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J Jewel Gray 00:01

The Bible. You know, that's the biggest problem with the Bible, I believe is that people try to live by a cold and immoral when they knew nothing, they had no intelligence back then no book nobody knew about natural human psychic and nobody knew about psychology and behaviors but once

H Howard McHale 00:18

again it's going back to the interpretation how you interpret the Constitution how you interpret the Bible,

J Jewel Gray 00:22

and it will these were parables that were put together to be interpreted differently but with a basic understanding of love and and goodness not of the hate and the viciousness that's been going on from this this Bible has been used to kill people I mean murder people and it's time it stopped

H Howard McHale 00:43

once again it's going back to the economics of religion like I said, if everyone loved each other and all hatred stopped who would make the buck right Hallmark

J Jewel Gray 00:53

pat robertson would have to be flipping burgers I'd pay to see that God I'd pay for a walk or table hopping over Jr's waters,

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Scott Lewis 01:05

we'll put them up on one of those pool tables went it all gonna end?

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Howard McHale 01:13

When's it all gonna start? I'm not ready for it to end I'm ready for it to start I'm, I'm ready to be embraced. You know, I really want to know what they're afraid of.

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Jewel Gray 01:22

When I was watching Pat Robertson, I believe that you should watch closely I do. But I get so angry. I was watching him the other night was late. And they had this thing out about this new revival sweeping the nation. And after I watched that a few minutes, I thought, oh my god, I'm about to be overtaken. It was so vivid and so real. I'm talking about this Bible revival going across the country. And that this guy had this guy that wrote this book, about the cycles that the country goes and spiritual renewal, and that they believe that this is the last one before the great coming. Okay, people are actually they're actually prophesizing on the TV now, back really would that within 10 to 20 years that this is all gonna be over there was a scientist the other day in a paper where he said that we had maybe 12 years, in his estimation, taking all I mean, I, you know, I look to see where this guy got his degree, I admit, but

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Scott Lewis 02:12

was an Oral Roberts University.

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Jewel Gray 02:15

But he was suggesting that we have a limited future. They're expecting this a lot of the religious movement now is expecting this new upheaval to happen in the next 20 years. I mean, you can pin them down, they'll tell you in the next 20 years, and there they were talking and make over glam, it was propaganda. But over glamorizing this new revival going on the country, I felt like oh, my God, they're at the door. It really, I really felt a pounding in my heart of fear at the possibility that this may be occurring,

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Scott Lewis 02:42

Pat Robertson is I will give him credit, the most incredible spin doctor because he can put a spin on anything to make it look like what he needs it to look like to get done, what a spin doctor does to get those contributions coming in. They a spin doctor takes any situation and put their own spin on it to make it look positive for themselves. In case something bad comes out,

J Jewel Gray 03:08

they manipulate words to make themselves look good.

S Scott Lewis 03:10

Exactly. You can you would make a better one than I kind

H Howard McHale 03:15

of like a homosexuals We're in. We're in the military, I shaving would become an accident in a health game. With so many

J Jewel Gray 03:23

health risks. Yeah,

H Howard McHale 03:24

we're a health risk. Yeah, we're shaving

S Scott Lewis 03:27

Oh, the editorial in today's chronicle the forum where they asked you the question last Saturday, and then everybody writes in all week long and then they put in you know, 10 or 15 responses this week. And one of the the forum was gays in the military should we compromise you know, the Barney Frank compromise and one man wrote in no we should not compromise gays don't belong in the military at all. With aids ramping in the homosexual community every Nick and cut is going to be reason for a quarantine.

J Jewel Gray 03:59

Buddy every Nick and cut is reason for a quarantine out there now. Don't believe that just gay people have this don't believe that?

S Scott Lewis 04:07

When are they going to wake up? You know?

J Jewel Gray 04:09

I mean, you happen to be on South Main and pick up a nice little girl down there one night

I mean, you happen to be on South Main and pick up a nice little girl down there one night you're in a hot, much more risk than you would be in the army with anybody.

 Howard McHale 04:19

They're afraid. And once again, they're playing on people's fears come to think that what really makes you think that we want to sleep with them. Now we're ego

 Jewel Gray 04:28

ego robot the two guys sitting talking the woman and the man talking about this thing and she says yeah, the guys go straight white guys are so afraid that now somebody is going to be doing to them what they've been doing to us

 Scott Lewis 04:47

that is incredible ego to think that they're like you know that just because I'm gay. The minute I see them that I'm just going to drop everything and just want them they are the one for me. I want have settled down and get married. What audacity, you know,

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once again, it goes back to fear. It goes back to the point that not understanding. They don't know what's going on there until one thing that kills me is that before they let blacks in the army, what year was it? 19? What do you did they take polls of people in the military?

 Jewel Gray 05:20

Hell no. That lowly private, what would he would do if he had a black man?

 Howard McHale 05:25

Oh, my God, why do they care? Once again, once again, it's

 Jewel Gray 05:29

clear. I was in the army. Nobody asked me what I thought they just said do and I did or I paid for it. And that's the way it's be.

 Howard McHale 05:35

And you say gays are in the military get over it.

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Scott Lewis 05:38

What do you think about this argument that I've heard recently that Clinton should have just signed the executive order, let Congress overturn put the ban into law vetoed Congress probably getting the veto overridden. And then Clinton could have said Look, guys, I did everything I could,

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Jewel Gray 05:56

because he did do everything he could and that's the way it should have been and he should have done it from the like I said a while ago with guns flare in the first couple days. He should have signed it the first couple of days because all the stalling has made too many people think and question well, why are they taking so long? There must be something they're investigating must be some reason they're taking so long just a suspicion can put some people over the edge of being someone who says Well, I don't know let you know convince me and somebody did. We don't want me to suspicion

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Howard McHale 06:24

what puzzles me even more. Wouldn't it be a wonderful world if we didn't have to have a military? Think about it? Yeah, but we need to we need to invite Sam Nunn and Colin Powell. What a hypocrite invite him drag all

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Jewel Gray 06:39

those tanks and flowers airplanes and sail all those ships we got stockpile

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Howard McHale 06:44

but I'm down to Houston and time up and leaving a Saturday night and Mary's

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Scott Lewis 06:48

on the back patio. Oh, they'd have the time of their life and you know it

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Howard McHale 06:55

oh throwing it throwing the fitness exchanges.

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Scott Lewis 07:00

The CBC in the Steam Room. I was talking to any presidents

J Jewel Gray 07:04

did not know what the fish's fitness Hussein's was. Or the club bass here. They did not know what that was. I was shocked

J Jimmy Carper 07:12

when they can tell us now we have two entirely different exactly and they wasted used Yes, fitness exchange

S Scott Lewis 07:19

is a health club for

J Jewel Gray 07:20

intimate health.

S Scott Lewis 07:22

Yes, that is not openly gay. Just target the gay community with its advertising.

J Jimmy Carper 07:28

That's right, right.

J Jewel Gray 07:30

We're gonna do this gently. The club

J Jimmy Carper 07:33

baths have fitness facilities, facilities, but they never get used. like brand new. out there.

S Scott Lewis 07:45

Yeah. In the staff room in the little rooms that they can rent.

J Jimmy Carper 07:49

I saw. I saw part. Lowe's. You're working out there once. Oh, what

S Scott Lewis 07:53

room number was

J Jewel Gray 07:54

next week?

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Oh, God,

J Jimmy Carper 07:58

here we go. That's one way to get bored on the show them on every finger right? Yes.

S Scott Lewis 08:04

He was passing them out. He was passing them out. He was not using them. Oh God, here we go again. Here we go. We've got another Chris bacon incident.

J Jewel Gray 08:15

Fart would love it. Actually, he would. He just loves on the radio. He just say sex in the same context. He

S Scott Lewis 08:22

would love it. He just loves the exposure. Yes. He was. And he was pretty exposed over at the CBC. He said he got in there. And he said, he said, This is what they do with a CDC and they said no, no, Bart, this is the CBC.

H Howard McHale 08:45

Don't pick on Bob. He's a sweetheart.

J Jimmy Carper 08:47

And so good looking he is and what a body. And he has been on the show many times to talk about safe sex and he'll be on the show again. And he'd

J Jewel Gray 08:56

be glad to come to your school or church. Yeah, all you have to do is call the AIDS Foundation and ask for education or ask for BART Loeser.

S Scott Lewis 09:05

He will be glad to come and come out to your house. If you're throwing a party. They do safer sex parties. And they're so much fun. I mean, they're just funny and a camp and a lot of fun, educational and educational and you learn a lot. Well, that's not the best part. But I mean you that is the most important part, the best part of cucumber. And we won't tell you what he does with it. Let's take a little bit of a break do some station ID some promos and all that kind of stuff. And let's do kind of a little gay version of an old patriotic song to kind of tribute what we've been talking about here

J Jimmy Carper 09:52

and that was Lucinda Williams. If you were listening to that promo for dreams and echoes, Shanna was We are talking about Cindy Williams. And that was changed the locks a song of obsession. And if you've ever obsessed over an ex lover, you know what this woman is going through. And I wanted to say that I heard this song on dreams and echoes and it's one of those things that you know, it's just hit you and you go running right out and buying it. And wow, the Cindy Williams is hot and we'll be playing her more after hours. Now back to Scott.

S Scott Lewis 10:32

Well, I just want to intro I want to do, I'm just in the mood. I mean, this puts me in a music mood. And so I want to go ahead and do this next song, but we need to intro it and explain it and talk a little bit about why we're playing it. Marky Mark kinda doesn't have a real good reputation in the gay community. He's known somewhat as a homophobe. And it's kind of gotten worse since he was on a little television program and GLAAD is trying to boycott him. And in the latest advocate, there's a letter that I think really appropriately sums up the situation. It's from Ron Oliver, Los Angeles, California. I was in the television studio during taping of the world and heard the remarks of homophobic singer Shabba ranks. Far from supporting the insane Neo Christian ramblings Marky Mark simply shook his head and looked disgusted while the studio audience shouted their displeasure at Shabba ranks. When invited to perform a song with ranks he declined. Granted Marky Mark did not stand up tall and proud to defend gay sexuality. But when we can't even get our own closeted film and TV stars to do it, why should we expect a straight boy to do any better? GLAAD has bigger fish to fry and maybe

it should direct its energies in that direction ever hear of the Pope? This hits the nail on the head. We're so we're so busy attacking straight people. And we're not even paying any attention to our own, you know, fighting for our own internal homophobia.

 H Howard McHale 12:04

Those people they're just afraid. I think we're we're just trying as, as we're just as afraid as the straight people folks think,

 S Scott Lewis 12:14

Well, I understand that we're afraid But how dare gay people have the audacity to just attack him. And yet we have our own community doing stuff like this, but we leave them alone.

 J Jimmy Carper 12:30

It's reshape, that's what it is. We're I've seen it many many times. You know, somebody jumps up and says oh, look look at their their look at what these people did their horrible. Let's let's boycott them. Yeah, yeah, yeah. Okay. Okay. And everybody without really finding out both sides of the story

 H Howard McHale 12:52

are gonna wear their two sides of the Randall story. Yes.

 S Scott Lewis 12:57

Don't get into the Randall story.

 H Howard McHale 12:58

So Michael Crawford's not here.

 J Jimmy Carper 13:01

Both sides pretty much sucked. Okay. Yeah. Well, I did get both sides of that story.

 S Scott Lewis 13:08

We did get both sides of that story, you know, ran I met with Randall Armstead for three hours. Randall Onstad couldn't understand that what he was doing was homophobia. You yet queer nation goes in and they're militant and they're this is the way it has to be. And if it's not this

way, then it's not going to be any way at all. Barney Frank had the most incredible quote about Queer Nation when he talked about the the Queer Nation attacked him on the on that his compromise for the band. And Barney Frank says the only thing further from the only thing larger than the national debt is the gap between reality and queer nation. So kind of hateful but so in honor of Marky Mark who refused to sing with Shabba ranks after making homophobic remarks on the word television program, we're gonna play one of his songs, one of his hot songs a good one.

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Jimmy Carper 14:03

And following that song, we have a guest Yes,

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Scott Lewis 14:06

we have Brian Bowen 26 year old computer programmer, openly gay who has declared his candidacy for mayor here in the city of Houston. So we're going to talk to him right after we hear this song by Marky Mark going to have a good time. Ooh, what a neat little Taylor you have there on that one, Jimmy. And that was Marky Mark, who were kind of sort of support in here.

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Jimmy Carper 14:37

And we're we're we're very proud to play Marky Mark. We've been playing Marky Mark

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Scott Lewis 14:42

and we will continue to do so. Joining us in the studio is Brian Bowen 26 year old computer programmer who has declared his candidacy for Mayor Brian's openly gay. And if you have any questions for him, we're going to take phone calls in just a few minutes. You can reach us at five to six KPFT that's jam KPFT Brian, why did you decide 26 years old? What sparked you to feel the need to get involved in politics?

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Well, you know, I'd already been involved as far as watching the city government itself for the last five or six years just out of admiration for Kathy Whitmer, basically. And you know, basically, the more I learned the the matter I got about how things were being done. And I think that thing about that really gelled my I mean, I knew I had a lot of work to do before I was actually going to be able to run. But after the Republican convention last year, I just decided now was the time we need it. Now I've got enough knowledge to to get the passages that I want done as far as ordinances, etc. And, and like I said, we need a voice in the gay community who can stand up and and logically and intelligently strike back against the religious right that have rose up against this declared war against us. And yet do it with love and compassion so that we don't just make a matter at its, you know,

 S Scott Lewis 16:05

do you running for mayor is such a big step. And you will you are running against an incumbent mayor who is incredibly popular? Well, we

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don't know that for sure yet. Chances are that's true. Chances are that's true.

 S Scott Lewis 16:22

Why the mayor, and not maybe a city council position or a Justice of the Peace position?

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Well, as you well know, we've had council members as open the gate candidates before and have run very, very strong campaigns, but we're not successful. Basically, with the with the position of council member, you just don't have the authority and the latitude to respond to the changes that are really going to be required, we're talking about changes to the city charter, admitting homosexuals to the police force, instituting a domestic partnership agreement, much like New York's but broader base than just homosexuals, it can include even say, an adult child caring for an elderly parent, you know, so that they will still have advantage of the tax credit, the automatic beneficiary status upon death, because you know, so many of us in the gay community when we pass the lover that has been just as many times just many years and just as much money on everything that they've managed to accumulate and for the deceased family to just come in and take it all away, is pretty unfair. So it would protect against that. And basically, it has to be done out of my mayoral position, because I mean, it's it we're talking about changing city government structure. And when you get into that a city council member just doesn't have the the voice and the strength to to really push those amendments forward,

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your opponents are going to argue that your opponents are going to argue the fact that you're running on a gay agenda only, and that they feel that you are not qualified to handle this mission. Tell us and everyone on Houston, what qualifies you to be mayor, the fourth largest city in this country?

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Well, my first qualification, of course, is my knowledge of city government. My second is the proposed changes to improve it. I realize again, that there's a lot of work involved in being a mayor. But a lot of things could be done right now that would ease what the mayor does. My basic opinion is that if we had a mayor who was more interested in more involved in looking at the future problems we're going to face such as landfills, filling up to fast water

sources, clean air, and not be bogged down with every controversy that emerges out of the political process that will have a lot more leadership and a lot more progress. You know, if you take mass transit, for example, ever since 78, they've talked about it and still no results. And so I just think it's time that we move forward, you know, as as being a 20 Something person, my generation is the one that President Clinton addressed as being as going to be doing less well than their parents did. And I think that, that we're going to be the ones facing the issues and that we ought to have a chance at at doing something now to try and ease our situation as it comes closer.

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Scott Lewis 19:06

The one change that you have been very specific in making is a change in the city charter, in the form of government to a city manager style of government explained to someone very novice political person that votes. What does that mean to them?

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Well, basically, right now with the strong mayor form of government, city council members pretty much free to do what they want as far as responding to their constituents needs and concerns. But should a councilmember decide to do something or take some kind of action that the mayor opposes, since all the people that work for the city are and are doing the work for the City Council member, work for the mayor and are in our under the mayor's authority. He can stop anything that he wants to or she wants to, with with a situation like this. And let me back up to last Thursday, I met with George Benyus and when I say city manager, that's basically to help people have a An easy understanding of what I'm talking about. What George even suggested maybe was instead of doing that just rehire the position of Chief Administrative Officer, which you know, as, as our Hanes is left, no one's replaced that position except for about one year himself. And I think that, again, we need a person who can take care of the day to day duties of actually running the city and have a mayor who again, is interested in try and prepare for future problems, you know, with traffic and all the rest that I mentioned earlier.

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Scott Lewis 20:31

We're taking phone calls for Brian Bell and 26 years old, openly gay, he's going to run he is running, he has declared his candidacy for Mayor of the City of Houston. And we have Roy on line six, Roy, you're on the air?

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Oh, good question for Brian. First and foremost is I admire him for wanting to get gays in the police department. However, our wonderful state legislature has managed to slap us in the face once again, and declares all bunch of criminals. And it was 2106 that was used to keep us from getting into the police department back in the 80s. And I'd like to know how Mr. Bowen is going to circumvent that. My second question, Can you can you hear me from the chronicler which he acknowledged that he believes that homosexuality was a sin? All right, Roy.



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Okay. To address the first question, as far as the sodomy laws on the Texas State Legislature books still keeping us from admitting homosexuals to the police department. Of course, being an amid a mayoral position, you have a lot more weight to say, to throw around. When you do go to the state legislators ledger to lobby, I think that if we had a homosexual person in the mayoral seat, we'd have a lot better chances of getting situations like 2106 off the books, and certainly prevent future ones from coming. Like they didn't know we're going to Denver and is now up for consideration in 12 other states, as far as, go ahead.



S Scott Lewis 22:03

Let me ask you, because I, I was the first openly gay person to meet with Bob Lanier when he was a candidate. And one of the three things that I had on my agenda when I went in there, one of my three concerns, was openly gay and lesbian police officers. And what Bob said to me was that he couldn't do that, because of 2106. Yet, Austin, does it? What's what's the difference? Here?



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I'd have to study it myself. I wasn't aware of that. That's a good point to bring up, though. Because if that's the case, you know, basically arguing the fact that anyone who wants to serve on the police force should be allowed to, and you know, it's a lot different than gays in the military, you know, police officers go home at night, and they're not sharing close quarters with each other. So that fear should well, so called fear is eliminated. And, you know, as far as any anybody who would be opposed to homosexuals on the police force, as far as I'm concerned, that's fine. It's a little mantras, and we can use them to keep down the gay bashing. So



S Scott Lewis 23:03

he brings up he brought up another question that has probably gotten you more attention than than your declaration for running, which is, you said, according to Jake Dyer in the Chronicle, that homosexuality was a sin. What is not in the article that Jake, told me was that beyond that, you were able to quote, scriptures from the King James Version. That reinforced that fact. And yet now, according to this week, in Texas magazine, this week, you're trying to backstep that or, or



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let me retract it. And it's kind of a long story. I was raised a Baptist from the time I was 12 years old, and was taught that homosexuality was a sin, and adultery was a sin and lying was a sin, and that they were all sin and that as as a Christian, we were to believe that Jesus Christ had died for our sins, we were all forgiven for them just by believing in Him. And my main point, and in that first initial statement, because I still believe that at that point, I was still feeling guilty, I would still pray for forgiveness, just like they taught us to do. Again, up until that point,

as the article and Twitter mentioned, once I actually spoke with people in the gay community, and and my own, my own spouse asked me, he said, Well, you know, where are these scriptures? And I said, well, one of them is Leviticus. What is it? 118? I think it is, and it's saying that, that homosexuality was an abomination or a sin or whatever you want to call it, but and he says, Well, then, okay, that's fine. But he says, Who? Who wrote that? Who wrote Leviticus? And when you think about it, it was Moses the wrote it. You know, I'm not saying that Moses wasn't a good man. And I'm sure he was using only the information that he had at the time. I mean, we're just now what in the last 20 to 3040 years getting to be able to call it homosexuality before then what else were you to call it? What I also mentioned though, what I've finally realized and it was, in fact, a very liberating experience as a homosexual for myself, was that nowhere in the Bible, did Jesus Christ Himself condemn homosexuality or call it an abomination or anything else? In fact, even when they were ready to stone, the adulterous, you know, said, Well, he was He who has he who? Why did they say, He who is without sin, let him cast the first stone. And so, my first of all, let me say that as a homosexual and again, being really spurned by the Republican convention to rise up and fight that fight. I'm basically trying to strike a balance, of course, will never prove they're wrong. That's why they call them the religious right, you know, but I think that what we could do is maybe make a stronger effort diverting their attention. No one is going to change their beliefs just because someone disagrees with them. And I think what the gay community has done to this point is basically just locked horns. You know, they say it's a sin and we say it's not. My first initial strategy was to say, yes, it is a sin. I agree with you. So now what do you have to say? But there again, actually studying it, then I've, I've realized that Jesus Christ never did that. And as Christians named after Christ, we ought to be paying attention to what Christ taught. And you know, his teaching short to love one another and, and even your enemies. So basically, yes, it has been a change of position. I apologize. I know it's brand new, it's early to do it in a campaign, they're gonna Well, he's gonna do it on every issue. That's not true. But I mean, only the election will show that but basically, like I say, I was rising to fight the fight. And now I think we stand even a greater chance with a better strategy of instead of again, just disagreeing with them, divert their attention to preaching towards heterosexual married couples to stay faithful to each other and care for their children and and not commit adultery that sin and and all this money that they're spending on these on, you know, Jerry Falwell, it's got like an hour long infomercial on every Sunday, I taped it during the the, the march, just to know what he was saying, and just to find out where those scriptures were, that he was referring to, and where yes, it was pretty clear that they were talking about homosexuality and that they were condemning it. Like I said, Jesus Christ never did. And we're not called Moses shins, or Peter shins, we're called Christian. So it's hard to be gay and Christian. But like I say, I think that and then and then again, the the main point I have for them is that if they if the so called Christians, like Jerry Falwell really want to save the homosexuals from a life and a death of agony and pain, then why don't they spend some of that money that they're collecting in love gifts and, and send it towards age education and research instead of, you know, go bathroom fixtures and air conditioned dog houses and prostitutes. So I think that's, that's going to end up being a better strategy for us, you know, I'm all ears. I mean, but again, a mayoral position will definitely give us the the clout, the the, the attention that we'll need to get that message across. And I think that it's very appropriate that the city that the war was declared in, it's going to be the city hopefully, that it'll end in.

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Scott Lewis 28:00

If you want to get in on this conversation, you can call five to six KPFT we're talking to Brian Bowe, and 26 years old who is openly gay and declared his candidacy for Mayor you said just a second ago that it's hard to be gay and a Christian obviously, you're not still you're not

religiously? No,



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I'm very I'm very much against the the established religions that basically collect money again to pay for things that have nothing to do with God. And and I don't know of any type of typing Christian that would want God's money being spent to preach hate, but you know, just discussing it with Christians at work. They, they realize that what they did at the Republican Convention was wrong, they don't take responsibility for it, they understand there's a difference between Christians and those calling themselves Christians just to have that authority to get up and, you know, stomp on the Bible. But you know, I also don't believe that just because we're homosexuality, I mean, just because we're homosexuals, and just because we're condemned, I don't believe that we have to turn our backs on our beliefs if we have them if we if we believe in certain things. Because, you know, as children being raised as from our by our parents, we don't have a choice of what they're going to teach us. And I think the same applies whether it's, you know, a heterosexual or homosexual it's the same thing.



Scott Lewis 29:16

Okay, just because we're homosexuals and because we're condemned that goes back to it's a sin were condemned what are we condemned to for being homosexual? No,



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I'm not I'm not acknowledging that we are I'm saying that they're they're condemning us left and right out there Jerry Falwell and Phyllis Schlafly and and the rest of that bunch, and that I don't believe that even with that persecution going on that as Christians that we have to turn our backs on our religion or our beliefs or our God or anything else that we really want to believe in, you know, we're you can't be a homosexual without being an independent thinker. And, again, I don't think that just because people disagree that it should divide a community just over one single issue that we're all trying to really fight the same fight. And, like I say in the twit article, I apologize for offending anybody. I realize now how it would have. To me like I said, I continued to all this time to believe it was a sin, to feel guilt, to feel shame, to pray for forgiveness and everything else and hope that I went to heaven. So it was a very liberating experience, like I say, to realize that Jesus Christ Himself and never condemned Him.



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I want I want to add something in right here. I'm still having a real hard time. This is Howard again, my hard time that you again, Christians, Carolyn Mobley, if you're out there in Europe, and you're listening tonight



Scott Lewis 30:31

to be at church at 10. In the morning, someone

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Howard McHale 30:34

called Carolyn and wake her up and tell her to call down here. Because if if anyone can explain how it is to be a loving gay person and a loving Christian, it's Carolyn. Carolyn, wake up. Sorry,

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I just had What's her number?

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Scott Lewis 30:52

You know, now that and that you might have known before that there are there are gay churches. Right? And did you know that before you've just come to find that out recently I

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have. And, you know, once you're stung, it's really hard to try and get stung again, you know, and whether it was a and then you know, there's a lot of gay churches that believe a lot of different things that still go against my own principles that I was raised with such as you know, some, I'm not saying they're in Houston, but I've heard of some that say that Jesus Christ Himself was a homosexual. And there's all kinds of reasons why that happened. And, and a whole lot of others. But basically, it's just been, you know, once I got once I became an adult, I decided that was it. I was not going to go back to church, I was not going to worship the way they were going to tell me to worship, I was going to worship the way as I understood it, my God told me to worship.

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Scott Lewis 31:41

Why do you think that being gay is a political issue?

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Well, one, because it is, you know, what the gays in the military issue, the fact that, you know, my greatest fear was President Clinton, I have to first of all say that that was the first time that I voted was for President Clinton the first time in my life. And I think there were a lot of other people, obviously, that did the same. I hope that he wasn't just as so many other Democratic candidates have just supported gay rights just for the money and just for our votes. On the other hand of that, you know, let's say he was just for the sake of argument he was he was supporting us to gain votes than the Christians were coming out while the Republican extremists were coming out and opposing us again, just to gain votes. You know, there's so many contradictions with just those right wing Republicans anyway. You know, they they they hate abortion, yet. They love to the death penalty. I don't understand. It's Killing is killing. It's killing.



Scott Lewis 32:42

It's confusing. Well, we're in for a treat. I know we are. I don't know if you are, Brian. I don't know if you're familiar with Michael Crawford. But he is on the line. Michael, are you there?



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I'm here with Scott,



Scott Lewis 32:54

you're on the air. You have a question for Brian.



Michael Crawford 32:56

I have a couple of questions. I want to twist the topic from religion and the stupid Christian to eight.



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Oh, thank you so much. I don't want to talk about it anymore. But okay.



Michael Crawford 33:07

I want to go to AIDS now. Okay. Okay. We know that we're in Houston, that we're the fourth largest city in America. We have the fourth highest number of AIDS cases. So officially, we're ranked number six because the method of eight reporting by the city is so bad that we're being passed by the cities that don't have nearly the number of people that we have. Our city has yet to spend a dime of local tax money on anything relating to aid.



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Well, that's not exactly they did spend the \$100,000 that they