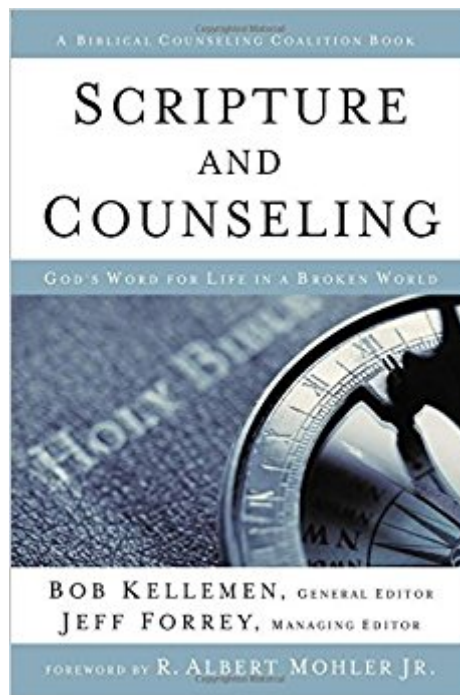




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Scripture And Counseling: God's Word For Life In A Broken World (Biblical Counseling Coalition Books)



Synopsis

Today we face a tremendous weakening of confidence in the Bible. This is just as true for the pastor offering counsel in his office as it is for the person in the pew talking with a struggling friend at Starbucks or the small group leader who is unsure of what to say to a hurting group member. We need to regain our confidence in God's Word as sufficient to address the real life issues we face today. We need to understand how the Bible equips us to grow in counseling competence as we use it to tackle the complex issues of life. Scripture and Counseling is divided into two sections of nine chapters each: Part One helps readers to develop a robust biblical view of Scripture's sufficiency for life and godliness • leading to increased confidence in God's Word. Part Two assists readers in learning how to use Scripture in the counseling process. This section demonstrates how a firm grasp of the sufficiency of Scripture leads to increased competence in the ancient art of personally ministering God's Word to others. Part of the Biblical Counseling Coalition series, Scripture and Counseling brings you the wisdom of twenty ministry leaders who write so you can have confidence that God's Word is sufficient, necessary, and relevant to equip God's people to address the complex issues of life in a broken world. It blends theological wisdom with practical expertise and is accessible to pastors, church leaders, counseling practitioners, and students, equipping them to minister the truth and power of God's word in the context of biblical counseling, soul care, spiritual direction, pastoral care, and small group facilitation.

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Robert Jones says it well, "The Bible does not merely inform our counseling, . . . the Bible drives our counseling." I believe he is exactly correct. The contributors to Scripture and Counseling encourage, teach, and show us how this happens as we pursue and develop a robust biblical strategy in ministry to hurting, confused, and broken people. The book is obviously comprehensive! It is also well written. I suspect it will become a standard resource in the field of biblical counseling. -- Daniel L. Akin, President, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC Scripture and Counseling is both theologically robust and pastorally helpful. On its pages you will find a lively discussion that will bring you up to speed on the conversation taking place among contemporary biblical counseling. -- J. D. Greear, Ph.D., Pastor, The Summit Church

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I prefer the biblical counseling book Self-Confrontation. But this book will do if you are not going to be a licensed biblical counselor.

Great book for those who want to know how to counsel a Christian about any issue. I have studied Biblical Counseling and i benefit from this very much. It is really Christ centered.

This book was used as a text book by our recently completed biblical counseling class at [OV]Church in Norfolk, VA. It is a great asset in preparing to counsel those in need. I would highly recommend this book to all who have a desire to institute biblical counseling into the ministry of their church.

The very best book for Biblical counseling I have ever read.

Awesome book on the sufficiency of scripture in counseling.

Good book

Okay book....not what I expected. I will keep it anyway.

Diving Into the Deep End If you are looking for a book to bolster your counseling apologetic with solid application, then *Scripture and Counseling: God's Wisdom for Life in a Broken World* will fit the bill. Over twenty authors compiled the book, but this is no armchair counseling crew. This is a group of biblical counseling "rock stars" with extensive experience, and more degrees than a thermostat. With a vast array of authors, you will be exposed to years of counseling wisdom with immediate application. If that peaks your interest, keep reading, it gets better.

Is the Bible Relevant for That? Working through a counseling philosophy is no small task. Like skilled surgeons, the authors of *Scripture and Counseling* first guide you through ten chapters covering, "How We View the Bible for Life in a Broken World." They tackle questions regarding the relevance of God's Word, where to find truth, psychology, the body, how far you can apply the Bible in counseling, and many other topics. As they work through these subjects, they also provide a compassionate section to help you see counseling philosophies as actual belief systems. The authors do not just highlight the belief systems, but provide you with the tools to evaluate varying counseling perspectives yourself. Dr. Bob Kelleman provides the concluding chapter for Part 1 by tying together the relevancy of the Bible and helping people see their story through the big picture of Scripture.

Applying Scripture to Everyday Life As you move into Part 2, you will read about "How We Use the Bible for Life in a Broken World." This is where the authors get into the grittiness of life. You live in a real world with real problems, you need real answers, and that is what you are going to get. You will learn to apply God's truth into difficult areas like depression, sexual abuse, and OCD. You will also learn how to see struggles in view of the entire Bible and how to help someone using wisdom literature and the epistles. The second half of the book is all about real life application. If you have already solidified your counseling philosophy, and want a fresh perspective on real application, the second half of the book is worth the price.

I'll Take the Conclusion for \$200, Alex" Weighting in at approximately 480-pages, it is a great resource for equipping lay counselors in the church, church leaders, college students, seminary students, graduate students, and pastors. If you do not fit those categories, don't get discouraged. You know a 480-page book is not for everyone, but part of the beauty of having twenty authors is each chapter can practically stand on its own. You could read it in one fell swoop, or you could cherry pick topics. *Scripture and Counseling* is an excellent resource for anyone looking to become equipped in the area of soul care, or for anyone looking to grow in Christ. Buy it, read it, and apply the rich truths contained in *Scripture and Counseling*.

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