

5 Day Devotional
April 26, 2026 AM Sermon
“The dangers of unbelief”

Day 1: The Danger of a Hardened Heart

Reading: Hebrews 3:7-11; Psalm 95:7-11

Devotional: The Israelites witnessed God's miraculous deliverance from Egypt, yet they repeatedly doubted His faithfulness. Their unbelief wasn't simply skepticism—it was a willful rejection of what they'd already seen God do. Today, we face the same danger. We've experienced God's goodness, perhaps even His miracles, yet when new challenges arise, we forget His past faithfulness. A hardened heart doesn't happen overnight; it develops through repeated choices to doubt rather than trust. The Holy Spirit whispers "today" because this moment matters. Right now, you can choose to soften your heart toward God. What evidence of God's faithfulness have you forgotten? Let those memories fuel your faith today, not your fears.

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Day 2: Encouraging One Another Daily

Reading: Hebrews 3:12-15; Hebrews 10:24-25

Devotional: We weren't designed to walk this faith journey alone. The command to "exhort one another daily" reveals God's beautiful design for community. When we share testimonies of God's faithfulness, we build each other's faith. When we admit our struggles, we create space for others to minister to us. Yet how often do our church conversations remain surface-level? We discuss weather, work, and weekend plans while our souls desperately need to hear about Jesus. Today, make it a point to have at least one conversation about what God is doing. Ask someone, "How can I pray for you?" or share how God has been working in your life. Your story of God's faithfulness might be exactly what someone needs to overcome their unbelief.

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Day 3: The Pattern of Rebellion

Reading: Numbers 13:25-14:4; Hebrews 3:16-19

Devotional: Standing at the edge of the Promised Land, the Israelites faced a choice: believe God's promise or trust their fears. Ten spies saw giants; two saw God's faithfulness. An entire generation died in the wilderness not because God abandoned them, but because they abandoned faith. Their unbelief wasn't passive doubt—it was active rebellion against a God who had proven Himself repeatedly. We face similar crossroads. God places promises before us—restoration, healing, provision—but we see obstacles instead of opportunities. The giants in your life aren't bigger than your God. What "Promised Land" is God calling you to possess? What giants are you allowing to keep you wandering in circles? Faith isn't denying the obstacles; it's believing God is bigger.

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Day 4: Help My Unbelief

Reading: Mark 9:14-29; James 1:5-8

Devotional: The desperate father's cry, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" wasn't a contradiction—it was honest faith. He acknowledged both his trust and his struggle, and Jesus didn't rebuke him for this honesty. Instead, He performed the miracle. God doesn't demand perfect faith; He invites authentic relationship. When anxiety overwhelms you, when fear grips your heart, when doubt clouds your mind—come to God with it. Don't pretend you have it all together. The danger isn't in admitting your struggle with unbelief; the danger is in hiding it, nursing it, allowing it to harden your heart. God honors the prayer, "Lord, help my unbelief" because it shows you're still coming to Him. What unbelief do you need to bring to Jesus today?

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Day 5: Today Is the Day

Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-2; John 16:7-11

Devotional: "Today" appears throughout Hebrews 3 because this moment matters eternally. The Holy Spirit is convicting the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment right now. For the unbeliever, today is the day of salvation—tomorrow isn't promised. For the believer struggling with unbelief, today is the day to return to full trust. For the backslidden Christian, today is the day of restoration. God's invitation isn't for someday; it's for this moment. You've heard the truth. You've been exposed to God's Word. Now you must choose: Will you believe or will you harden your heart? Every sermon heard, every Scripture read, every conviction felt either softens your heart or hardens it. There's no neutral ground. What choice will you make today?