

A photograph of the Great Pyramids of Giza in Egypt at sunset. The pyramids are constructed from large, weathered stone blocks and are illuminated by the warm, golden light of the setting sun. The sky is filled with soft, orange and yellow clouds, and the sun is visible on the right side of the frame. The foreground shows the sandy desert floor and the base of the pyramids. The image is framed by a decorative border consisting of wavy, light-colored lines and a grid of vertical lines on the left and right sides.

Lifting Heads

Genesis 40

In waiting, God uses Joseph, with his eyes open to others' distress, so that we would lift the heads of others.



1. Open Eyes for the Hurting





**God gives his people eyes to see and a
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Matthew 25:35–36

[35] For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, [36] I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.'

**1. Open Eyes for the
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2. Glimpses of the Cross

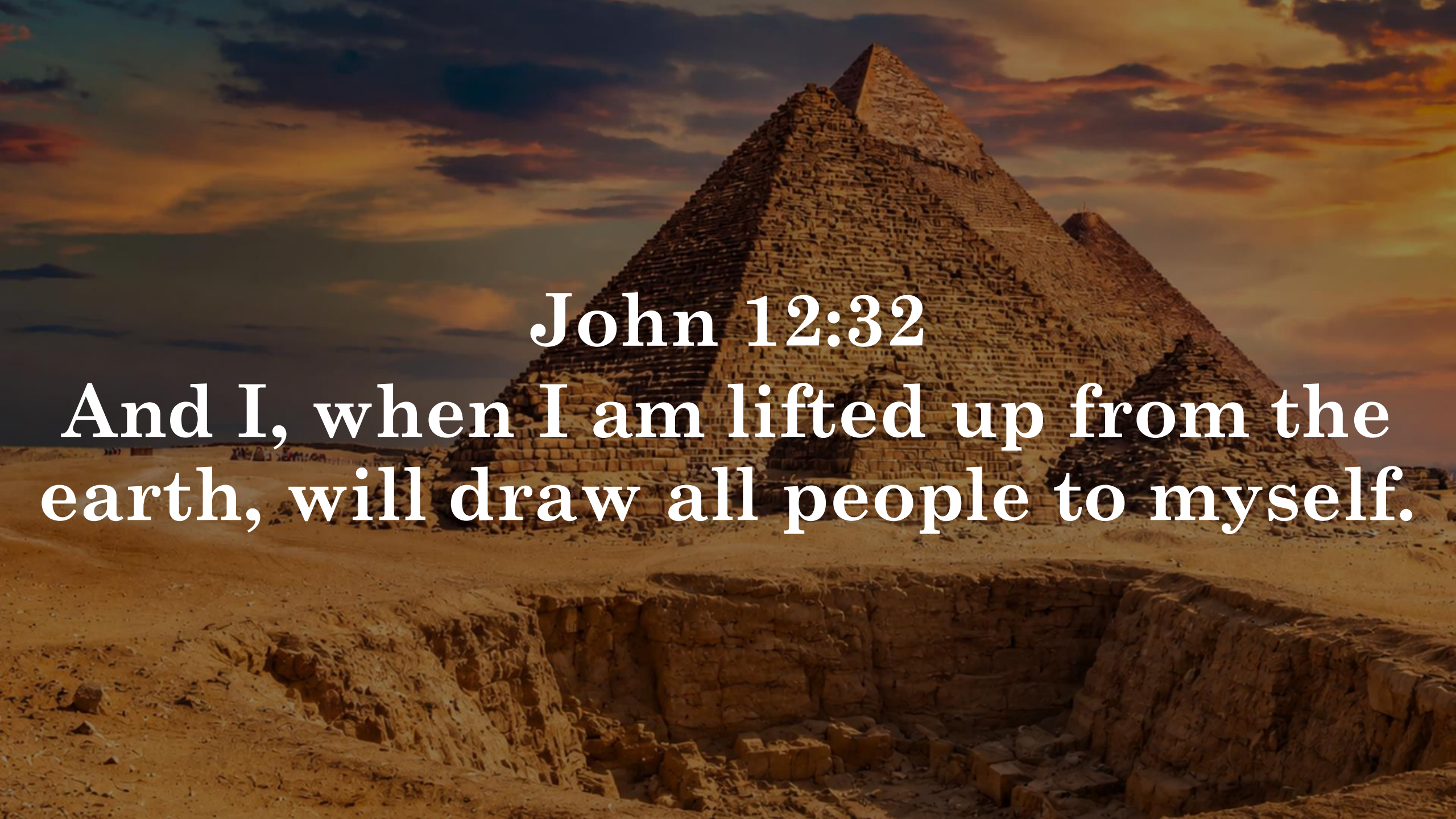


Luke 23:39–43

[39] One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” [40] But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? [41] And we indeed justly,

Luke 23:39–43

for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” [42] And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” [43] And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

A photograph of the Great Pyramids of Giza in Egypt at sunset. The sky is filled with orange and yellow clouds, and the pyramids are silhouetted against the bright light. The foreground shows the desert sand and some stone ruins.

John 12:32

And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.



**Every text makes a direct path to the
cross.**



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**C. They were thrown
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2. Glimpses of the Cross

**3. God Never Forgets
His People**



**How long do you think it takes for
hope to die?**





Proverbs 13:12

Hope deferred makes the heart sick,
but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life.



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- C. Remember God's
Word and work.**



**Circumstances are never strong
enough to carry hope.**

**When our hearts are empty of hope,
our hands should be filled with God's
Word.**





Walking Point:

- 1. Keep your eyes open
for the people that
need their heads lifted.**