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## **Informed Consent and Hold Harmless Agreement**

Please read this document carefully, and initial each point. This document explains what you can expect from biblical counseling at Canyon Bible Church and what will be expected from you.

1. In Matthew 28:18-20 Jesus gave us the command to make disciples. A disciple is simply a learner and follower of Christ. Biblical counseling at Canyon Bible church of Prescott is a ministry in which the Bible is used to mentor people in order that they may become more committed followers, or disciples, of Christ. All counselors are under supervision of the church leaders. This ministry is neither a business nor a non-profit activity. Each counselor serves without any charge or fee. He provides his time and energy as a service to God

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2. the range of problems with which we deal is very wide. It includes broken marriages, parent-child relationships, depression, tension, turmoil, anxiety, worry, and any number of other problems resulting in mental and physical immobility.

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3. The counselor is trained in the use of the scriptures in counseling settings. He is committed to the position that the Scriptures provide the authoritative rule of faith and standard of conduct. He does not base his knowledge on his own opinions, experience, or concepts of behavior, but seeks to Marshall the full range of biblical truth and to focus on the persons need. In counseling sessions, he will hold to the essential truths of scripture without particular theological emphasis on any practice not specifically advocated in the Scriptures. Please note that the counselor is a non-professional spiritual counselor. The counselor is not a professional mental health therapist. Nothing in biblical counseling is designed or intended to be the provision of professional mental health services.

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4. Confidentiality is respected. A case may be discussed with other counselors, pastors, or other professionals, but only to the degree necessary to find further biblical solutions to the problem. All such consultations are conducted with the highest standards of biblical ethics. Some situations which may require the disclosure of personal information are: 1) when someone is in danger of being harmed, 2) when a child is physically or sexually abused, or 3) when someone persistently refuses to stop a sinful pattern, and it is necessary to seek the assistance from his/her church to encourage proper change (Matthew 28:15-20; Romans 13:1-7).

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5. Counselors believe in the total health needs of the person being counseled. Your counselor may recommend that you have a full or specified medical examination. If medical assistance is required, counseling will continue whenever possible.

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6. Your counselor will use all of his skill in applying biblical principles to help you in whatever problem deprives you of the peace and joy that God has promised you in his word. Your counselor will concentrate on three basic principles from God's word:

**Hope.** Because in Jesus Christ we have a great high priest who has been tempted in all things, yet without sin. Even though every sin common to man may be tempting you, God has promised that he will not let you be tempted beyond your endurance, but will provide for you the way to escape from sin so that you can endure (1 Corinthians 10:13; Hebrews 4:14-16).

**Change.** Because in Christ we can learn how to lay aside the old selfish ways of living and put on the new ways of living in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please him and all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God (Ephesians 4:20-24; Colossians 1:10).

**Practice.** Because we need to prove ourselves to be doers of God's Word, lest we be merely hearers, forgetting and deluding ourselves. Only in effectual practice of the Scriptures shall we be blessed in what we do, and only then will we please the Lord (James 1:22-25).

7. Normally, sessions will last about one to one-and-a-half hours each week and may continue for 6-8 weeks. However, if the counselor does not observe definite change in the first few weeks, he will seek to identify the cause of the failure, discuss it with you, and help you to correct it.

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8. There are certain situation in which your assigned a counselor will find it necessary to end your counseling relationship. They include, but are not limited to, a failure to attend scheduled sessions, excessive cancellations, prolonged periods without meeting, incomplete homework or other assignments or a general unwillingness to practice and heat counsel given. On a positive note, official counseling will end when the counselor and the counselor he have determined that significant growth and change have been achieved.

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9. appointments are to be made with the counselor directly. He will be your contact person for any questions or matters requiring immediate help between sessions. Most questions or matters should be recorded and brought to the next session for discussion. If you are unable to come to



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the session, please notify your counselor at least 24 hours in advance of the session whenever possible.

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10. **READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING:** in consideration of the offer and provision of biblical counseling, you agreed to release, wave, discharge and covenant not to sue Canyon Bible church of Prescott, it's officers, servants, agents and employees, including individual counselors (hereinafter referred to as "releasees") from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or relating to any loss, damage or injury, that may be sustained by you, or to any property belonging to you, whether caused by the negligence of the releasees, or otherwise, while participating in biblical counseling. You further agree to indemnify and save and hold harmless the releasees and each of them, from any loss, liability, damage or costs they may in Kerr due to your participation in biblical counseling, whether caused by the negligence of any or all of the releasees, or otherwise. By signing below, you agree that it is your express intent that this release shall bind the members of your family and spouse, and your heirs, assigns and personal representatives, and shall be deemed as a release, waiver, discharge, and covenant not to sue the above names releasees.

In signing below, you acknowledge and represent that:

- A. You have read the foregoing disclosure and release, understand it, and sign it voluntarily;
- B. No oral representation, statements or inducements, apart from the foregoing disclosure and release agreement, have been made;
- C. You are at least eighteen (18) years of age and fully competent; and
- D. You execute this disclosure and release agreement for full, adequate and complete consideration fully intending to be bound by the same.

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_