



“For most counselees, their starting point is their own experience. They tend to view all of life through the lens of their own personal history, assumptions, and desires. The interpretation they’ve made of their lives thus far will also color all future interpretations. It will even color the way they understand Scripture. People who interpret life through the lens of their own experience will do the same with God’s Word. Personal experience, not Scripture, controls their view of the world. Such a person needs someone whose vantage point is different, someone who starts with Scripture and moves toward life. Scripture must become the basis for interpreting life, and not vice versa.” Paul David Tripp, *Instruments in the Redeemer’s Hands*, 289-90