

The Way We Could Be:
Pursuing Others with Truth
James 5:19-20 (pg. 1202)

“Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.” (Gal. 6:1)

“What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.” (Mt. 18:12-14)

Points to Ponder: Let’s ask ourselves: Is there someone in my life who would act like Nathan towards me?

A Note to Parents: Please know that the children who leave the service during the sermon are looking at the same passage we are considering. We hope that you will initiate a conversation with them about this portion of God’s Word.

Next Week: Next Sunday we will begin the **Season of Lent**. Lent is not a season mandated by the scriptures, but it has been a helpful tool used for discipleship by God’s people for many centuries. Different faith traditions have recognized this season that essentially covers the 7 weeks leading up to Easter. For some it is a season of introspection and confession. Yet for us, it is more broadly an intentional season of spiritual preparation. In it we prepare ourselves to understand more fully, and celebrate more correctly, the victory Jesus won in His cross and resurrection. Our mini-sermon series during this time is entitled *Nothing but the Blood* - in it we will consider from God’s Word some of the wondrous things the Blood of Jesus accomplished for us. We begin with the text of **Revelation 5:6-10** *Ransomed by the Blood*.