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Diane Williams 00:13

Hi, guess what you're listening to? It's that time again boys and girls. It's time for after hours. Yay. Continuing tradition on KPFT 90.1 FM World Radio for the people is that everything? I have the phone number, all kinds of stuff a phone number, what five to six KPFT are in that amazing? Well, we're here tonight, to bring you news and entertainment from the world of queer dumb, gay and lesbians included all bisexuals and interested heterosexuals, and those who are just plain undecided. But you know what, we're glad you're here, whoever you are, whatever you're doing. We're glad you're listening tonight. Tonight, we've got some really interesting stuff to bring to you. We have an open forum. And right now it's not that open. It's gonna be open much later on in the show. We have some guests here in the studio tonight. As soon as I find out their names, I'll tell you exactly. Who's here and what we're going to bring you but we're bringing you an open discussion. Basically, it's a it's going to be a question and answer. It's going to be a debate. It's something that we're going to bring you because we feel like all sides and all points have an issue that's close to our heart needs to be discussed. A lot of us are here right now. In the gay and lesbian community wondering about ourselves, we're wondering about our sexuality. We're wondering about our spirituality, we're wandering about who we are why we're here that seems to be the eternal human question. What we want to do tonight is try to bring about some discussion on a topic of homosexuality and spirituality, in specific Christian spirituality. We have some guests in the studio. And we are going to be talking to them about their ministries and and belief systems and the different views of opposing people. I want to read you the mission statement right now. And that is our KPFT mission statement. We're trying to represent all sides of all issues, we want you to feel like you have an input to feel like you have a say in the matter. We are go I'm going to read this to you right now. This is programming for social change onward together. And this is from the general manager Barry Forbes of KPFT 90.1. Peace through social change. The mission for KPFT 90.1. FM is to foster peace in the world by promoting understanding and respect among individuals of diverse cultures, beliefs and lifestyles. We work towards this objective by involving individuals of

diverse cultural backgrounds in the art and craft of radio broadcasting in order to appeal to an impact the Greater Houston community. As we all know, the greater Houston Community is made up of many, many different folks. One large part of the greater Houston Community is the gay and lesbian community. We are made up of people, men and women all across town, in different areas of employment of racial and ethnic cultures, social backgrounds, economic backgrounds, with families without traditional, if you will, family's legally recognized. And we have some people here tonight, they're going to talk about the different ways to reach all those people. One of the ways to reach those people is to go to the Montrose because there are a large contingency of people that consider a Monterosa place to go to find out about homosexuality and people like them. And like me. We have here in our studio tonight, Ray Hill, and a guest, a guest and a guest representing a ministry that brings a Christian outreach to the greater Montrose community and outlying areas as well. And they're going to talk to you a little bit later about differing viewpoints and hope they're gonna give you a lot to think about. We'd love to hear from you later on the show. Please stick around for this way out gay and lesbian news from around the world and farther. So please stick around for that. That's gonna be about 115 After that, we will have a panel discussion and some interested parties talking about what we've heard tonight. Probably about 145. So right now, I think we're gonna go to some music. We're gonna go to some music, and stay with us where we've got a lot more interesting stuff for you. Hang around, because it's going to be a doozy. Hang on to your seats.

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Jimmy Carper 05:22

That's right. Hang on to your seats for what's coming up next them for what's coming up at 1230 Right now, this is Jimmy with QMZ, the queer music zone, where we feature music by gay lesbian bisexual artists. Tonight, opening pumc We've got a little song that's the anthem for the March on Washington in 1993. It's together proud and strong, and it's sung by 60 Different gay lesbian and bisexual artists. All together the s they sent the tape all around the country and got everybody to do a little bit on it. So without further ado, let's get to it. Yeah, together proud and strong. That is the official song of the March on Washington. Taking place April 25 of this year will you be there? Next on cue MC, which by the way is dedicated to the men and women on our streets tonight in the Montrose, the Q-Patrol. Thanks guys. Thanks women. Next up is the flirtations. These are well you know, you who have listened to after hours for good length of time, these are five young men who sing acapella and sing about well maybe take some songs and maybe change some pronouns here and there and they go around the country and do their show for straight and gays alike. Got two songs off of their new out on the road live album that I want to do. Johnny Angel and so much in love. And here we go. Johnny, Johnny

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you ready angel to Shana? Johnny Angel. How I love how I Chico when he passes. Every time he says hello my heart begins to Johnny how he's got something that I can't read. But he doesn't even know I've been having I get carried away. I dream up he met me and how it's gonna be the fella. Call me again. But I just said I'd rather concentrate on Johnny cause I love and I pray that someday he you love shot up and to gather we will see how lovely eBird will be shot shot. I have to get carried away. I dream of him manby and how it's gonna be the day that I just said I'd rather than masturbate on Johnny and I pray that someday he will love and to Canada we will see how lovely Heather will be and to gather we will see how lovely heaven will be Chinese Johnny Angel your Red Angel to be see



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I visited the restroom over here. It's not what you think. And I'm standing at the urinal and there's a plaque and it says, This facility is dedicated to the memory of somebody who was present is that a Canadian custom? I would love to have a tea room named after me the Michael Callum Memorial Tea Room Do this in remembrance of me my heart,



D Diane Williams 10:46

lesbian love isn't that great? You know, love is love. And that's what we say here all the time. Lust is what it is, of course, and it has a powerful place in all lives of all humans. Specifically, what we want to talk about tonight, is something that we all probably thought about at one time or another depending on what our different religions and spiritual benefits may be. Many of the people who listen to the show are Christians, recovering Christians, Atheists, Goddess worshipers, all kinds of, you know, Buddhists, you name it, but everyone, almost everyone has a spirituality even if that spirituality be atheism. What we hope to do here at KPFT is to give everyone the chance to talk about what's meaningful and important in our lives. For those of us in the gay and lesbian community, many of us have been shunned by the churches that are there to support us. Many churches have turned away gala has been brothers and sisters, saying that you're different. You're sinners, you're an abomination, quoting Bible verses, et cetera, et cetera. And what we all want to know is some direct link with our spirituality. Let me read to you again for the benefit of the gentlemen that are on our show tonight. We're here talking with Ray Hill and Edie Lausanne. He's from the Livingstone's church in Alvin. Just want to read to you right now, one more time, peace through social change. The mission for KPFT 90.1. FM is to foster peace in the world by promoting understanding and respect among individuals of diverse cultures, beliefs and lifestyles. We work towards this objective by involving individuals of diverse cultural backgrounds, and the art and craft of radio broadcasting in order to appeal to an end and impact the Greater Houston community. That means that we are here tonight in the interest of promoting positive growth and understanding between gays and lesbians and better spiritual understanding. To that end, I bring you Ray Hill and Ed Ozon.



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My name is Ray Hill, and I'm a native born Houstonian. I grew up here in the fundamentalist Baptist Church religion. We were missionary and Independent Baptist. We were the people that thought the Southern Baptist Convention were wild eyed, dangerous, communist inspired liberal. And so we kept our denomination independent of any kind of hierarchy and that kind of stroke. Actually, I had gone to church every Sunday of my childhood because my mother went to church every Sunday, until my 13th birthday and the first Sunday after my 13th birthday, I come bounding down the stairs, dressed and ready to go to church. And there she sat. Our stood rather with her foot propped up on the oven and a shift a roadblock. It was Monday or any other day and I said, Frankie, aren't you going to church? And she said, No. I promised my mother I would rear my children in church. You're a teenager, I have done that you are old enough to go to church by yourself if you want to. But I will never darken the door of one of those dens of hypocrisy as long as I live. And indeed, and her 80th year she has kept that promise, unfailingly. I, however, had to continue to go to church, because I was a 13 year old,

somewhat precocious young man. And only in that environment. Did I know how to get tricks. I mean, all you have to do is look a little vulnerable. And the youth minister or the organ player, or the choir director is all over you. That's the nature of that environment. I didn't know how to meet real gay People, I only knew how to meet those vulnerable self oppressed, poor souls that are so compulsive, that they have no control over what they do. And I certainly took advantage of them. And I stayed there. And without my mother's guidance and keeping my feet on the ground, I began to excel. First it was teaching Sunday school at age 14, and at age 15, I began a career as an evangelist covering mostly fundamentalist churches in East Texas. On going on Thursday evening, we'd be on the front page of the newspapers, teenage evangelists coming into town youth revival at First Baptist or Second Baptist or our code, Coleman Hill Baptist Church. And we would have a couple of 1000 people there by Sunday, where I give my principal sermon, and then leave town with a lot of money in my pocket and a lot of new members in the church. And I did that for several years. My preaching career was very lucrative. The we were actually recruited, recruited by other denominations to come over and do their thing, because speaking is my forte, it seems to be one of the gifts that I have. And I do that quite well. After a particularly emotional spirit field service in Coleman L, Texas, one stormy Saturday night, I began to see that basically, I was utilizing people's emotions, dangerously in an unethical way. The lady that was so crippled with arthritis, affected by the spirit that say that prayer played the piano for me the following Sunday, in a mood, a spirit, only to see the arthritis come back and realize that enormous power of the mind can cure anything, but it comes back. The young man who threw away as crutches would need them a week later, the person who was healed of cancer, ultimately died of it. So the whole thing was basically an emotional fraud, our way of getting money out of people on this program, you will hear the Bible used as a weapon. And it reminds me that most of those who say that they live by biblical example, actually emulate the Pharisees. They wrap themselves in their self righteousness. They are quick to judge and condemn others. They use the Bible as if it were a law book. They read it as if it were the water adds two lines at a time may rarely put anything in context. Indeed, Scripture, the Holy Scripture, which was supposed to be something entirely different, is a weapon in their hands. And that's how they use it, because that's how it is used against them. Organized religion that we call Christianity today, is the manipulation of people through guilt, and shame and self denial than I want you to feel. Do not respond to your inner urgings and feel guilty for feeling that way. That's how that works. And that's how that will continue to work. I am an absolute non believer. I believe in helping my fellow human beings and lifting them up and making them feel their worth and find their dignity within. I do that as a secularist and I am proud of it.



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My name is Ed Lausanne, I'm a member of Livingstone's church and Alvin, Texas. My story is a little bit different than Tom's raise, raise. I'm sorry. And yet there are some similarities. I was raised in a Baptist church. My dad is a deacon Southern Baptist Church, and my mother plays the Oregon and they are still members of the same Baptist Church. They love God and they've served God. I've got a grandmother that taught Sunday school with young people for 50 years. Another one that taught older people for 40 years. So I came from a family where I knew about God, but I really didn't know God. And I was one of the hypocrites that he's talking about. I had one attitude whenever I was in church or around church people. And then whenever I was away from that environment, well, then you couldn't tell the difference between me or anybody else that was in the secular world. I really didn't have a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ. I had heard about that, but I wasn't really sure whether that was available or not. And as a result, I found that I did have these inner urgings to do different things. And whenever I would do them, well, I did feel guilty and condemned. And I didn't really know what to do about it. I

had heard a gospel that said that if you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, you'll be saved. And when you die, you'll go to be with God and heaven. And that sounded good. But it really didn't tell me how to live life today, and how to walk in peace, or walk in joy, or to have contentment. And I didn't have those things because I knew about God, but I really didn't know him. I worked as a longshoreman for many years in the port of Galveston. And I got seriously injured aboard a ship where I ruptured two disc in my neck and two disc in my lower back. And I had some tests that were run and had an allergic reaction to a myelogram. I almost died. Whenever I had that allergic reaction. I knew there were things that were wrong in my life at that time, but I really didn't know how to take care of it. And I made some promises to God, that if he'd get me out of that jam, I'd do better. And he got me out of the jam, and I didn't do any better. I ended up having to go through back surgery. I didn't want any blood because of the problems with the blood supply. And when I got out of surgery, I had real low blood pressure, they couldn't give me anything for the pain. And it kind of escalated in was kind of a critical situation. But a lady that I knew from childhood from my church came in there, she happened to work with the babies, and she just prayed a simple prayer for me and things began to get better. I could take Tylenol. And I asked for that they gave it to me, and it took the edge off of this pain enough for me to recover. But I spent New Year's Eve going in 1988, I couldn't go to a party. So I had a Bible. And I picked it up. And I said, you know God, people have been telling me what this book says all my life. And I'm not living by it. Now. It's either the truth and life, and I need to live by it. Or it's the biggest fairy tale that's ever been told. And I'm gonna throw this thing away. But before I throw it away, if it is truth, if it is life, I would appreciate you revealing that to me so that I can live differently. And God began to open his word up to me. And he showed me that it was more than you got to do this, and you can't do that. And a change was affected in my life by the word of God. Or I began to not just know about him. But I began to know Him. And I got to a point where I realized that I needed to commit my life to him, I'd been running it hadn't been doing a very good job. So I gave it to him. And he's been working change in me since that time. And basically, that's what I'm coming from my point of view.



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I don't want to be able to think in nothing that I say today. Here are nothing that I say ever. it legitimizes or attacks, the legitimacy of your experience, your experiences or your experiences and their real to you. And that's good enough for me. And I don't question your faith, or your sincerity. So I just want us to understand that. Sure. Before we get trained, that's great. But the I'm dealing with a population of people, most of whom have been beaten up scripturally for years. I know that in my experience, back when I was a believer and a born again, Christian. I used to slip away from Baptist churches and go to healing churches, where I would slip under the tent and say, I want to be healed of these homosexual feelings. I want them to go away or at least I want them to go away to a degree that when I wake up from a dream. I have not been engaging in this plot, my scripture was told me said, was sinful activity, and those feelings never went away. They never abated. The more I tried to control them, the greater the compulsion became. How do you deal with something like that as a Christian?



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Well, I got to a point where there were things in my life that I wasn't happy with, and that I knew were wrong based on what the Bible says. And I wanted to change, and I would try to change and I would even pray and say, God, I need some help in this. But somehow, I thought

that I had the willpower to do this in areas where I wanted to change. I think the longest that I ever changed anything I wanted to was maybe six weeks. And I mean, it was a real grind, you know. But I got to a point where I was reading God's word, started going to Livingstone's church, rather than being in the Baptist Church, there was a change in my life that that sent me over there. When I first got there. I really didn't like what was going on. It was so different from what I was used to. I showed up at the bat at Livingstone's church wearing a neck collar. And I felt, yeah, a neck brace. I felt really uncomfortable. Being there because I knew they believed in healing. And I thought they would think that something was wrong with me because I was walking around with this neck collar. I sat in a meeting with an evangelist and I really felt that God was dealing with me that he wanted to heal me this was before I was even right with God. And the dealings were so strong, that I, I got scared. And I walked, got up, walked out of that service, got in my car and went home. I just didn't know what to do with it. You know, I thought, what if it doesn't happen? Then? Who am I going to worship as a god? You know, I was I was making provision for failure. I continued to read the Bible, I had time on my hands. And God began to show me things where I thought it was a story of you got to do this. And you can't do that. It wasn't that at all. It was a story of redemption. I've been bought with a price the price was have the blood of Jesus Christ, and restoration man I'd been ripped off. There's a real devil out there. And he really never liked me.



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So basic, basically, you can do whatever sins you want to do, and you're already forgiven for them.



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No, that's not it at all. But this sound does not. It's not at all I was getting to a point, you had asked about, you know, going to a meeting and wanton change. I was at a service and the Spirit of God began to really deal with me about the things in my life that I weren't, I was not happy about. And so I said this to God, I said, you know, God, I'm not real fun to walk down a church aisle. And if I'm gonna do this, I want to get this right the first time. And there are areas in my life that I'm not real happy with. And I know you can't be too pleased with it. But I really want to change and I've tried to change and I can't do it. Now, if you want me changed, here I am, you change me.



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And I have been in hundreds of such services. I have led scores of such services. I have felt the Spirit as it is manifest. And I have gone through all of the things that you describe every angle, and I did not say well, I'm going to run out of here because I want to fail I wanted to succeed. Yet there was no change in my feelings. Well, now that didn't immediately manifest and walk out and start checking out the young. The white boys in the neighborhood to feelings came back. Usually not in a voluntary circumstance, usually, and a semi awake state for you remember your dreams, usually in an innate kind of thing, not a chosen kind of thing. And you see, there's where all of this business have. Come give us your money, pledged to our church

as opposed to another church, and everything's going to be all right, failed, because I've tried it all with the deepest of sincerity. And I challenge you to deny the validity of my experience, as I chose not to deny the validity of yours



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I'm not going to deny anything that you say about what happened to you. But, and I appreciated that you're not going to deny what happened to me. All I want to do is maybe tell you the difference between the experiences that we've had now you seem to think that they're all the same. But I don't think that they're the same. The reason that I don't think that they're the same is, I don't know where you were, when everything was going on. What you were coming from all I know is, where I was and what I was coming from. But I know this, I know that whenever I'll walk down that aisle and ask God to change me, I went further, I said, God, furthermore, I'm really not interested in trying to change anybody else. If I couldn't change me, when I needed to be changed, I'd have to be some kind of idiot to think I can change someone else. But I made a deal with him. I said, if you're planning on doing something, I'll show up. If you want to do something, and at that point, I really felt like I'd heard from God where I felt I heard him say, you know, I've been waiting for you to say this for a long time. Now we can get started. And I made Jesus Lord of my life. I didn't ask him to come into my heart. I didn't say a little prayer, forgive me of my sins, all that took place. But I asked him to take charge of my life. I had run my life for 35 years. And I hadn't done a very good job of it. And I got to the point where I said, I need a lord. I've been Lord, I've worked things out. You know, the Bible says, there's a way that seems right to a man. I was doing what seemed right to me, I was wanting contentment, I was wanting to happiness. I was wanting what everybody wants. And somehow I was not getting there. And whenever I asked him to take charge, well, he rebirth me my spirit was made alive under God. But I'm going to tell you something, my mind and my emotions. Still were a little bit flaky in some areas. Okay. Well, you



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know, whenever I did the same surrender, they worked out real well for me, because within a year's time, I was dragging down 50 \$55,000 a year which no other 15 year old kids in my neighborhood were doing. And I was preaching, maybe six months out of the year, two or three weekends a month. That was working out real well. I had money for clothes and the Lord was in charge of my life, he and the ministers who were managing my fingers, and taking cut off the top, but I was doing real well with that. So I can say the Lord was really blessing me because of me. I got my driver's license at age 16 and bought a brand new Studebaker to go with them. And other kids in my block couldn't afford to do that. But of course, they weren't evangelist and I was, they were working at the shoe store on the weekends during the Christmas holidays. And I was preaching in East Texas churches, saving souls and shrinking hemorrhoids without surgery and having a wonderful time. So my experience indicated that, that by surrendering my life to Jesus, I did rather well. Had all the accoutrements of middle class America. I mean, I was making more money than my father when I was 15 years old, a lot more money than my father, when I was 15 years old, and when I was 16. And when I was 17. It wasn't until I realized that all of that was the cruellest kind of fraud on sincere, hopeful believing people and I could not in conscience, I was too ethical to continue to live better than the people who came to my revivals. And I got a guilt trip. A big guilt trip, and I knew all there was no about guilt. Because I had a guilt trip about my sexuality. I had a guilt trip about my greed. And I gave a lot to try to

swage my guilt, still had more money leftover than my father brought home. The whole thing, the whole thing, it wasn't me it. I got to the point. It's not me. I'm okay. The system is sick, and corrupt, and abusive, and useless. Because I carried my Bible just like you do with one or two little scriptures highlighted here. And I would work that guilt before the collection plate with a fine artistry. I would preach against homosexuality and preach against adultery and preach against avarice and preach against greed, and preach against gossip. The whole idea was preaching against want those good, honest, true, believing As Christians were doing and I used to, I was using the guilt trip of that weapon to make them get emotional, come to the front and give money and recommend this. How about that event in Commonweal, Texas, the big one where everybody started straightening out their arthritis. That was wonderful experience. Fact of the matter is, people were saved that night that had been members of that church for 20 years. What happened is the lights went out, and there was a young pretty face and a white suit standing up there in front of two cameras, two candles preaching and miracles happen. But it was a fraud. It proved