



Release of Information and Release of Liability for Counseling Services

Name: _____

DOB: _____

I, the undersigned counselee, in seeking Biblical church counseling at Grace Point Fellowship Church, (“the Church”) through Pastor _____ (my “Biblical Counselor”) hereby acknowledge my understanding of the following conditions and/or information and agree that:

1. Counseling is provided by my Biblical Counselor under the auspices of the Church and as a service to the church community to address personal and/or family needs.
2. Services are offered free of charge, but offerings to the Church are accepted and encouraged to help maintain the continuation of the ministry.
3. My Biblical Counselor is a member of the clergy and is not a professional licensed counselor. I understand that he/she is exempt from the laws of my state pertaining to professional counselors because he/she is providing pastoral counseling services within the context of his or her ministerial charge.
4. The Church intends to provide counseling through my Biblical Counselor that is in accord with the Biblical principles adhered to by the Church.
5. My Biblical Counselor may disclose information that I share during counseling with one or more pastors of the Church identified below (or their successors in office) to facilitate my pastoral care and the pastoral care of those in my family.
6. The pastor(s) of the Church are Daniel and Lorena Rodriguez.
7. I understand that the information that I share in counseling will be kept confidential by my Biblical Counselor and the pastor(s) of the Church to the extent legally permitted, but, I also understand that there are circumstances under which confidentiality cannot be maintained—including but not limited to the following:
 1. In emergency situations, where there may be danger to me or others as with suicide or homicide, confidentiality may be broken.
 2. Where children are physically abused, neglected or sexually abused, the proper authorities must be notified.
 3. If any unreported life threatening felony has been committed, it must be reported to the police.
 4. If a court of law issues a legitimate subpoena, the Biblical Counselor may be required to disclose the information requested in the subpoena.
 5. I have received no guarantee or promise of any particular result from my counseling.
 6. I release my Biblical Counselor, the Church and its pastors from any action related to counseling services and ministerial services.

Counselee Signature

Printed Name

Date

Counselor Signature

Printed Name

Date