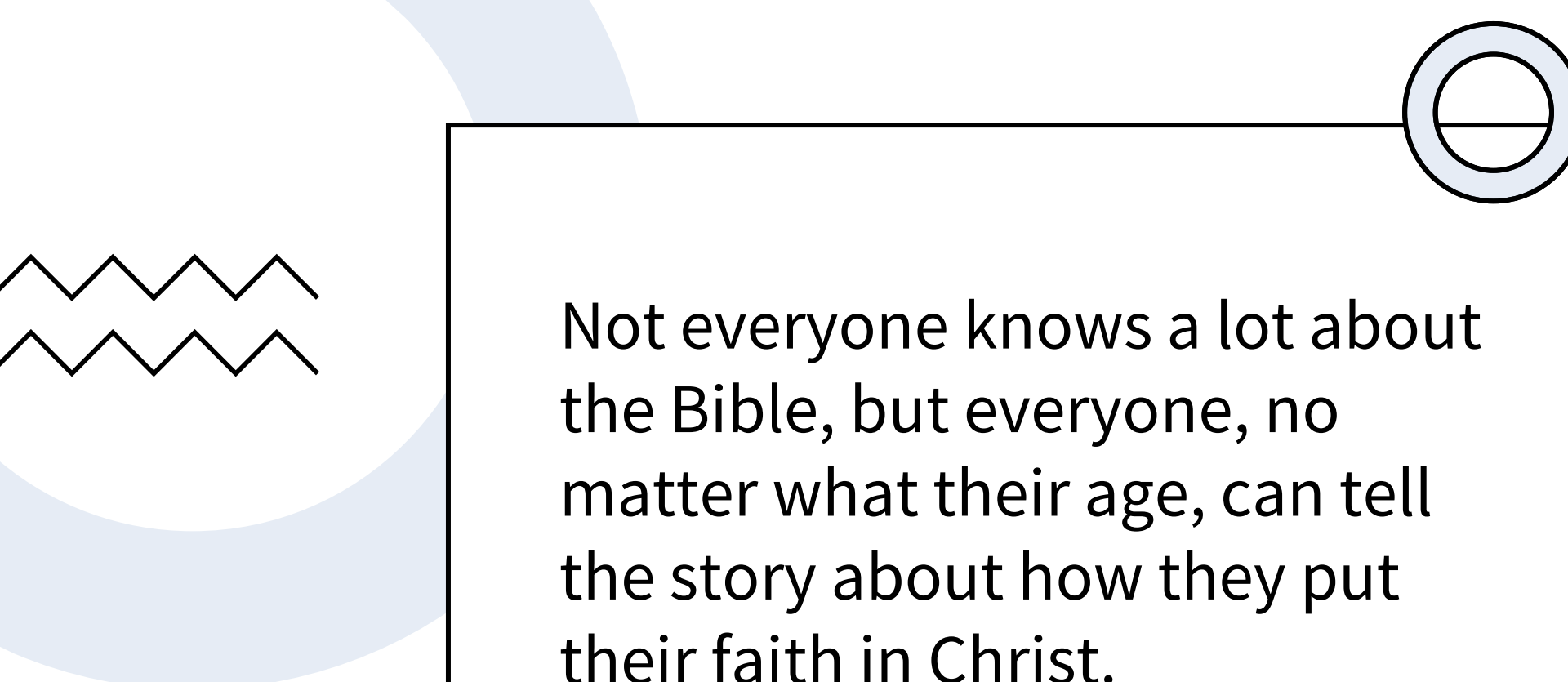




TELLING YOUR STORY


HOW HAS CHRIST
MADE A DIFFERENCE
IN YOUR LIFE?





Not everyone knows a lot about the Bible, but everyone, no matter what their age, can tell the story about how they put their faith in Christ.


Your story is personal, it is real, and it is unique. No one else has a story like yours.





John 4:28-42


Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony... And because of his words many more became believers.

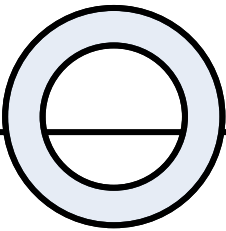
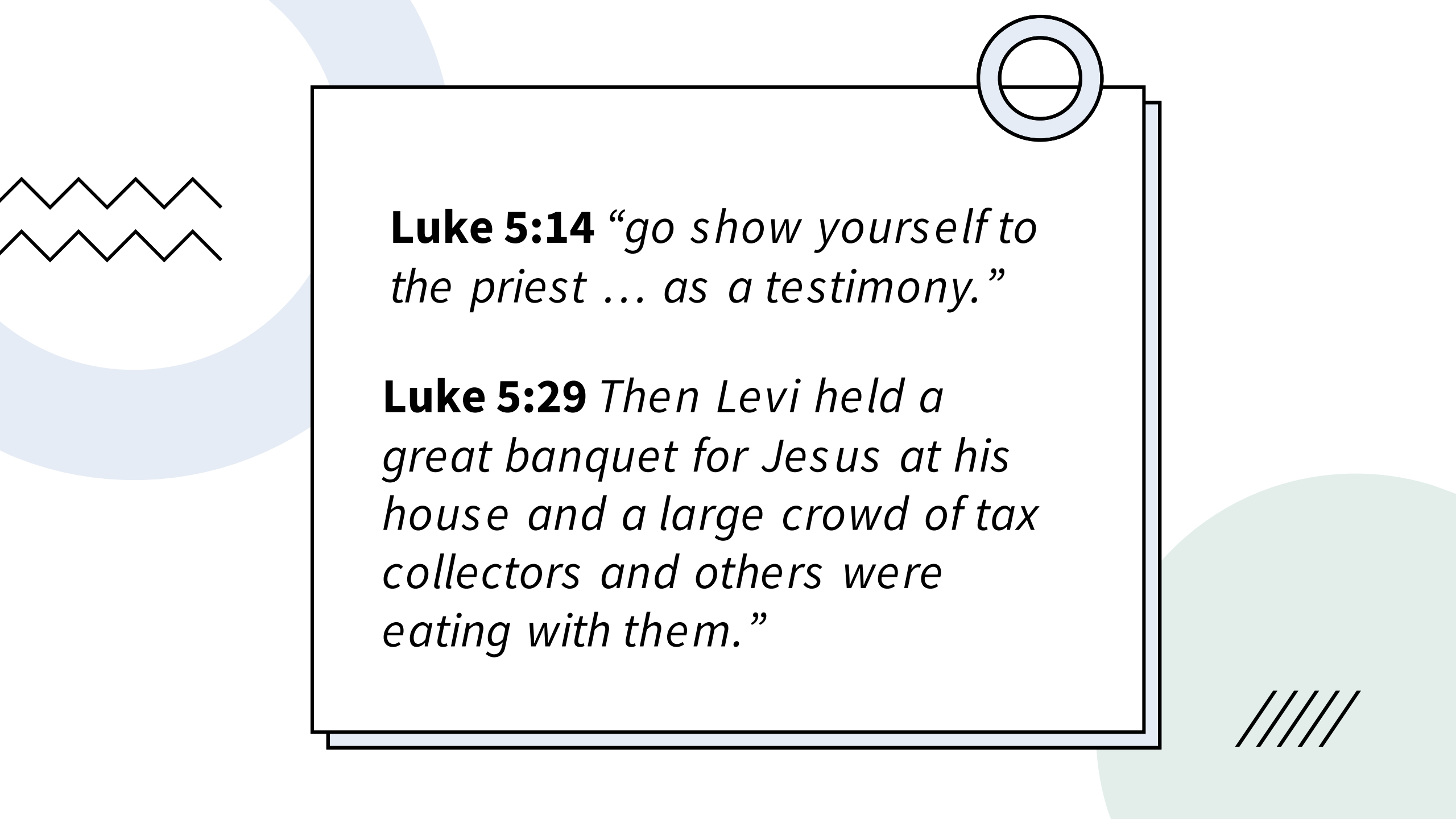




John 9:15-41


Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. “He put mud on my eyes,” the man replied, “and I washed, and now I see... One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see.”

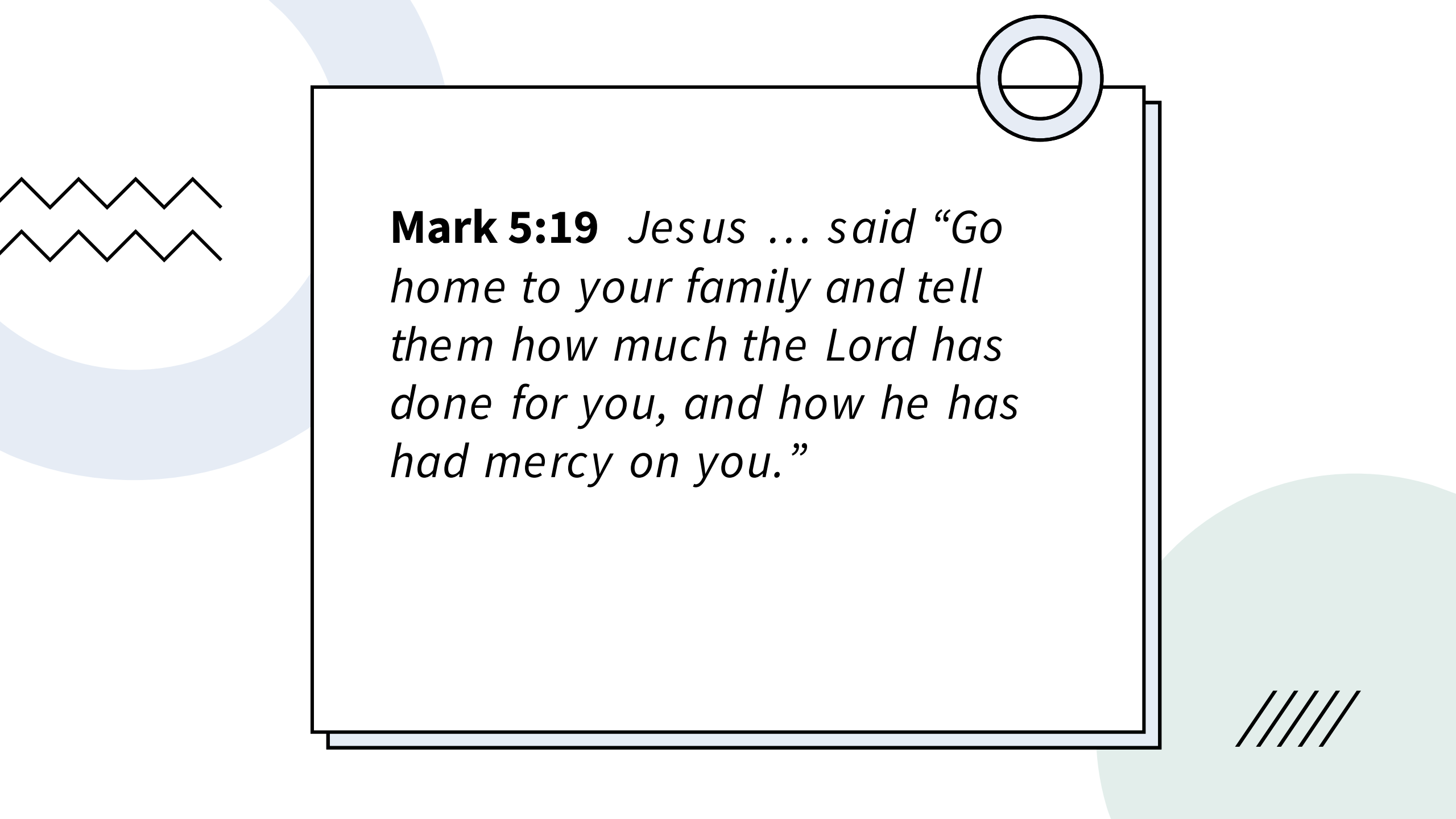




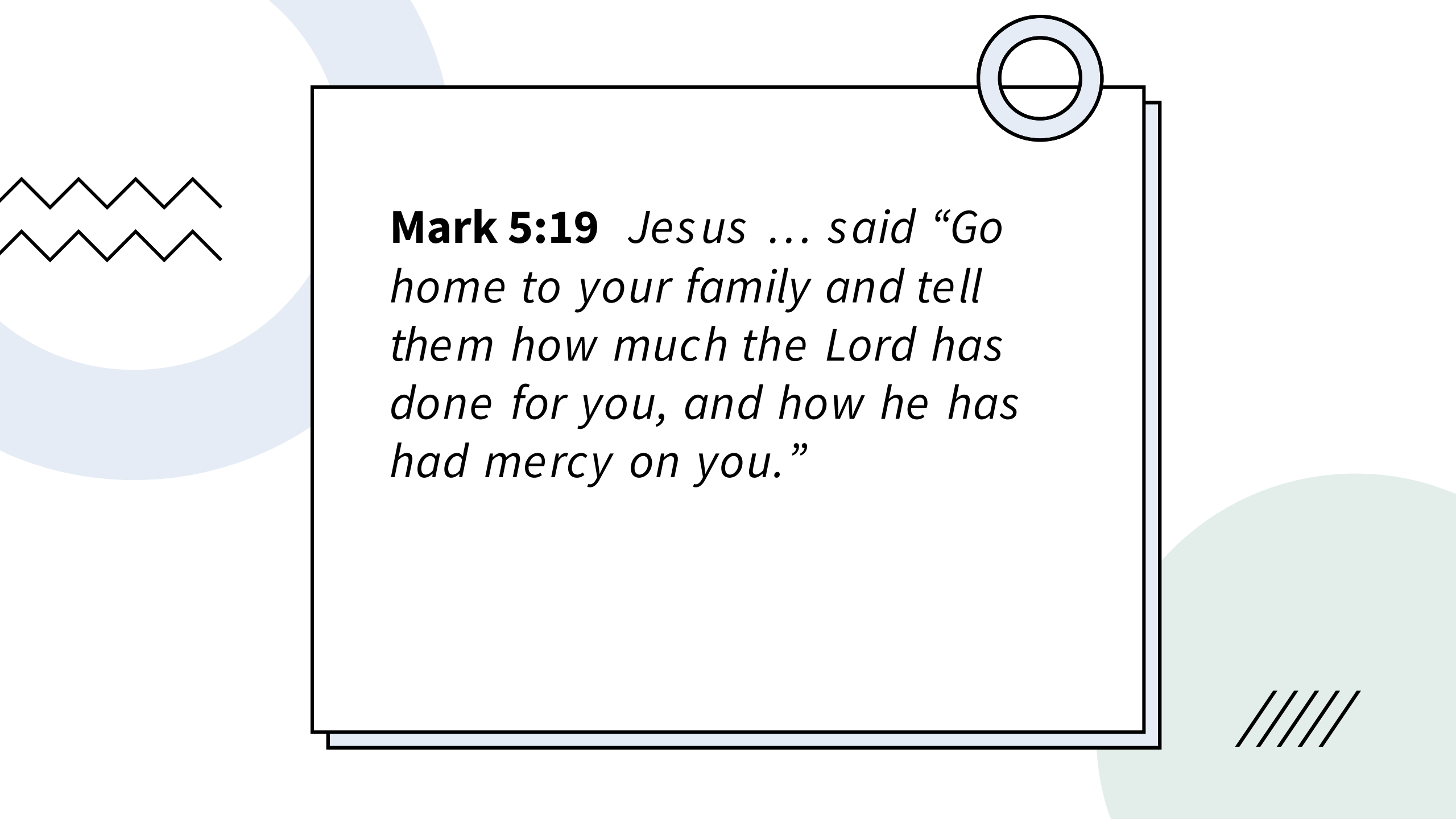
Luke 5:14 *“go show yourself to the priest ... as a testimony.”*

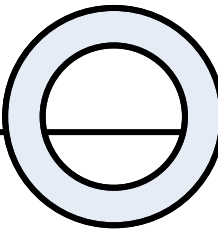
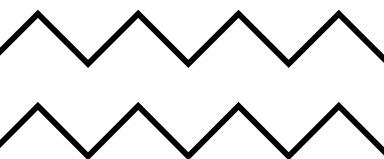
Luke 5:29 *Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them.”*






Mark 5:19 *Jesus ... said “Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.”*





Acts 26:1-32 *“The Jews all know the way I have lived since I was a child... On one of these journeys I was going to Damascus ... King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven... I preached that they should repent and turn to God.”*





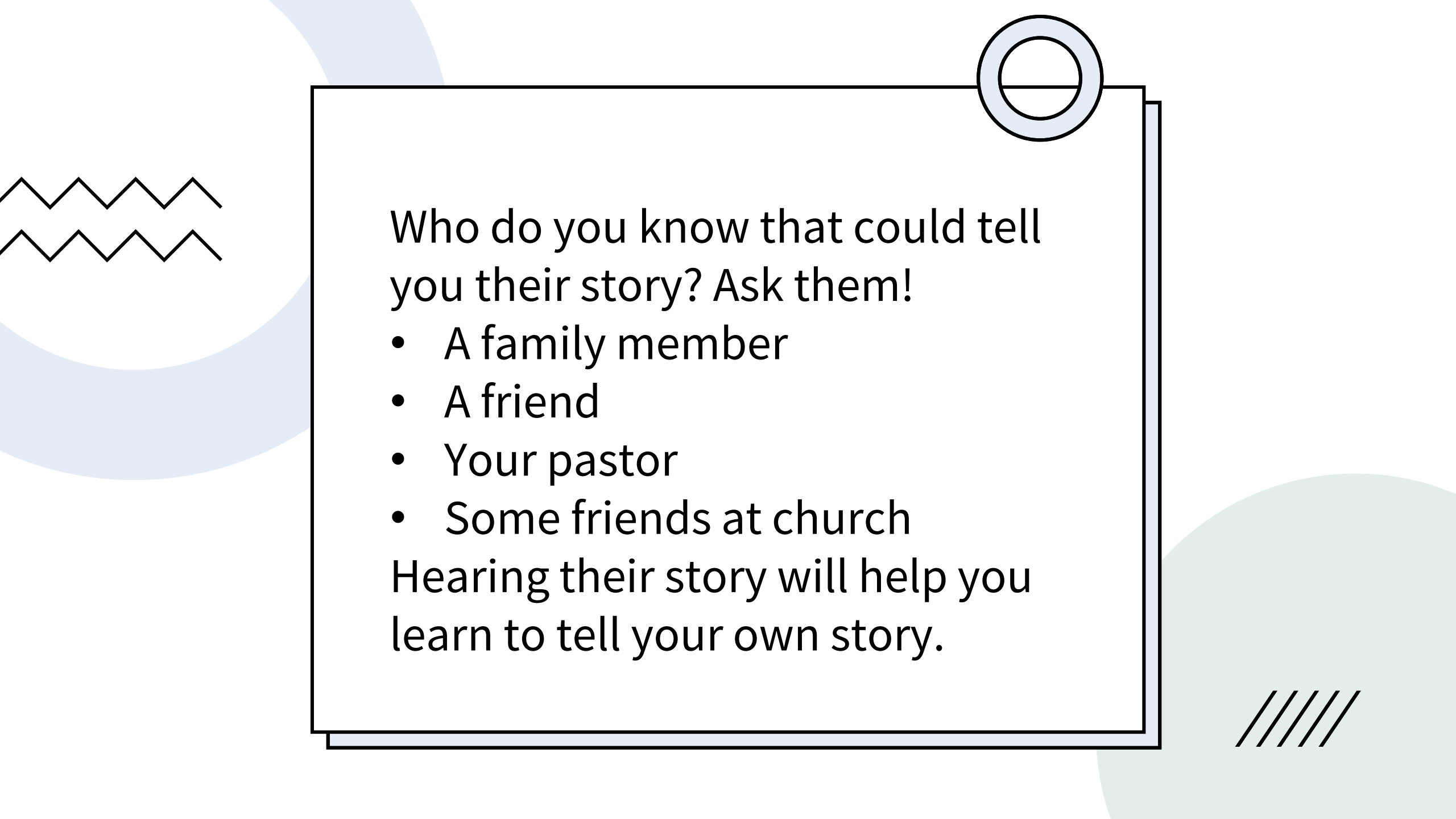
Like Paul, we can tell our story in three parts:

1. My life before I met Christ.
2. How I put my faith in Christ.
3. After I trusted Christ, these are some of the things I am learning and how God is working in my life.



What kinds of things might be in your story?

- What were you putting your faith in before you met Christ?
- Was there a person who helped you understand?
- Was there a Bible verse that helped you understand?

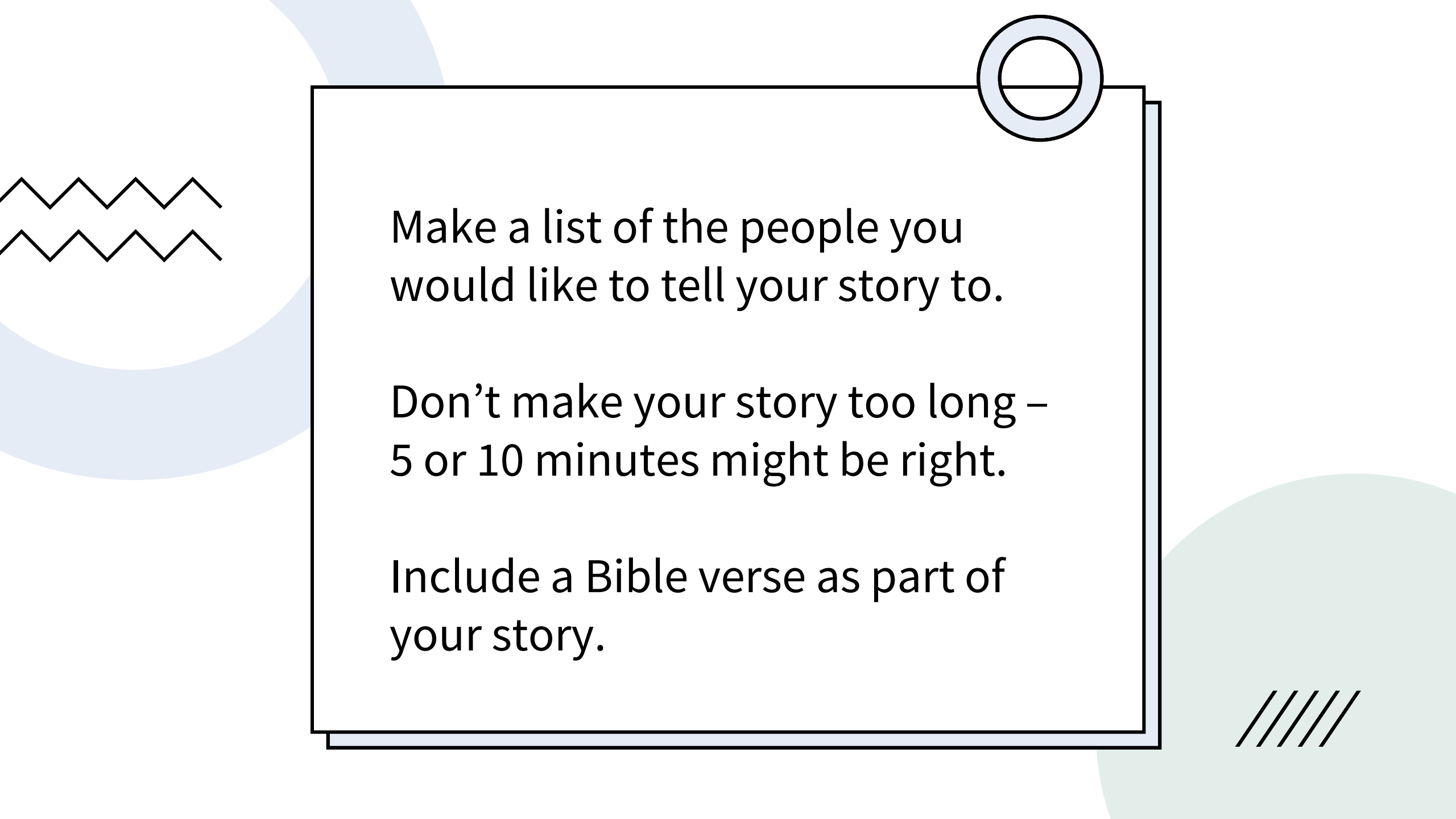


Who do you know that could tell you their story? Ask them!

- A family member
- A friend
- Your pastor
- Some friends at church

Hearing their story will help you learn to tell your own story.



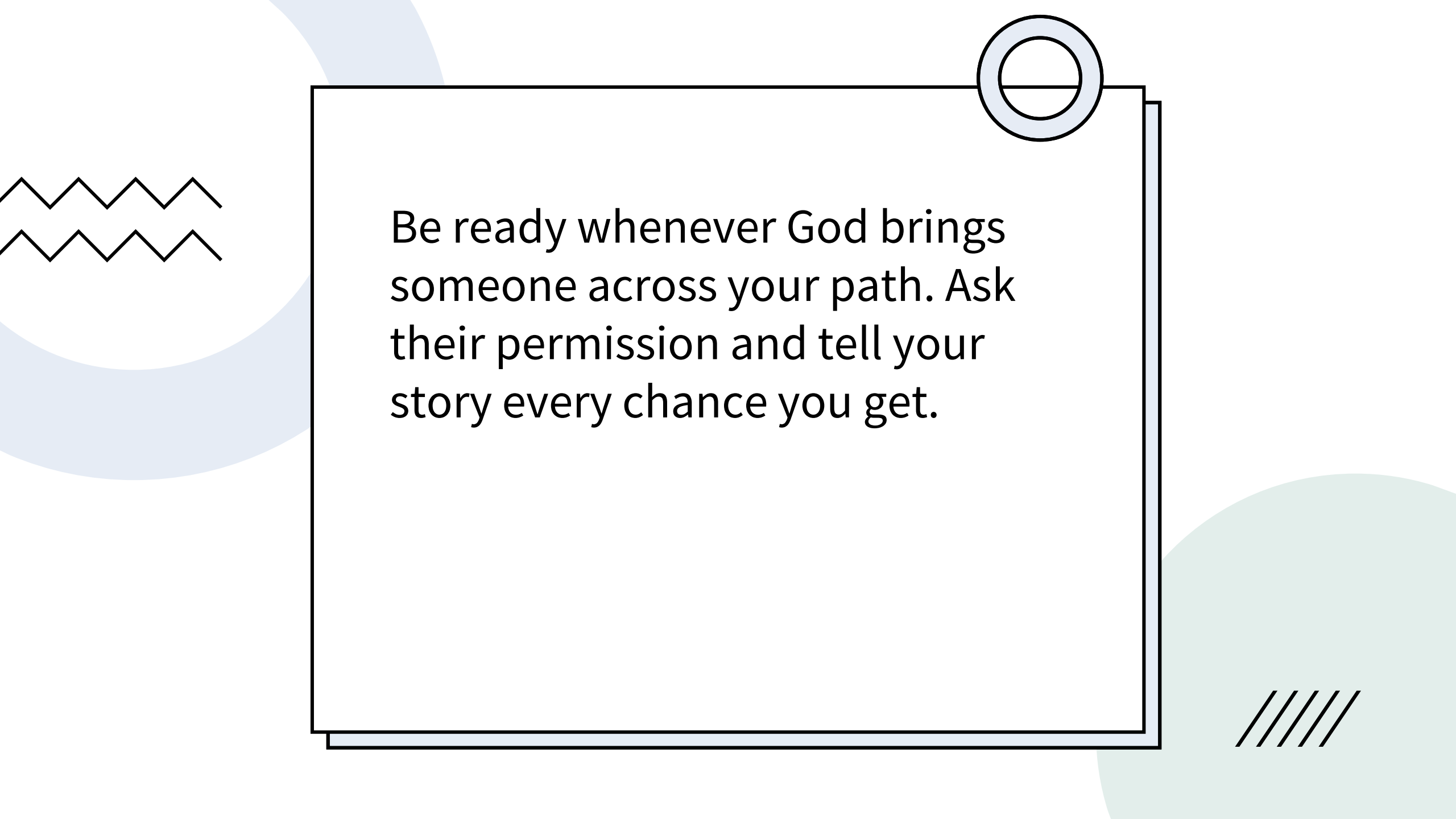


Make a list of the people you would like to tell your story to.

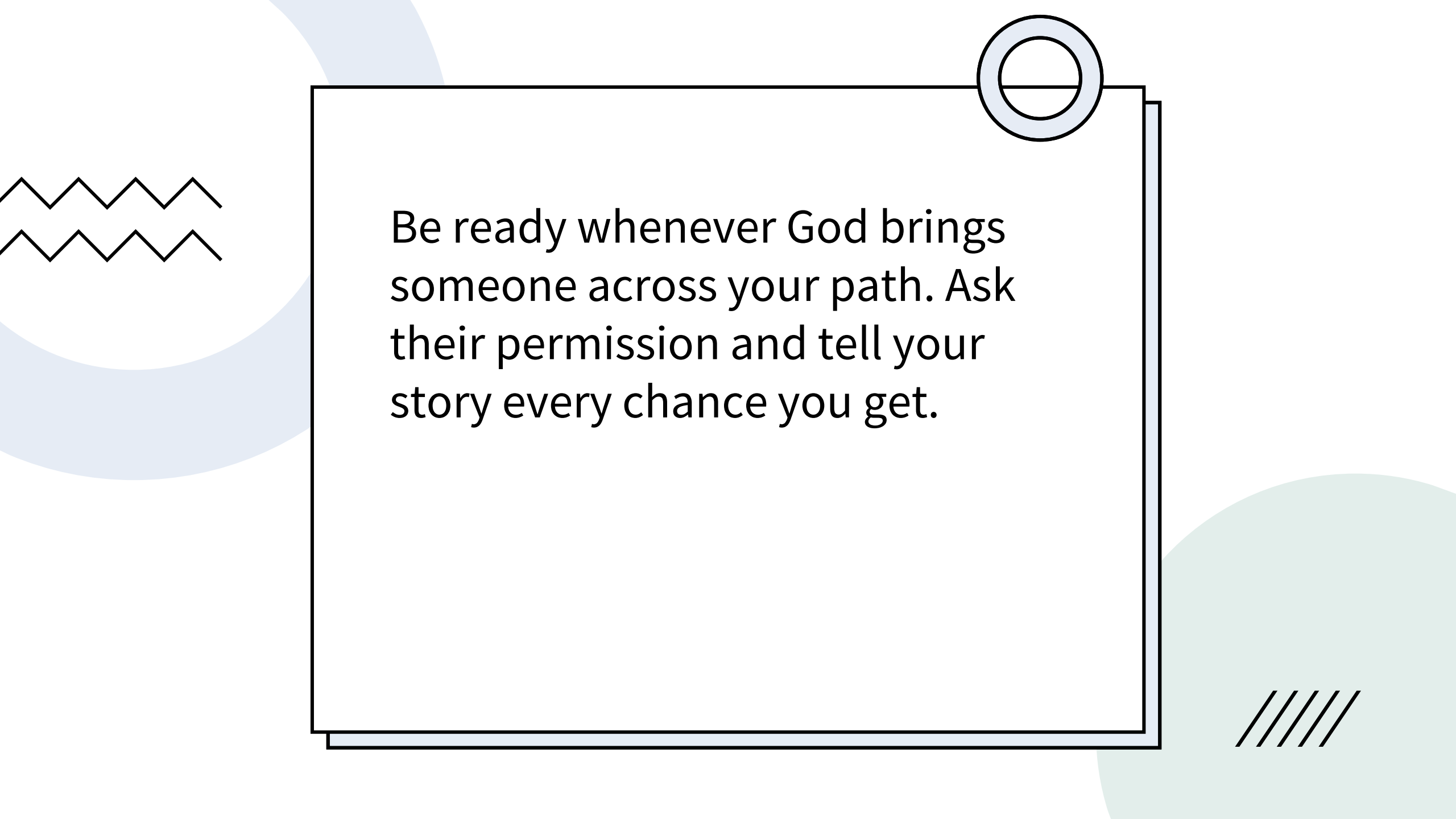
Don't make your story too long – 5 or 10 minutes might be right.

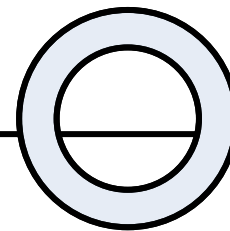
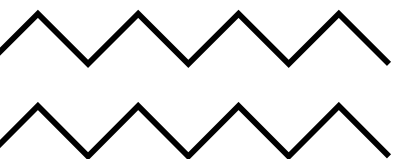
Include a Bible verse as part of your story.





Be ready whenever God brings someone across your path. Ask their permission and tell your story every chance you get.

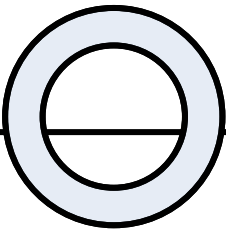
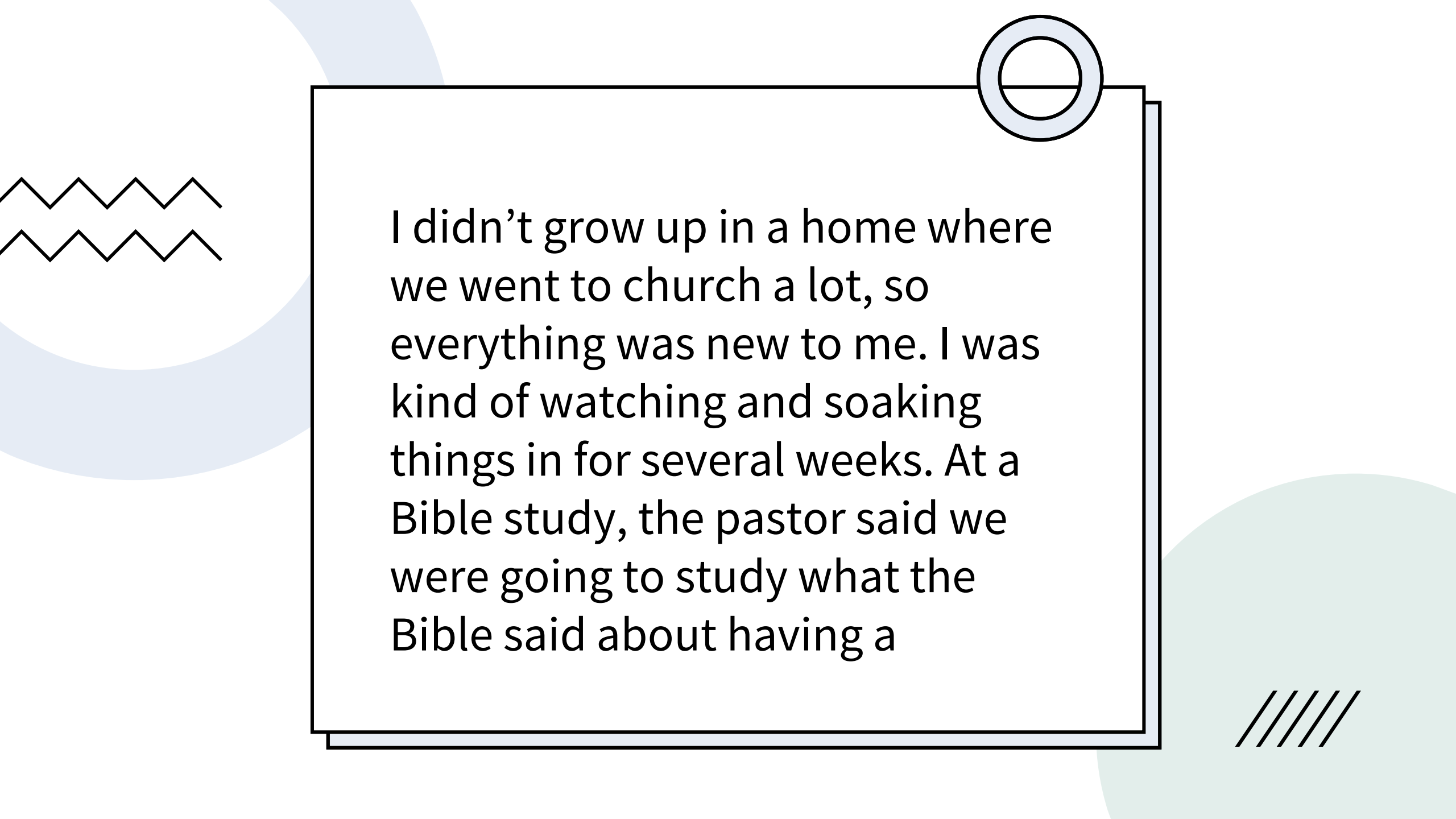




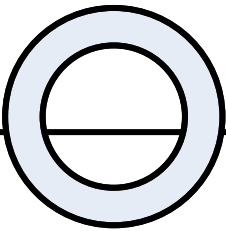
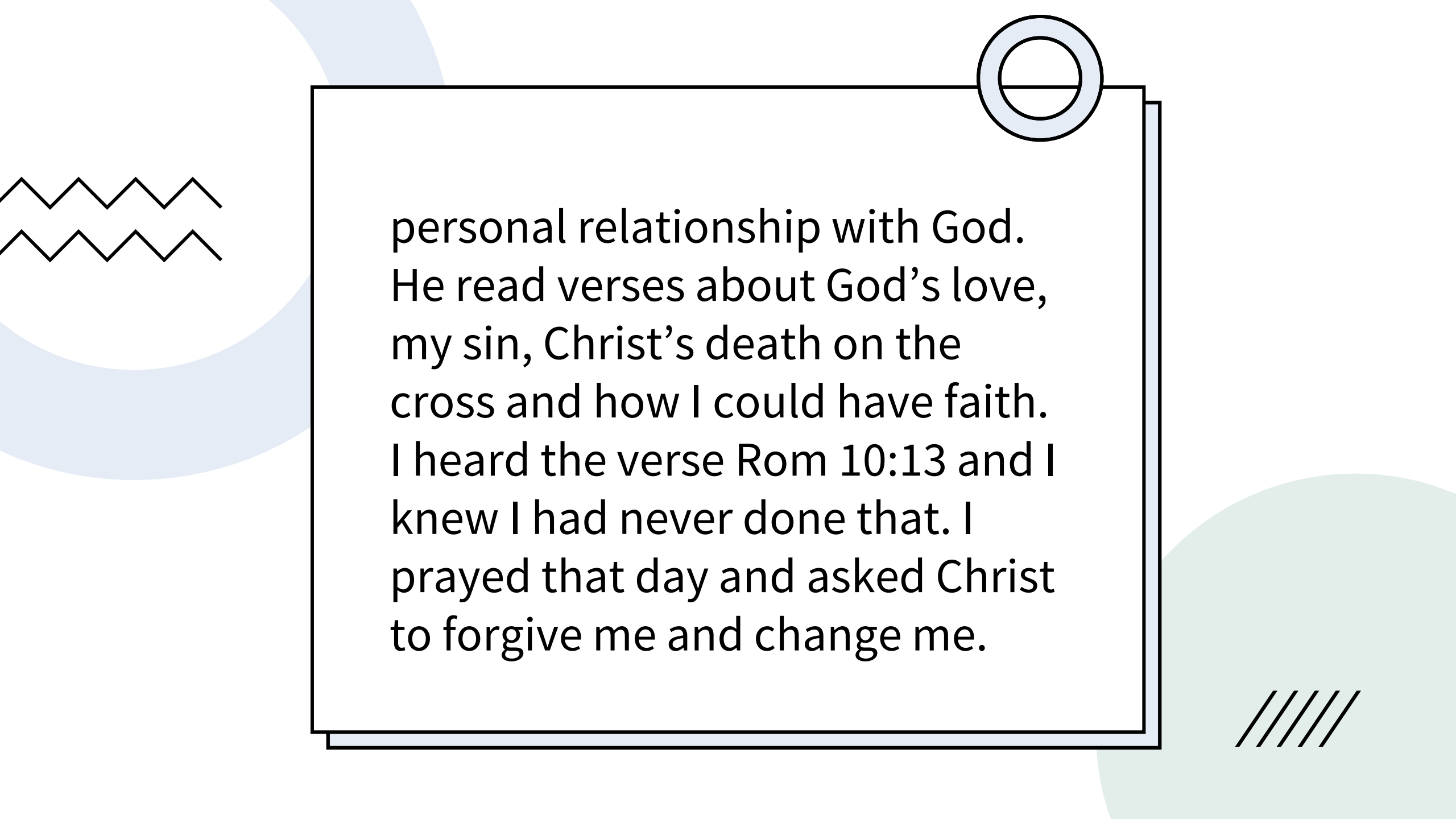
My story goes like this:

A friend asked me several times during a 6-month time period if I would like to come visit the youth group at their church. After 6 months of saying “no” I finally said “yes”.

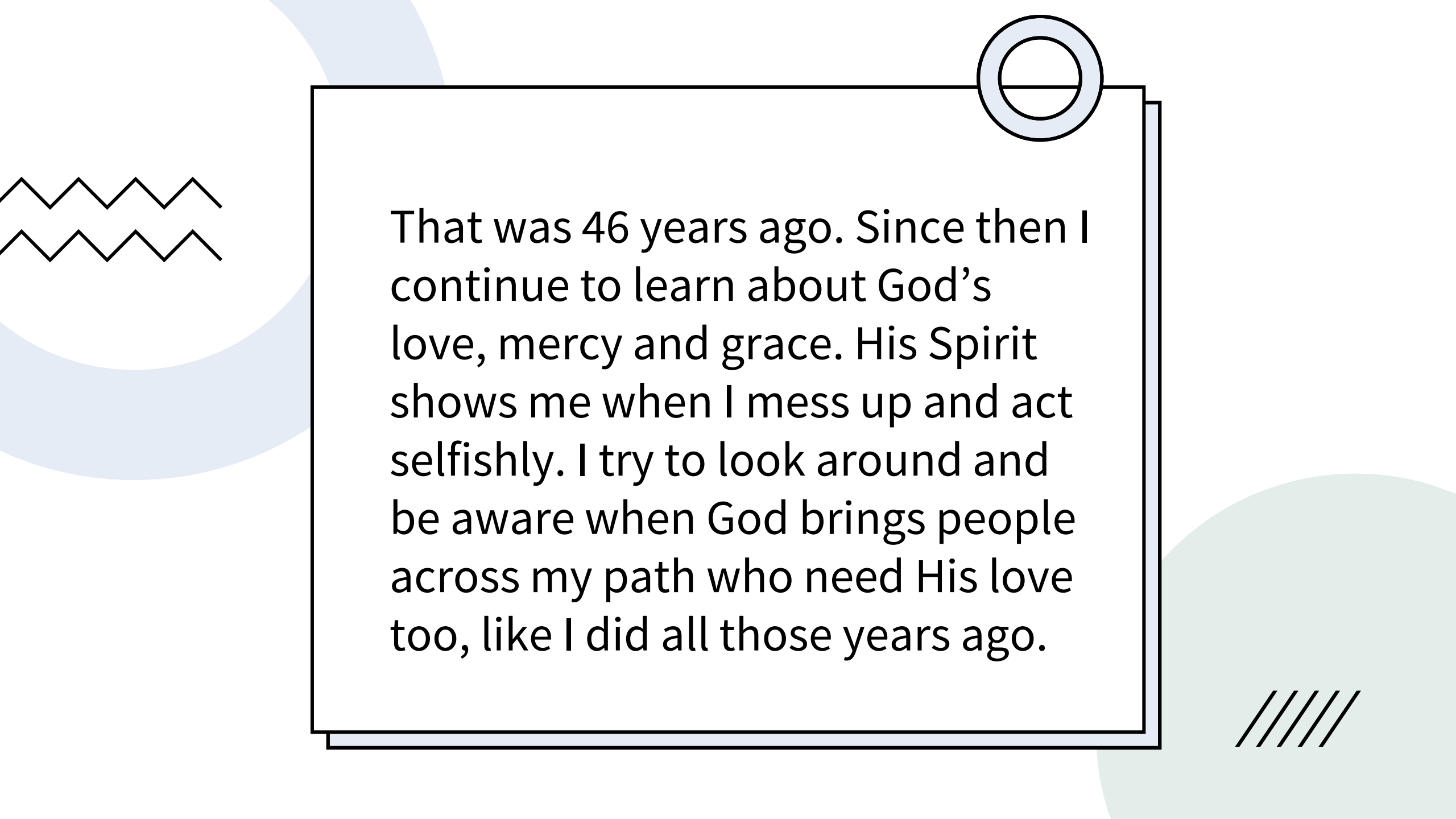




I didn't grow up in a home where we went to church a lot, so everything was new to me. I was kind of watching and soaking things in for several weeks. At a Bible study, the pastor said we were going to study what the Bible said about having a



personal relationship with God. He read verses about God's love, my sin, Christ's death on the cross and how I could have faith. I heard the verse Rom 10:13 and I knew I had never done that. I prayed that day and asked Christ to forgive me and change me.



That was 46 years ago. Since then I continue to learn about God's love, mercy and grace. His Spirit shows me when I mess up and act selfishly. I try to look around and be aware when God brings people across my path who need His love too, like I did all those years ago.