SUMMIT BIBLICAL COUNSELING

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- What is Biblical Counseling? Biblical Counseling, sometimes known as Pastoral Counseling or Soul Care, has as its center, the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - a) It includes listening, teaching, encouraging, preparing, comforting, warning, admonishing.
 - b) It is scriptural and deals with issues, spiritually (not medically or clinically).
 - c) It has as its purpose to glorify God and to guide the counselee into an increased understanding of his/her personal, love, and grace-oriented relationship with Jesus Christ.
 - d) It can result in pursuing a transformed life that reflects God's grace, glory, and the totality of God's Word by God's grace through faith.

This type of counseling is different from secular forms of counseling. Its goal is to

"Proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, that we may present every man complete in Christ. And for this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me" (Col 1:28-29 NAS).

Equip "the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ" (Eph. 4:12-13).

- 2. <u>Referrals to Professionals</u>: Some of our biblical counselors work in professional fields outside the church. When serving as biblical counselors within this church, however, they do not provide the same kind of professional advice/services they do when hired in their professional capacities. Therefore, if you have significant legal, medical, clinical, or other technical questions, you should seek advice from independent professionals. Our pastoral, biblical, and lay counselors will cooperate with such advisors and help you to consider their counsel in light of relevant scriptural principles.
- 3. <u>Intent Listening</u>: We encourage counselees to speak their mind in appropriate fashion and to discuss thoughts, anxieties, and fears so the counselor will clearly understand core problems.
- 4. <u>Assignments</u>: Counselees progress more rapidly when they study or perform specific informational or behavioral assignments that are individually tailored to pertain to the problem.
- Accountability: We desire to maximize use of your time and of the counselor's time. One of our goals is to help believers learn how to glorify God and love others, to have the outward life reflect the yielded, godly inward life, resulting in peace and joy. Therefore, it is important for each counselee to participate actively in the counseling sessions, in church, and in the homework between the sessions. As we are accountable to our God, to our Church, and to our fellow believers, so we ask you to submit yourselves to being accountable to the Lord and to the counselor for active participation and completing assignments. We also ask that you attend a Bible-believing Church service or study consistently.
- 6. Length of Counseling: Biblical Counseling will vary in the amount of time required, according to the individual, his/her motivation, the amount of time spent on homework, and the particular situation and/or problem. On the average, Biblical Counseling requires less time than conventional, secular counseling. Simple problems may be solved in one session. Severe situations often require a longer period. When multiple people are involved in the counseling, as frequently happens in marriage counseling, 15 to 20 sessions or more may be required. Substance abuse and addiction problems may require many more sessions, with intensive accountability and follow-up.

Summit Biblical Counseling Introductory Forms 2024

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COUNSELING CONTRACT

I (We) affirm the accuracy of the personal information provided herein, have read the information above, and agree to the conditions set forth therein. I (we) hereby agree to the following conditions:

- I (We) understand that the biblical counseling I (we), my (our) family, or those legally under my (our) guardianship will receive will be based upon the Bible, with the goal of glorifying God and loving others, leading to grace-filled, godly living. It is not medical or clinical.
- 2. I (We) will keep the appointment time or will call prior to 24 hours to cancel with a legitimate excuse. In respect of my (our) counselor's time and preparation, as well as other counselees who could have had this time slot, if I (we) fail to call 24 hours in advance (unless it is an emergency), I (we) understand I am (we are) responsible for payment of the missed appointment.
- 3. I (We) will fulfill the weekly assignments or the session might not be held.
- 4. I (We) will consistently attend a Bible-believing, teaching and practicing church while I am (we are) in counseling, and, preferably, at least one other Bible teaching study/service/small group during the week.
- 5. I (We) understand that confidentiality is an important part of the counseling process and my (our) counselor is careful to protect confidentiality, desiring to operate under high ethical principles. However, there are times when my (our) counselor must share certain information with others, such as when:
 - a. Counselors and pastors of my (our) church, or the pastor/elders of Summit Church must be consulted for advice.
 - b. Information is revealed which indicates a genuine potential for harm to myself (ourselves) or to others. In that case, counselors may have to share that information with the appropriate authorities or family members, being obligated by conscience and by the laws of this state in regards to counseling relationships, being required to report to the appropriate authorities any information that raises suspicion of child abuse, intent to harm oneself, and/or intent to harm another person.
 - c. A person persistently refuses to renounce a particular sin. In that case, it may become necessary to seek the assistance of others in the church to encourage repentance and reconciliation. (Proverbs 15:22; 24:11; Matthew 18:15-20)

I (we) understand my (our) counselor(s) strongly prefer(s) not to disclose personal information to others and desire(s) to help me (us) find ways of resolving problems as privately as possible.

6. Summit believes disputes are to be worked out between parties without recourse to the courts (Matthew 18 & I Corinthians 6). Accordingly, I (we) agree to attempt resolution of any disputes through Christian mediation. Therefore, please sign the following release: I (We) do hereby agree to hold all counselors at Summit Biblical Counseling (SBC), Summit Church, and its leadership harmless from any advice, counsel, or suggestions rendered during my (our) counseling sessions. I (We) recognize that their role is to assist me (us) in hearing and understanding God's will in the matters we discuss. I (We) will not, therefore, sue or engage in any type of litigation negatively affecting them, Summit, Summit Biblical Counseling, or the organization granting them the ability and resources to provide counseling ministry. Furthermore, I (we) agree not to attempt to subpoena or require any counselor to appear in any legal proceeding related to any matters discussed during counseling, nor will I (we) attempt to subpoena any notes or records to this counseling.

7. Summit Biblical Counseling is a faith-based ministry and depends upon fees collected from its counselees as well as generous contributions from its supporters. Additional costs are underwritten by Summit Church. The fee for each counseling session is based on the sliding scale below. If you cannot offer that amount financially, please complete the financial aid application. If you have questions, please discuss them with your counselor. (Summit may need to limit the number of sessions.) Checks are to be written to Summit Biblical Counseling.

Please circle the amount you commit to pay each session:

Family Income Level Per Year	Session Fee			
Up to \$75,000	\$85			
Up to \$100,000	\$115			
Over \$100,000	\$145			

First Session Administrative Fee: \$25 due at the time the first appointment is scheduled. This fee is non-refundable.

- 8. I (We) will purchase any books or materials for homework assignments that my counselor deems necessary.
- 9. I (We) understand that Summit Biblical Counseling is a training center for biblical counselors. I (We) consent to the above and to team counseling and/or observation by counselors in training during my (our) counseling sessions. I (We) understand that they are under the same confidentiality guidelines as defined herein.

10. Summit Biblical Counseling	g is unable to provide childcare services.	
Signed:	Witnessed:	Date:
	FIREARMS POLICY	
including Summit Biblical Cour	of any kind (including concealed weapons) are prohibit nseling offices. Weapons must be left at home or secure any other activity or event at Summit Church. Thank yo	d in my (our) vehicle while in a counseling
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STATEMENT OF PRIVACY NOTICE

This notice describes how information about you may be used and disclosed, and how you can get access to this information. Please review the information carefully.

- Your name, address, phone number, e-mail address, religious information and other protected information may be released only after receiving written authorization from you. You may revoke your permission to release information at any time. It must be in writing with effective date and be specific to the information being protected. Summit Biblical Counseling (SBC) is not required to agree to your request if action has already been taken.
- You may be contacted by SBC by mail, email or phone (or message left on an automated answering device) to remind you of appointments. You have the right to request a more confidential way of providing your protected counseling information or alternative communication method at the time you are seen at SBC. SBC will try honoring all reasonable requests.
- You may be contacted by SBC for the purposes of raising funds to support the operations of SBC. SBC will provide information on how to opt out of receiving future fundraising communications.
- You have the right to request a restriction on the use of your protected information. However, SBC may choose to refuse your restriction if it is in conflict with providing you with quality care, in the event of an emergency situation or as described in our confidentiality statement.
- You have the right to request an amendment to your information. It must be in writing and explain why the information should be amended. SBC can deny the amendment with a written explanation.
- You have the right to possess a copy of this Statement of Privacy Notice upon request. This copy can be in the form of an electronic transmission or on paper.

Summit Biblical Counseling seeks to keep all counselee information protected and will abide by the terms of the notice currently in effect. SBC reserves the right to make changes to this notice and to make new notice provisions effective for all protected information that it maintains. Changes to this notice will be posted in the reception office and may be redistributed at your next visit to SBC.

You have the right to complain to Summit Biblical Counseling if you believe your rights to privacy have been violated. All complaints will be investigated. No personal issue will be raised for filing a complaint with SBC. If you feel your privacy rights have been violated, please mail your written complaint to:

Summit Church	or to: Region IV, Office or Civil Rights	or to: Assoc. of Certified Biblical Counselors
19601 Ben Hill Griffin Pkwy	U.S. Dept of Healthy and Human Services	www.biblicalcounseling.com
Fort Myers, FL 33912	61 Forsyth Street, S.W. Atlanta, GA 30303	
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By signing this form, I hereby ac	knowledge that:	

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* Summit Biblical Counseling has offered me a copy of its Statement of Privacy Notice, which explains how my protected information will be handled in various situations. I understand that SBC is required to make every effort at obtaining written acknowledgement of my receipt of the Statement of Privacy Notice on my first date of service after January 1, 2007.

,	Summit	Biblical	Counseling	has given	me the	chance	to discuss	my	concerns	and	questions	about th	e privacy	of my	protected
inf	formatio	n.													

## PERSONAL DATA INFORMATION FORM

## **IDENTIFICATION DATA**

Date	<del></del>			
Name	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
Cell Phone	H	ome Phone		<del></del>
Email Address	<del> </del>			
Address (Home)	<del></del>			<del> </del>
City	State	Zip		
Occupation	<del> </del>	<del> </del>	<del> </del>	<del> </del>
Name of Company and V	Work Address		<del> </del>	<del></del>
Phone (Work)	<del> </del>	<del></del>		
$Sex: (M) \underline{\hspace{1cm}} (F) \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$	Birthdate		Age	
Referred here by				
Education (last year you				
Other training (list type a				
Emergency Contact		C	Cell Phone	
Emergency Contact's Re	lationship to you		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
	t or past illnesses, inju			
Your physician Date of last medical exan		Phone		
Are you presently taking				
Have you used drugs for What?	-			
Have you ever had an ab Have you ever thought of Have you ever been arres	f committing suicide?	Yes No _	When?	
Have you recently suffer Explain:	ed the loss of someon	ne who was close	e to you? Yes	No
Have you ever been sexu	ally or physically abı	used? Yes I	No	

explaining. The more information that I know ahead of time, the less time will be needed and the more our thoughts can be organized. (Feel free to add additional sheets.)							
Ι.	What brings you here? Please be specific about the problems you are experiencing.						
2.	What have you done about this situation?						
3.	What are your expectations in coming here? What do you want me to do?						
4.	Is there any other information I should know? Use as much space and write as much as you are comfortable explaining. (Feel free to add additional sheets.)						

Please answers the following questions. Use as much space and write as much as you are comfortable

## MARRIAGE AND FAMILY INFORMATION

Marital Status: Single Dating Engaged Married Separated
Divorced If divorced, how many times? Widowed
Give brief information about any previous marriages:
If you are presently married:
Name of Spouse
Address
Occupation (and name of company)
Phone (H) (W)
Your spouse's age Education (in years) Religion
Is your spouse willing to come for counseling? Yes No Uncertain
Is your spouse in favor of your coming? If no, explain
Have you ever been separated? Yes No When? from to
Have either of you ever filed for divorce? Yes No When
Date of marriage Your ages when married: Husband Wife
How long did you know your spouse before marriage?
Did you have premarital counseling? Yes No If yes, how many sessions?
Information about children:
Name Age Sex Education Marital Status Personality/character Living?
RELIGIOUS BACKGROUND
Denominational preference
Member of (church)
How often do you attend per month? (circle) o 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10+
What church did you attend as a child? Baptized?
Do you consider yourself a religious person? Yes No Uncertain
Do you believe in God? Yes No Uncertain
Do you believe Satan exists? Yes No Uncertain
Have you ever "dabbled" with the "Occult"? Yes No Uncertain
(Seances, devil worship, witchcraft, Ouija board, horoscopes, etc.)
Do you pray to God? Yes No Never Occasionally
Would you say you are a Christian? Yes No
or would you say you are still in the process of becoming a Christian?
If you are a Christian, describe briefly when, how, where, etc. you became a Christian:
Have you ever made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ (confessed you are a sinner and asked Him to be
Have you ever made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ (confessed you are a sinner and asked Him to be
your Lord/Savior)? Yes No Not certain what you mean
your Lord/Savior)? Yes No Not certain what you mean How often do you read the Bible? Never Occasionally Often
your Lord/Savior)? Yes No Not certain what you mean

## PERSONALITY INFORMATION

,	gone any kind of co elors/psychologists/	U						
Was it beneficia	ıl? W	hat was th	e outcome					-
	ng, do you fear?						_	
	tly suffered a loss fr							
-	Explain:							
Circle any of the	e following words w	hich best	describe y	ou now:				
Godly	Ethical	Нуросі	ritical	Strict	Angry	Unreaso	mable	Abusive
Irresponsible	Cruel	Unedu	cated	Proud	Embarrassing	Ambitio	us	Active
Self-Confident	Persistent	Nervou	ıs	Hardworking	Impatient	Impulsi	ve	Moody
Often-blue	Likable	Excitab	ole	Imaginative	Calm	Serious		Sensitive
Easy-going	Shy	Good-n	atured	Introvert	Extrovert	Leader		Quiet
Hard-boiled	Submissive	Lonely		Self-conscious	Humorous	Sloppy		Whiner
Selfish	Lots of Friends	Failure		Success	Self-disciplined	1		
Are there other	words that would he	elp you to	describe y	vourself?			-	
Circle the word	s that describe why	you seek c	ounseling	<b>:</b>				
Grief	Suicidal thought	s	Relation	nship w/parents	Loss of self-res	pect	Fear	
Loneliness	Anxiety		Relation	nship w/children	Loss of love		Nervo	usness
Depression	Marriage proble	ms	Sexual	concerns	Loss of faith in God		Anger	with God
Nervousness	Homosexuality		Sexual	coldness	Loss of faith in others		Self do	oubt
Guilt	Compulsive lust		Religiou	ıs doubts/fears	Loss of hope		Substa	nce abuse
Anger	Pre-marital coun		Worry	•	Loss of meaning			
List your favorit	vision do you watch e programs:	each day?	) l					
vv nat is your fav	vorite type of music,	/entertain	ersr			<del></del>		
				OGICAL INFO				
•	elt people were wat	0,	?	Yes	No			
	es ever seem distorte		_		_ No			
•	e difficulty distingu	iishing fac	es?		No			
Do colors ever se	· ·				_ No			
-	nad hallucinations?				No			
Are you plagued	•				_ No			
	oblems sleeping?				_ No			
Do you hear voi	ces?			Yes	No			
		PERSO	NAL E	<u>EHAVIORAL</u>	HABITS			
1. Do you drii	nk coffee or other ca	ffeinated	drinks?	Yes	No Ho	w much/da	y?	
2. Do you smo	oke?			Yes	No Ho	w much/da	y?	<del></del>
3. Do you exp	olode when you get a	angry?		Yes	No			
4. Do you wit	hdraw when you ge	t angry or	hurt?	Yes	No			
5. Do you free	quently argue with o	other peop	ole?	Yes	No			
6. Do you drii	nk alcohol?				No Ho			
7. Do you use	drugs?			Yes	No W	hat kind and	how mu	.ch?

## FAMILY AND CHILDHOOD INFORMATION

# **Circle** the appropriate words:

Would you cha	aracterize your <b>Fath</b>	ner as: Godly E	thical Hypocrit	ical Strict	Angry Unreasonable			
Abusive			Uneducated	Proud	Embarrassing			
Active	Ambitious	Self-confident	Self-confident Persistent		Hardworking			
Impatient	Impulsive	Moody	ly Often-blue		Imaginative			
Calm	Serious	Easy-going	Lots of Friends	Introvert	Selfish			
Extrovert	Likable	Leader	Quiet	Hard-boiled	Submissive			
Lonely	Self-conscious	Sensitive	Humorous	Sloppy	Self-disciplined			
Whiner	Failure	Successful	Well-groomed	Shy	Good-natured Other:			
Would you cha	aracterize your <b>Mot</b>	<b>her as</b> : Godly - E	thical Hypocri	tical Strict	Angry Unreasonable			
Abusive	Irresponsible	Cruel	Uneducated	Proud	Embarrassing			
Active	Ambitious	Self-confident	Persistent	Nervous	Hardworking			
Impatient	Impulsive	Moody	Often-blue	Excitable	Imaginative			
Calm	Serious	Easy-going	Lots of Friends	Introvert	Selfish			
Extrovert	Likable	Leader	Quiet	Hard-boiled	Submissive			
Lonely	Self-conscious	Sensitive	Humorous	Sloppy	Self-disciplined			
Whiner	Failure	Successful	Well-groomed	Shy	Good-natured Other:			
What was your family's economic situation when you were a child?  Extremely poor Poor Lower Middle Income Middle Income Higher Middle Income Extremely wealthy   Were you ever sexually abused by anyone? No Yes  Please detail: Were you abused by: a relative a stranger a neighbor?  How old were you at the time?  Was the person who abused you ever prosecuted?								
What was your happiest memory as a child?								
What was yo	our unhappiest mo	emory as a child	?					

Did you experience a major traum	,		
At Home At School			
At Neighbor's Home			
At Relative's Home			
Other:			
Other.			
If you were reared by anyone othe	r than your own parents, br	riefly explain:	
How many siblings do you have:	older brothers	older sisters _	
, ,	younger brothers		
	Are you a twin:		
Are you on good terms with your:			
List the meanle that were bate on one		<b>4 </b> - 0   100 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	
List the people that you hate or are	extremely angry with, and	the reasons:	
What kind of home did <u>you</u> grow t	un in Check all that apply	.)	
Traditional (Father, Mother		)	
Authoritarian (Parent(s) ma		ion allowing no o	thar aniniana)
Divorced: Who did you live		O .	•
•			
Alcoholic: Skid row F Drug Affected: Cocaine		•	•
Perfectionist: Everything ha			
Critical: One or both parent			
Affectionate: Demonstrativ	· ·	-	use for good
	e, but not openly shown		
Emotional: Crying allowe	- /		ooly allowed)
, 0	motions not allowed to show	0	
_	ed emotion, but kids were n		
			nuine happy experience
Step-family: Which of paren		ocitical Gen	пише парру ехрепенсе
. ,	e with step-brothers or step-	cictore?	
•	e with half-brothers or half-		
Abusive: In what way? Sext			
Tibusive. In what way: beat	I nysicai beatings		other.
	WOMEN O	<u>NLY</u>	
Do you customarily have menstrua	al difficulties?		
Please list/describe symptoms price		sion, tendency to c	ery, etc.