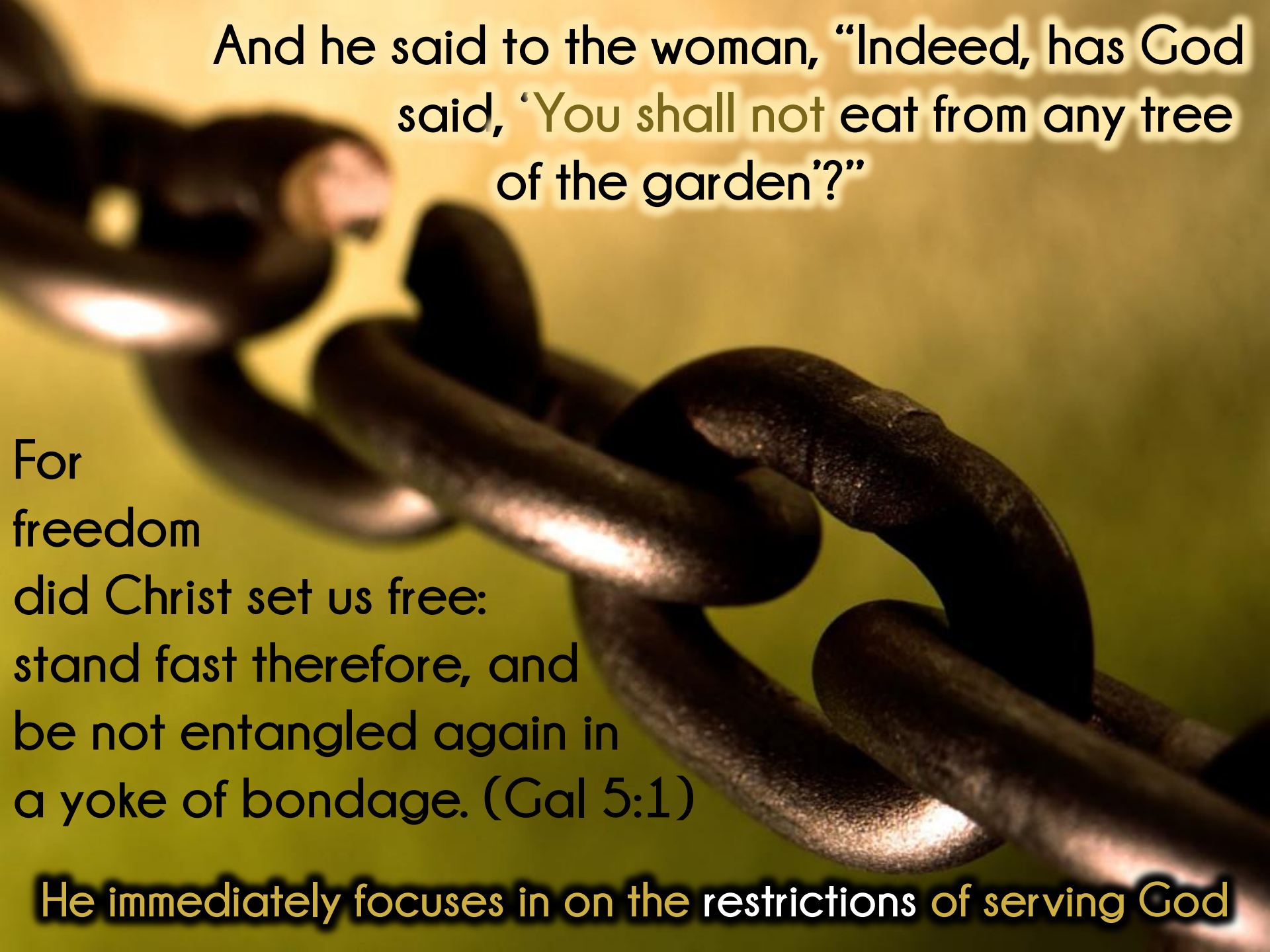


Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.



CRAFTY * SUBTLE * CUNNING * SHREWD * SLY

A close-up photograph of a thick, dark metal chain with several interlocking links. The chain is the central focus, with its metallic texture and highlights clearly visible. In the background, a person is visible but out of focus, appearing to be in a state of distress or struggle, possibly being pulled or restrained by the chain. The background is a warm, yellowish-green color.

And he said to the woman, “Indeed, has God said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree of the garden’?”

For
freedom
did Christ set us free:
stand fast therefore, and
be not entangled again in
a yoke of bondage. (Gal 5:1)

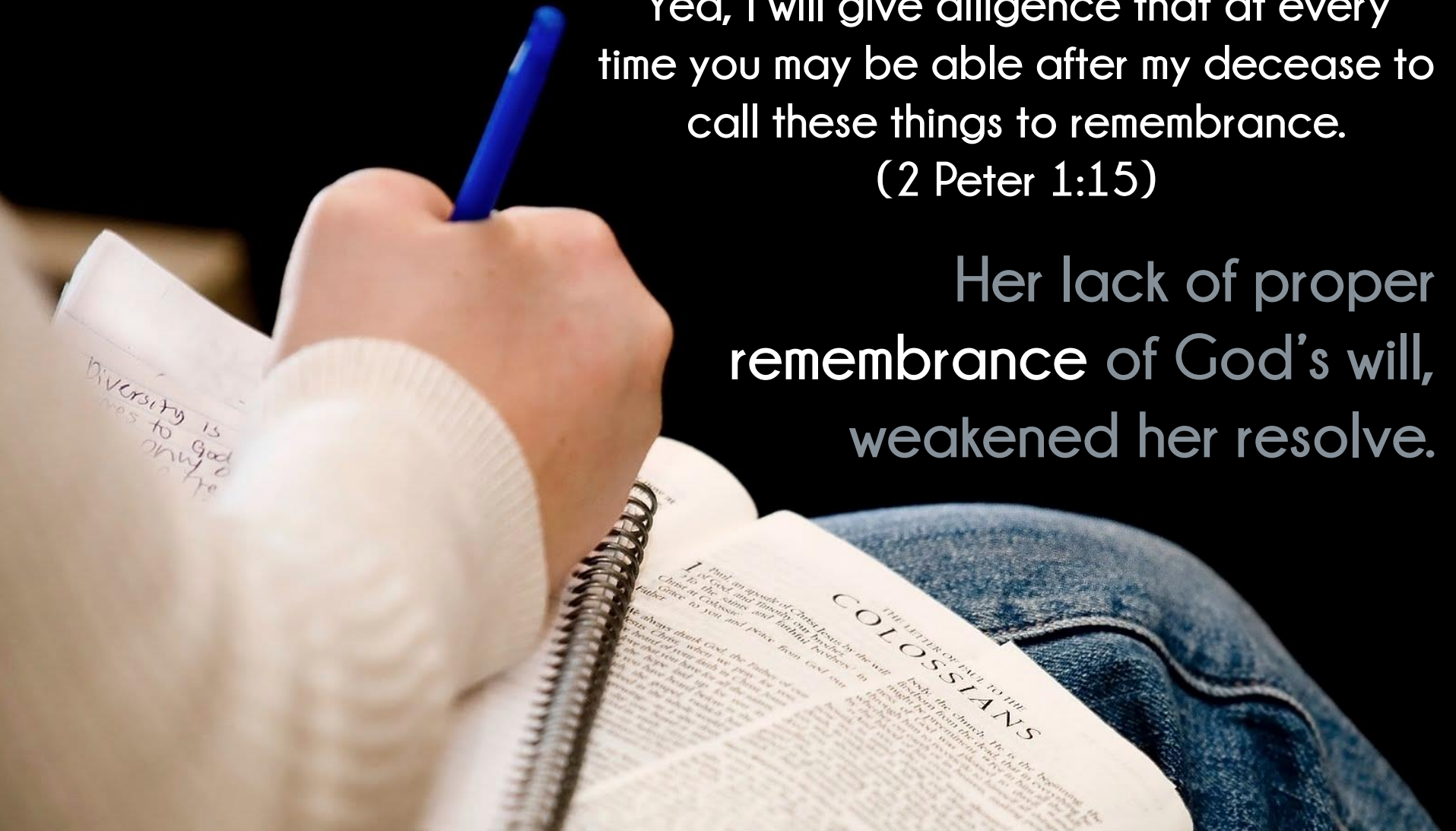
He immediately focuses in on the restrictions of serving God

[Eve told the serpent] “God has said, ‘You shall not eat from it, or touch it, or you will die.’”

Yea, I will give diligence that at every time you may be able after my decease to call these things to remembrance.

(2 Peter 1:15)

Her lack of proper remembrance of God’s will, weakened her resolve.



The serpent said to the woman,
“You surely will not die!”

You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. (John 8:44)

His entire argument only included **one lie** buried within a mountain of questions and truths.


“For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

For they that are
such serve not our
Lord Christ, but
their own belly;
and by their
smooth and fair
speech they
beguile the hearts
of the innocent.

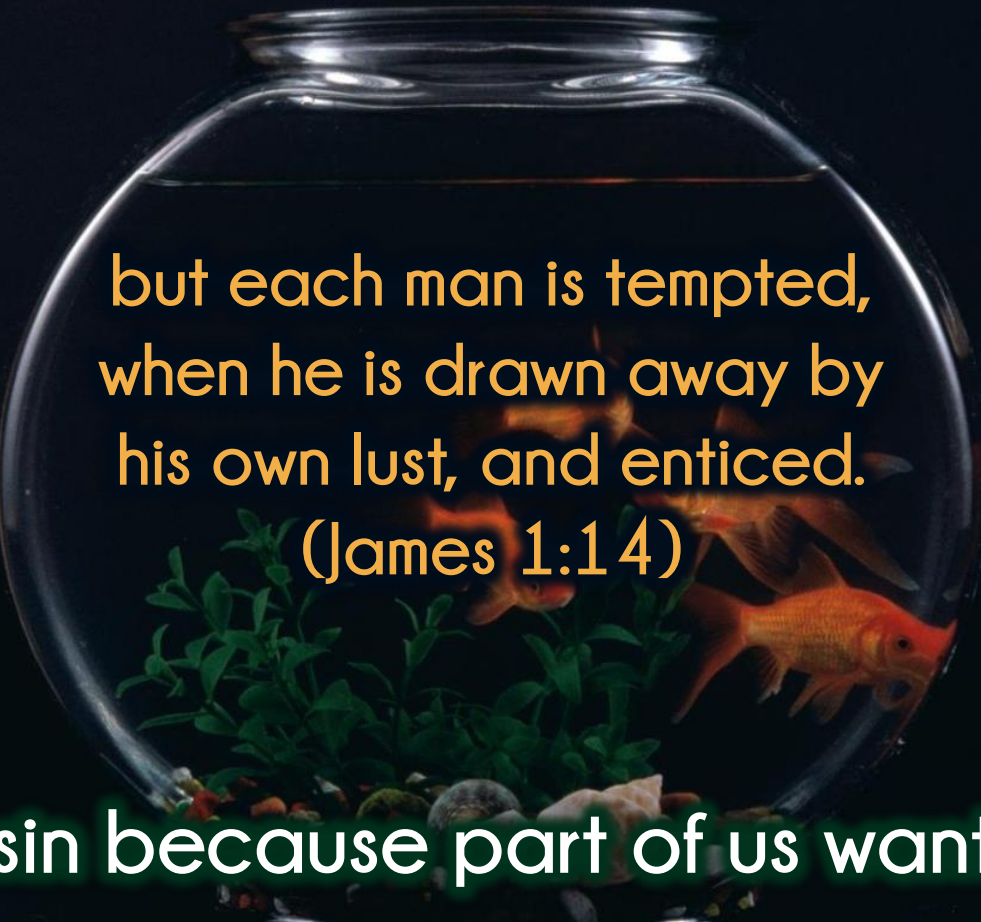
(Rom 16:18)

Sin

The appeal of sin is that it offers empowerment
while actually stealing our innocence.

An orange tabby cat is sitting on the left side of the image, looking towards a fishbowl on the right. The cat has a dark collar with a green heart-shaped tag. The background is black.

When the woman saw that the tree was good
for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes,
and that the tree was desirable to make one
wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she
gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.

A round glass fishbowl is positioned on the right side of the image. It contains water, green artificial plants, and several goldfish. The text is overlaid on the fishbowl.

but each man is tempted,
when he is drawn away by
his own lust, and enticed.
(James 1:14)

We are enticed by sin because part of us wants it.

Above everything else **guard your heart**, because from it
flow the springs of life. (Pr 4:23)



GUARD *your*
HEART