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Sun pm

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“Mind Your Business”

James 5:19-20

Main focus: We are responsible to (not for) others

Supporting passages: Matt 7:1-5 (log & speck); 2 Sam 12:1-7a (Nathan & David); Gal 2:11-13 (Paul and Peter)

In the previous passage, the burden was on the one who was struggling to reach out for help.

In the passage tonight, we see that we have a responsibility to have an active role toward those who are wandering from the truth

* Anyone from among you
* Wanders from the truth. Turns aside from true doctrine…and is displayed in life
	+ It’s possible.
		- It’s why we’re warned to beware of false teachers and to walk in the truth
	+ It’s dangerous.
		- Not continuing in Him and living unrepentant of sin is a mark of one who is not His. On the contrary, the mark of true disciples is that they continue in his word (John 8:31)
		- The end of that is death (spiritually)
* Our role: to be an instrument in the lives of others. To be close enough to them to notice the wandering, familiar enough with the truth to notice the wandering, compassionate enough to care and bold enough to address it. *All of us, not just pastors*.
	+ 2 Sam 12:1-7
	+ Gal 2:11-13
	+ 2 Cor 5:18
	+ Matt 7:1-5
		- \*If you ever see me walking or running toward a cliff with my eyes closed, the loving thing for you to do would not be to ignore me. But do whatever is necessary to point out my error.
* Goal: repentance and restoration
* So, mind your business