



CONFIDENTIALITY EXPLANATION

It is our belief that change must begin within ourselves as we look to Christ for the power to change. Therefore, Life In Abundance asks you to approach the counseling and encouragement process as an opportunity for personal change and spiritual growth.

We ask that you refrain from the temptation of focusing on others, and instead we ask you to focus on what changes God desires to make in your life, in the midst of your circumstances. Throughout the process, you are encouraged to pray and read the Bible daily, as well as trust in God's leadership in your life. Your counselor will also be praying for you as you seek to move through this process.

It is the policy of Life In Abundance that any information you share with the counselor will be carefully guarded and ethically cannot be disclosed without your written consent. The following exceptions are to be adhered to by all healthcare professionals, as well as professional counselors according to state law.

- 1) It is required by law that all counselors have a duty to warn the appropriate authorities if a client intends to make harmful, dangerous, or criminal actions against themselves or someone around them.
- 2) Professional counselors are also mandated to report any incidences of "reasonable suspected child abuse" (physical or sexual), elder abuse, or suicide attempts.

Waivers of Liability (please read carefully and initial for each statement)

By submitting signed forms and payment for counseling, I hereby acknowledge and understand the conditions set forth in this document and further release from liability Life In Abundance and its counselors from a claim or litigation whatsoever arising from my participation in biblical encouragement counseling sessions.

In consideration for receiving counseling from Life In Abundance, I agree to release and waive any and all claims of any kind against the ministry, the staff, the pastoral/lay encouragers or any participating church, which may arise from, result out of, or be related to advice or encouragement received.

I understand that all encouragement provided in this ministry is provided in accordance with the biblical principles adhered to by the pastoral licensing board known as the National Christian Counselors Association and is not necessarily provided in adherence with any local, state or national psychological or psychiatric association.

I agree that the counselors of Life In Abundance reserve the right to consult with other counseling professionals or appropriate advisors regarding counseling sessions and that any professional consultations will be held in the same level of confidentiality as all counseling sessions.

By submitting signed forms and payment for counseling, I am stating that I have read and understand the contents of this waiver, and consent to and request said counseling and biblical encouragement.

I understand and agree that no audio or video recording of any counseling session is permitted.

Print Full Name: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____