



# The Letter of James and the cult of Self



The background is a dark blue gradient with a complex network of white dots and lines, resembling a molecular structure or a digital network. The dots are of varying sizes and are connected by thin white lines, creating a web-like pattern across the entire image.

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We can only walk the way of the cross.





Since Adam and Eve, we have been  
obsessed with self - especially in  
our Western culture.

It is our 21st century idolatry.



Our life is made up of a series of choices.

<sup>13</sup> **Is anyone among you in trouble?** Let them pray. **Is anyone happy?** Let them sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup> **Is anyone among you sick?** Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore **confess your sins to each other** and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup> Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. <sup>18</sup> Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops. <sup>19</sup> My brothers and sisters, **if one of you should wander from the truth** and someone should bring that person back, <sup>20</sup> remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.






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Dependency

Worship

Centredness

Defence



Patience and perseverance  
require us to look outside  
ourselves for an answer that we  
cannot manufacture



**10** Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. **11** As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy



Our attitude to money is a  
window into our hearts



Will I choose to  
walk His way?

