

# Biblical Counseling Framework Part 2 – The Tree Model

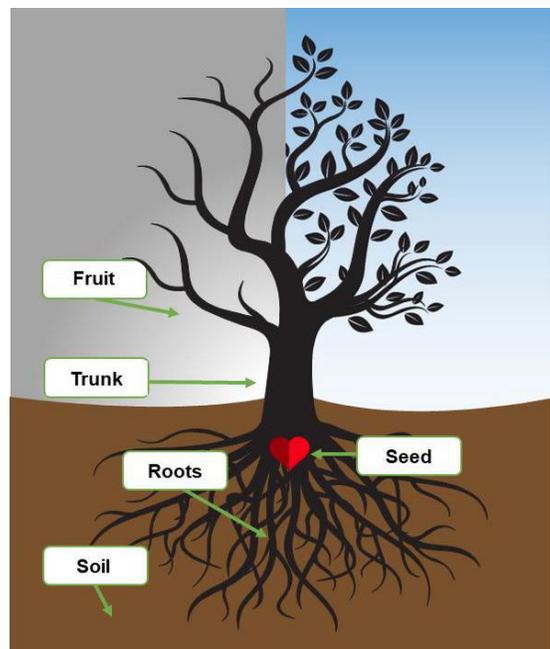
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1. **First things first: *know your heart, beliefs, and temptations regarding ministry to those with LGBTQ+ struggles*** (2 Cor. 5:14-17)
  - a) Motivated and fueled by love for Christ and the gospel
  - b) Aware of inclinations towards judgement and over-sympathy
  - c) Committed to see your counselees with the eyes of Christ
    - i) Brothers and sisters IN Christ who are working out their salvation (Eph. 5:1-2; Phil. 2:12; Col. 3:1-4)
    - ii) Brothers and sisters who experience sexual, emotional, romantic, or gender related desires that are against God’s design, or *seem dissonant* with God’s design.

## 2. A Biblical Counseling Framework

Overview of the *Harvest USA Tree Model*<sup>1</sup>

- a) Story as saint, sufferer, sinner
  - i) Their behaviors and sin/fruit
  - ii) Heart/seed



<sup>1</sup> All of our discipleship curricula for women, wives, men, and parents expand on the Tree Model. See our free PDF downloads of our curricula, or print copies for purchase at <https://harvest-usa.myshopify.com/collections/curriculum>.

iii) Influences outside of their control/soil

iv) Desires/roots

v) Beliefs/trunk

b) Important questions: How they are stuck? How do they perceive they most need help?

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