

PASTORAL COUNSELING INFORMATION, DISCLOSURE, and AGREEMENT

Pastoral Counseling Model

The primary model of counseling is pastoral in nature. It is based on principles in the Sacred Scriptures and is led by the Holy Spirit. The model is mostly consistent of Elijah House Ministries founded through the work of John and Paula Sandford. Incorporated into the ministry is dream interpretation therapy and coaching. The counseling includes looking for basic causes that lie beneath the surface of most problems. *Bitter roots* contribute to broken relationships, sinful compulsions, and many other kinds of bad fruit. So much of our emotional pain comes from lies that we have come to believe. As ministry unfolds, which is a discovery process, lies, strongholds, and vows can be broken. Freedom comes and many times, physical healing. As a Prayer Counselor, the role in the healing process is to facilitate what the Holy Spirit wants to accomplish in each person who comes for ministry.

Freedom Light is non-denominational and serves persons from all denominations. We are not a church, nor an in-house facility. Sessions are typically one-on-one, however, an intern and/or intercessor may be present in an observation/prayer support capacity.

We Are Not a Crisis Center

We do not provide pastoral counseling for those in immediate crisis situations. We are not a crisis-care center and we do not provide supervised or overnight care for mental illness, drug/alcohol addictions, suicide, or other immediate crisis-care situations. In such cases, contact your local hospitals, drug/alcohol rehabilitation centers, or crisis centers.

Preparation

It is important to ask at least two others, (such as your pastor, friends, spouse, etc.) to commit to praying for you and your Prayer Counselor during your time together. We cannot stress enough how prayer, or the lack of it, will directly affect the quality of your sessions. We suggest you arrange a follow-up time with your pastor, intercessors, therapist, or local Prayer Counselor. Healing does not stop, and you may need to be in contact with someone in prayer at home as you move through the healing process.

Right to Know form

Please Note: I am not a licensed clinical psychologist or psychiatrist. *We are not a church or an in-house facility.*

The prayer counseling sessions are one-on-one with a Prayer Counselor, and there may be someone observing and praying such as an intern or intercessor, in addition to the main Prayer Counselor.

Assurance Deposit

We require a \$240 non-refundable deposit to hold a date for a 12-hour intensive OR \$320 non-refundable deposit for the consecutive sessions OR \$80 non-refundable deposit for the hourly schedules.

Compensation

Freedom Light offers prayer counseling as part of its ministry and relies upon the suggested fee to continue to operate. Our standard fee for prayer ministry is \$960 for an intensive week (12 hours). While giving the full amount that is greatly appreciated, we will work with those who are *unable to pay all at once*, and if you are able, we ask that you prayerfully consider a generous donation above to help Freedom Light provide counseling to those unable to give as much, as well as help with missions and outreach. Please be assured that the quality of your counseling will not be affected in any way by the amount you are able to give. We welcome you and pray that God blesses your ministry time.

Intern Training Program.

The Internship Program plays a large and important part in Freedom Light's mandate to equip others for the ministry of restoring and transforming individuals and families. Therefore, an intern *may* be a part of your counseling sessions in place of an intercessor and may participate alongside your Prayer Counselor. Please be assured that we always adhere to a *strict policy of confidentiality*, which includes the interns and intercessors working with those we serve.

Insurance

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Freedom Light provides ministry based on the Biblical model and not that of a licensed clinical psychologist or psychiatrist and insurance company plans typically do not include coverage for our services.

Satisfaction or Non-Satisfaction with Ministry Rendered

Pastoral counseling provides an opportunity for heart healing. Freedom Light makes no promise or guarantee relative to your personal satisfaction regarding the outcome of such counseling. As with any type of ministry, there is no guarantee as to what your response will be to the healing process. While there is risk of pain in all forms of counseling, we believe in the value of pastoral counseling in preventing patterns of hurt from continuing in your life. However, you have the prerogative to stop your session of pastoral counseling at any time, or for any reason. Freedom Light also reserves the right to discontinue a pastoral counseling session at any time, and/or to refer a client to another ministry or professional where necessary.

Permission: Confidentiality, Duty to Report

I give permission to my Freedom Light pastoral/ prayer counselor to consult, as necessary, with colleagues, pastoral counselors, and ministry staff. It is with this understanding that I, the undersigned, enter this ministry relationship and assume the responsibilities as set forth in the document above. I understand my right to confidentiality will be respected. I also understand that no information will be disclosed outside the pastoral prayer ministry staff without my written consent unless preempted or required by law to report to appropriate authorities.

The legal duty of care imposed on each prayer minister is to report to the appropriate authorities:

- 1) Physical or sexual abuse of a child still under the age of eighteen.
- 2) Persons in imminent danger of physical harm to oneself or others.
- 3) Persons we believe may be in imminent danger of suicide.

Right to Know form

I have fully read and agree to this RIGHT
TO KNOW document.

Signature

Date

Parent or Legal Guardian (if a minor):

Parent's or Legal Guardian's Signature

Date

Please sign this document and return it. We recommend you make a copy of it for your own reference.