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“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine.”
Isaiah 43:1b



Welcome!

I'm thankful for the opportunity that I have to provide you with comfort, guidance and solutions to your problems using God's word. In order to be clear about the counseling procedures please read the following information and indicate your agreement by signing your name and the date at the end of this document.

What is Biblical Counseling?

Biblical Counseling, in it's simplest form, is taking truths and principles from God's word and applying them to our lives. Interestingly enough, God's word has a lot to say about anger, anxiety, depression, relational & marriage issues as well as a host of other topics that we wrestle with. As we dig into His word, we'll be able to identify what's in your heart: Anger? Hurt? Disappointment? Unmet expectations? For your outward behavior is a manifestation of what's going on in your heart. It's a process but if you're willing to work through it and grow you'll discover hope and healing from God's word.

Are counseling sessions kept confidential?

The Bible clearly states that gossip is wrong. Therefore, I will not release information about particular counselees except in a few situations required by the Bible or by the mandated reporting laws of our state. Those situations are: (1) when someone is in danger of harming themselves or others, (2) when there is an allegation of physical or sexual abuse and/or neglect, or (3) when someone persistently refuses to stop a sinful pattern and it is necessary to seek assistance from their church to encourage proper change (see Matthew 18:15-20 and Romans 13:1-7).

What is the fee for Biblical Counseling?

I charge \$75 for a 50-minute session. I realize that each of us go through challenging financial seasons of life, so therefore I'm willing to offer a sliding scale. Please don't hesitate to ask about it.

I'm not currently in any insurance network , but some insurance companies will reimburse for Biblical Counseling so please consult with your insurance provider for their proper procedures.

What if I miss an appointment?

I don't charge a cancelation fee as long as you cancel 24 hours prior to your appointment. I understand that life situations come up and sometimes that's not possible. But it is essential that you notify me as soon as possible. If this becomes a continuous issue, then you will be charged a 50% cancellation fee that you are expected to pay.

I have read and understand the policies stated above, and I consent to abide by them. I also consent to receive treatment.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

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My office is at
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