



HELD FIRM TO HOLD FAST

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⁶ But Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.

Hebrews 3:6-19 (NIV)

⁷ So, as the Holy Spirit says:
“Today, if you hear his voice,
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during the time of testing in the wilderness,
⁹ where your ancestors tested and tried me,
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Hebrews 3:6-19 (NIV)

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¹² See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. ¹³ But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness. ¹⁴ We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end.

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¹⁶ Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt? ¹⁷ And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies perished in the wilderness?

Hebrews 3:6-19 (NIV)

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1 That night all the members of the community raised their voices and wept aloud. 2 All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, “If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this wilderness!”

Numbers 14 (NIV)

¹² I will strike them down with a plague and destroy them, but I will make you into a nation greater and stronger than they.”

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²⁰ The LORD replied, “I have forgiven them, as you asked. ²¹ Nevertheless, as surely as I live and as surely as the glory of the LORD fills the whole earth, ²² not one of those who saw my glory and the signs I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness but who disobeyed me and tested me ten times— ²³ not one of them will ever see the land I promised on oath to their ancestors. No one who has treated me with contempt will ever see it.

Numbers 14 (NIV)

³⁰ Not one of you will enter the land I swore with uplifted hand to make your home, except Caleb son of Jephunneh and Joshua son of Nun. ³¹ As for your children that you said would be taken as plunder, I will bring them in to enjoy the land you have rejected. ³² But as for you, your bodies will fall in this wilderness.

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apistía – properly, without (divine) persuasion, "no-faithfulness" (unfaithfulness); "want of faith" (betraying a trust)"

- (J. Thayer).

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What was the crime of the Israelites?

- **They chose “Familiar over Freedom”**



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How do we avoid “Misdirected” Hearts?

- Don't get trapped in the familiar.
- Understand that what we view as an “Expression of Faith” is often simply an “Expression of Tradition”.
- Avoid isolation.
 - It limits God's ability build up Body of Christ through you and to built you up through the Body of Christ.
- Encourage One Another.



Three Questions...

- Is your faith defined by times where you have taken big risks in obedience to Christ or is it better defined as preserving the Status quo?
- Are you encouraging fellow believers to pursue Freedom over Familiar?
- Is the Holy Spirit leading you or are you lead by the opinions of others?





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