

THE COST OF REBELLION  
Hebrews 10:26-39

Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote *The Cost of Discipleship* in which he spoke of costly grace – a compelling statement of the demands of sacrifice. What we don't realize is that for the follower of Jesus Christ, the cost of rebellion is much higher.

## If we deliberately keep on sinning ...

The Christian's deliberate sin is calculated, intentional, and consistent over time.

The Christian's deliberate sin is minimized, rationalized, and ultimately ignored.

We have a strange illusion that being a forgiven sin voids all consequence.

It is not that we don't sin; it's that we don't care.

## Avoiding the danger ...

Remember your earlier days

Confidence killers – why we just give up

Apathy – “I've paid my dues”

Indifference – “It really doesn't matter”

Busy-ness – “I'm overwhelmed, overscheduled, and exhausted”

Laziness – “I'd rather just enjoy my stuff and my life.”

Hurt – “I can't (won't) trust anyone anymore.”

Compromise – “I'm just looking for a way out.”

## The challenge ...

Don't exchange reality for an illusion.

## Small Group Homework - Week of April 17, 2016

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Wow! Last Sunday we covered Hebrews 10:26-39; pretty harsh! Do you know someone who used to be tight with God but now either has nothing to do with God, church, or seems to be in a spiritual coma? What does that do to your heart? (Careful! No names or identifiers or even real specifics; this is not a gossip session.)

Is there any way that could happen to you?

1. Read and jot down in your own words the basic idea of those who are intentional in their sin and rebellion.  
Psalm 68:6; 78:8; Ezekiel 3:26; 12:2.
2. Read Hebrews 10:19-25 and identify three positive commands that precede this stark warning.

If you deliberately stopped doing these commands as a pattern of life, would this warning apply to you? How would these sins show themselves?

3. Read the problem of Ephesus in Revelation 2:1-5. How does their problem relate to the challenges that the writer gives in Hebrews 10:32-35?
4. Look back over the confidence killers on page two of the notes. Does one of those or anything else stand out to you that might present a particular danger? *Note: What is the particular danger if we believe this couldn't happen to us? (1 Cor 10:11-12)*
5. What would you do to avoid the danger that would lead you away?