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<sup>6</sup> 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.



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<sup>15</sup> As has just been said:
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<sup>16</sup> Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt? <sup>17</sup> And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies perished in the wilderness?



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**1** That night all the members of the community raised their voices and wept aloud. <sup>2</sup> 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!



<sup>12</sup> I will strike them down with a plague and destroy them, but I will make you into a nation greater and stronger than they."



<sup>20</sup> The LORD replied, "I have forgiven them, as you asked.<sup>21</sup> Nevertheless, as surely as I live and as surely as the glory of the LORD fills the whole earth, <sup>22</sup> 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—<sup>23</sup> 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.



<sup>30</sup> 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. <sup>31</sup> As for your children that you said would be taken as plunder, I will bring them in to enjoy the land you have rejected. <sup>32</sup> But as for you, your bodies will fall in this wilderness.



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

- (J. Thayer).



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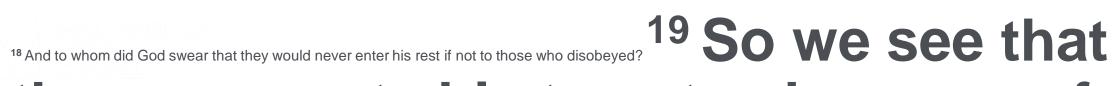
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# They chose "Familiar over Freedom"



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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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