

# COUNTER CULTURE

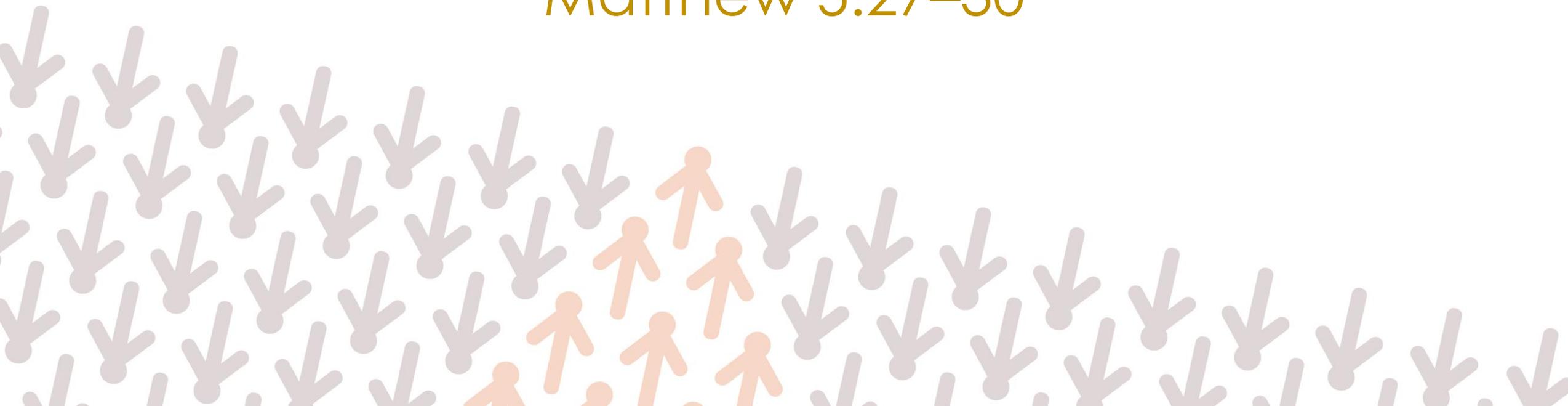
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# Getting to the Heart of Sexual Sin

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*Leviticus 18:20*: “And you shall not lie sexually with your neighbor’s wife and so make yourself unclean with her.”



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*Deuteronomy 22:22:* “If a man is found lying with the wife of another man, both of them shall die, the man who lay with the woman, and the woman. So you shall purge the evil from Israel.”



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*Proverbs 6:32*: He who commits adultery lacks sense; he who does it destroys himself.



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“On the mountain Jesus sits in the posture of Moses, quotes Moses, and then deepens Moses. There is a breathtaking audacity about Jesus in this setting: he is giving a new [law] for the new people of God, the community of Jesus...”

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*Jeremiah 2:13:* “...for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.”



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*2 Peter 1:3–8:* <sup>3</sup> His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, <sup>4</sup> by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

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2 Peter 1:3–8: <sup>5</sup> For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, <sup>6</sup> and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, <sup>7</sup> and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. <sup>8</sup> For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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*Psalm 137:5*: If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its skill!



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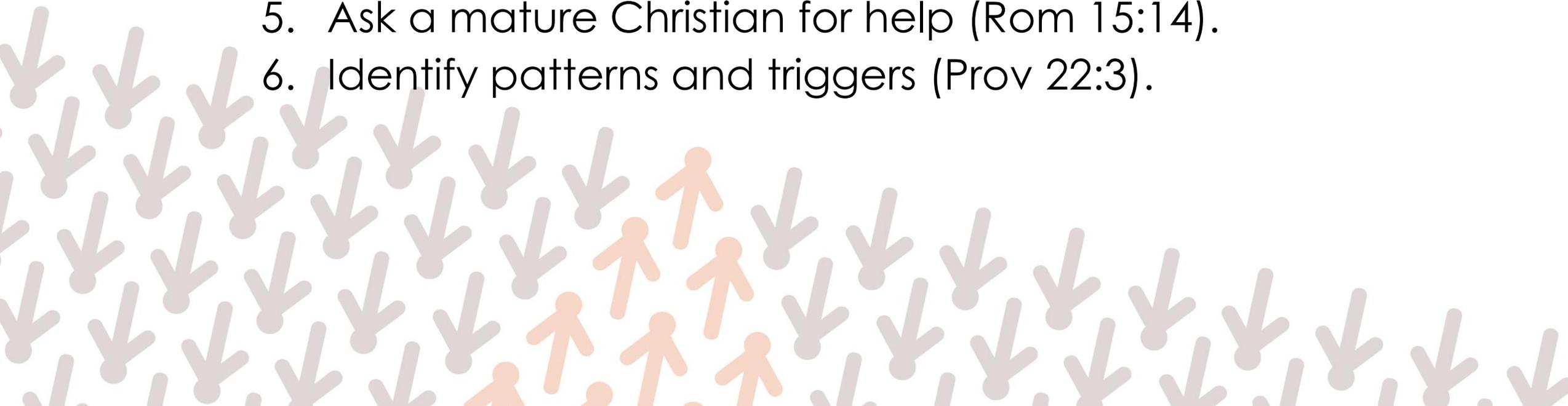
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