

Sean McDowell Says This Is the First Step for Parents to Address Children With Same-Sex Attraction

There are few things that can be more anxiety-producing in this life than when parents receive unexpected news from their children, particularly when it has to do with their sexuality.

The truth of the matter, though, is such conversations are becoming increasingly unavoidable. Just look at the numbers: TikTok is one of the most downloaded apps and trafficked platforms in the world, and in 2021, transgender-themed content dominated with a stunning *26 billion views*. Furthermore, 21% of Generation Zers (born between 1997 and 2003) consider themselves part of the LGBTQ community, Gallup found.

While having these conversations is always tricky and must be approached with the utmost care, theology professor and apologist Sean McDowell recently revealed on CBN's "Faith vs. Culture" an important first step for parents.

The trick, McDowell said, is preparation.

"I try to get parents to think ahead of time with some wisdom that my dad gave to me," he explained. "He thought through, just very wisely, what would he do if us kids came to him—for example, if my sister came to him and said, 'Dad, I'm pregnant.' How would he respond? If I said, 'Dad, I'm dropping out of school and I'm going into the military,' or whatever it is, how would he respond? Or if I, myself, or my sisters came to my dad and said, 'Dad, I'm gay or I'm a lesbian,' how would he respond? And he tried to think through ahead of time and rehearse in his mind so, if that situation happened, he could

respond with grace.”

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