What Can Keep Christians Going
Heb. 10:32-39

Introduction:
A. Hebrew Christians were under pressure to quit.
   1. Persecution pressure.
   2. Peer pressure.
B. Hebrew writer warns of the consequences of quitting.
   1. “Fiery indignation” (v. 27).
   2. “Perdition” (v. 39).
C. As Christians, we have two **faculties** to keep them going.

Discussion:
I. A Strong Memory.
A. Of their illumination (v. 32; 1 Pet. 2:9-10).
   1. From the darkness of spiritual ignorance (1 Pet. 1:14)
   2. From the darkness of sinful living (Eph. 5:8).
   3. From the darkness of hopelessness (Eph. 2:12)
   4. From the prospects of eternal darkness (Matt. 25:30).
B. Of their sacrifices (vv. 32-34).
   1. Our sacrifices for Christ – Time, money, hardships, friendships, etc.
   2. Other’s sacrifices for us – Thinks of what others have done for our spiritual good.
C. Of their joy (v. 34).
   1. Joy of having learned the truth.

II. A Strong Faith.
A. In a rewarding God (v. 35; Heb. 11:6).
B. In the returning Christ (v. 37)
   1. As a thief (2 Pet. 3:10; Mt. 24:42-43).
   2. As a judge (Acts 17:31).
   3. As an avenger (2 Thess. 1:6-9).
   4. As a rewarder (2 Tim. 4:8).
C. In the reality of heaven and hell (v. 39)

Conclusion:
A. Is serving the Lord becoming too much of a burden to you? Are you tempted to throw in the towel?
B. Are outside pressures getting to you? Pressure to conform to world? To relieve the hardships?
C. Do you find it easy to let ordinary affairs of life hinder you from worshiping the Lord?
D. If so, all this could very well be a prelude to quitting altogether? Call on your memory and faith.