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J Jimmy Carper 00:00
Whoo Yeah, erase your reach out and touch me actually just reach out. You're listening to it on after hours queer radio with attitude right here on KPFT Houston and ke O. 's College Station. I'm Jimmy Carper. And big Royce here.

B Big Roy 00:14
Yeah. How about that?

J Jimmy Carper 00:16
We just got a call from Rainbow de clown. And what did he say?

B Big Roy 00:19
Oh, yeah. Rainbow said that she was out there in Katy giving people the bird. Well, you know, the pink flamingo Oh,

J Jimmy Carper 00:27
the flamingos by the yard thing? Isn't that? What? How would you like to be thrilled to get up on your birthday morning and look at your front door and see 50 plastic in your front yard?

B Big Roy 00:41
That'd be wild. That would ever be wild. And she says we're coming in loud and clear out there in case Oh are we? And she's on her way to Friendswood? Who is she going to give the bird to

in case Oh, are we? And she's on her way to Menasha. Who is she going to give the bird to their? Time will

J Jimmy Carper 00:58

tell I see now you're in the lobby and you're taking calls? Right?

B Big Roy 01:02

Right. Five to 65738 or five to six KPFT or jam KPFT. That's That's it. And you know, I'll be there to pick up the phones. However, with this hatch segment that's coming in. For all you young folks out there that are listening in and believing we got lots of who I know it because the hatch segment is so short. We will not be putting anyone on air. Oh, okay. Because the people that hatch have, they're only getting a 30 minute segment.

J Jimmy Carper 01:36

I know I'm so mean, unfortunately.

B Big Roy 01:39

And I've been wanting to see hatch here for a long time. Oh, I have to you know, you and I have been talking about this for over a year. And

J Jimmy Carper 01:48

Scott with hatch and I've been talking about it for about a year.

B Big Roy 01:51

And this is the best we could do for right now.

J Jimmy Carper 01:56

I mean, he had to dye his hair and everything. It's incredible.

B Big Roy 01:59

And we will have a hatch person out there to answer your calls. If the you'd like to speak to a real hatch person.



Jimmy Carper 02:08

And big daddy Glenn is still here as our Protector. While he's wearing too as a protector.



Big Roy 02:18

I know that a lot of you people in radio land you have no idea what you're missing. I know.



Jimmy Carper 02:24

Let's bring hatch on right now. There we go. I think I've got him all



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got him. Yeah, Scott. Okay, um, this is I don't know how many. I guess our third show that we've done. Tonight, we're going to be talking about coming out to your parents. And next month, we're going to have a rather interesting show. We're going to be doing transgender youth. Wow. So be sure to tune into that one. Yes. And who do you have with us? Tonight we have Tigger. Jason and Norman. Okay,



Jimmy Carper 02:59

let's do those voices.



Jason 03:00

Tigger. Jason Norman. Ah,



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they can speak.



Jimmy Carper 03:06

Okay. So coming out to your parents. Well, I did it and it really sucked.



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Really? When did you do that? When I actually





Jimmy Carper 03:15

I didn't really come out. They found out when I was 17 kicked me out of the house. haven't talked to me since



Big Roy 03:22

was that after the Titanic sank, hey are we getting nasty?



Jimmy Carper 03:29

I just put on my little bell bottoms and went to New York.



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Paleolithic you've just dated yourself.



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No, so So that's the downside. So what what about coming out to your parent? it's to me it's really a difficult thing. And I I never tell people especially people who who depend on their parents for like,



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food for every night



Jimmy Carper 03:58

to do this, because you just don't know what's going to happen. Only you know your parents.



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That's true. Well, picker had a really interesting coming out story.



Jimmy Carper 04:09

But what yeah, what is life like after you do?



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Well, it kind of depends. I mean, my mom just happens to be a lesbian. Wow. So once once she

well, it kind of depends. I mean, my mom just happens to be a lesbian. wow. so once once she had found out we started talking, and basically the next day, all my wonderful lesbian stepmothers were around bringing me books and the hatch newsletter. That's how I had found out about hatch. And it was actually it was a really good experience. Gosh, no kidding. I just I had tons of support. And unfortunately, that's not how it is for everybody. But I think that there are I think, especially these days, there are a lot more youth, even if you have straight parents that are finding more support than ever, just because they're more accepting



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like an understand that my coming out experience I think I was a little bit more scared to come out to my parents because my parents are straight. But I think that I've had a really good experience too because The first person I told was my mom, because I knew that she probably would accept me because she's just been a really great person. And I know she's I know, she is just very open minded and accepting of gay people. And I don't think I don't think that I had a really bad experience. So, I mean, but I know people, do you have bad experiences. So



Jimmy Carper 05:20

what was the experience? What was the experience like?



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Oh, it was just one day during my freshman year in high school, I just decided, I'm going to tell my parents, I'm going to tell my mom at least I didn't, I didn't feel ready to tell my dad yet. I decided I was going to tell my mom that, that I was getting. And I called her up after school. And I told her Hey, Mom, you know, I got something to tell you when I get home, just and I'm not gonna tell you what it is right now. But I'll tell you when you get home, and she kept bugging me about it, because she was like, why don't you tell me over the phone? And I'm like, No, I can't do that. When she came home, it's like it was it was really hard for me to tell her although I knew she probably would be accepting. It just she had to really force it out of me, because I just was afraid to say it. And when it did, and when I did come out to her, it was okay, because nothing changed. And I think that's a really good sign because nothing should change. You know, if you do come out to your parents, because they should still love you. And they should still accept you for who you are.



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It's not as if you're a different person. Yeah.



Jimmy Carper 06:17

Oh, no. You're the exact same person. Okay, so you said it was really hard for you to say the words.



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Yeah, it was really hard for me to say it because I, I guess because even though my parents would, I thought my mom would be accepting. It was just everything I had seen in on television, everything else it was just all anti gay. And I I was afraid that even though my mom, I thought would be accepting it would backfire on me. My, my assurance and my mom would just just like crumble. How did



Jimmy Carper 06:53

you feel when the words finally came out?



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A sense of relief, sort of, but I was also in tears. So I guess I was just, I was just really upset because I was. I don't know, maybe I wasn't ready, but I think it worked out for the best.



Jimmy Carper 07:10

Okay. I need to tell you that you're listening to after hours on KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station. Give me corpors here with big Roy, Glen and hatch. We're talking about cutting out to your parents. Whose neck Well,



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Jason, we haven't really heard your coming out story yet. Oh,



Jason 07:32

just heard it. You just haven't heard it on the air and bits and pieces. Basically, I was outed by my psychologist. What? Well, at the time, I was going through severe depression. And I was had just attempted suicide. And she felt that that was a major factor. And it wasn't gay related. Actually, it really my depression really wasn't it was more pressure and school pressure in the family pressure at home, stuff like that. Gay, there may have been a little bit of gay relation, not a whole lot. But in one of our sessions, it was more or less came out. My mom is gradually getting better. She's gotten a lot better lately, especially since I've gotten back from saying,



Jimmy Carper 08:20

Wow, wait a minute, hold on here. You're talking about it came out in the session, then all of a sudden, you switch to my mom, right? They get



 Jason 08:28

I mean, she she was we had a joint session. Oh, she was in there with you. We did a family therapy type thing. Oh, and at that time, I'd already been seeing the psychologist for over a year. And I came out to her and then it came out and a joint session with my mother

 Jimmy Carper 08:46

that that this counselor like to force it or

 Jason 08:50

pretty much it was more or less that she wouldn't move on with the discussion until she made me say the words about me being gay. But it was so it was more or less a forced coming out. It was It was rough. And I was extremely nervous after

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that. How did you justify making you come out?

 Jason 09:09

Again, the justification was because of my depression and suicidal period. She thought it'd be better that my mother knew because she did think that was a contributing factor.

 Jimmy Carper 09:20

Well, okay. I think in a case like that she might have an obligation.

 Jason 09:25

Yeah, that's why I really didn't push the issue as far as going to her superiors, so forth, because it was through HPD psychological services. But I could see why she made the connection there.

 Jimmy Carper 09:37

Okay, and your mom, How did she react?

 Jason 09:39

At first, she was basically came out with all the stereotypes, said, You're not going to do this. You're not going to do this. She's gradually gotten better. Like, for instance, she knows that I'm on the air tonight. She may or may not be listening

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But it wouldn't come out. Oh, yeah,



Jason 10:01

she knows I'm involved with hatch. So she has gradually gotten better, especially since I've gotten back from a&m.



Jimmy Carper 10:08

Okay. I take it you're not at the point where you discuss your boyfriends?



Jason 10:13

No, I don't know if I'll ever be at that point with her. I



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don't think anybody at this age is really, really?



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I have to beg to differ on that. Well, that's



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okay. Well, your mother mother is a member of both of your family.



Jason 10:26

A little bit luckier there than most of us.



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I think, I think in that respect, I mean, that's something that a lot of people need to consider when they are coming out is, I mean, think about how long it took you to accept your your sexuality, and then all of a sudden, you're popping this total surprise to your parents. I mean, you have to be willing to give them at least as much time as it took you.



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Sometimes it's long time. Right?



Jason 10:53

on that issue, actually, as far as the family goes, there was, what is that? One of the shows on NBC, one of the guys brothers was gay, and that the point that the gay brother made was, you know, because the straight brother was like, Well, I've heard all these bad things, you know, and how it's against your religion and all this? And he said, Well, I've heard them to Who do you think it's harder to accept, you're hearing all these bad things about yourself. We're hearing all these bad things about someone who at that time, you don't know. True. And it takes a while for the parents and family to get to accept it. But they do need to try to be understanding of,



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you know, leaving, at that point, your parents also have to go through the whole coming out process themselves becoming first of all able to, to deal with the issue of their child's homosexuality, and then figuring out really how they feel about it, you know, growing to like it and accept it if they are going to, and then eventually, some parents get to the point where they're marching in the parades with their kids, or they're doing this. I know, Leslie, one of the girls who was on the show, when we first did the hotspot, we were on here, I guess for about an hour and a half that first time and her dad has pride T shirts, pride flags, this I mean, he's really gotten into it. And their entire, their, her entire family is very okay with it. Whereas just a year prior, she got, you know, a whole bunch of you know, you're not gay, this, you know, this, that and the other parents in denial going through this.



Jason 12:32

It's just a phase crap.



Jimmy Carper 12:35

Okay, Scott, what? Did you tell your story? Or did they they just know, when you came out of the womb? I'm here.



Big Roy 12:46

Are you carrying a rainbow flag the day you were born?



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No. Well, I went through, it was really confusing for my parents, because I was always comfortable with my sexuality, by what but I went through a process of it too. You know, when I was really young, I was just kind of like, girls, young boys, thank you, Jesus. And then I went through for, I guess, eighth grade. Through the first semester up at college, I went through a bisexual period in life. And it was really confusing for my parents. I didn't. I didn't even really realize that I was gay until I got to about halfway through my first semester at college. When I had just come back to college after seeing my family and my girlfriend at the time, and after leaving her house, there was just something just felt incredibly wrong. And I couldn't quite pinpoint what it was. And my friend Shana just says, Honey, you're gay, deal with it. And



Jimmy Carper 13:56

it's hell when you're the last to know.



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And, you know, I'd always tried to make such an effort, you know, to really know who I was all, you know, from likes and dislikes, all the way down to sexual orientation. And, you know, after about two weeks, I finally came to, you know, acceptance. Yes, this is who I am. And I went home. After those two weeks. Well, I came back to Houston and stayed with Shauna and her mother, just to go talk to Sarah, who was my girlfriend at the time and work things out with her, because I didn't want to do that on the same trip as coming out to my parents. And I wanted to have that part of my life. Somewhat resolved before I dealt with my parents, two weeks later, which was actually Thanksgiving weekend, the Thanksgiving holiday. I read somewhere that's the most popular time of the year to come out because Christmas you may be off with friends but Thanksgiving usually everybody comes home. Perfect time. And so you it was Saturday after Thanksgiving and our family counselor, who we had started saying my father went through really bad depression for about 11 years. And so he had just come out of that for about a year and a half. And I thought, okay, it's safe to do, you know, to come out now. And I had, you know, talked to my mother earlier, you know, before the holiday saying that, sir, and I had split. And, you know, I'd explain everything later when I came home. And our counselor said, Why don't you all come over to my house, and you know, I'll mediate to make sure that nothing unnecessary is said. And so we all went over to the counselors home. And we sat down, and for about five minutes, I just fidgeted, didn't know what to do. I was just kind of like, Okay, I'm ready for somebody to say it for me. He was gonna say, no, no. And so finally, I said, Well, the best way to say it is, I'm gay. And it seemed to hit my mother, like a freight train. She just couldn't understand. She's like, well, I'd suspected. But what about Sarah, I said, Well, this is part of the explanation as to why she and I broke up. And so we, we didn't get much of a chance to talk. I wanted to do it late in the weekend, so that I could come out and then get out of town, and then come back next weekend. And my parents called me the Wednesday afterwards and said, We're coming up to get you, you're coming home, we're going to talk about this, you don't have a choice. Oops, oops. And it was that week, that weekend, after I came out where we were all talking that I had told my mother, you know, she's like, well, what all did you do, you know, preparing to come down and tell us, you know, you know, was talking about just psyching myself up mentally for it. And then I happened to mention that I had arranged with my friend Rhonda to go and stay over there, if necessary, my mother proceeded to bitch me out about how dare you would think I would ever kick you out of my house. So Well, that was good, but it's unnecessary preparation. Even though you know, my instinct said, No, she's not gonna do it. I still wanted to do a little cya. Sure. So and she's, she's starting to come

around my dad and I really don't have much of an issue with it. It's pretty much we did a lot of real hard, hard talking that first weekend. And I know where he stands. And I guess I know, we haven't really talked about it that much. And my mother, I keep checking back with, you know, I keep saying, you know, read this or go see this. And she's, she's coming along slowly. But it's taking her a while she's still does not want to deal with it. And it's been three years this Thanksgiving. So sometimes it takes

 Jimmy Carper 18:03

a while. So you don't talk to your parents about your boyfriend's either.

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Um, well, when it gets really bad. Christmas holiday after I came out, I was having some really bad problems. And my boyfriend at the time had come down to see me and my mother was like, Well, who is that? And she's like, is he your boyfriend? And I'm thinking, I don't want to talk to you about, I don't want to talk to you about this mother. And

 Jimmy Carper 18:33

obviously, you talk to her,

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I was not comfortable with talking to her about boyfriends at that point. And finally, she's just like, you know, what, what's going on? And I said, okay, and I spelled it out. My mother is always there to listen to me if I really need it. Even though I know she's really uncomfortable about it. She's willing to put that aside if I really need to talk to her.

 Jimmy Carper 18:50

Do you think that's a problem with parents? Because once you come out as gay, or lesbian? How do you explain friends and boyfriends?

 Jason 18:59

I have yet to figure that one out. I know, my mom, all of my gay friends who she has met. She's always asking is that your boyfriend? And I don't even tell her. They're gay. She just picks up on it real quick. She must have better gaydar than I did.


 Big Roy 19:16

Well, you know, I'll say this. So a lot of times people, kids underestimate their parents. Yes. And

there's signs that you're giving off that you're gay before you even know that you're gay. And I guess secretly the parents are always hoping against hope now that i This can't be this can't be their denial. Sure. And because first of all, they think it's something that they did wrong. Yeah. Next, in line, just as powerful as I'm not gonna have no grandchildren from him.

 Jason 19:51

Yeah, that's a big

 Jimmy Carper 19:52


step. And how about the old How can we fix it?

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Yeah, luckily, my parents didn't go through my neighbors Oh, my mother's very much. Yeah.

 Jason 20:02


I never went through that. How can we fix it stage? But I did go through a stage where? Because I do have a gay uncle and I had a gay cousin. Whoa. Well, sort of first, the first assumption was, it must be one of their faults. The whole recruitment is one of the gay Oh. I say you know what I say recruit, recruit, recruit 10% is not.

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We don't have to. We don't have to recruit. They're lining up at the offices. Yeah. Everybody wants to at least have the fashion sense.

 Jimmy Carper 20:36

There you go. Now, the other thing is, how about folks who don't know yet? I'm sure there are members of hatch who are just really unsure about their sexuality. Probably Well, in my daily in my, in my PI, am I what? What am I?

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Well, depending on your parents, most cases, I would say do not say a word until you at least have a really good idea of what you because when I came out to my mother, the first thing she said was, Well, do you think you could ever fall in love with a girl again? And I looked at her I said, well, because honestly, you know, ethnic your sexuality is a process in life, you know that. You're not necessarily going to be as gay or straight or BI as you were several years ago.



Jimmy Carper 21:22

Oh, God, and that can get so confusing. And it can Yes. And I do love women. Yeah, not sexually.



Jason 21:29

That's one but even



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even that can change as you get older, too. I mean, it all really depends. Yeah. And, you know, so I couldn't honestly tell my mother, no mother. Um, I don't think I will ever fall in love with a woman. And I think that kind of made it rough on her for a while. And finally, I just started saying, well, at this point in my life, no, I do not see it as even a remote possibility.



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Gosh, yeah, if you if you don't, if you're not sure if your own identity, right, right now, don't go ahead and let, don't let your parents know that because then they'll start. I mean, it might make it even worse for you even while you're in it while you're in the coming out process to yourself or, or if you're just, you know, thinking that you might be and you're really not. I mean, whatever the case,



Jason 22:13

you do really need to be out to yourself before you're anybody else. Because it's really not worth I don't think worth risking the consequences. If it turns out that you decide you're not gay, or bisexual,



Jimmy Carper 22:25

how important is hatch for support.



Jason 22:28


I think it's extremely important. I know. One of the facilitators in hatch helped me a lot through my severe depression stage. And I love her for it. And I've had I've made great friends through hatch. It's been a great support for me.





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Yeah, I think I think hatches is a really important social outlet for a lot of the members because it's one of the places where they can meet people their own age who are sexual minority youth, you know, gay, lesbian, bi, whatever, you know, it's just it's a good place to go. And


 Jimmy Carper 23:01
let's not forget transgender, transgender.


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I'm sorry. Yeah, no, no, no, no, it's

 Jimmy Carper 23:05
just it's that's sometimes why I use the word queer even though. Yeah, part of me cringes.

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I love that word, because it just encompasses everybody.

 Jason 23:17
All it means is different than we're all actually queer. And everybody is different from everybody else. I have yet to find somebody like me.

 Jimmy Carper 23:24
Well, yeah, you know, that's true. I would not really want to know anybody who's not queer, right? Because what a boring person that must be. Well, I personally

 Jason 23:32
don't want to meet anybody else who's like me, either. One of me enough in this world is enough.

 Big Roy 23:38
And I know that there is no one else like me.

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God forbid.

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Well, what about Tigger? Okay, well, I

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just I really want to hear this song. It's by Annie DeFranco it's off her like I said, CD. It's a really cute girl song. It's called the whole night.

 Jimmy Carper 24:00


And you're listening to it on KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station. k.d. lang the air that I breathe in. You're listening to it on after hours queer radio with attitude. Heard every Saturday night at midnight right here on KPFT Houston, and KEOS College Station. I'm Jimmy Carper with hatch.

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Yes. And Hatch has a new addition. ticker went out to go answer phones or a phone call. Yes. And we have one of my sisters here with us, Craig. Hey, we were doing coming out to your parents. And Craig has a rather interesting story. We'd like him to tell.

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Okay, so I guess it's now my turn to say the coming out story. Yes, it is. Well, the way I came out was kind of interesting. I didn't really have it planned or anything, but it just kind of happened. My sister had told me some we had got together and we were moving. We lived together and a house. And me and my sister were having deep thoughts in a sentence. And so she had told me some things about herself. That was kind of interesting. So I was like, Well, I'll tell her mind. So I told her, I was gay. And the funny thing was, was my sister was just like, Oh, I already knew that. So it was kind of hilarious to figure that one out. And so Oh, that's funny.

 Jimmy Carper 25:30

I already told me something really dirty.

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Exactly. And so juicy gossip. And so basically, the next day, I came home, and I was going to get a few things because I had just moved in my parent, my sister's house. And so I started, you know, talking to my mom, and I was like, Well, me and my sister had a really big

you know, talking to my mom, and I was like, well, me and my sister had a really big conversation. She's like, Oh, really, what was it? And I was just telling my mom, Oh, you don't want to know it's okay. Because I had I was, I was, I could not come out yet. I could not come out. I was still scared about it. I didn't know what to do. Because my mom was assembly. My mom is Assemblies of God, and she's really Protestant. And I'm Jewish, and they converted. But, um, so we just had, you know, a lot of friction was religious, and, you know, social and moral things they didn't approve of. And so, you know, coming out was just kind of the last thing I had planned at the moment. And so all I just said was, we had a big conversation, and she wanted to know, for two hours while we were at a restaurant, she would not leave me alone about it. So finally, you know, I got my things, and I came home. And the next day, my sister wanted to come home and get a few things as well. So she came home and for about three hours to four hours straight. My sister was nagged. You know, just about everything about what did you talk about? So my sister couldn't take it anymore being you know, the kind of girl she is, she's a sweet girl. She's like, he's gay Mom, he's gay. And my mom flipped out and she just basically called on the phone right then in there and you know, called me and I was studying at the time. And she goes, Are you gay? dinette tells me you're gay. And I was like, Yes. And then for about five minutes, we had the little, you know, childish thing of Yes, you are. No, you're not. Yes, I am. No, you aren't. And you know, that. And then finally, you know, they wanted me to go see a psychologist. They go, well, the ultimatum is you go see a psychologist or we won't talk to you, you know? And I said, Well, if I go see a psychologist, you go to PFLAG. Whoa, so All right, you know, finally then in there, she shut up because she's not comfortable with that. And so, as you know, that was about and that was August 12. At exactly 10 o'clock, I still remember. And ever since then, there's been friction. Like my dad, he's, you know, he's Spanish and everything. And so it's like the machismo thing. You don't talk about it kind of thing. And we still have that kind of going on. I never talked to my dad about it, but with my mother, she's the talkative one in the family and ever since then, oh, God, he knows he knows. And so it's like, you know, every day I would get a scripture, you know, on my bed. Well, I was living while I was living there at the time because I was living with my sister but I moved back because my ex fiance just drove me crazy. And when we broke up, I couldn't live there anymore. So I moved back home. And so every day she would put a scripture on my bed or something like that telling me you know, Jesus loves you bla bla bla and finally I just told her I go Mom, I know Jesus loves me because you say loves me, but you know what, I'm Jewish. We believe he was a rabbi. So you know, you could even say, you know, the rabbi next door loves me. It doesn't make a big difference to me. And I don't think she took