

## Message References

The Center for Faith, Sexuality & Gender  
Pastoral Paper: *Is Same-Sex Attraction (or Being Gay) a Sin?*  
by Dr. Nate Collins and Dr. Greg Coles  
(Available at [centerforfaith.com](http://centerforfaith.com))

Sam Allberry comments on Conversion Therapy

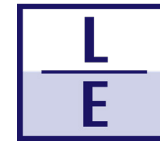
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## Additional Resources

The Center for Faith and Sexuality (Preston Sprinkle)  
[www.centerforfaith.com](http://www.centerforfaith.com)

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One Pastor's Journey Helping to Normalize  
the Conversation of Human Sexuality

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## Scripture Reading

### Matthew 6:31-34 NLT

“So don’t worry about these things, saying, ‘What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?’ These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

“So don’t worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

### Psalms 55:22 NLT

Give your burdens to the Lord,  
and he will take care of you.  
He will not permit the godly to slip and fall.

### Isaiah 60:21-22 NLT

All your people will be righteous.  
They will possess their land forever,  
for I will plant them there with my own hands  
in order to bring myself glory.  
The smallest family will become a thousand people,  
and the tiniest group will become a mighty nation.  
At the right time, I, the Lord, will make it happen.”

## Notes

Matthew 6:33 NLT

Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

Matthew 22:37-40 NLT

Jesus replied, “‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”