

**Series:** Remembering Jesus, a study in Hebrews

**Sermon:** Jesus over Sin Pt II

**Primary Text:** Hebrews 3:6-19

**Discussion guide:**

- Talk about something that used really bother you, make you feel angry, guilty, or excited that now doesn't affect you much anymore. Why do you think that happened?
- What is a hard heart?
  - Warren Wiersbe defines it is "a will that is no longer stimulated by God's desires..." why or why not is this true?
  - How does repetitive sin harden your heart?
  - What are the dangers of having a hard heart?
- Briefly review the story of the 12 spies in Numbers 13-14. Read Numbers 14:39-45.
  - Why didn't the Israelites succeed in trying to overthrow Canaan?
- Why is obedience only obedience if it is immediate?
  - Do you have an example of immediate obedience or delayed disobedience in your own life or someone you know?
  - How can repetitive, immediate obedience help soften your heart or make it more stimulated by God's desires?
- Read verse 13.
  - What is the key ingredient here to battling sin?
  - What is the writers point in using the phrase "today as long as it is called today"?
  - Why is it hard for us to find this sort of intimate relationship with other Christians?
  - What can we do to foster more open accountability?
- Read verse 14.
  - What does it mean to "share in Christ"?
- Read Hebrews 2:18.
  - Why do you think it reads that Jesus "suffered when tempted"? How did He suffer when He was tempted?
- Sin is choosing to mask over pain with pleasure. To deny sin is to choose to remain present with the pain you'd rather escape. How would such an attitude as this help one battle sin?
  - How does suffering the pain instead of enjoying the pleasure of sin help us draw nearer to Him? help to soften our hearts?