**“You Better *not* Quit”**

**Heb 3:7-19**

Main Point: ***Legitimate Christian faith sticks … authentic Christian belief endures … genuine Christian faith perseveres.***

**I. Let’s understand the passage**

But God wanted the Israelites to live a life of F \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, D\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**II. Let’s unpack some of the meaning**

**A) Warnings (3)**

**1) Do not *harden* your hearts**

 **Psalm 95:7-11; Exodus 17:2-7**

**Meribah = ‘\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’**

**Massah = ‘\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’**

**2) Take care, brothers, of an *evil, unbelieving heart***

2 Peter 2:20-21; Psalm 115:3-8; Numbers 13:31 - 14:5, 11

**3) Exhort every day, so that deceitfulness doesn’t harden your heart**

**B) Promise: v.14**

**III. Let’s make application to our lives**

**A) Do not harden your hearts**

 ***When are we in danger of hardening our hearts and not persevering in the faith?***

1) When we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2) When we look at Situations rather than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3) When we are willing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Ex 17; Psalm 106:32-33

4) When we Scorn Providence – [rebelling against current test – mad at current situation]

- what happens is you begin to question God’s goodness, God’s wisdom, God’s presence

Israel = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Original Audience = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Us = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

5) Doubting that the Lord \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 **B) Take care, brothers, of an evil, unbelieving heart**

 ***When are we in danger of an evil unbelieving heart and not persevering in the faith?*** Num 14:11; 14:21-23

1) When we ignore all the things God has done right in front of us

 2) When we despise God

 3) When we stubbornly disobey

**C) Exhort every day, so that deceitfulness doesn’t harden your heart**

***When are we in danger of our being deceived, hardening our heart and not persevering in the faith?***

**1) When we think there is something better than God**

Israel = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 Original Audience = giving up public f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, avoiding p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 Us = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **2) When we try to persevere on our own**

2 Corinthians 3:18