



Ministry Information and Practices

Freedom Thru Jesus Fellowship (FTJF) and Crossing Jordan Ministries are Christ centered ministries that provide biblically based counseling that seeks to provide spiritual mentoring and direction, healing, and freedom from spiritual oppression. The Director, ministers and counselors make no claim to hold mental health credentials and are not licensed as such, but work with medical and mental health professionals. **Freedom Thru Jesus Fellowship and Crossing Jordan Ministries are a tax-exempt religious organization under 501 C 3, IRS code, so contributions are tax deductible.**

Components of Ministry

The goal and objective of a ministry session is to present a safe environment while listening to the one that comes for ministry and helping that person come to a place where they can receive healing so God can move in their life. Ministry is based on prayer and functions through the presence and power of the Lord Jesus Christ and the anointing, gifts and leading of the Holy Spirit.

We adhere to the highest ethical standards of Christian integrity. We are committed to providing excellence in ministry by submitting to the spiritual authority of mature Christians, continually studying the Holy Scriptures and following biblical principles in our own lives and in our spiritual direction. Members of the staff take part in continuing education in the ministry of healing, freedom from spiritual oppression, spiritual mentoring and direction. Whenever possible, we work in conjunction with other healing and health professionals.

Members of this ministry staff receive regular supervision and participate in peer supervision. If any person has a need that is beyond the scope or training of the workers in this ministry, they will be referred to a qualified minister or counselor.

This ministry follows the biblical dictates to bear one another's burdens, disciple those in need of guidance, comfort and heal the wounded hearts, and set free those who are spiritually bound or oppressed. The essential components of this ministry are prayer, prayer for healing, freedom from spiritual oppression, spiritual mentoring and direction all under the guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit. Ministry to the person is also a process for building joy in the person, giving them strength to go on. The whole person is taken into consideration; spirit, soul, heart, and body. Spiritual healing is as important as emotional and physical healing.

Ministry consists of providing a safe arena in which to discover the root of the individual's issues. Then, with the Holy Spirit's direction, revelation, and guidance, we explore these root causes and their impact on the individual and thus find direction in praying for them. This leads to finding a place for God to intervene in their lives and an opportunity for them to interact with God. Sound spiritual direction and biblical principles are applied together with prayer for God's healing. With spiritual direction, each individual will be taught how to do effective spiritual interventions, applying proper biblical principles to his or her life's situation in their healing process.

Our staff members are sensitive to the needs of those who have been hurt or wounded. When trust has been broken or betrayed, it may take time for trust to be restored so healing can take place. Every effort will be made to make the one receiving ministry feel safe and comfortable. In this healing process, trust is vital to receiving healing and freedom. Healing can be instantaneous, however it's been our experience that it is a process which takes time. Someone who has lived many years in a dysfunctional style, even when healing of the wound/damaged emotions takes place, will often continue in the same dysfunctional life style and thinking. These dysfunctional and ineffective ways of behaving, relating and coping with life's problems have been with some people for so long that they instinctively react out of habit and this will take time to change. This process of change is known as *changing and healing the condition of the heart and the renewing of the mind*. Many times the way a person behaves is often the only way an individual knows how to function. It is a condition of the heart. In the renewing of the mind and changing the beliefs held in the heart is the point where spiritual direction and discipling become vital parts of the healing process. Several issues may have to be addressed, many of which may not surface for weeks or months. Growth takes time. God is not interested in a quick fix, but a healed individual who can manifest the love and glory of God in their lives and to others. Romans 12:2

The sources of most problems are lies, wounds, false beliefs, pain and anger. These conditions provide an excellent place for demonic torment and even a demonic stronghold. As God interacts with the individual, and speaks encouragement and truth about the lies, false beliefs and anger, it becomes possible for healing to take place and demonic strongholds are broken. At this point, interfering evil spirits have no right to torment the individual and are simply told to leave. After this the individual generally will experience peace and joy. An individual's capacity for joy will determine their ability to go through trials and this capacity develops over time.

Sometimes there may be generational issues coming down through a person's ancestral heritage; something that has been in their family for years. These generational issues and their effects must be taken into account in order to have total healing, freedom, peace and joy.

As a person works toward healing, there are times when the healing process can be quite painful. This occurs as the sources of the problems are explored, revealing events which were painful and traumatic at the time they occurred. The individual will often experience these past painful events as if they were happening in the present. This is why it is so important to have a trained qualified prayer minister/ counselor supporting the individual during the session and during the time in between ministry sessions. Healing occurs in many small increments rather than one big event. With the Holy Spirit's guidance and preference on the individual's part, he or she can get to the source of their problems; resolve them and receiving healing and peace.

Each individual will be assisted, as far as possible within the scope of this ministry and the ability of the ministers/counselors, to receive what God has for him or her. Homework and specific tasks are often assigned to aid in healing, renewing the mind and their thinking process. This may include bible study, prayer, reflective writing or prayer journaling to name a few.

Appointments

Appointments are made on a first-come, first-served basis as space is available. Due to the number of people seeking ministry and the length of time required for healing; space availability is limited to a certain number of people per day and per week. If there is not an immediate opening, you may request to be put on a waiting list and you will be notified when an opening is available. The length and frequency of sessions will be determined by your prayer minister/counselor who will assess your need and your progress. This may not become evident during the first few sessions and you will be advised in a timely manner. If you are in a crisis situation, every effort will be made to see you as soon as possible. If it is impossible to see you or the need is outside of our scope, you will be referred to a qualified professional or instructed to call 911 or go to the nearest Emergency Room.

Staff are in the office by appointment only. Each time allotment is valuable and everyone is expected to be on time for appointments. **It is imperative when canceling an appointment that that you give the prayer minister/counselor ample notice ahead of time (at least 4 hours) if you are unable to keep your appointment.** This will allow your staff person to avoid an unnecessary and costly trip to the office, or would allow them to see another individual in your place. **A \$30 fee may be charged if less than 4 hours notice is given.** Consistently missing appointments without valid reason or the existence of an emergency will not be tolerated. **Repeated failure to keep your appointments will result in termination of services.**

Fees for Service and Cancellation

The fee for each session hour is \$60 per hour and is payable at the time you receive ministry. Initial ministry sessions can last for two hours because of the interview and obtaining answers to questions in order to determine the cause(s) of the problem and the time spent ministering to the problem. The two hour period will be at a cost of \$120. **We do not bill insurance companies or take government funding.** The \$60 fee is for the session time of one hour and we make no guarantee or promise of outcome. We rely on the Holy Spirit to reveal the cause of problems and the Lord Jesus Christ to provide solution to problems as He directs.

Fees charged for services go directly for the operation of this ministry. If you desire to give a gift to this ministry or to a staff member in addition to the fee, you must designate this at the time of payment. **Any amount given in excess of the \$60 per session hour is considered a gift or donation, but will not be tax deductible. The money will be added to our scholarship fund and applied to those who are unable to pay the full suggested session fee.**

We require at least 4 hours notice of appointment cancellations. Cancellation of appointments with less than 4 hours notice are subject to a \$30 fee. We understand that life happens and emergencies do occur and exceptions to this policy will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Freedom and Responsibility

Although you are encouraged to remain in the ministry process until you have successfully reached your goal(s), termination or quitting is your right from the very beginning. It is important that you cooperate with the prayer minister/counselor who is helping you to carry out the plans agreed upon for your healing, however each individual has the ultimate responsibility for his or her own growth and change. **If it is determined that your need/condition would be better addressed by another provider (i.e. minister, counselor, psychologist, psychiatrist, or medical personnel other than Freedom Thru Jesus Fellowship or Crossing Jordan Ministries), you will be advised accordingly.** Pastors and prayer support partners are encouraged to be a part of your healing team. You are free to have anyone you desire here with you should you need that assurance, provided that the individual does not interfere with the ministry in any way. We encourage each survivor to have a support person attend sessions and assist him or her during the time between sessions.

During ministry to survivors of abuse, Freedom Thru Jesus Fellowship or Crossing Jordan Ministries and members of the ministry staff will not encourage confrontation of perpetrators and will not support resolution of any conflicts in the court system.

Confidentiality

Everything that is revealed in ministry sessions will be kept in the strictest confidence. No information concerning the one receiving ministry will be shared with anyone without the ministry recipient's written consent. However, the FTJF or Crossing Jordan Ministries supervisor and staff may be consulted by other ministry staff concerning specific aspects of your care and receive supervision about how to best proceed and provide you that care.

PLEASE READ AND INITIAL:

I acknowledge that if I share information that indicates that a minor is being abused or that an individual who abused me is now working with children, we are required *by law* to report this information to the child protection authorities. **Initial** _____ **Initial** _____

I acknowledge the information shared in a ministry session which indicates that I intend to do a harmful act to another individual is not considered confidential. Should we have reasonable belief that you are likely to do harm to another individual, we are required *by law* to notify that individual and/or the authorities of your intentions. **Initial** _____ **Initial** _____

As a juvenile between the age of fourteen and eighteen (14-18), I consent to allow details disclosed during a session to be released to my parent/guardian if it has been deemed necessary by the prayer minister/counselor and Director to be important to my healing process. **Initial** _____ **Initial** _____

Your Safety and Comfort

Our goal is to provide you with quality Christian ministry in a safe environment. You will be ministered to in a safe atmosphere and in an interactive process where you can learn to trust and receive healing. Proper ethical boundaries will always be maintained and your boundaries and rights will always be honored and respected. We will work with each individual in establishing and maintaining proper boundaries. No one will be manipulated or have religion forced on them. If during the process of ministry it is believed that you would benefit from medication, you will be advised to consult a medical doctor for advice and possibly medication. We may work jointly and cooperate with medical doctors, psychologists, and psychiatrists in your healing process. Any consultation with medical professionals or Christian healing ministers other than FTJF or Crossing Jordan staff will not be done without your written permission.

PLEASE NOTE: Your safety is of utmost importance to us. If we believe you are contemplating harming yourself, we will discuss the options with you and, if necessary, require that you immediately seek help from qualified medical professionals, report to a hospital, or call 911 to be taken to a hospital. If you choose not to seek help and we believe your life is in danger, we will notify the proper authorities for your safety in accordance with the PA Code 5100.84.

Prior to your prayer minister/counselor absence for an extended time, he or she will make arrangements with another Freedom Thru Jesus Fellowship or Crossing Jordan Ministries prayer minister/counselor or a trusted associate if you should need to see them. The interim prayer minister/counselor may be a part of Freedom Thru Jesus Fellowship or Crossing Jordan Ministries staff or may be in another healing ministry. The interim prayer minister/counselor will adhere to the ethics and spirituality of Freedom Thru Jesus Fellowship or Crossing Jordan Ministries and will be available to you in case of a crisis.

By signing this document, I hereby agree to and accept the conditions set forth in this document. I understand the financial commitment involved.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

If a minor comes for ministry, they must be accompanied the entire time by a parent or guardian who has authority to permit the ministry.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Directions to the Counseling Offices

Harrisburg/York

1. Take I-83 South to exit 14 Leader Heights - 0.2 mile
2. Turn right onto PA-182 W/Leader Heights Rd - 0.4 mile
3. Turn left onto S George St to Jacobus - 2.4 miles
4. S George St turns into N Main St upon entering Jacobus
5. 53 N Main St is on the left between the Jacobus Medical Center and Grey Beards Antiques & Collectibles
6. On street parking is available as well as limited parking in the rear.

Baltimore/Shrewsbury

1. Take I-83 North to exit 10 Loganville
2. Continue Right onto North St /PA-214 - 0.9 mi
3. Follow I-83 N to Lake Rd/North St in Springfield Township. Take the from I-83 N
4. 6 min (6.8 mi)
5. Turn Right onto Susquehanna Trail S - 2.1 mi
6. Susquehanna Trail S turns into Main St upon entering Jacobus
7. 53 N Main St is on the right between Grey Beards Antiques & Collectibles and the Jacobus Medical Center
8. On street parking is available as well as limited parking in the rear.

Please go in and have a seat in the waiting area. Someone will be with you at the time of your appointment.



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