

Persevere!

Jude 17–25

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Greetings from Tanzania



Hey Jude...the letter so far

- **Purpose:** 'I felt compelled to write and urge you to contend for the faith that the Lord has once for all entrusted to us, his people.' v 3



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- Reason: 'For certain individuals whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.'



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- Purpose: v 3
- Reason: v 4
- Warnings: vv 5-16

How to contend for the faith

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Save others v 23

Remember vv 17-19

- Remember the apostles' teaching
 - 'the apostles' teaching' Acts 2:42
 - Replacing Judas Acts 1:21-22
 - The twelve's focus on 'the ministry of the word of God' Acts 6:2, 4
 - Key reason for recognising a book as Spirit-inspired (New Testament) Scripture

Remember vv 17-19

- Remember the apostles' teaching
 - Their warnings of scoffers in the last time
 - People who despise and ignore God and morality; Psalm 1:1
 - People who 'follow their own ungodly desires' v 17
 - They divide the community
 - They claim to be spiritual people v 8
 - They follow 'natural instincts' v 19

Keep yourselves vv 20-21

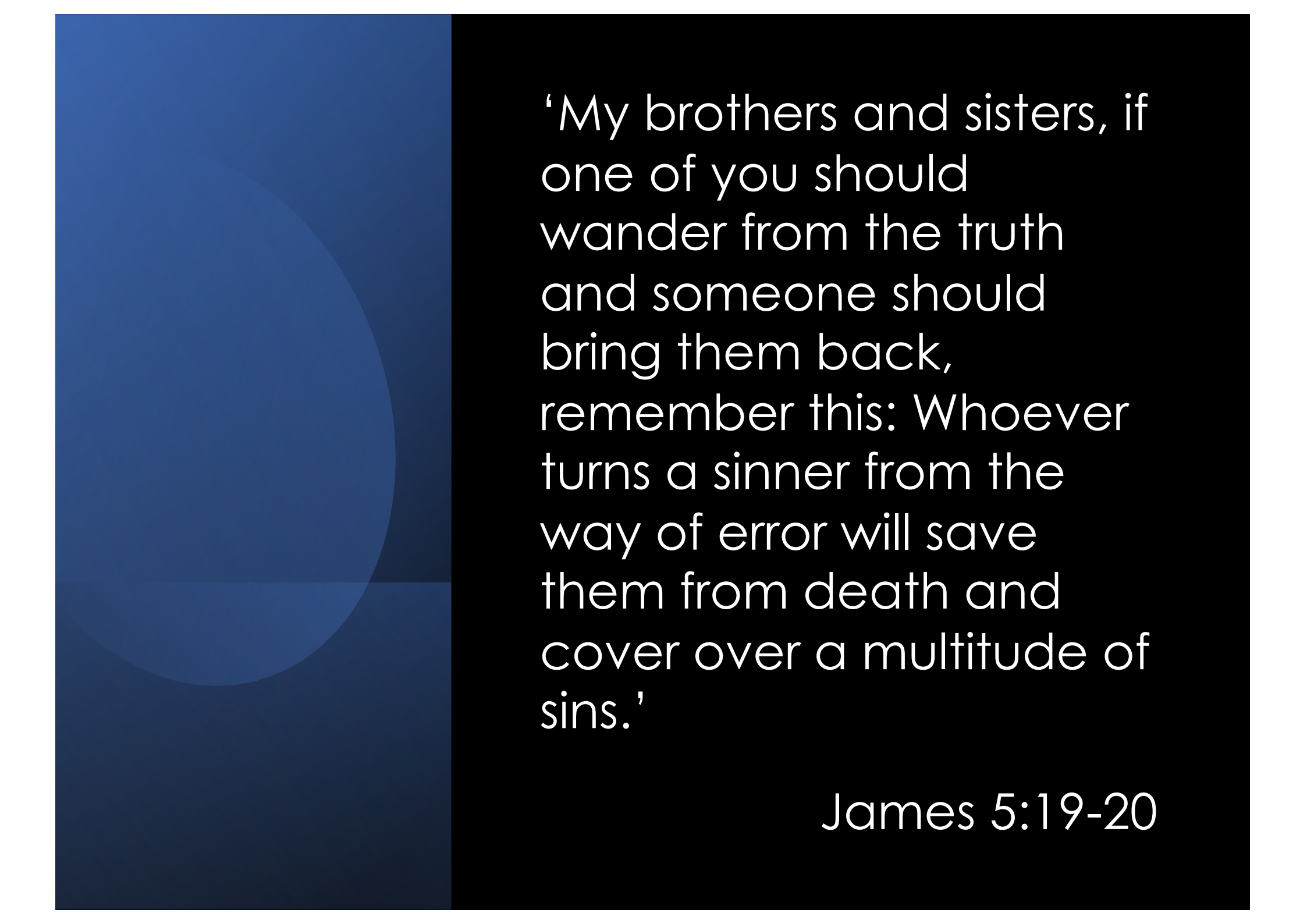
- ‘Keep yourselves in God’s love’ v 21
 - obedience is what love for Jesus looks like John 14:15; 15:10
 - ‘keep’ = ‘remain’ in the vine John 15:4

Keep yourselves vv 20-21

- ‘Keep yourselves in God’s love’ v 21
 - ‘build yourselves up in your most holy faith’ v 20
 - ‘pray in the Holy Spirit’ v 20;
Romans 8:26
 - ‘wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life’ v 21

Be merciful and save others vv 22-23

- Show mercy to others vv 22, 23
 - Mercy to doubters v 22
 - Mercy mixed with fear v 23
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James 5:19-20

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How is this possible? vv 24-25

- Dependence on God
 - Remember the apostles' teaching v 17
 - Live in God's love v 21
 - Build each other up in faith v 20
 - Pray in the Spirit v 20
 - Wait with confidence v 21

How is this possible? vv 24-25

- Dependence on God—the one true God can...
 - Keep us from stumbling v 24
 - Present us before him without fault and with great joy v 24
- God can do this because of who God is v 25

How to respond?

- **Thanks** that God provides what we need
- **Recognition** that we fall short
- **Courage** to help those who struggle

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