I Am Protected

Genesis 2:16-17

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People often think of Scripture as being hard and rigid, but our Father in heaven wants to protect us, not limit or restrict us. When God placed Adam in the Garden of Eden, He said, "You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden—except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die" (Genesis 2:16–17). This was the very first time God sowed His Word in a person's heart.

Since Satan can't attack God, he comes against us and hurts us so he can hurt God. Disguised as a serpent, Satan told Eve that God's Word about the tree wasn't true. He convinced her that God was withholding something good from her and made her think God's command was a punishment instead of protection.

God loves us and wants to bless us. Once we understand that His Word is meant to protect us, we'll stop seeing Him as an enforcer and start seeing Him as our Father and protector.