

# Wandering From The Truth



**Luke 15:3-6**

When the sheep wanders, Jesus makes the effort to bring it back.

**Eph. 1:22-23**

Jesus is head.  
Church is body.  
Body accomplishes what head thinks.

When the church seeks to save the wanderer, that is Christ seeking to save the wanderer.

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## Theologically

1 Tim. 1:3-7

2 Tim. 2:16-18

One's belief and teaching has wandered from the Lord when:

1. It lifts up ungodliness
2. It overthrows other's faith.
3. It tears apart unity.
4. It violates gospel's purpose.
5. It evidences pride.

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## Theologically

1 Tim. 1:3-7

2 Tim. 2:16-18

## The steps to bring the wanderer back:

1 Tim. 1:3 – Charge to give up error.

Titus 1:9-11 – Elders take lead.

Titus 3:10 – If charge not obeyed, must be rejected.

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## Morally

2 Pet. 2:20-22

1 Cor. 6:9-10

Heb. 10:26

1 Cor. 5:1 – Brother caught up  
in sexual immorality:

(2a) – What not to do.

(2b) – Mourn!

Jas. 5:20 – Seek to turn.

(5) – Deliver to Satan.

(9, 11) – Withdraw from.



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## Morally

**2 Pet. 2:20-22**

**1 Cor. 6:9-10**

**Heb. 10:26**

**2 Cor. 2:6-8**

**The opportunity to comfort  
the sinner and rejoice with  
the angels in heaven!**

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Relationship  
with the  
church

Heb. 10:23-25

Forsaking is a sign of spiritual  
weakness and a violation of  
Christ's will for you.

(23) – Hold onto faith!

(24) – Help others grow!

(25) – Gather for worship!

(26) – Salvation is at stake!

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Heb. 10:23-25

1 Thes. 5:14 – Our guide for  
dealing with wanderer:

1. Find him, determine why he has left.
2. If fainthearted – COMFORT.
3. If weak – UPHOLD.
4. If just unruly – WARN.
5. Treat with patience.

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Heb. 10:23-25

2 Thes. 3:14-15

If he refuses the comfort, rebels against the effort to strengthen, will not heed the warning: Note him as a brother in error, refuse to keep company, continue to show concern for his soul.