

# **Counseling Liability Form**

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\*\*\*Please Note:

I, Basil Frasure, have a PhD in Christian Counseling and do Scriptural-based counseling. I have also counseled effectively with many types previously diagnosed mental, emotional, and personality disorders. However, **Whole Person Counseling** operates under the authority of Freedom Fellowship Church. The church therefore asks that those who receive counseling read and sign the following form.

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## **Freedom Fellowship Of San Angelo Incorporated Counseling Policies**

### **The Role Of Scriptural Based Counseling:**

Freedom Fellowship provides Scriptural based counseling to help people overcome real life issues by applying spiritual principles to areas of need. We believe that Jesus came to bring freedom and healing to the whole person (spirit, soul, and body). Jesus said:

“The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD” (Luke 4:18-19). NKJV.

In most cases, the elders, pastors, and others who provide spiritual counseling under the auspices of a church and counseling provide without mandatory charge and are not professionally trained, nor registered, or certified by the State of Texas or a national certifying body and are therefore exempt from the laws regulating professional counselors.

Spiritual guidance through Freedom Fellowship is not by law a substitute for professional care by a psychologist, psychiatrist, medical doctor or other health care provider. The staff at Freedom Fellowship will not give a medical diagnoses or counsel concerning the use of medications.

Those who counsel at Freedom Fellowship are committed to minister to the spiritual needs of individuals as long as they (the ministers) deem necessary and the individuals are open to receive and apply the truth of the Word.

Children under 18 years old should have the written consent from their legal parent or guardian before receiving counseling if possible.

### **Confidentiality**

The staff at Freedom Fellowship will attempt to preserve the confidentiality of any matters discussed during counseling. However, confidentiality will not apply:

1. When there is evidence of abuse of a child or vulnerable adult or where disclosure is required by law.
2. When the pastor or counselor feels a need to discretely discuss the case for consultation purposes with his/her supervisor, peers, professionals, or elders/pastors who may be a resource involved in the situation.
3. When there is contemplation of commission of a crime or harmful act toward others or yourself.
4. When there is a subpoena or other legal process.
5. When you or your legal representative authorize disclosure of information.
6. In certain circumstances where the pastor or counselor deems it necessary to disclose the information. (Matthew 18:15-17).

**I have read and agree to the foregoing policies regarding pastoral care provided by Freedom Fellowship.**

**I hereby release and hold harmless Freedom Fellowship, its directors, officers, employees, and volunteers from any and all responsibility, claims, and/or expenses related to or arising from any pastoral care or counseling received (or not received).**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Print name here: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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