



# HOPE FOR LIFE

BIBLICAL COUNSELING & EQUIPPING

for everything that was written in the past was written to teach us so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

[ romans 15:4 ]

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## New Ministry Website

Considering that it's been almost a year in the making, we're very excited to announce the launch of the new Hope For Life ministry website:

[www.hopeforlifeonline.com](http://www.hopeforlifeonline.com)

We've been busy working on it for several months now and it's finally up and running.

We've posted quite a few resources which we hope will be a blessing and encouragement to you as you seek to know more of the Lord and His Word.

We plan to regularly add materials to

the site, so check back often to see what's new.

Feel free to let us know if there's something you'd like to see included in the site or that would be helpful to you personally or someone you know.

We've also created a page for counseling questions, so please make use of that as needed.

We're looking forward to this new avenue of ministry, and we thank the Lord for giving us friends like you to make this and all the other aspects of the ministry possible. Thank you!

## WORTH REPEATING

"Fear of man does not come out of a response to created, in-born needs. It is worshipping others for our own purposes. Given this core, the answer is more than simply turning to Christ to meet this need. That would be to make Jesus our personal idol who serves our purposes. The answer is to first allow God to break our selfish desires and to teach us what it means to fear Him alone. So the question is not, 'Where can I find my worth?' but 'Why am I so concerned about myself?' The question is not, 'How can God fill my needs?'; it is 'How can Christ be seen as so glorious that I forget about my perceived needs?'"

*Ed Welch  
Journal of Biblical Counseling*

This is what the LORD says:

"Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who depends on flesh for his strength and whose heart turns away from the LORD..But blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in Him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."

*Jeremiah 17:5, 7-8*

## HAPPY FAMILY NEWS

Rejoice with us as we anticipate the arrival of the newest addition to the Baker family! We expect to meet the little one sometime in June.

## HOPE FOR LIFE FLYERS

We now have flyers for the ministry, letting people know what Hope For Life is all about, what our mission is, and the resources that are available through the ministry. The sturdy card format makes them ideal as handouts, so let us know if you'd like a [FREE] supply for your church or business – or just more to give away to friends.

## Sharing the Hope & Freedom of God's Word

Earlier this month, Emily was blessed to be invited to speak at the first ever women's retreat of The Grove Community Church, a new fellowship in southeast Fresno.

The ladies spent the weekend at Morro Bay, and Emily was able to share on a topic that's very close to her heart: "Overcoming the Fear of Man."

The women studied what the Bible has to say about the common human

tendency to put our hope and trust in other sinful people instead of in Jesus and His Word alone.

We were greatly encouraged by the Lord's faithfulness and the enthusiastic response from the women who came.

We continue to pray that the Lord would open the doors for a regular evening class to be taught here in town which will include some of this same material. Please pray with us.

## COUNSELING & EQUIPPING ONLINE RESOURCES

**Love & Respect Book Review**

**Discovering Our True Needs**

**The Facts of Life**

**Understanding What Love Is**

**How To Handle Anger**

**Course Descriptions**

**Ask Counseling Questions**

**Testimonies**

