



**Nauset Baptist Church  
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### **Limited Confidentiality**

Confidentiality is important to Christian counseling. However, because Christian counseling uses the Bible as its final authority, we practice a policy of LIMITED CONFIDENTIALITY. We promise, in accord with the Scriptures, to keep all counseling matters confidential **except**:

1. Areas where a legitimate law of man has been broken. We cannot promise to keep matters from the proper authorities because God has ordained these authorities (Romans 13:1-7).
2. Areas where we believe church discipline may be necessary or is already necessary. In this case we would encourage you to follow the steps taught in such passages as Matthew 18:15-20 and 1 Corinthians 5:1-5. We will only become involved directly if our failure to do so would hinder legitimate church discipline.

These two exceptions to confidentiality are the only ones we allow. While these circumstances may never come up in your case we must be free to deal with them biblically if they do. This is the reason we require you to sign the following statement before we will begin counseling:

I give my permission to my Christian counselors to follow the confidentiality policy stated on this paper. *(Note: We consider your Pastor as part of our counseling team.)*

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_