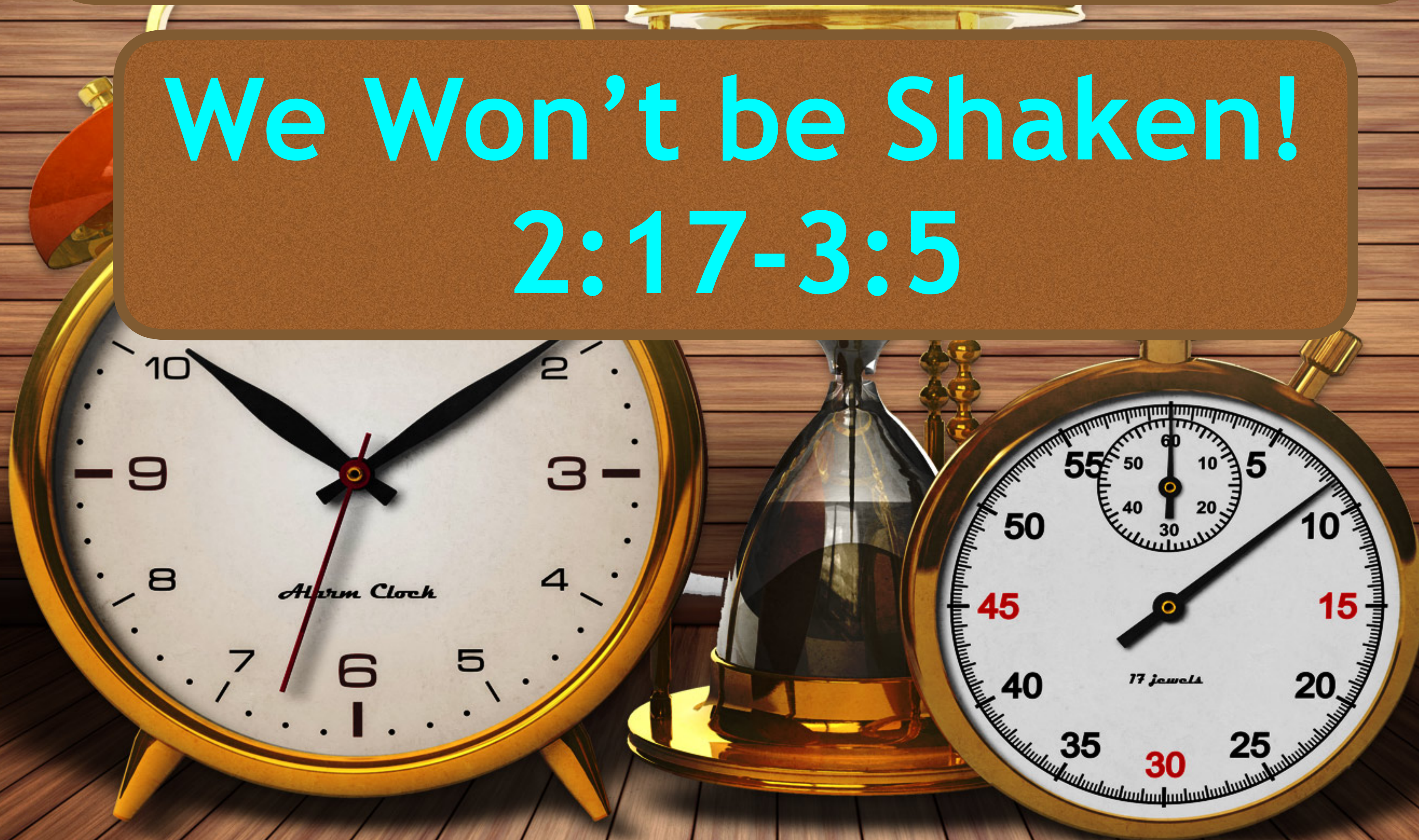
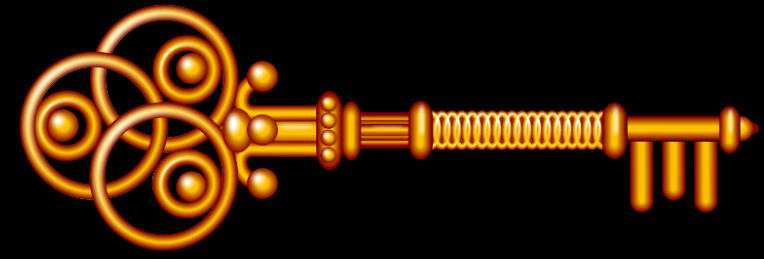


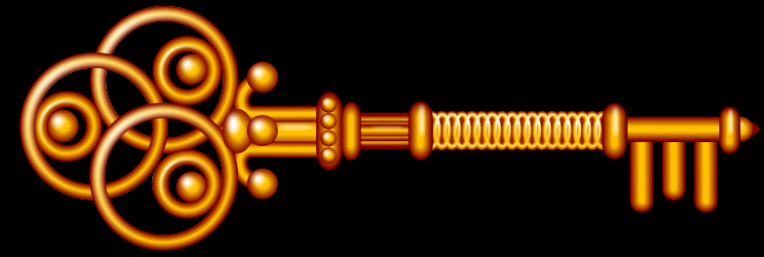
Wide Awake and Ready!
1 Thessalonians

We Won't be Shaken!
2:17-3:5

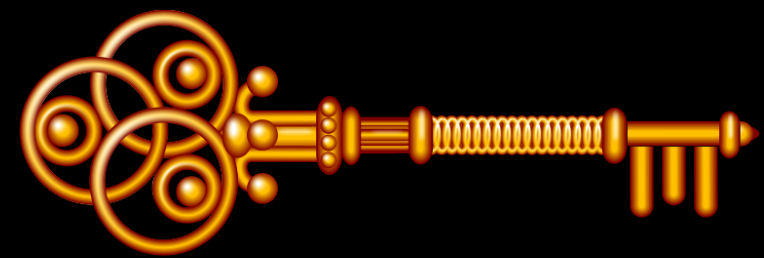




Jesus said, “I will build My church.



Satan, our “adversary,” continually attempts to tear down the church that Christ promised to build.



Great love drove Paul and Silas to desire time with the church. Satan opposed them every step of the way.

**“ . . . we sent Timothy, our brother and God’s coworker
in the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage
you concerning your faith, so *that* . . .**



. . . no one will be shaken by these afflictions.

**Afflictions - thlipsis: Anguished, burdened,
persecution, tribulation, trouble.**



**. . . For you yourselves know that
we are appointed to this.**

Appointed - keimai: To lie outstretched

The background of the slide features a dark silhouette of a church steeple with a cross on top, set against a light yellow background. In the lower portion of the image, there are silhouettes of several people standing on a hill, looking towards the church.

Paul sent Timothy to;

1. Strengthen them.

2. Encourage them in their faith.

3. Keep them from being shaken.

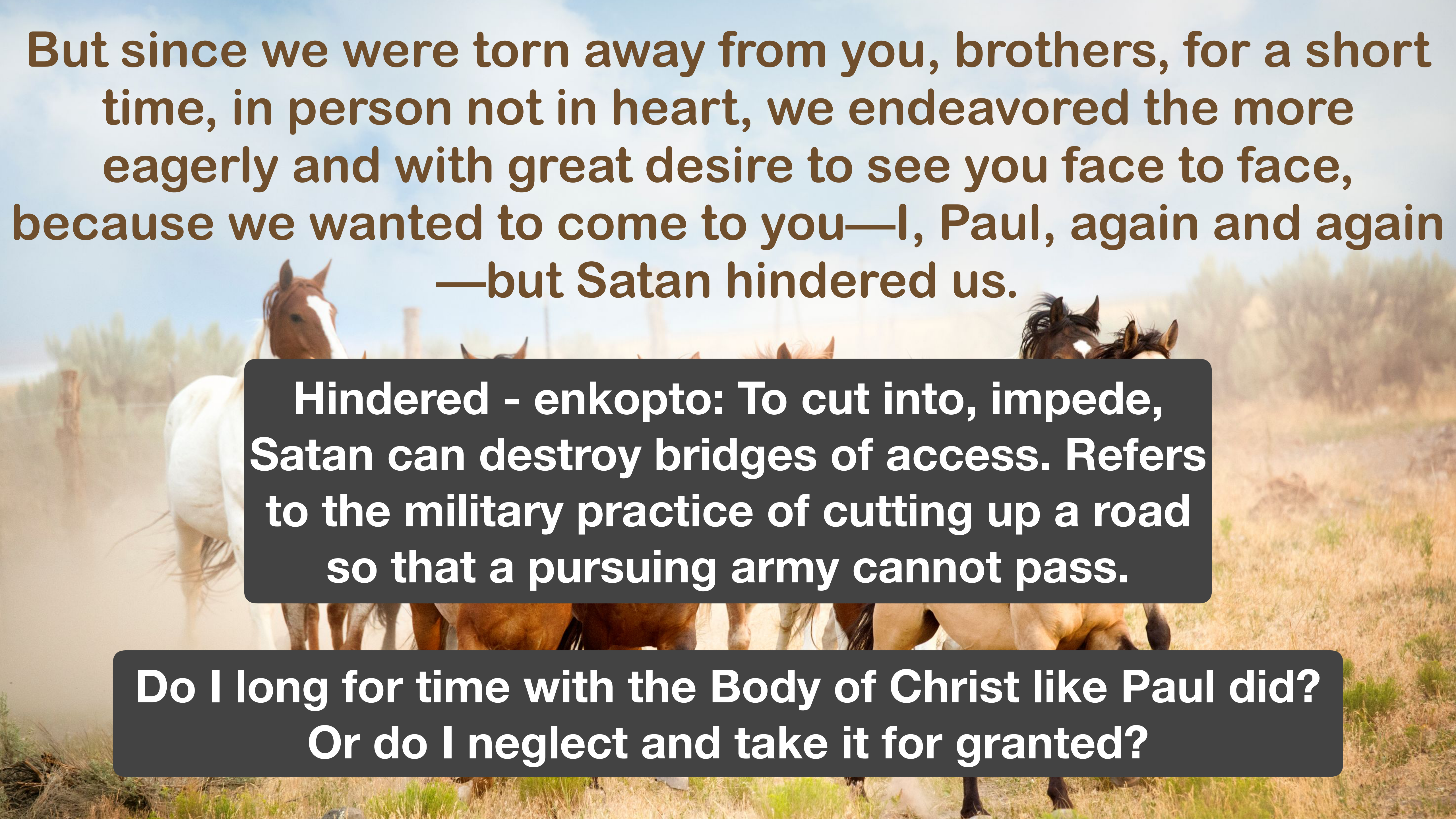
Tempter's main strategy? To keep us apart! Why?

When we're together, we are;

1. Stronger.

2. Encouraged in our faith.

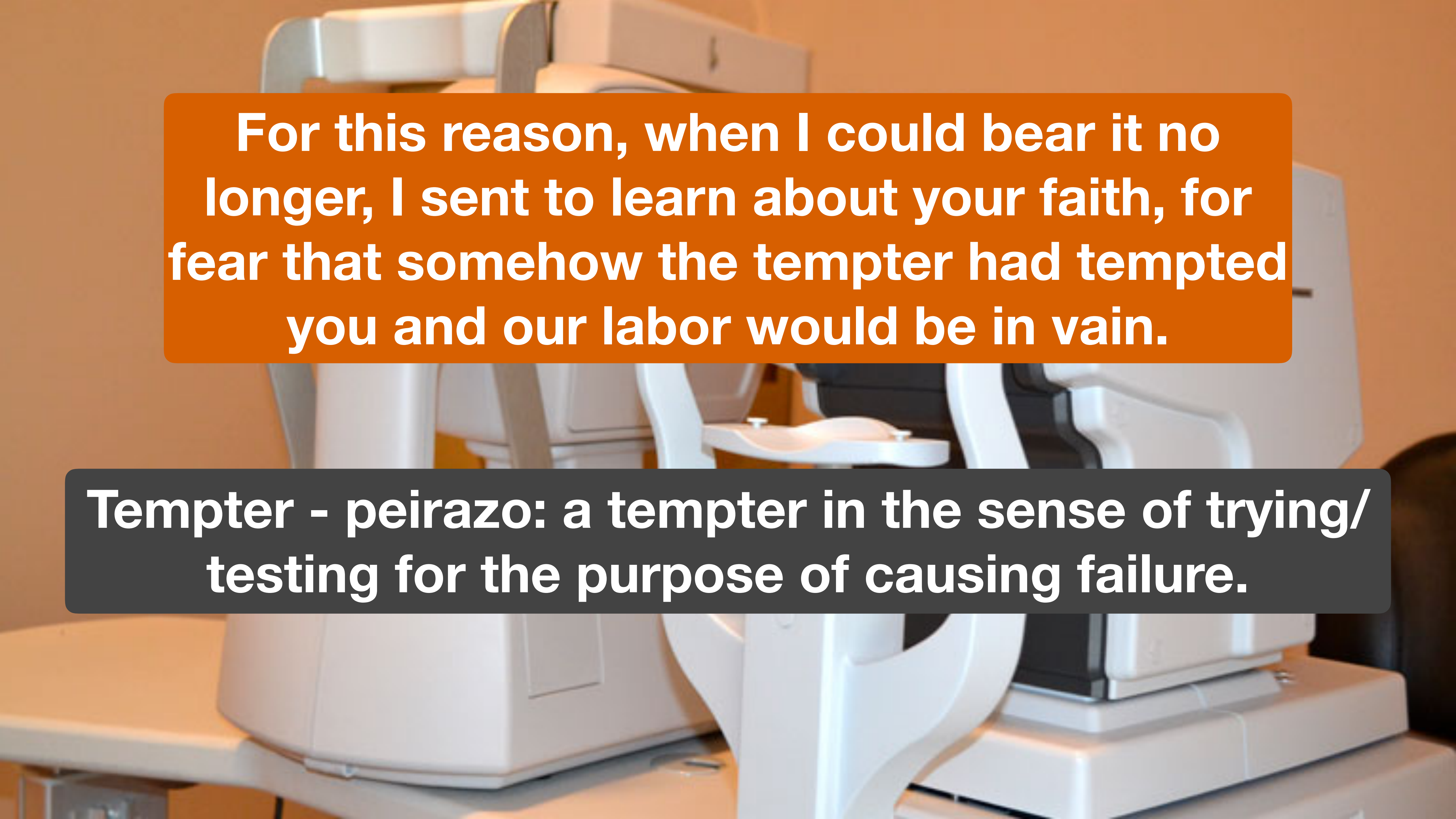
3. Kept from being shaken.

A herd of horses is running through a field of tall, dry grass. The horses are kicking up a cloud of dust, creating a hazy atmosphere. The background shows a line of trees under a clear sky.

But since we were torn away from you, brothers, for a short time, in person not in heart, we endeavored the more eagerly and with great desire to see you face to face, because we wanted to come to you—I, Paul, again and again—but Satan hindered us.

Hindered - enkopto: To cut into, impede, Satan can destroy bridges of access. Refers to the military practice of cutting up a road so that a pursuing army cannot pass.

**Do I long for time with the Body of Christ like Paul did?
Or do I neglect and take it for granted?**

A close-up, slightly blurred image of a laboratory microscope, showing its white and black components. The microscope is positioned on a light-colored surface, and the background is a warm, orange-brown color.

For this reason, when I could bear it no longer, I sent to learn about your faith, for fear that somehow the tempter had tempted you and our labor would be in vain.

Tempter - peirazo: a tempter in the sense of trying/testing for the purpose of causing failure.