

Homosexuality

God loves us all. He loves us enough to tell us in His Word what is right in His eyes and what is sinful. RFN tries to have this same attitude. We strive to love everyone, because everyone is loved by God. In trying to love people with God's heart, we are also willing to tell them if something in their life is sinful or not God's best for them. We believe Scripture teaches that sex was designed to only be experienced between a man and a woman within the holy covenant of marriage. Anything outside of this model (pornography, adultery, fornication and homosexuality) is described as sinful by Scripture.

Based on what we see in scripture, our belief is that homosexuality is a choice. Some may have a predisposition to homosexuality, just as others might have more of a desire towards alcoholism, violence, etc. The issue is not what we are drawn to or tempted by. It is whether or not we trust God's Word to reveal His desires for us. The question is not what we struggle with, it is whether or not we are trusting in Jesus to save us and direct our lives.

The most important thing is what we believe about Jesus. Have we received His grace and surrendered our lives to Him? God is more concerned with our hearts than our behavior. Once He has our hearts, He is the one who changes us and heals anything that is not in line with His desires for our lives. We believe that God has an amazing plan for you. *“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose”* (Romans 8:28).

If you are struggling and would like to talk with someone, we want to lovingly help you. Please contact the church office at 919-772-0515 or email us at church.office@raleighfirstnazarene.org.

