

James' Series: Standing the Test of Faith-

Living out our faith

– Deeds accord with faith

Upholding Those Who Stumbled In faith

James 5:19-20

5:19 My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth then someone should bring that person back,

5:20 remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their ways will save them from death and cover a multitude of sins.

1. Perspectives towards those who have stumbled in their faith

➤ Secular perspective :

Admire the strong; Despise the weak

➤ So we may not bring the lost back to God

➤ Reasons:

1) Lack of caring love

2) Covering up sins with wrong intention

2. James' plea : Love those who stumbled in faith and bring them back to God

Why should we bring the lost back to God?

Luke 15:7 "I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent"

God's will - Sinners repent ; the lost turn around

We Are All Commissioned!

→ God's own initiative

John 3:16 " For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. "

The love of God was revealed on the cross !

► Our Response

Proverbs 10:12 "Hatred stirs up conflict, but love covers over all wrongs."

1 Peter 4:8 "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins."

God's command : Uphold each other in love



→ Together we build our church
as God's loving family

The Key :

Unity is the foundation for outreaching

Your active participation is the key!

3. Blessed are those who care for the weak

➤ Blessings from God

James 2:13 "because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment"

Matthew 6:14-15 "14 For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."

➤ blessings from each other

4. Reflection and Application

- Reflection:
Am I living out my faith?
- Application :
I will cultivate a culture of loving one another in church

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My dream & Our dreams :

- Let me be a candle that lights up people's lives.
- Let us all be candles that light up each other's lives

