



HOPE FOR LIFE

BIBLICAL COUNSELING

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Dear Friends in Jesus,

We'd like to allow one of the people who has been personally blessed by the counseling ministry to share in her own words how God has changed her life.

"I am a single mom on disability with two kids, and I thank God daily for the counseling ministry of Hope For Life. If I had to pay for counseling, I would not have been able to get the help I greatly needed. And now, because of this ministry, I am boldly sharing God's Word with others. Just last week, I was able to share my testimony, where I spoke on "A Forgiving Heart, A Beautiful Life." As a result of Hope For Life ministering the Word to me, eight people accepted Christ through my testimony of a changed and beautiful life.

In his book Mark states that, "forgiveness is the key to life." Through Mark's way of leading me to God and His Word, I have been able to understand true forgiveness...the forgiveness I thought I knew but, like so many others, was painfully mistaken about. I have been able to leave the hurt of sexual molestation, abuse, and marital affairs behind. I am no longer an angry, hurt, and bitter woman because, through faith in the reality of God, I have been able to forgive others, just as God has forgiven me.

I am free! Bitterness no longer rules my life. God does! Mark's counseling has guided me back to a meaningful relationship with my heavenly Father, and God is in the process of healing relationships with my husband, children, and friends. I have learned to apply biblical principles to my life by being in the Word and allowing Scripture to penetrate my heart...especially Ephesians 4:31-32, which says: 'Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.'

I highly recommend the counseling of Hope For Life to everyone. Through this ministry, I have seen who I am and who God wants me to be. I have been given biblical principles and taught how to apply them to my life right where I am now. I am even able to minister to those around me. I can confidently state that I am a completely different person today than I was three months ago."

Thank you so much for helping this ministry to continue sharing the hope for life that is found in Jesus and His Word. You are a blessing to us and to many others.

mark and emily



HEALTH INSURANCE

Thank you for your prayers regarding our health insurance dilemma. After initially being denied coverage, the insurance company reconsidered (truly a miracle from God), and we now have medical and dental coverage for our entire family.

UPCOMING EQUIPPED FOR LIFE CLASS

Mark has been invited to teach a nine-week training course beginning June 6th at Sierra Heights Baptist Church. The course is open to all, and is designed to equip anyone, whether in formal ministry or not, with the power and hope of God's Word. The curriculum is focused on teaching application of God's perfect Word to our own hearts and lives, so that we can truly and effectively love and minister to those around us. We have included a flyer with more details and registration information. Please feel free to make copies as needed, or let us know if you would like more. And, of course, call or email if you have any questions. We are hoping to schedule a second class in the evening for those who cannot attend in the morning. We'll keep you posted on details regarding this.

COMMENTS FROM PREVIOUS CLASSES

"I am looking at conflict in a completely different way."

"I wish I'd had this years ago."

"I now have a different mindset about the values and needs of counseling. I have a better basis for handling conflict and problems than I did before."

"The class is informative, inspiring, and convicting."

"I now feel much more prepared to share answers straight from the Word."