**“Living Out Your Faith through Compassion”**

**James 5:19-20**

**AUTHORSHIP: It is quite generally agreed that James, called by Paul “the Lord’s brother,” (Gal. 1:19), was the writer of the epistle.**

**TO WHO ADDRESSED: Apparently to the Jewish converts who lived outside the Holy Land, possibly also to the devout Jews of the dispersion, ch.1:1.**

**MAIN THEME: Practical Religion, manifesting itself in good works, contrasted with mere Profession of Faith.**

**KEY TEXTS: James 1:27 – Religion that God the Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world; James 2:26 – As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.**

**Compassion – eleeo, el-eh-eh’-o; to compassionate (by word or deed, spec., by divine grace):- have compassion (pity on), have (obtain, receive, shew) mercy (on).**

**Jude 22, 23 – And have mercy on some, who are doubting; save others, snatching them out of the fire; and on some have mercy with fear, hating even the garment polluted by the flesh.**

1. **THE STRAY (James 5:19)**
	1. **Err – planao, plan-ah’-o; *to (prop. cause to) roam (from safety, truth, or virtue):- go astray, deceive, err, seduce, wander, be out of the way.***
	2. **Convert – epistrepho, ep-ee-stref’-o; *to revert (lit., fig. or mor.):- come (go) again, convert, (re-) turn (about, again).***
2. **THE SINNER (James 5:20a)**
	1. **Converteth – same as 1b above**
	2. **Error – plane, plan’-ay; *fraudulence; subj. a straying from orthodoxy or piety:- deceit, to deceive, delusion, error.***
3. **THE SOUL (James 5:20b)**
	1. **Save – sozo, sode’-zo; *to save, i.e. deliver or protect (lit. or fig.):- heal, preserve, save (self), do well, be (make) whole.***
	2. **Hide – kalupto, kal-oop’-to; *to cover up (lit. or fig.):- cover, hide.***

**Sample Harvest Homes Questions**

**1) Which verses stand out to you?**

**2) What principles and lessons do you see in the word?**

**3) How can you apply these principles to your life?**

**4) What teachings or statements don’t you quite understand and want to study further?**

**5) What did you learn about God?**

**6) What did you learn about human nature?**

**7) What did you learn about your own relationship with God?**

**8) You believe that God is calling you to\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**