

RELEASE TO RECEIVE COUNSELING

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(Please print your name here) I _____, understand that the counseling I receive from At The Well Ministries, Inc., or with Pastor Tom Joseph is strictly and exclusively Pastoral counseling. We are registered with the federal government as a 501c3 non-profit religious organization which allows us protection under the Separation of Church and State clause, therefore most State laws concerning counseling do not apply in Biblically based counseling.

H.I.P.A.A. privacy laws **do not** apply to this Ministry, nor does D.O.R.A (*The Department of Regulatory Agencies*), nor do any State controlled secular psychiatric or mental health boards, associations, or licensures apply to this Ministry.

Even though confidentiality is very important to us, and is highly respected to a person's privacy, and most likely will never be breached, but At The Well Ministries and/or the counselor (Tom Joseph) can breach confidentiality when and if he feels Biblically or morally obligated based on his Christian convictions or for the safety of life.

At The Well Ministries and its counselors do not accept homosexuality, or any other sexual behavior that is not normal heterosexual in nature, as natural or normal behavior. We see homosexuality and any like-minded sexuality as an abnormal psychological disorder, sexual deviancy and destructive to society.

Even though we help women who have had abortions in the past, we do not accept or condone abortion as an option for birth control, or any other reason, accept to try and save the mother's life.

All counseling received from At The Well Ministries and its counselors is strictly from a voluntary donation basis as a fund raiser, therefore there will be no refunds of any kind once a donation is made. This is in accordance with tax exempt status.

Pastoral counseling is Biblically based and is Christian in nature. I understand that Even though Tom Joseph Ph.D. is highly educated in Clinical behavior, At The Well Ministries, Inc. or Tom Joseph Ph.D. is not liable for the behavior or advice given outside the parameters of the above stated philosophy and belief. Medical or psychological treatment needed beyond Pastoral counseling as stated above is solely the responsibility of the counselee and will be advised from this Ministry in that direction if needed.

Accepted and agreed:

By _____

Date Signed