

HEBREWS RECAP

2nd command in Hebrews – fix your thoughts on Jesus whom we confess as our apostle and high priest

- Apostle – sent to redeem God’s people and establish God’s Kingdom on the earth
- High priest – representative of people to God; makes atonement for us

Jesus is superior to Moses as Son over God’s House vs servant in God’s house

And we are God’s house if indeed we hold firmly to the confidence and hope in which we glory (boast)

- Confidence – boldness, courage, plainness
- Hope – confidence expectation of a better future





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Eternal security – ‘once saved always saved’

- those who are saved can never be lost again
- Tied to unconditional election – if God chooses you, then you can’t ‘unchoose’ Him
- those who do turn away from Jesus were never actually saved to begin with

Conditional security – God gives every believer sufficient grace to stand firm until the End but some reject that grace

- Rooted in relational nature of salvation – relationships can be both entered into and deserted
- We may walk away from Jesus, but He never walks away from us





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Today, if you hear His voice don't harden your heart

- Today – time from 1st coming of Jesus until His return when we can repent and respond to the Gospel
- Hear His voice – God's word to us through Bible and Spirit
- Harden your heart
 - Harden – to become unyielding in resisting info; to become stubborn
 - Heart – center of our being; seat of our mind, will, emotions
 - Wellspring of life – all we think, say, do flows from our hearts



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- Grounds warning in Israelite history (v7-11) – quotes Ps95
 - Ex17 – water from rock
 - Num 14 – people reject invitation to Promised Land
- Consequence of failure to heed warning (v11,19) – not entering into God's rest
- Ones to whom warning is issued (v16-18)– Israelites who experienced God's grace/deliverance in Egypt and then rebelled against Him in the wilderness
- Core issue is unbelief (v19) - unwillingness to commit oneself to another or to respond positively to another's words; a lack of commitment to a relationship



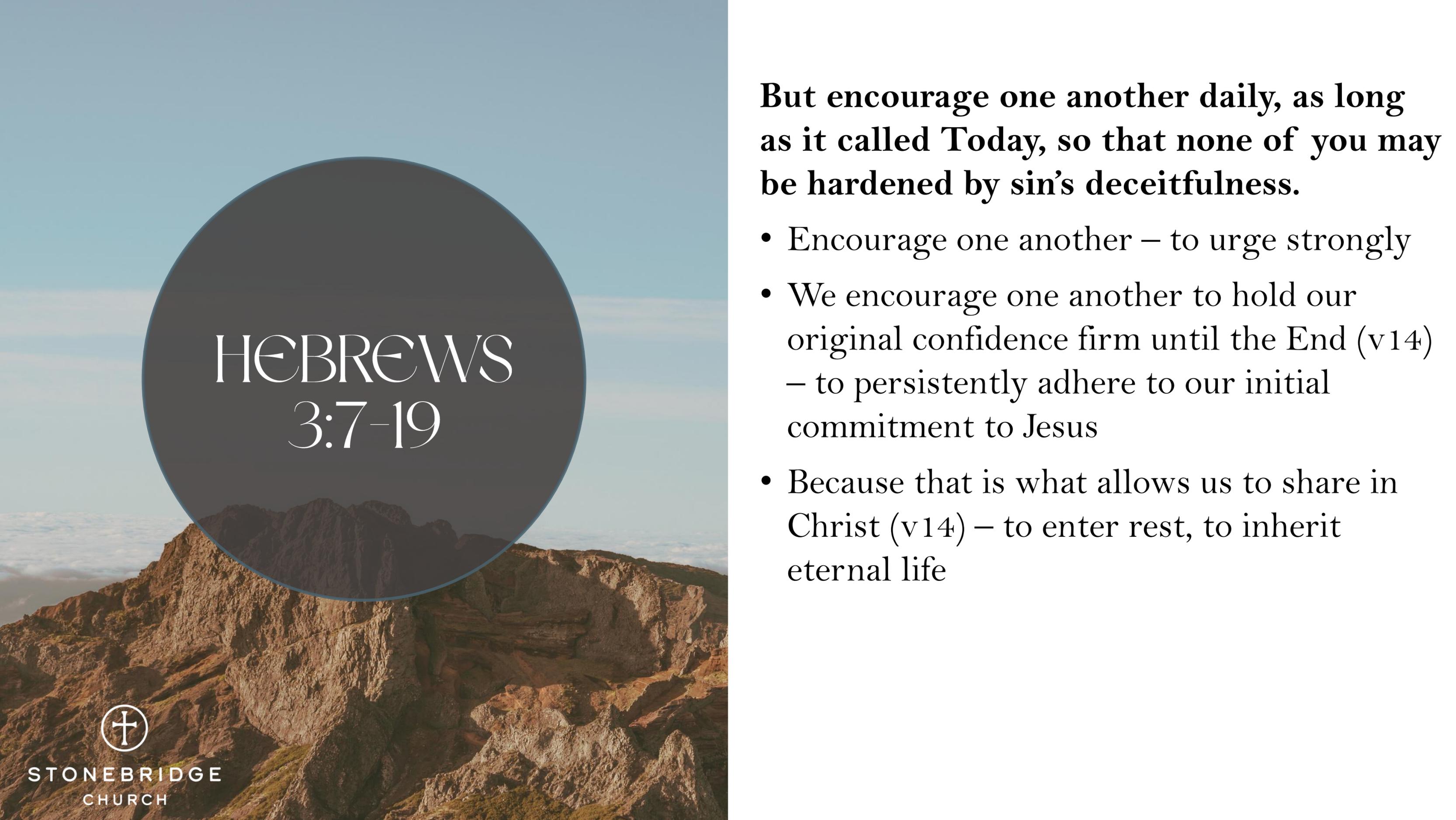


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See to it that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God

- See to it – pay close attention
- Unbelieving – unwilling to commit oneself to another, to respond positively to another's words, a lack of commitment to a relationship
- Turns away from – distance oneself from a person or thing





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But encourage one another daily, as long as it called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

- Encourage one another – to urge strongly
- We encourage one another to hold our original confidence firm until the End (v14) – to persistently adhere to our initial commitment to Jesus
- Because that is what allows us to share in Christ (v14) – to enter rest, to inherit eternal life



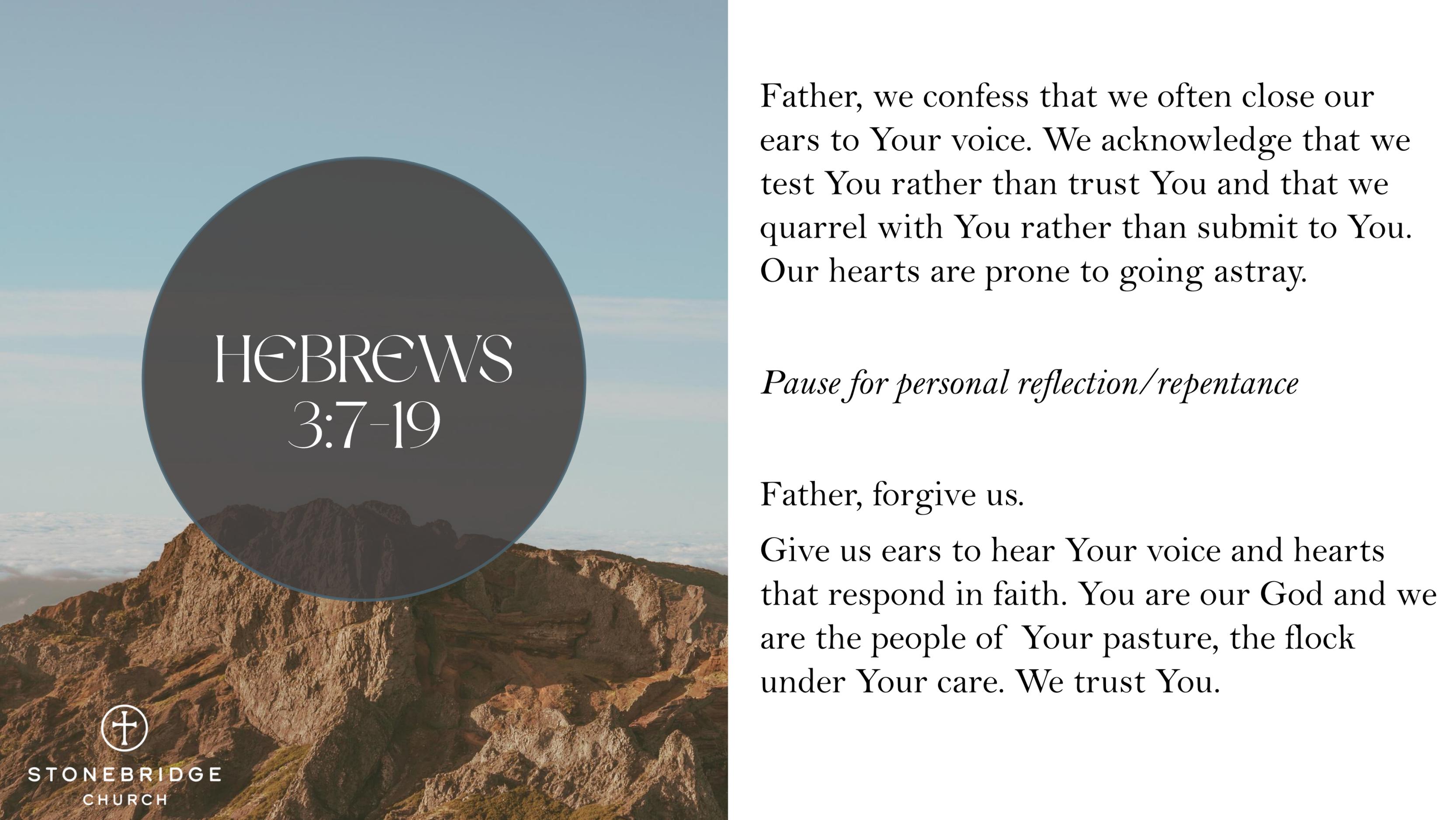


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If we don't encourage one another to persistently adhere to our initial commitment to Jesus, then

- We can become hardened by sin's deceitfulness – sin seeks to deceive us into believing that God is neither good nor trustworthy
- Note – committing a sin and hardening our hearts aren't same thing
 - We can sin and still be responsive to God—confess/repent
 - Persistent sin can lead to a hardened heart





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Father, we confess that we often close our ears to Your voice. We acknowledge that we test You rather than trust You and that we quarrel with You rather than submit to You. Our hearts are prone to going astray.

Pause for personal reflection/repentance

Father, forgive us.

Give us ears to hear Your voice and hearts that respond in faith. You are our God and we are the people of Your pasture, the flock under Your care. We trust You.

