LEARNING AND LIVING A FAITH THAT WORKS Week 13

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The main theme for our series is James 1:4b ESV

That you may be perfect (mature) and complete, lacking in nothing.

Restoration

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.

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- -in an established relationship.

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1 Peter 4:8 ESV ⁸ Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.

Titus 3:3-7 NIV

³ At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. ⁴But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

James concludes with this because this is exactly what he has <u>endeavored</u> to do through this <u>challenging</u> letter.

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- He is doing this because a living faith will be growing, maturing, and have its proof.

