



## Confidentiality Statement and Agreement

Welcome to Alabaster Vessels. We are **NOT** a psychotherapy group. We are a group of people who have been abused and/or have issues that stand in the way of a deeper relationship with God, and realize that our only hope for healing is by the power of God. All of the teaching and discussions will be centered on biblical truth and counsel.

Do you believe the Bible has the answer to your problem? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

### Confidentiality

The confidentiality of the teaching, counsel, discussion, member names and location of Alabaster Vessels is protected by law. Unless you grant us permission to do so in writing, pastors, office personnel and group leaders will neither inform anyone that you are a member of this group or are receiving counsel from this group; nor will pastors or group leaders disclose the content of any session. The only circumstance under which such pastoral or group leader confidentiality may be broken is if one or more of the following conditions apply:

1. If you pose a serious physical danger to yourself or to another person.
2. If you disclose that you or another person has physically or sexually abused or molested a child, an incompetent or disabled person.
3. If you disclose that a child, an incompetent or a disabled person is suffering because of neglect.
4. If a law has been broken, Alabaster Vessels is mandated by Colorado law to report such information to an appropriate state agency.

**As a member of this group you may tell others that you are a member.**

But you may NOT:

1. Tell the names of other members
2. Tell the location of our meetings
3. Reveal any part of our discussions

You need to understand that this is a commitment and that you need to be on time and attend every meeting. (Reasonable excuses: illness, emergency, death in the family, work related issues, etc.) Unity and support for one another are extremely important. Not attending meetings hurts the other members as well as the member not attending. Being absent causes a decline in trust and affects the sharing process. This holds the group back from advancing as it should.

**The below guidelines should be followed:**

1. If you must miss a meeting your leader must be notified at least 2 hours ahead of time.
2. Being absent from 3 meetings in succession without special circumstances or missing too many meetings may be cause to ask you to leave the group.



**Confidentiality is extremely important in this situation. It is important that every person feels safe and is able to speak freely.**

It is our hope that one day you will be able to testify openly about your abuse and/or other issues so that you can help others who have or are struggling with the same problem.

I \_\_\_\_\_ agree to the above requirements  
(Print Member Name)

and understand that if I break this confidentiality I may cause harm to other group members and I will not be able to continue attending these meetings.

Signature of Member \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Witness Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Witness \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Psychotherapy means the treatment, diagnosis, testing, assessment, or counseling in a professional relationship to assist individuals or groups to alleviate mental disorders, understand unconscious or conscious conflicts, or modify behaviors which interfere with effective emotional, social, or intellectual functioning. Psychotherapy follows a planned procedure of intervention which takes place on a regular basis, over a period of time.