



WAIVER OF LIABILITY

The undersigned, having sought biblical counseling as adhered to by Emmaus Center for Christian Counseling (ECC), a non-profit religious ministry under Emmaus Abbey Church, hereby acknowledges their understanding of the following conditions and further releases from liability Emmaus Abbey Church and Center for Christian Counseling, its counselors, agents, employees, and trainees from any claim or litigation whatsoever arising from the undersigned’s participation in the above-mentioned biblical counseling ministry. It is further understood:

- (1) that all biblical counseling will be provided by NCCA licensed Christian counselors |Pastoral counselors or supervised counselors-in-training (CIT), we are not, nor claim to be secular state licensed therapists, state licensed marriage or family therapists, state licensed pastoral psychotherapists, clinical psychologists or psychiatrists.
- (2) that all ECC staff counselors in this ministry are biblically trained by Board Certified and follow the Code of Ethics of the National Christian Counselors Association (NCCA).
- (3) that all counseling provided in this ECC ministry is provided in accordance with the NCCA clinical and biblical principles (Counseling in a Christian Worldview) adhered to by National Christian Counselors Association and ECC and is not necessarily provided in adherence with guidelines developed by any local, state or national professional mental health association.
- (4) that no representation has been made, either expressly or implied, that the NCCA clinical, biblical or spiritual counseling, as conducted by the above-mentioned ECC Christian counselors or supervised lay counselors, is accepted as customary psychological and/or psychiatric therapy.
- (5) that the undersigned is free to terminate counseling with ECC at any time or to seek other professional counseling, should they so desire. A Bill of Rights available upon request.
- (6) that the Christian counseling offered by ECC is provided as a 501c3 (Tax Exempt) ministry under Emmaus Abbey Church, Inc and our services are not third party supported or by private or state insurances.
- (7) Emmaus Center for Christian Counseling counselors work off of a sliding fee scale and donations from local churches so that no one is turned away who may need counseling. All services are to be paid up front prior to any counseling session unless other arrangements have been made by with the clinical director ECC.
- (8) I have read and fully understand, if I choose, **On-Line counseling services** and waive face-to-face counseling that I have read and fully understand the policies and procedures therein.
- (9) That the undersigned has read and understands the contents of this waiver, confidentiality statements and consents to and requests said counseling.

Signature of Counselee or (Legal Guardian)	Date
Signature of Spouse (when in joint session)	Date
Signature of Counselor	Date