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# Bible Study

Small Group Session

**John 12:42-50**

MARCH 19-25, 2023

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# Take Home Principle

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42 Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not openly acknowledge their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; 43 for they loved human praise more than praise from God.

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44 Then Jesus cried out, “Whoever believes in me does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me. 45 The one who looks at me is seeing the one who sent me. 46 I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.

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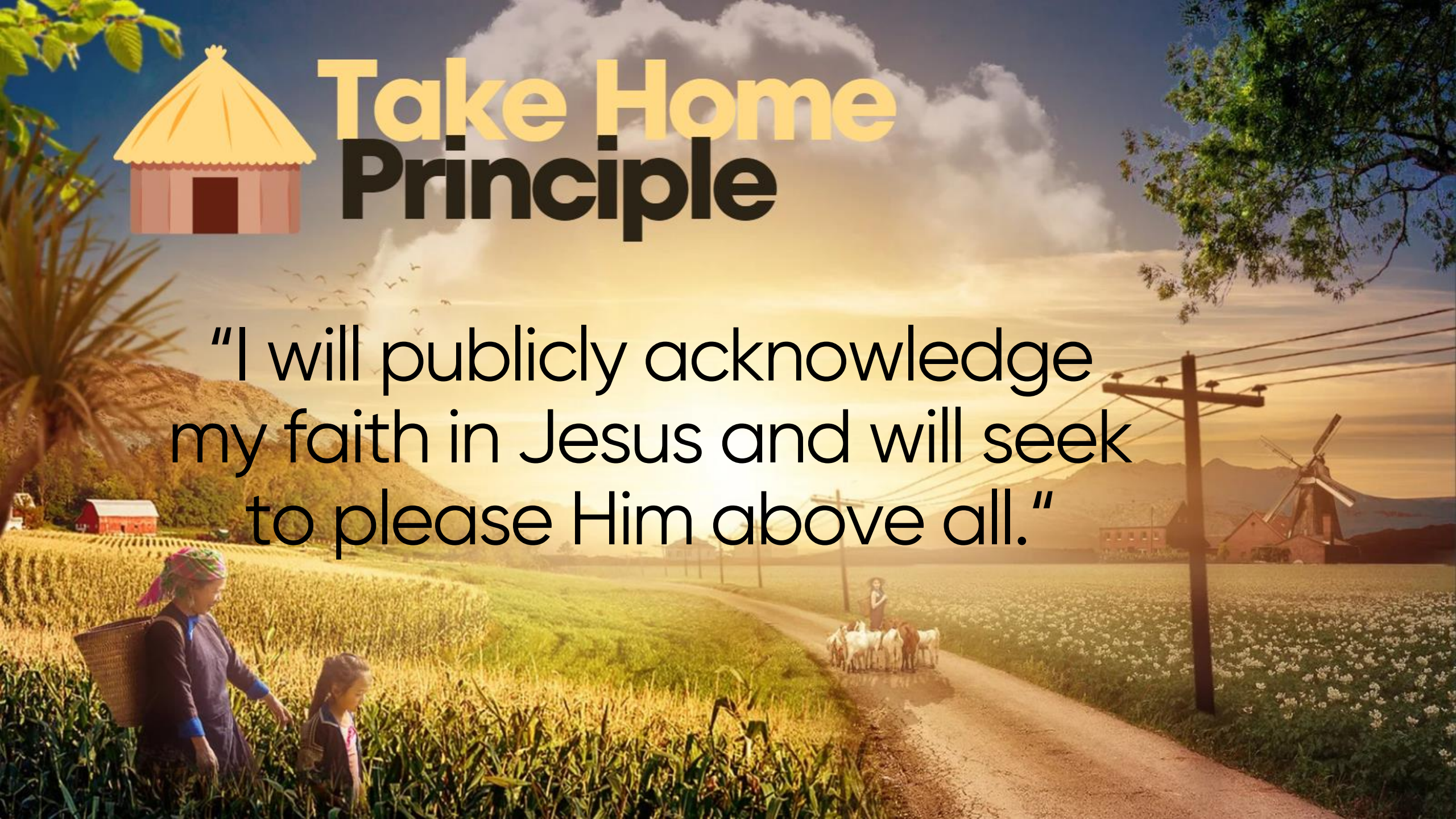
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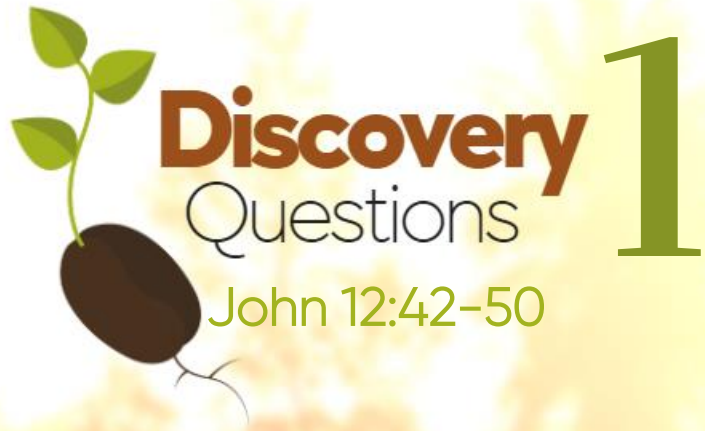
47 “If anyone hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge that person. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world. 48 There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; the very words I have spoken will condemn them at the last day. 49 For I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me to say all that I have spoken. 50 I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say.”



# Take Home Principle

"I will publicly acknowledge my faith in Jesus and will seek to please Him above all."





In verse 42, the Bible says that there were many who believed in Jesus, even some leaders, only that they would not openly acknowledge their faith. Why?



How did Jesus describe himself in relation to God the Father?





What was Jesus' purpose in coming to the world?



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Why did Jesus bring up his relationship with the Father to those who were fearful to acknowledge their faith in Him? What was his point?





# Understanding 2

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In the passage, Jesus stresses the importance of believing in Him (v.44), obeying Him (v. 47), and accepting his words (v.48). Do you think it is possible or acceptable to do all these things and be a Christian without acknowledging Him before others, because of potential detriments?



# Understanding 3

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In Jesus' time, and as revealed in this passage, people were wary of displeasing the Pharisees despite their growing belief in Christ. Who do people fear or want to please in today's world and give people a hard time in declaring their faith in Christ?



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# 1

Have you publicly acknowledged your faith in Jesus and do those around you know you are a Christian? If not yet, what is holding you back?



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What primarily drives your actions in your everyday life? Do you find yourself wanting—

- a) To please others ("as long as they're happy, I'll do it")
- b) To please yourself ("as long as it makes me happy, I'll do it!"); or
- c) To please God ("If this is what God wants me to do, I'll do it")



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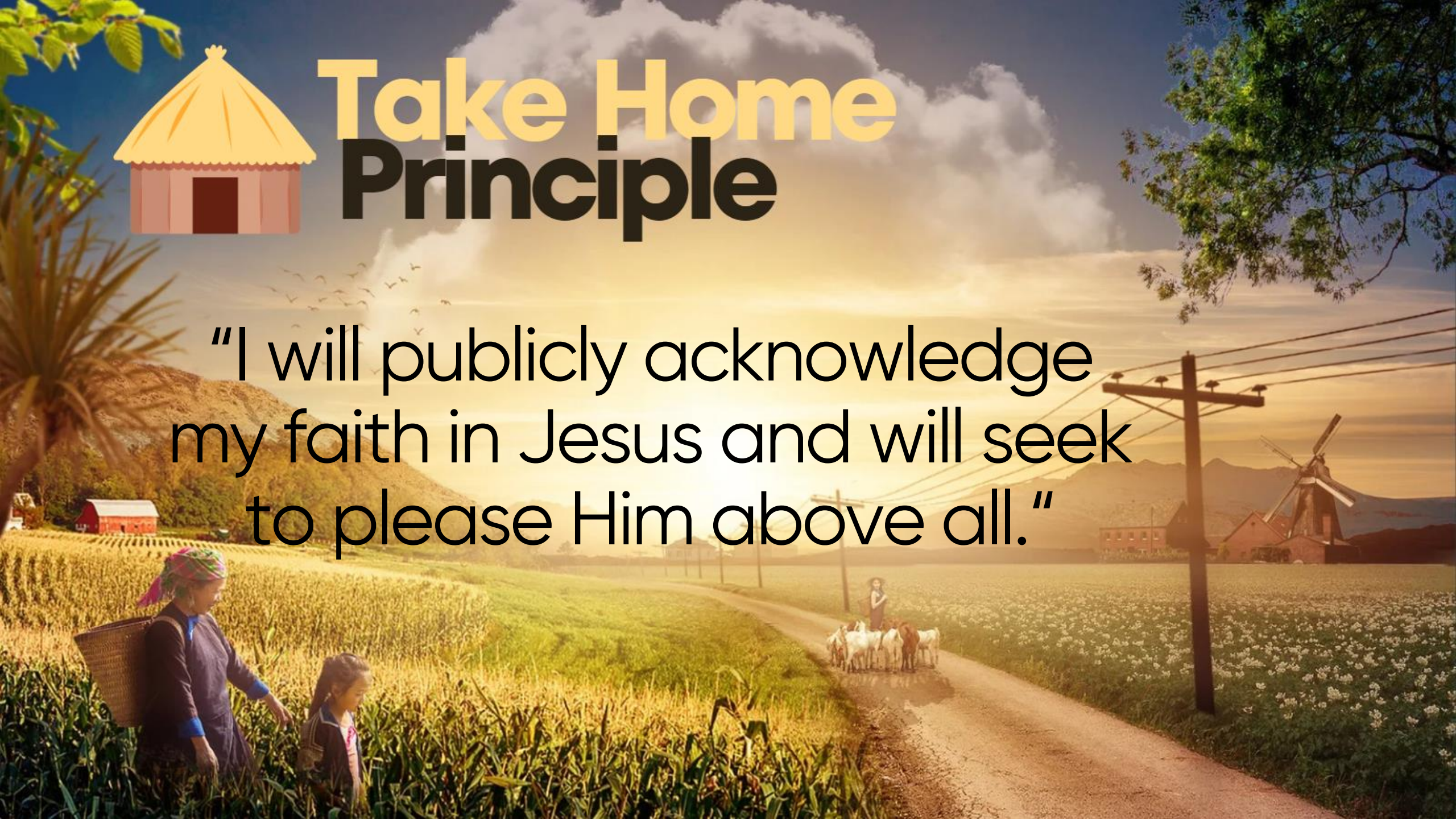
# 3

How can you strengthen your commitment to obey Jesus and guard yourself from wanting to please (or fear) men over God? What verses come to mind that you can memorize and keep handy?



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