

# **Biblical Counseling Course at Stanford**

## **Syllabus for cycle beginning Fall 2018**

### **Part 1: Growing Life-Filled Relationships from the Heart**

Biblical Counseling: Truth in Love for Life	Joshua 1:1-9; 2 Cor. 1; various	
In God's Image: Our Nature, Purpose, and Significance	Genesis 1:1-2:3	FALL
Vital Partnerships: With God, His Creation, Each Other	Genesis 2:1-3:17a	
Corrupted Image: Distorted Condition from the Fall	Genesis 3-6, and various	2018
God's Redeeming Love: Relentless Commitment to Bless	Genesis 6-50, and various	
Progressive Deterioration: Growing Conviction of Need	Romans 1:1-2:4	
Hope of Redemption: Trust for New Life Here and Now	Romans 2:1-5:2	WINTER
New Identity: Resulting Ability to Change	Romans 5:1-6:14	
True Freedom: Victory over Habits, Peace of Mind	Romans 6:14-8:14	2019
New Life in the Spirit: Becoming like Jesus	Romans 8:4-12:2	
Vital Counseling Issues: Depression, Entering God's Rest	Ps. 77; Luke 14; Heb. 3-4; 1 Jn. 2	

### **Part 2: Fruitful Interpersonal Relationships**

Redemptive Communication: The Foundation of Hope	Ephesians 1-3	SPRING
Constructive Communication: The Power of Truth	Ephesians 4	2019
Sensitive Communication: Enlightenment through Love	Ephesians 5:1-6:9	
Standing Firm: Avoiding Hidden Pitfalls	Eph. 6:10-20; Matt. 18; Gal. 5-6	
Resolving Conflict: True Wisdom Enables Unity	James; Colossians	
Winning Hearts to Truth: Speaking and Loving as Jesus	John 12-17; various	FALL
Unjust Suffering: Living Hope for Self and Others	1 Peter	
Discipleship: Growing through Persistent Sin of Others	Hebrews 12	2019
Even Greater Works: The Triumph of Personal Testimony	2 Corinthians 1-7	
Mystery Revealed: The Secrets of Fulfilling Friendship	Philippians	

### **Part 3: Fulfilling Male-Female Relationships**

Courtship: Dating and Engagement	Song of Solomon 1-3	WINTER
Protecting Love's Preciousness	Song Sol. 8; 1 Cor. 6; 1 Thess. 4:1-8	2020
Healing from Sexual Wounds, Blessings through Scars	2 Samuel 11-12; Psalm 51; Matt. 18	
Breaking Patterns: Freedom for Godly Relationship	Matt. 5; Romans; Eph. 4; Prov. 5-9	
Fulfilling Friendship, Life as Singles	1 Sam. 18; Phil. 2 and 4; 1 Cor. 7	
Understanding Sexuality: Maleness and Femaleness	Genesis 1:26-3:21	
Christian Marriage: Love and Respect (1): Wives	Ephesians, esp. 5:22-24, 33b	
Christian Marriage: Love and Respect (2): Husbands	Ephesians, esp. 5:25-33a	SPRING
Redeeming Marriage: Hope Triumphs over Fear	1 Peter, esp. 2:11-3:7	2020
Leaving and Yet Honoring Parents	Gen. 2:24; Eph. 6:2-3; various	
Being the Lord's Servants as Parents to Children	Deuteronomy 6; Ephesians 6:1-4	