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BROKEN BODY

1 CORINTHIANS

Broken Freedom

1 CORINTHIANS 8:1-13

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Is it okay for Christians to eat food
that has been sacrificed to idols?








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How should Christians handle gray
issues in our world today?

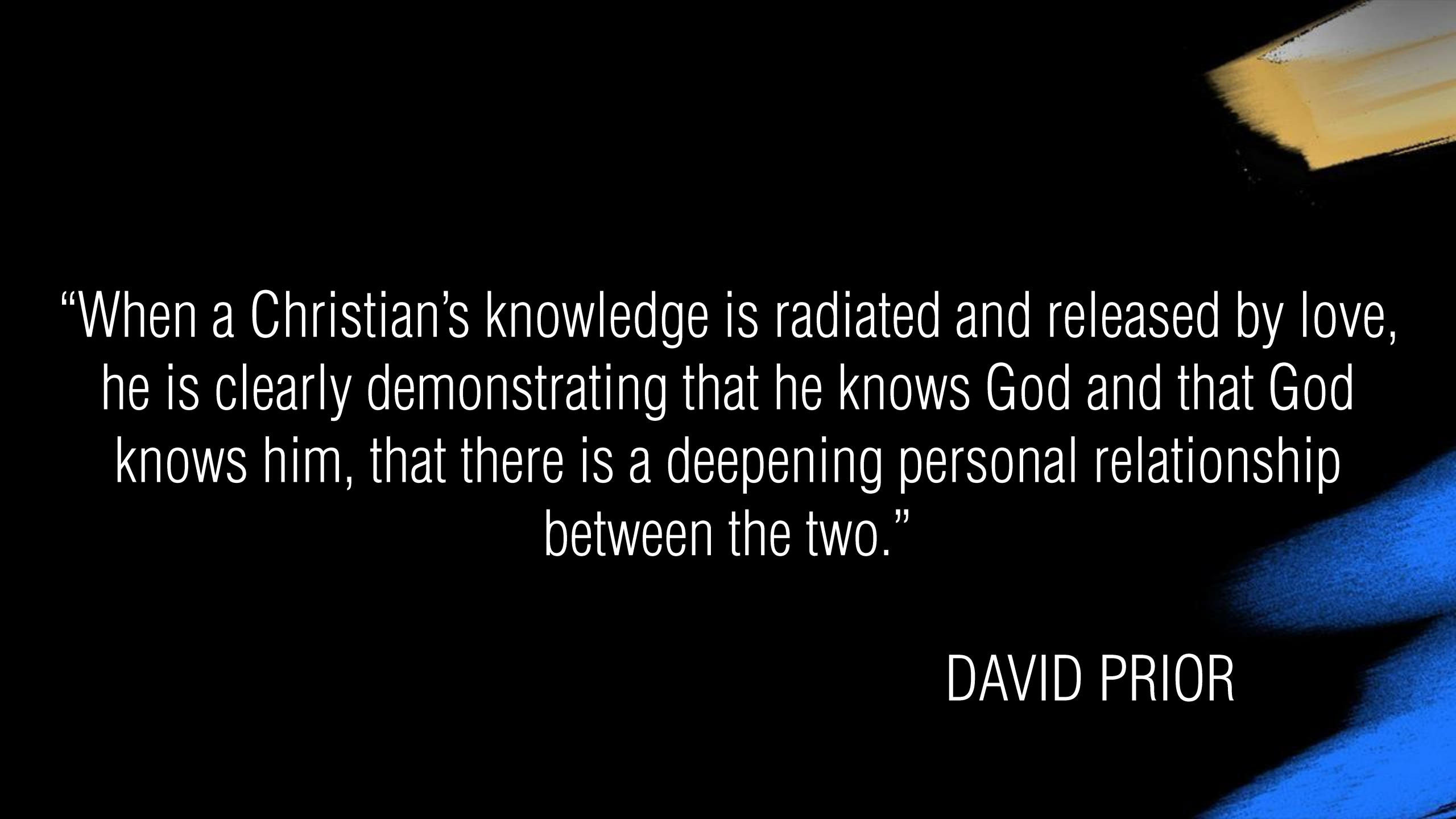
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“Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.”

1 CORINTHIANS 8:1-3

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Knowledge divorced from love becomes
a weapon to tear down rather than a tool to build up.

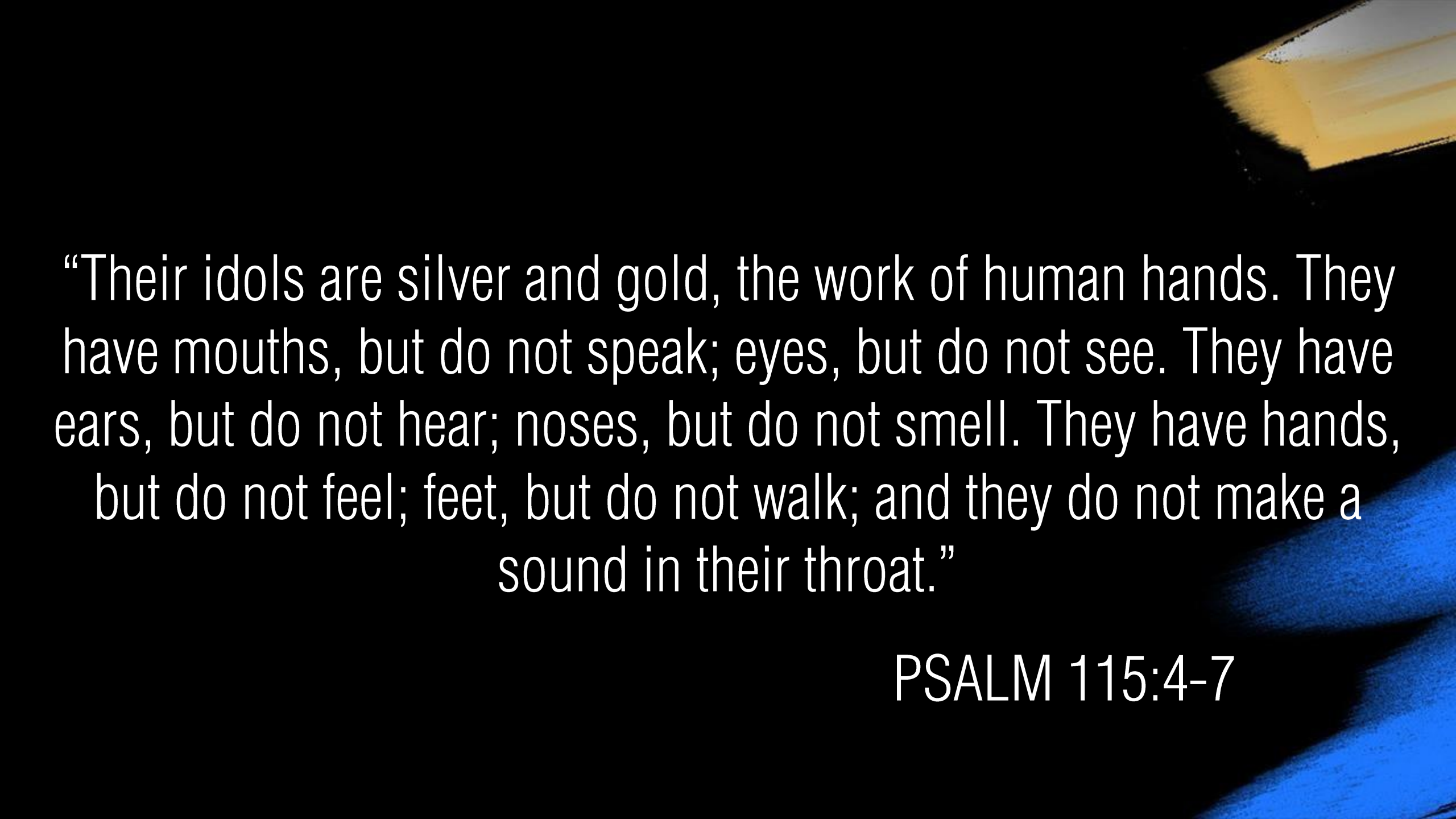
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“When a Christian’s knowledge is radiated and released by love, he is clearly demonstrating that he knows God and that God knows him, that there is a deepening personal relationship between the two.”

DAVID PRIOR


“Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that
“an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but
one.” For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on
earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—
yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things
and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through
whom are all things and through whom we exist.”

1 CORINTHIANS 8:4-6

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“Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands. They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see. They have ears, but do not hear; noses, but do not smell. They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk; and they do not make a sound in their throat.”

PSALM 115:4-7

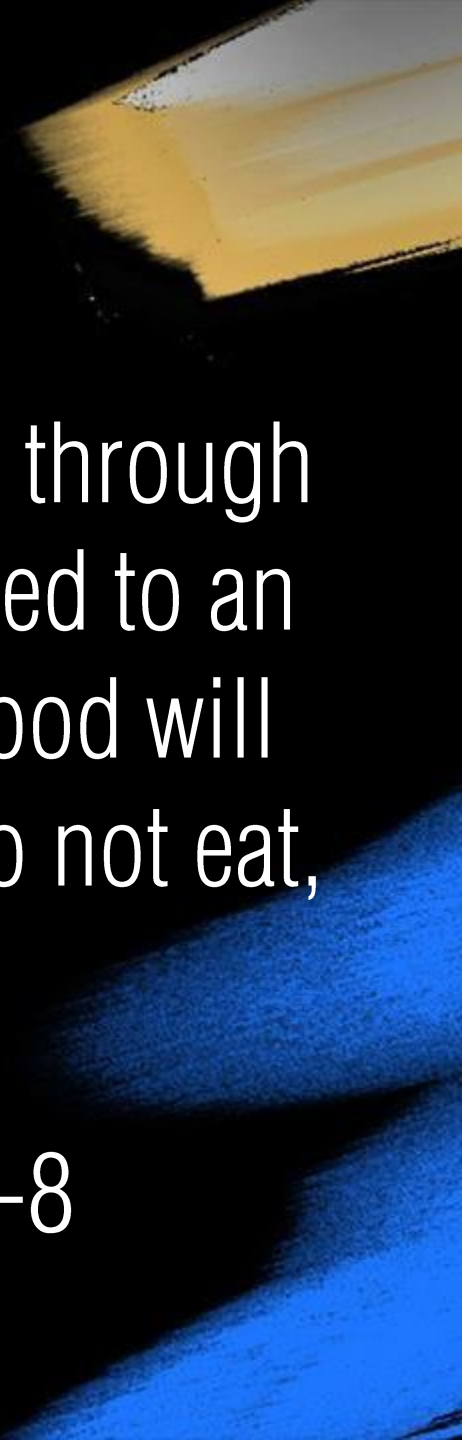
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“Those who make them become like them,
so do all who trust in them.”

PSALM 115:8

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“However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do.”

1 CORINTHIANS 8:7-8

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Does it violate God's commands?

How should Christians handle gray
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Does it violate my conscience?

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Does it exploit a personal weakness?

“But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol’s temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.”

1 CORINTHIANS 8:9-13

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What do the people around
me need from me?

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Part of our freedom is that
we limit our freedom.