**COUNSELING ONE ANOTHER THROUGH THE BLACK & WHITE & GREY**

1. Definitions:
   1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - Giving an answer or suggestion; advising; telling someone what they ought to do
   2. Black and White Situations - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as clearly defined by the Bible
   3. Grey Situations – Not inherently sin, BUT could be
2. How do we identify black & white versus grey situations?
   1. With \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   2. 2 Timothy 3:16-17
   3. We need to be firm where the Bible is firm but \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ where it is flexible.
3. Why is it important to identify the difference between black & white versus grey situations?
   1. Misrepresent God (Revelation 22:18-19)
   2. If we don’t call something **sin when it is** (the black & white), we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with the death and destruction of others (James 1:14-15).
   3. If we say something is **sin when it isn’t** (like the grey), we become a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. We play God (Ezekiel 22:28).
4. Opportunities in counseling one another:
   1. Become more like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   2. It helps each of us glorify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in our choices
   3. It helps us to love one another and to move forward in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   4. It brings life and freedom by giving:
      1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in our decisions
      2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of our choices
      3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_from enslavement (to opinions or sin)
      4. Ability to truly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with others
5. How do process/walk alongside of one another in the black & white and grey?
   1. HANDS
      1. Your Hands
         1. God’s provision: His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, His Word and His people
         2. Be a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Word (Acts 17:10-11)
         3. Abide \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (John 15:5)
         4. Context matters (Revelation 22:18-19)
         5. Pray, pray, pray (James 1:5)
      2. Hand of Others
         1. Never go \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ( Proverbs 11:14, 18:1)
         2. Never give your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ( 2 Timothy 3:16, Joshua 1:8)
         3. Never forget to gain \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 19:2)
   2. HEART
      1. Decisions on the surface may be grey but what is in the heart determines whether it is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (sinful). (Romans 14:13-23; 1 Corinthians 10:23-24)
      2. Motives of the decision maker
      3. Motives of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
      4. Be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; fight for unity (Ephesians 4:3; John 17)
   3. FEET
      1. Decision has been made
      2. Black & white decisions
         1. Firm and does not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
         2. Requires immediate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (James 1:14-15)
         3. Ultimately \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ fellowship (Matthew 18:15-17)
      3. Grey decisions
         1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and can change
         2. Requires \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
         3. Does not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ fellowship
      4. What to do if you disagree on a grey decision?
         1. Be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Ephesians 4:2; Philippians 2:3-4)
         2. Encourage and support them.
         3. Do not gossip. (1 Peter 3:10-11)
6. Closing
   1. You will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ and have opportunities to seek forgiveness
   2. You are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Christ (Romans 14:13-23)
   3. Make decisions with confidence
   4. You have what it takes – the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (2 Peter 1:3)