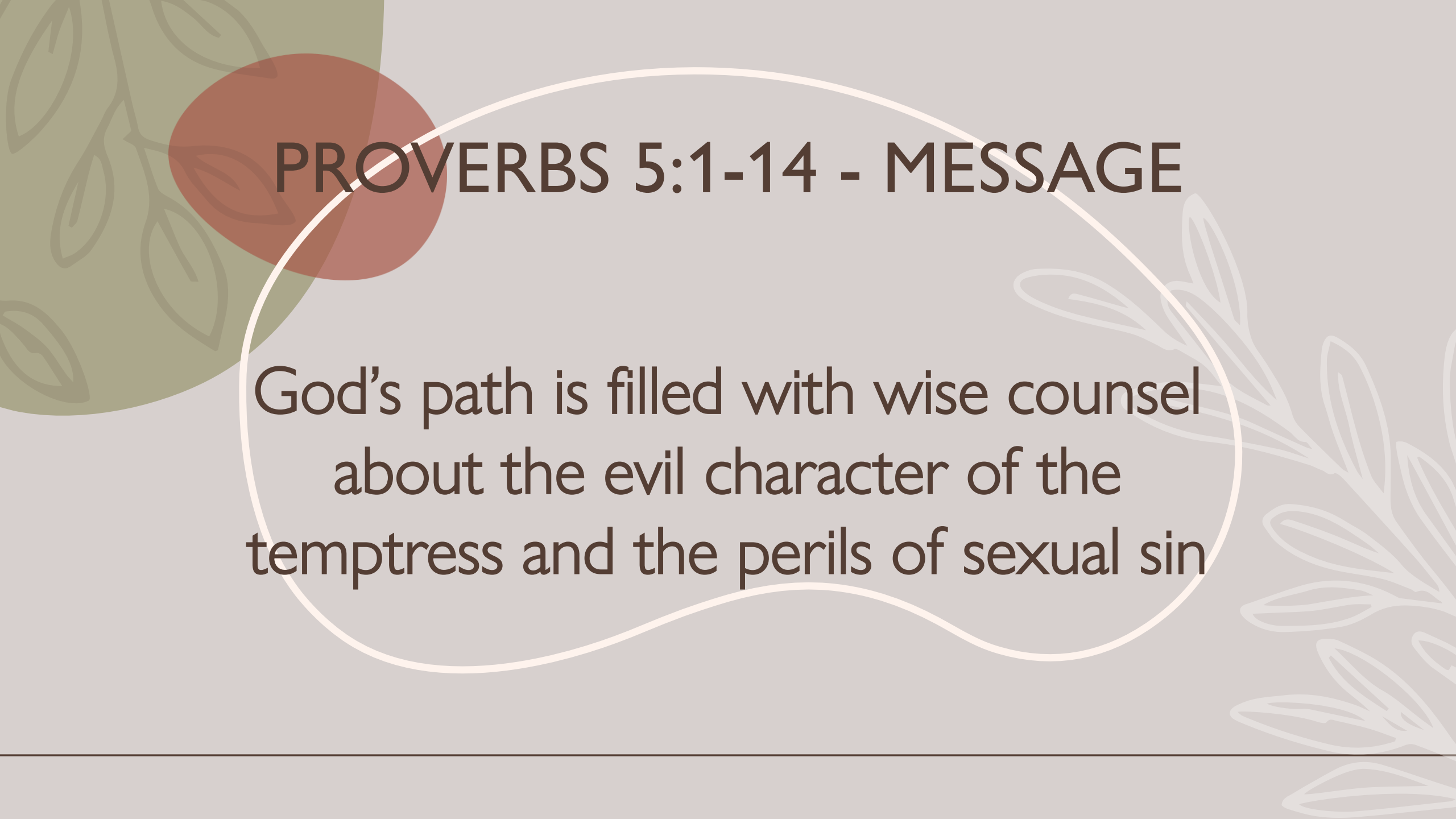




Wisdom For Withstanding Temptation



PROVERBS 5:1-14 - MESSAGE

God's path is filled with wise counsel
about the evil character of the
temptress and the perils of sexual sin

Proverbs 5 - Avoid the seduction of sexual sin

1-6

Consider the character of those who entice you

7-14

Contemplate the consequences of sexual sin

15-23

Celebrate the contented delight of married love

Think first on:

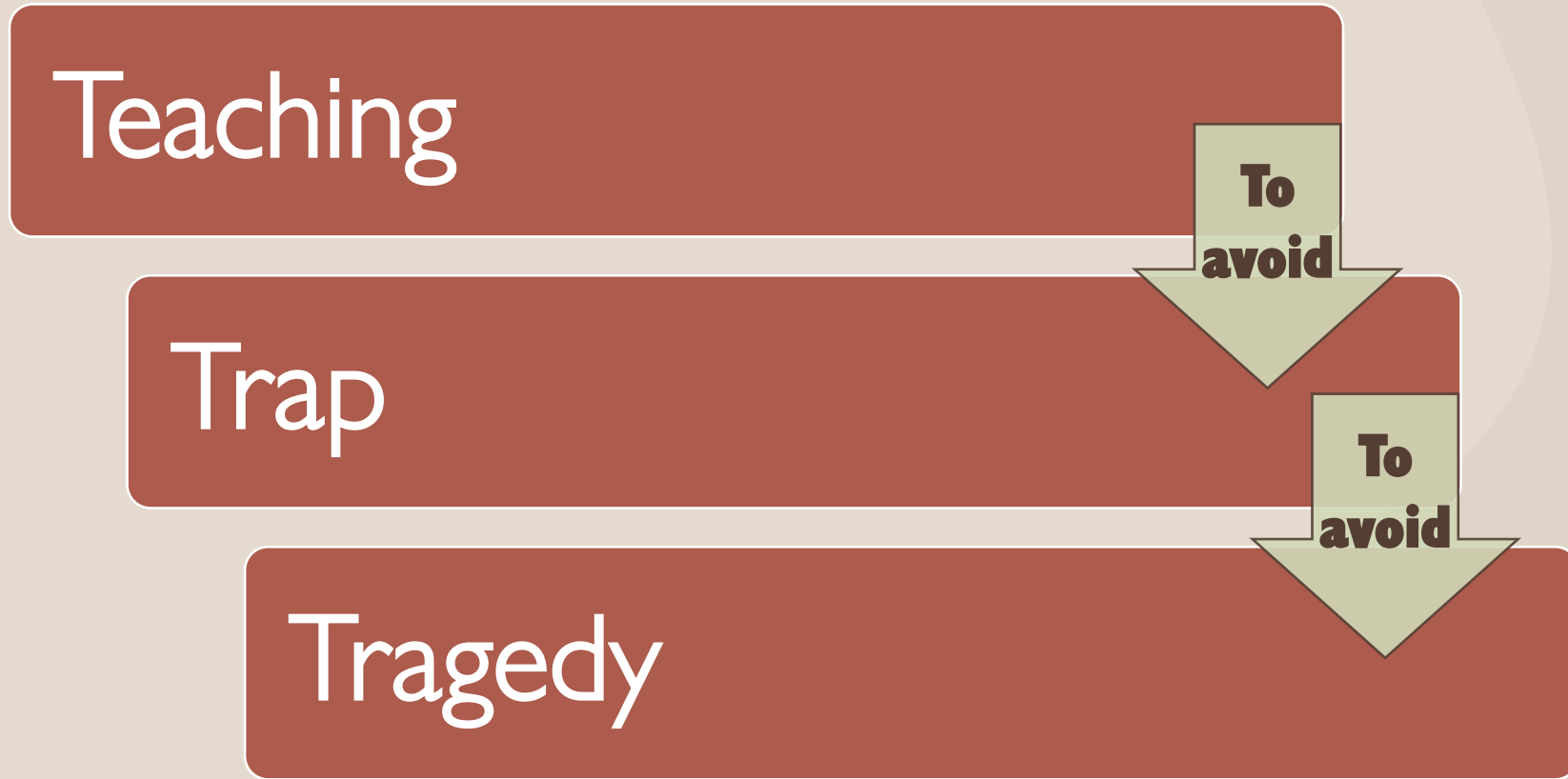
Teaching

To
avoid

Trap

To
avoid

Tragedy



Wise counsel on sexual sin- Prov 5:1-14

- I. Consider the character of those who entice you (1-6)
 - A. Exhortation: Concentrate on wise teaching! (1-2)
 - B. Explanation: Consider the character of enticers (3-6)

- II. Contemplate the consequences of sexual sin (7-14)
 - A. Exhortation: Steer Clear of tempters! (7-8)
 - B. Explanation: You will regret the consequences, but too late (9-14)

Proverbs 5:1

- **Discernment:**

- Wisdom put into practice

- **Discretion:**

- Looking inward to stored wisdom to think independently of the temptress and resist her advances



PROVERBS 5:6

This verse means that the temptress
“wanders aimlessly in moral darkness”

(Bruce Waltke, *Proverbs*, 1:310)



PROVERBS 5:9

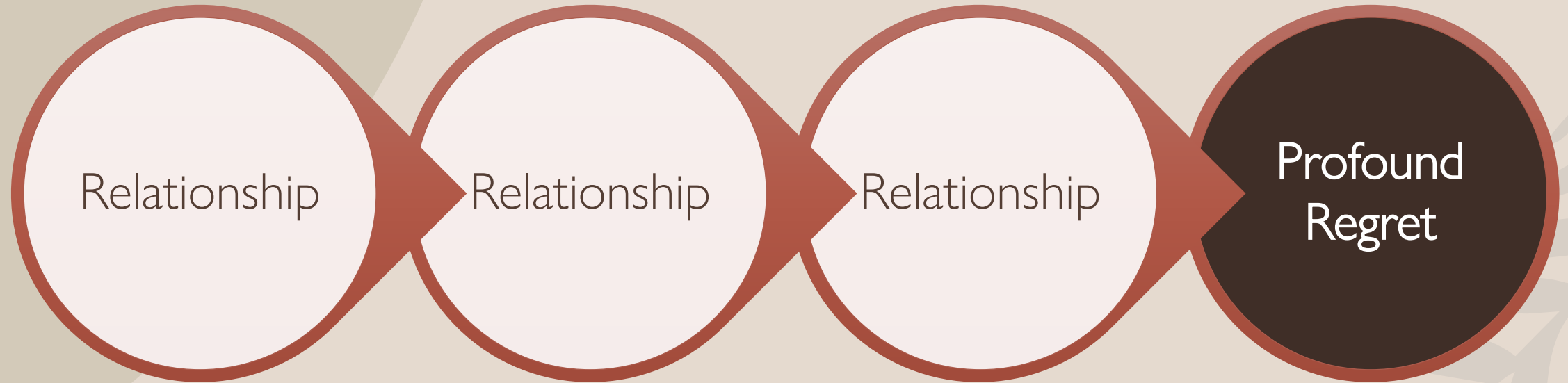
“Lest you give your splendor to others”
means giving away “what makes life
worth living”, forfeiting “the best years
of your life”

(Bruce Waltke, *Proverbs*, 1:312)

Sexual sin's repeating cycle



Where sexual sin leads – Proverbs 5:11-14





Proverbs 5:11

Groan is “an elemental, animal cry of anguish when the guilty finds himself destitute” and exhausted from remorse and regret

(Allen Ross, *Expositor's*, 5:928)



Regret without repentance

2 Cor 7:10

Heb 12:17