sins**.

▲ He's living in danger of death

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Chase the wanderer

▲ *Please, please prize the wanderer*

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▲ Persuade the wanderer

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▲ Preserve the wanderer

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Action Assignments

1. As Christian believers, we must never underestimate the consequences of wandering away from the truth, either for ourselves or for others. 2. As a spiritual family, we must build strong, healthy relationships with other believers in order to establish trust and spiritual accountability.

- 3. Though every believer is ultimately responsible for his or her own walk with God, we must encourage each other regularly and responsibly.
- 4. When a fellow believer wanders from the truth, we must get the wisdom and direction of the Holy Spirit and pursue the wanderer accordingly.