#### THE TEN(DER) COMMANDMENTS Part 7: "No Excuses."

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Adultery is often justified by excuses.

"My marriage has grown cold." "God would want me to be happy." But no excuse can justify adultery. What we need are not excuses. What we need is forgiveness.

You shall not commit adultery.

– Exodus 20:114

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Notes:

#### My Next Step(s):

- I will make a commitment to God's standard for sexual purity.
- o I will think through the consequences, loss and damage that adultery causes.
- I will protect my marriage by maintaining proper relationships.
- o I will guard what I let into my mind.
- o I will not fall for the lies that the media perpetuate about sexuality.
- I will seek forgiveness when necessary.

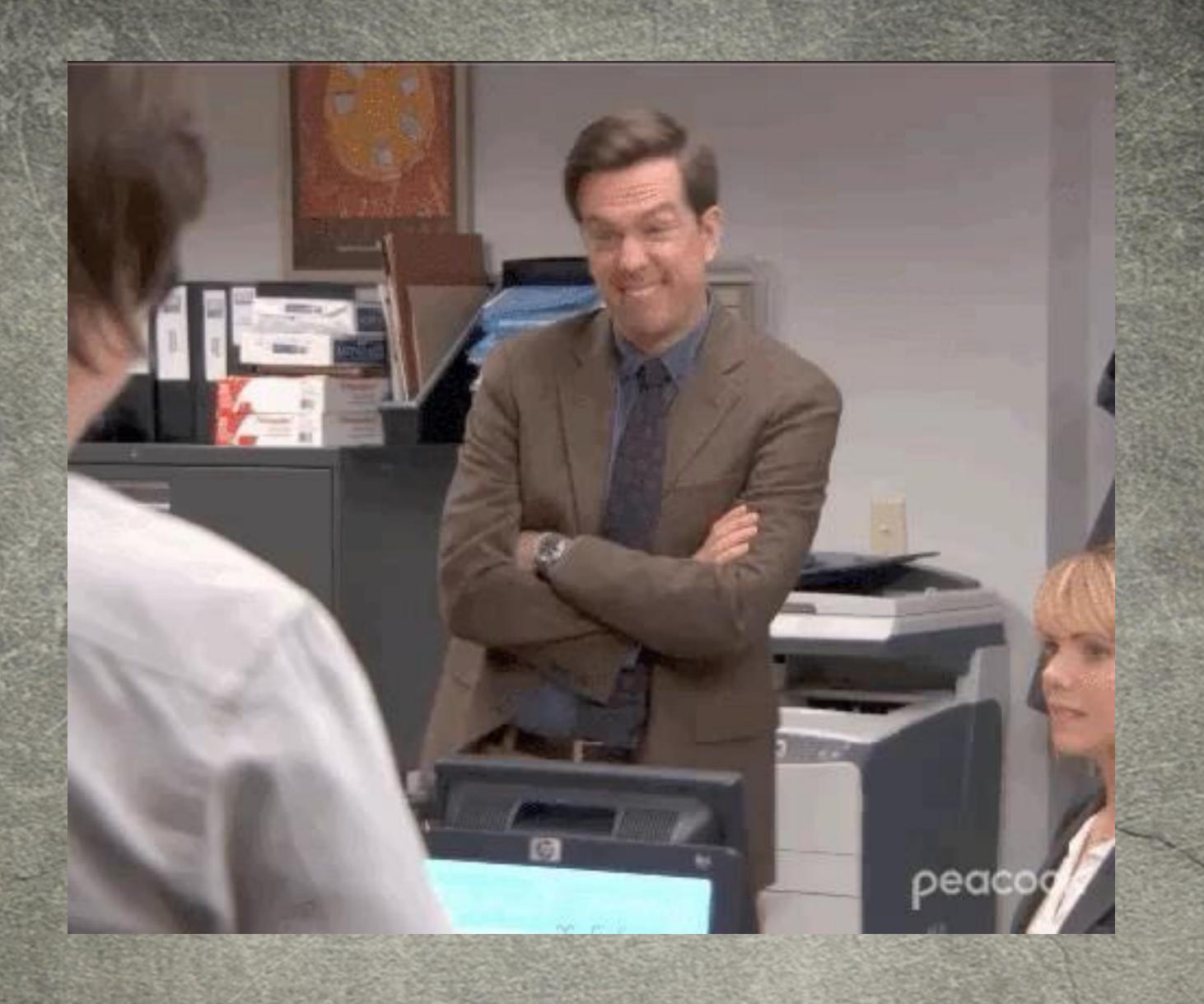
**Memory Verse:** "How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word." – Psalm 119:9

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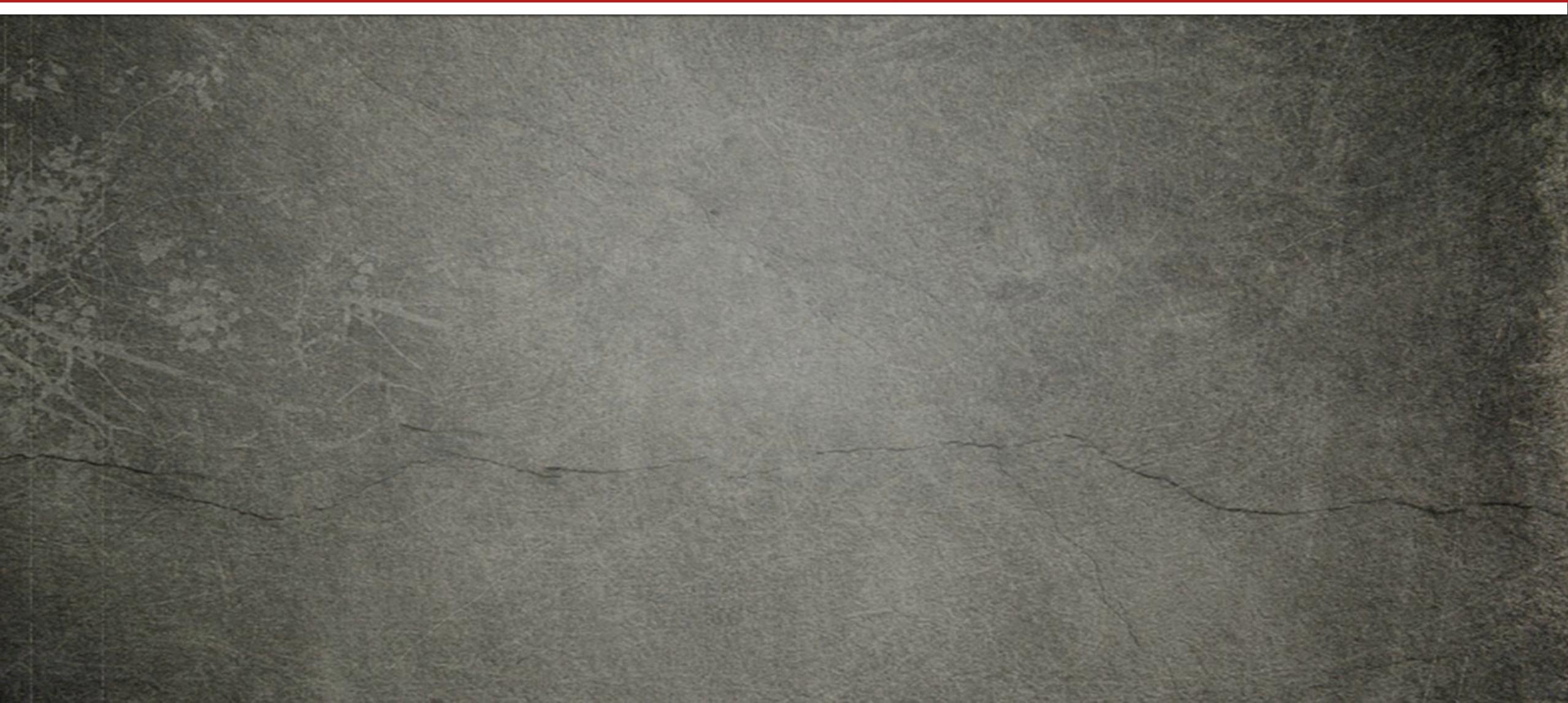
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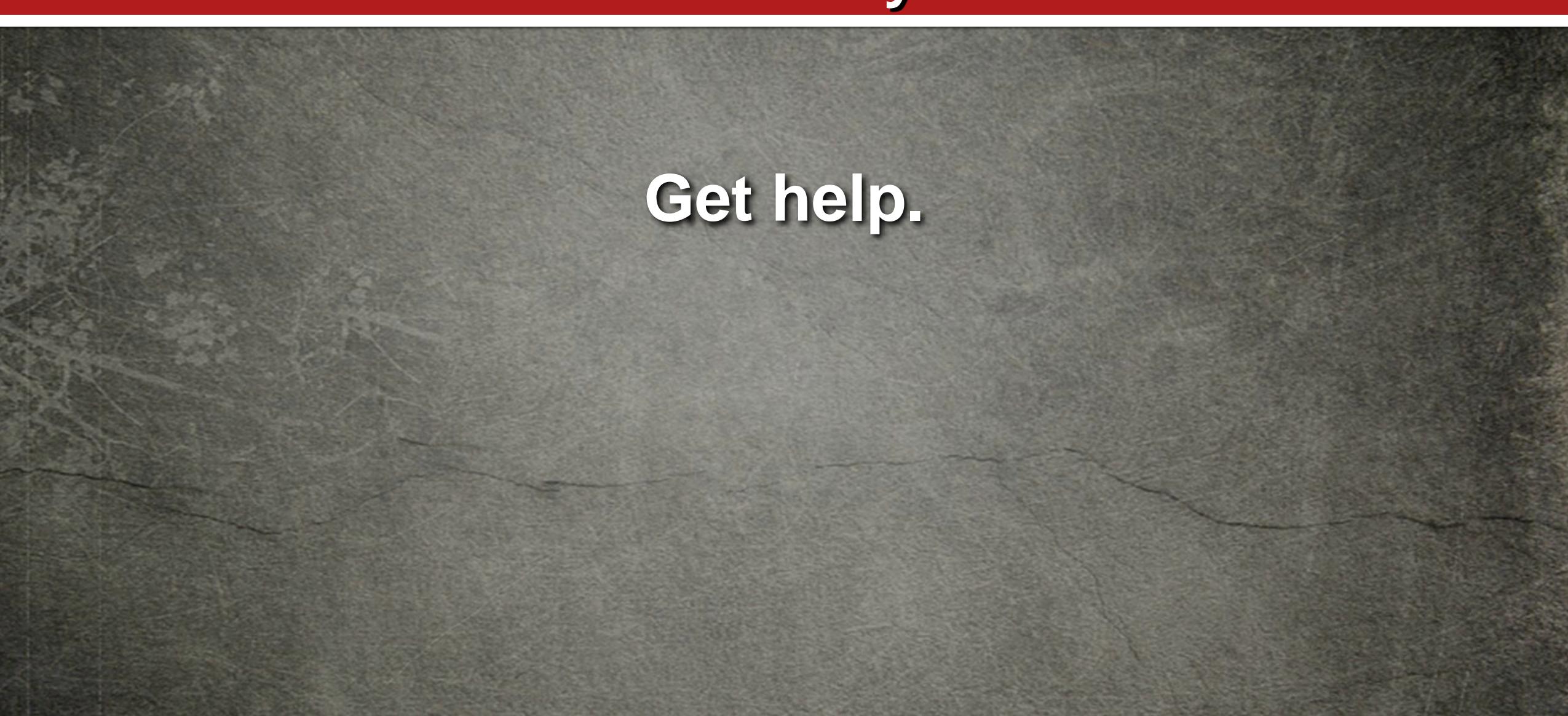
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They were using this question as a <u>trap</u>, in order to have a basis for accusing [Jesus].

If a man commits adultery with another man's wife — with the wife of his neighbor — **both the adulterer and the adulteress** must be put to death.

Leviticus 20:10





Get help.
Work on forgiveness.

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Consider reconciliation.

"But like a woman unfaithful to her husband, so you have been unfaithful to Me, O house of Israel," declares the LORD.

Jeremiah 3:20

"Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

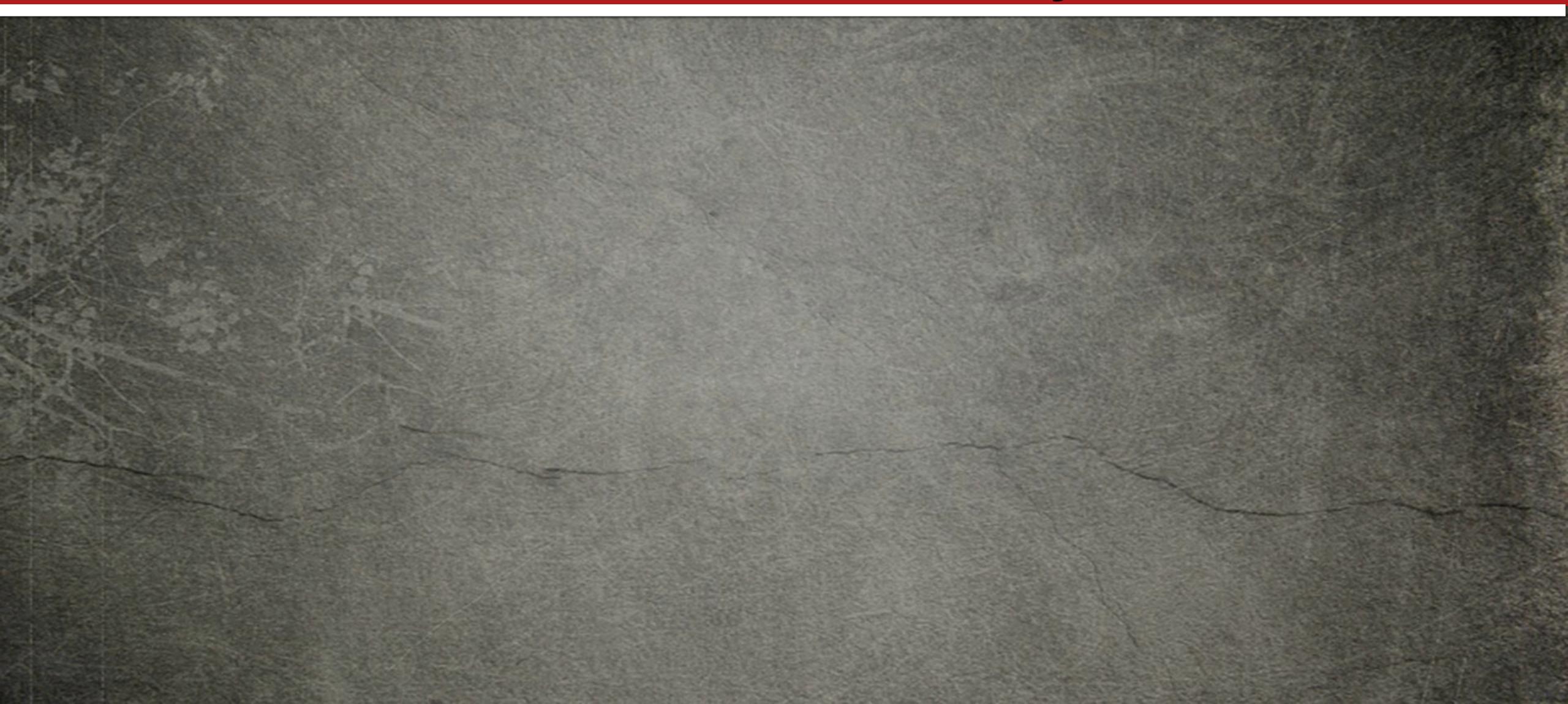
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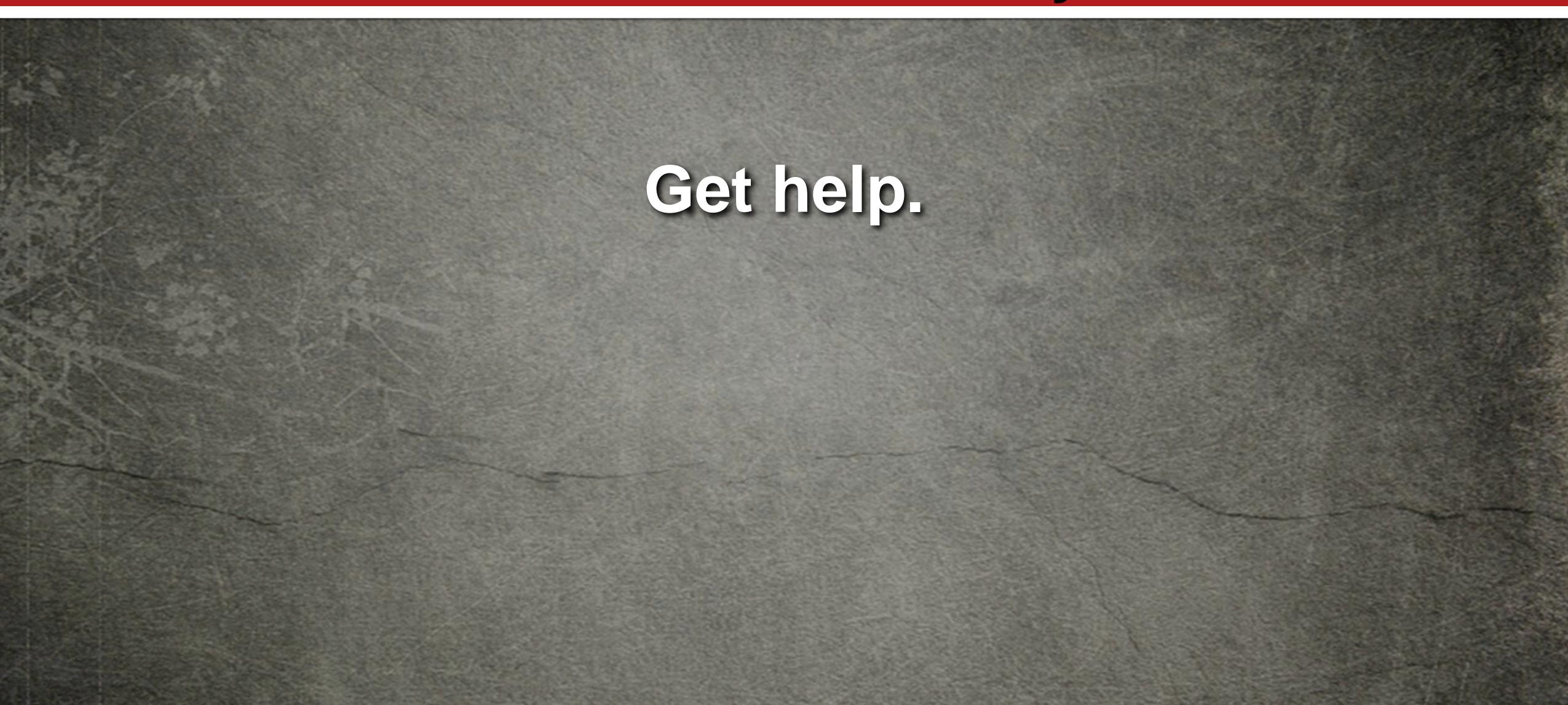
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<sup>6</sup> But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with His finger. <sup>7</sup> When they kept on questioning Him, He straightened up and said to them, "If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." 8 Again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. 9 At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there.

<sup>27</sup> "You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.' <sup>28</sup> But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart."

<sup>10</sup> Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" <sup>11</sup> "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."





Get help. Confess sin. **Flee** from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body.

Get help.

Confess sin.

Get accountability.

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Confess sin.
Get accountability.
Don't fall for the lie.

# "Satan, that's a lie!"

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