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And with whom was he provoked for forty years?  
Was it not with those who **sinned**, whose bodies fell in the wilderness?  
And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest,  
but to those who were **disobedient?**

(Hebrews 3:17-18 ESV)



none of the men who have seen my glory and my signs  
that I did in Egypt and in the wilderness,  
and yet have put me to the test these **ten times**  
and have not obeyed my voice,

(Numbers 14:22 ESV)



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‘If they do not hear *Moses and the Prophets*,  
neither will they be convinced  
if someone should rise from the dead.’”

(Luke 16:31 ESV)



Though he had done so many signs before them,  
they still did not believe in him,

(John 12:37 ESV)



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"Hearken, O unbeliever, you have said, 'I cannot believe,'  
but it would be more honest if you had said, 'I will not believe.'  
Your unbelief is your fault, not your misfortune.

CH Spurgeon



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# The Exhortation against Hardened Hearts



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"There is no attitude more dangerous for the church than that of unconcern and complacency."



For who were those who heard and yet rebelled?  
Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses?

(Hebrews 3:16 ESV)



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“Eternal Security Is a Community Project”

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Unbelief means failing to rest in Jesus as your greatest treasure.  
So helping each other believe means showing people reasons why  
Jesus is more to be desired and trusted and loved than anything else.




We speak to each other in ways that cause us to have hearts of faith  
in the superior value of Christ over all things.  
We fight to maintain each other's faith, by speaking words  
that point people to the truth and value of Jesus.  
That's how you guard against an evil heart of unbelief.



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"Sin is an extremely dangerous power confronting the believer.  
It always attacks the individual,  
much as wolves stalk a single sheep"



Reaching out and touching someone  
is not just a nostalgic, sentimental advertising slogan -  
it is a biblical mandate.

Chuck Swindoll



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(Hebrews 3:14 ESV)



Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard,  
lest we drift away from it.

(Hebrews 2:1 ESV)



And we are his house if indeed we **hold fast**  
our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

(Hebrews 3:6 ESV)



but my righteous one shall live by faith,  
and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him.  
But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed,  
but of those who **have faith and preserve their souls.**


(Hebrews 10:38-39 ESV)



“Professors”

VS

“Possessors”



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“Professors”

Drift

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Endure



The sure proof of election is that one perseveres to the end.

Jonathan Edwards




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The Faith that Fizzles at the Finish  
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They came to the gates of Canaan,  
But they never entered in!  
They came to the very threshold,  
But they perished in their sin.  
On the morrow they would have entered,  
But God had shut the gate;  
They wept, they rashly ventured,  
But alas, it was too late.  
And so we are ever coming  
To the place where two ways part;  
One leads to the Land of Promise,  
And one to a hardened heart.