



**Ancient Wisdom
for Modern Times**

Bringing Each Other Back

James 5:19-20

Fact: People wander away from
God.

James 5:19-20 (NLT)

¹⁹ My dear brothers and sisters, 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.

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We have the responsibility to be
agents of repentance and
restoration.

Talking with someone who is
wandering should be done with
bold humility.

Matthew 18:15-16 (ESV)

¹⁵ “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶ But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses.

Matthew 18:17 (ESV)

¹⁷ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

- Go to the wanderer privately.
- If necessary, go to the wanderer again with 2-3 mature, unbiased believers.
- If necessary, take the issue to the church leadership.
- Beware of becoming a wanderer!

Galatians 6:1-2 (NLT)

¹ 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. ² Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.