

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

I, the undersigned, understand the Arise Biblical Counseling Ministry is a ministry of Hopewell Christian Fellowship and holds to the mission, vision and values of such.

I, understand the Arise Biblical Counselors are not professional or licensed counselors, therapists, psychologist or medical doctors and will not be expected to use the same specialized methods as such.

I understand the Arise Biblical Counselors believe the Word of God is the standard for living and, therefore, will provide biblical counseling based on scriptural principles rather than psychological philosophies.

I understand an Arise Biblical Counselor will plainly present biblical principles and directives that apply to my problem and/or circumstances. I further understand that he/she will do this without expecting compensation from me.

I understand I am responsible to complete and/or carry out assignments given to me that will encourage the practical application of those principles and directives in my life.

I understand if I have significant legal, financial, medical or other technical issues/questions beyond the scope of an Arise Biblical Counselor, I am free to seek advice from a professional specialist. In such case, the Arise Biblical Counselor will be willing to cooperate with such specialists and help me consider their advice in light of relevant scriptural principles.

I understand everything I share with an Arise Biblical Counselor will be kept confidential, and I hold the right to determine what information may be shared outside of our meetings. However, I also understand that in my best interest and that of others, the following are times that information may need to be shared:

- When the Arise Biblical Counselor is uncertain of how to address a particular problem and needs to seek advice from other sources such as the Arise Director or Hopewell Christian Fellowship Pastors/Elders.
- When there is a clear indication that someone, including myself, may be harmed unless others intervene.
- When I, as a member of Hopewell Christian Fellowship, persistently refuse to turn from a particular sin and it becomes necessary to seek the assistance of a pastor to encourage repentance and reconciliation (see Proverbs 15:22; 24:11; Matthew 18:15-20).

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY **(IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING.)**

I agree and covenant that based on the above, I, nor any person, organization or other entity on my behalf will file, charge, claim, sue or cause or permit to be filed, charged or claim any actions for damages, monetary or otherwise against Hopewell Christian Fellowship based on any advice that I may receive through an Arise Biblical Counselor. I fully intend that this Release of Liability operate as a Waiver and Release of all claims for liability against an Arise Biblical Counselor and Hopewell Christian Fellowship for any advice that I have received from the Arise Biblical Counselor.

I RECOGNIZE THAT I HAVE A RIGHT TO HAVE AN ATTORNEY
REVIEW THIS DOCUMENT PRIOR TO SIGNING.

Signature _____ Date _____