



BIBLICAL BEHAVIOR  
**RESCUING THE DECEIVED FROM DEATH**  
JAMES 5:19-20

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Charlie Matz - Compass Bible Church - April 30-May 1, 2022

1. Humbly \_\_\_\_\_

*James 5:19-20 (ESV)*  
*19 My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, 20 let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.*

**The Thirteen Tests of the Book of James**

1. The Test of Responding to Trials
2. The Test of Overcoming Temptation
3. The Test of Handling God's Word
4. The Test of Imitating the Impartiality of God
5. The Test of Bearing the Fruit of a Saving Faith
6. The Test of Caging the Tongue
7. The Test of Living in Godly Wisdom
8. The Test of Unfriending the World
9. The Test of Growing in Humility
10. The Test of Planning God's Way
11. The Test of Stewarding Wealth With an Eternal Perspective
12. The Test of Enduring Persecution Patiently
13. The Test of Promising God's Way

2. Tenderly \_\_\_\_\_

(vv. 19b, 20a)

3. Urgently \_\_\_\_\_

(vv. 20b)

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 1. Read Matthew 7:1-5.** Observing the behavior of other professing Christians can be a delicate situation. How can you be a “fruit inspector” while not being so presumptuous to be a “salvation inspector?” Discuss approaches that have worked well when discussing fruit with other professing Christians and approaches that have not worked.
- 2. Read James 5:19-20.** Have you ever considered that there might be professing Christians inside the church who are not true believers? How might this change how you approach new relationships in the church?
- 3. Read 2 Corinthians 5:16–21.** Although we are called to be ambassadors for Christ, imploring the lost to be reconciled to Christ, how can we be tender in our approach to this task? Why is it even more important to be tender when approaching a professing Christian whose behavior is not biblical? (Hint: We don’t have the privilege of knowing what’s in their heart.)
- 4. Read Romans 6:23.** Why is it important for us to feel the weight of the reality of hell? Have you experienced the joy of seeing someone get saved? If so, explain the height of that joy in contrast to the weight of despair they would have experienced in hell. (Here are a few other references to Hell in the NT: Matt. 13:40, 42, 50; 25:41, 46; Mark 9:43–49; 2 Thess. 1:8–9; Rev. 20:11–15; 21:8)
- 5. Review the 13 tests that James has given throughout his entire epistle.** Are there any tests that you have failed? As a believer, have these tests revealed areas where you need to grow in sanctification? Have these tests shown that you are deceived and need to repent and truly trust Christ? If so, discuss this reality with a leader or pastor.

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES	PRAYER REQUESTS
<p><i>Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.</i></p> <p>Pippert, Rebecca Manley. <i>Out of the Salt Shaker and Into the World</i>. Interservity Press, 1999</p> <p>MacArthur, John. <i>Saved Without a Doubt</i>. David C Cook, 2011.</p> <p>Morgans, Christopher W.. &amp; Peterson, Robert A.. <i>Hell Under Fire</i>. Zondervan, 2004</p>	<p>Pray that we would have the humility to examine our behavior according to Scripture.</p> <p>Pray that anyone deceived in our church would realize they are lost and repent.</p> <p>Pray for us to have a biblical and weighty understanding of hell.</p> <p>Pray for everyone who attends CBCTV to be saved and know that they are saved!</p> <p>Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.</p>

### REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	O.T.	N.T.
5/2	1 Samuel 21-22, Psalm 7, 34, 52	Matthew 25:31-46
5/3	1 Samuel 23-24, Psalm 27, 31	Matthew 26:1-5, 14-20, Mark 14:1-2, 10-17, Luke 21:35-22:16
5/4	Psalm 56, 120, 140, 141, 142	John 13:1-20
5/5	1 Samuel 25, Psalm 35	Matthew 26:21-25, Mark 14:18-21, Luke 22:21-30, John 13:21-30
5/6	1 Samuel 26-27, Psalm 17, 54, 63	Matthew 26:26-29, Mark 14:22-25, Luke 22:17-20, 31-38, John 13:31-38
5/7	1 Samuel 28-31	John 14