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Jewel Gray

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Um, you know, because that's a very important. We don't have a lot of lesbian stuff. Hello lesbians are you have they're listening. We need a lesbian stuff I



Jewel Gray 00:07

know, enough lesbians to listen.



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I know, lesbians are nesters. They're not collectors. Yes. And so that's a problem.



Jewel Gray 00:14

Yes. Hush. And then when they do, they don't give it up.



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That's right. I'm hard pressed to get my stuff up it to



Jewel Gray 00:23

me too. I'm very hard pressed even though I have given g camp some stuff. And you know, I was gonna tell you I really enjoyed sitting on the board of directors for the short time that I did. And I'm ready to get back involved. And you know, anytime you give me that call, God, give me

your phone number again. You know where I'm at? Oh, I love it. Oh, you know, I think we've known each other a long time because first time she's called me in my face I'm sure she's only once or twice when I wasn't there.



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I've been I've been divorced, packed, moved and not unpacked your phone numbers in there somewhere somewhere. But I did have your email address



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networks between the both of them so



Jewel Gray 01:06

I didn't see you having Are you having rough sex? Oh, wow. No.



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Dog paw. And no, actually, they stabbed me in the ripcord.



Jewel Gray 01:16

Oh man. I thought it was a bruise. I



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was gonna after hours I can instantly after



Jewel Gray 01:22

instinct that I keep hitting so well.



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So after too you know you might see me there because I do have a stamp on my wrist.



Jewel Gray 01:30

I always go back. No. We heard for Dean yet. Okay, who is yet? No Yeah. Oh, cool. Well, listen.



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We wanted to contain fit she wants a station.



Jewel Gray 01:43

Not necessarily we only got a few more minutes calling in few minutes. Unless you want to do something.



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No, okay. You want to tell them who we are anything?



Jewel Gray 01:52

Yeah, we're KPFT Well, we tell the guys in the lobby I tell people when they asked me what cool you know to kind of show do you do I tell him his cross between Letterman and Beavis and Butthead.



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And this is what segment we're not gonna animate. Like



Jewel Gray 02:06

I said, it's it's a cross. Carefully blended.



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how honored I am that jewel allows me to come here and ramble on.



Jewel Gray 02:14

It's because I love God,



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I listen to it. By now.



Jewel Gray 02:21

soundproof room. My goodness. I'm watching the lightning. It's not



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pretty. Oh, my goodness. That's my how Chris has changed. Me. Yeah. Chasing all the guys off and



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it's good work. Hey, that's not true. I'm a guy most of the time.



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He's the one that younger than nevermind. I don't even want to discuss it.



Jewel Gray 02:43

Well, now, I want it. What, what? What what is going on? Did Erica, are we waiting for Dane, are we going to break? Do y'all need to pay? Is that? No. Oh, I just want to just before Dean we go to a break



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is a beautiful song he wants to play for us, man.



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What's in the CD player? So you know, pretty much I push the button and I didn't let it go.



Jewel Gray 03:12

You wanted to talk about something that was interesting going on a little bit. Okay. Now, what was important It



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strikes me as ironic is that people talk about the sanctity of marriage. And there was a case in Florida where a woman who has been in a coma for 15 years, and her husband is stuck by her and yet covered a bus has interfered was taking her off life support. And I don't know how you

feel about God and no deaths in life and all that. I personally think that you know, it's a very complicated thing. If you are going to help people stay alive to medicine, oh no. For are we interfering with God or not? But if you could respect the sanctity of marriage, shouldn't the husband have to wait the right to say, is my life gonna stay alive or not? No. Goes suppose she wants to not. And when covered a bus comes in. It says no sanctity marrows doesn't matter to him. No. And how does that compare with the idea of

 Jewel Gray 04:27

okay, okay. Let me translate. A case in Florida, where this woman has been in a coma for quite a few years. How many 1515 years? Yeah. And her husband has taken care of her but she doesn't live with him.

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If you do believe in the sanctity of marriage, shouldn't her husband have the right let's

 Jewel Gray 04:45

let's regroup. Let's back up. Let's you're skipping ahead again. Okay. Now recently, he decided he wanted to take her off life support and said that she did not want to live like that

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because he's her husband. Well, right.

 Jewel Gray 04:59

He told He that's what he said, Let's take her off life support. She did not want to do that. Yeah. So that her parents feel that she interacts with them and they do not want it. So there's been a legal battle in the courts, which has spilled over into the political area. Now politicians are involved, the Republicans have jumped on the side of letting her die

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on public, sometimes side of making her live

 Jewel Gray 05:26

making her live, okay, which is what her parents want. Karachi wants to let her





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die because she is her husband, and thanks.



Jewel Gray 05:34

Okay, we understand that he's your husband. But the thing that you were really upset about was not that issue, which is a very private issue between just those people, but that the politicians have shown the hypocrisy, because they want they don't want to uphold the sanctity of that marriage and that decision between those two people, but they want to go around and talk big talk about the same marriage when they discuss gay marriage and morals. Your does that translate well,



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right ballpark? Yes. And so if marriage does mean that much, no. How come they're dying the sanctity merits in this case, and yet they're saying that we need to protect Barrows, because some distant person, some lesbian, must marry another lesbian next county over there. It's going to upset the sanctity of marriage. No doubt when a woman or a man decides to get married. You have got copy old fashioned coming traditional. But I think that that means that you have sanctified go, you've done something, where is you?



Jewel Gray 06:52

Here, right? Oh, just gotten married. It's a person, union. And you became a you become a,



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sorry, I don't think you will raise this girl and so on. But we have been married for how many years and he's stuck by her. Well, the coma for how many years? Let me play. And somebody came by and said, I'll give you a million dollars of give up the suit. Again, I think it was a million dollars, again, and he



Jewel Gray 07:22


refused. He refused. He refused the offer dog from the family and some benefactors of the family.



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Go to Google News. Don't type it in Florida, dead wife, blah, blah, blah, you will find that somebody offered him a lot of money to reverse his opinion. He loves his wife. And



 Jewel Gray 07:41

now let me play devil's advocate. He's kept her alive for 1718 years. And recently, he met a woman that he wants to marry. Well, and then is when he made this decision. And this pronouncement after 12 years, 15 years, that his wife told him when they were married, when she was okay, that she did not want to live like that. Why did he wait 15 years and just happen to be four months after he decided to marry another woman that he wants. And she told him and then she bought this. And that's the reason in my opinion that that should stay there. It should not have entered anywhere into politics at all. It should have been between the family and the court of law. And if the court of law decided this woman was not having quality of life, and they believed him, and they said, take the feeding tube out, then that's what should be done. If they believe the court, the parents can convince them that this woman has some kind of quality in her life. That that that she would want to have. Then I would say let the courts decide to leave her.

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Another question too, though, if he's so adamant, because he's now met someone he wants to spend the rest of his life with. Why can't he just divorce or divorce her? Correct? Why do you have to kill her?

 Jewel Gray 09:02

Immediately Catholic explored?

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Well, I was raised Catholic and yes, maybe he's moral. Maybe he is bound to this woman. He really loves her. And if I love somebody that much I would love to die. I think

 Jewel Gray 09:15

Dennis sees this as a

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woman, no matter Yeah. When do we start the script? That's right. Write the script. It will be a movie trying to stand

 Jewel Gray 09:26

your empathy. Dennis, don't get me wrong. I'm and moral. I understand you're rolling. But right where I stand is that I don't know. And that I will never know. And the people who were making these decisions about are exactly the people who are making decisions about her ever know

what went on amongst those people. And I think it should have been handled amongst them and the court of law and not gotten outside into the politics. The hypocrisy that the Republicans is nothing new, is it? No, it's a daily daily routine for them.



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Harper bush you didn't you didn't do a very good job raising your kids.



Jewel Gray 10:04

Dennis is that that's that's a Dennis minute. He didn't do a good job. Raise your kids. Yeah, I used to go around back in the early 80s. After the debacle of the not the banks, what were the lending? Savings and Loans thing you know, Neil Bush came out, smelling like a rose and ripped off 1000s and 1000s of people who lost all their money. And I used to walk around telling you know, back then even, you know, tell Neil not to steal. They'll kneel Neal. A company I hate



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to break into this, this discussion here, but we do have Dean on last



Jewel Gray 10:45

day, we might lose him at any second. Okay, somebody's talking about we might lose him in a second because we don't want him to think that we're being rude. Clean. Are you



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there? They were attacked by you there. So, okay, Dean, do you hear me?



Jewel Gray 11:03

We hear you, Dean, how are you?



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Good. I just got in from the exam rainstorms myself. I don't have a whole lot prepared tonight. But I did want to point out who we're having on this common week's cultural baggage show. Okay. And it is Mr. K. And if you've listened for over the years, you heard reports from him back in 2003. Early on not even early 2004. He went to prison for 14 months. Okay. He's our reporter, one of our reporters on the drug truth network. Okay. That's just been his name we use for reasons. Yes. And anyway. So he went to jail for 14 months for having a millionth of a gram of marijuana in his system, millionth of a Graham in his system, right. He was already he



had accepted four years of parole, probation. And lastly, while he was on probation, then they tested him and found a millionth of a gram in his urine. I see. So therefore, he was sentenced to 14 months in prison. He just got out, he's going to talk about his experiences. And that would be good. And then we're also going to have a member of Law Enforcement Against Prohibition. Mr. Rusty white, he's a former prison guard, who should be able to have, I think, a pretty in depth say about drug abuse. Yes, yes, indeed. And the drugs that are sold in the prisons. You know,

 Jewel Gray 12:29

some people think they send people to prison and they get off drugs, you get drugs easier in prison you do here,

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it's much easier to sneak heroin in. And that's why more people come out addicted to heroin, than perhaps went in using marijuana. Yep.

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Cuz I didn't. Oh, please do because I was at a marijuana study at the University of Texas. And, of course, I have smoked marijuana in my life and, and going to study I was supposed to quit smoking marijuana. So it could study by reaction time, and so on. We're doing a study about how marijuana affects reaction time. Kind of that kind of thing, since it's so long. And I did not. I was very faithful to it. And I my birthday, I went out with some friends. And they would pass the trade on a car and I said, No, thank you. I'm doing a study and I've been smoking. And next time I went there, take a tell that I had been in the car. I was just in the car, this car inhaled

 Jewel Gray 13:38

any blood or urine,

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urine using urine and they could tell that I had been exposed to marijuana. Wow, that's pretty surprised Gary Keller's carried because they had no way of going and he said well, have you been around marijuana? I said no, I was smoking pot at all. Well who've been around it? Well, I my birthday he does there were spoken in short car. Well, no showed up. Well, I had no way of knowing. And it did show up go just the slightest trace will show up. Okay.

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I think that that bears evidence of a scientific analysis of the product, whereas most times it's kind of a commercial test they do looking for a certain grade range, right? And not paying

attention to minor variances. Right? Because that's not the nature of it. If you get less than 15 parts per billion or whatever it is. In any test, they tend to pass you



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in essence I strictly scientific test and they told us just a slightest trace No, I didn't smoke any pot at all, but just be on say this did not smoke. I didn't didn't inhale. I didn't inhale just being in the same currency. Notice that



Jewel Gray 14:50

so d what else is going on?



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Well, we'll have our report to be on. I'm sorry. Mr. K will be on Mr. K. And then we're also having rusty white the prison guard, right. And he was also a former sniper on a SWAT team and a dog handler. So we can talk about many of the many of the Yeah, amendment of violations that are going on how that dog can be trained to sit and pretend to have found a cash. Right. And even in the best of circumstances, they tend to average US 60% accuracy. And yet, use of a dog now to search anyone, basically, at any time is ruled constitutional. Right. And we're all in deep shift, you know, we got to



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stand up. Dogs are not necessarily accurate. So Oh, not



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not at all



Jewel Gray 15:42

dogs are trained, and they're trained by people. And the people have their agendas. You bet. Very well said, Oh, someone was telling me today they someone special was telling me today that they had heard on the show earlier that marijuana had been linked to schizophrenia and mental illness. Some report that I think they were listening to Irish airs. And I thought I don't think that's so have you



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heard that? I have heard that. I've heard that your if you



Jewel Gray 16:07

have the gene or the predisposition for it, that marijuana can speed it up?



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Well, and then there's also the concept that no one's ever looked at that. Perhaps a marijuana has helped many schizophrenia is to maintain right to life. And then there's even another side to that is some of the questions that they asked on this test where they were trying to perceive schizophrenia involved. Are you ever in a situation where you feel that others are different from you and look at you in a, you know, well, yeah, I do all the time. And that many marijuana smokers would indeed, paranoid as a natural circumstance of what it is they do exactly.



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Well, if one is afflicted with that particular mental illness isn't or isn't it possible that you could latch on to anything? I'm sure. Yeah. Right. compulsive about anything marijuana or dentists? Right? Or dusting or Martha Stewart or whatever?



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17 times? Yes. And but



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my toilet, I need to clean my toilet. Yeah.



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And but you're absolutely right, it is taking a set of data and making it say whatever it is you want. And I can do the same as as you have done the same. And it's really what is the end result of our goal? What are we trying to achieve here. And if we're trying to, you know, lessen the harms of the drug war, it doesn't involve arresting 1.6 million Americans every year, it doesn't involve making it easier for little Johnny to go by it down the street from little George. And what we've done is, is make it impossible to control these drugs, because we've handed it over to the criminals to the criminals who are very, very good at what they do with it, and they're just damn happy. Yeah, I'm so thankful. So thankful we we are supporting Osama bin Laden and the Colombian cartels and the Mexican gangs, and every street corner vendor.



Jewel Gray 18:08

And nobody mentions that Afghanistan is going to have a record producer to record crop Poppy crop.



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And toe to toe. Yeah, there's



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somewhere around 90%. And when you consider that Colombia was still doing 40 and 50%. We have a glut on the world market. Yeah, I hear the heroines down to \$3 A hit New England area, and 90% Pure. Yeah. And so, you know, I came back today I went up to Austin, they had the High Times party. I went up there to give a little speech and, you know,



Jewel Gray 18:41

congratulation. That's quite a well, a little thing there.



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It was great fun. I want to tell you that and and basically I tell what you guys have heard many times that, you know, the drug war has no basis in reality. There is no scientific fact No justice, no common sense. No logic whatsoever. It's all a fraud designed to benefit the drug lords. We've all had those. I'm



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sorry, go ahead. People want simple answers. You know, it'd be nice to say these are the enemies. These are the bad people. These are the people are sinners, or



Jewel Gray 19:14

George Bush is doing like so. And usually people we hate.



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Yeah, these are the bad people. These are the good people. And it's not quite that simple. Because some of the good people are not that good. Well, I'm



Jewel Gray 19:28

very proud that you represented your you know, this area at the High Times party.



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Well and it was great fun. I want to tell you the I don't know they had a eight man's pretty pretty good stuff, kind of a mix people from Germany and Amsterdam. You know, just different sound as they went through the day,



Jewel Gray 19:50

a different kind of party because over there, it's legal. It's an entirely different kind of party here than it is when it's in Amsterdam.



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Well, you're right but can you compare used The answer to Austin, we've almost got a similar analogy because in Austin, they don't like putting people in jail right, then especially



Jewel Gray 20:11

when they're forced to it's, you know, more hassle than any, you know, criminal.



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Sure they say the average marijuana arrest cost the taxpayers \$10,000. That doesn't even mean going to trial. Right. That's just the arrest. That's just the arrest, the time the preparation, right



Jewel Gray 20:27

paperwork, all the people involved, but you're paying all the people you're happy. You're passed through. Yes.



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And, and, you know, nobody's died from it yet. The only thing that makes it dangerous is its value because of the prohibition.



Jewel Gray 20:42

I love it when you say that, Dean, nobody's died from it yet. Because you know, I'm always just forced to tell you this analogy again. And I know you always chuckle and you're sweet for it. Because I know we've been telling you this. I've been telling you this for years, is that you

know, you put two guys go into rob a convenience store one is high on coke. He goes out and shoots the place up kills everybody there. The guy who's high on marijuana goes in there you just heard done for a bag of chips. That that's the difference of what we're talking about.



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Exactly. Exactly. I I really have this nagging worry, I want to share it with you. Okay, everybody knows this is true. Why the hell can't we stand up and get it done? That would be the most.



Jewel Gray 21:26

And you know, we're in a in a place of a lot of that these days. Dean, I know you you keep up with other politics as well as you know, medical marijuana and the drug war. It seems that that is happening in a lot of places these days where we, you know, you talk to your friends, you listen to reports, you see polls, and everybody is okay with it. But it just never changes.



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Oh, troll is fine. You have to talk to your friends. Go talk to your family and say, You know what, though, I've seen people who smoke marijuana, maybe I've spoke to myself. I've seen how it has not affected criminal activity, how is not affected? Anything bad health effects, that maybe it's



Jewel Gray 22:11

not marijuana. That is harmful? It is the prohibition of marijuana.



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I've seen it the terrible paranoia that people have gone through. And don't talk to you about talking to your dad, don't talk to your grandparents. Because they vote. And you say no about grandma. No, I know people who smoke marijuana, you know, decently



Jewel Gray 22:32


I wear my legalized marijuana. Sure, I mean hat. And quite a few people, when they see that will start a conversation with me. And I think that's a good way of doing you don't have to be like, you know, in somebody's face, you just have an article of clothing on and if people are willing to talk about it, they can approach you, which I think is perfect. What do you think do





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well, then, but it's so true. My point is, they did a poll how Scripps Howard poll last fall. Do you


think medical marijuana should be approved? And 75% of Texans said, yes. That's an official poll. 75% of Texans said yes. And yet, they're afraid to, as you say, talk to mom and dad to grandma and grandpa. They're afraid to broach the subject because everybody's afraid of being seen as something that you know, crazy or something. Yeah, and, and yet we all believe in low life.


 Jewel Gray 23:29  
Yeah, immoral, low


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life crazy, whatever.


 Jewel Gray 23:33  
I guess marijuana is kind of like a trailer park. You know, nobody wants to be there.

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And it's a case of propaganda. Propaganda, having

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heard suck like

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I see it as a case of propaganda, having been honed and refined to such an art for so many decades.

 Jewel Gray 23:52  
And that's why I recommend that movie. What is that movie? Grass? Grass is wonderful. Yeah, Woody Harrelson not narrates it's wonderful, and it's on independent film channel or Sundance. Occasionally you mark those channels? Well, we're kind of running out of time right now. To catch it. Yeah.

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Type in movie grass on there on the web, I bet you can find it.

 Jewel Gray 24:13

And it's matter of fact, I've altered that. And it has a clock from the beginning, not o'clock, but a meter running through the whole movie. From the very beginning of how much the drug wars cost us. And it's in the gazillions of dollars, isn't it been?

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around 400 million, excuse me billion dollars.

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It's an industry

 Jewel Gray 24:34

that we spent trying to stop it.

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But no, but anyway, I do appreciate the time and and I do appreciate the sparks of interest. And it only takes a few minutes to write that letter to your Congressman. Yeah. Thank you. Yeah.

 Jewel Gray 24:47

Thank you, Dean. We love you guys. Talk to

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y'all next week. All right. Bye. Bye. Bye. twos.

 Jewel Gray 24:52

Cool beans. Now Dennis. We take a break. I know David's not ready for it. He's like sitting here. Oh my God. They are standing on end via a cup of coffee.

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You're talking about me again.





Jewel Gray 25:02

It's Steven here. It's Steven here yet cup of coffee.



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Yeah. All right, we are going to play a wonderful little song by these people. Project vector. The name of the CD is reality. And the name of the song is out of the closet. You are listening to KPFT 90.1 This is what I'm supposed to say. This is listener sponsored, commercial free Pacifica radio KPFT 90.1 Houston 89.5 Galveston, and here is project vector. We're



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happy to have you with us tonight. And hope you'll come back often



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Okay, that was scot free with another day of cruelty and then Mike are record with lucky and you are listening to sponsor leg there. This is listener sponsored, commercial free, Pacifica radio KPFT 90.1 Houston 89.5 and Galveston and I was always on the World Wide Web it KB caveman. I just keep tripping over my own hang tag. worldwide web at Kpf T dot o RG Okay, now I got it out of stuff don't get out of what I had to go country on it. All right, we got jewel in the studio



Jewel Gray 26:34

just for a second because the show I've already bitten into their time considerably and I appreciate their patience. And I just wanted to take a minute and say you know that I enjoyed tonight's show. appreciate everybody being here and that I'll see you all next month. Okay. All right.



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Thanks, Joe. And coming up next we've got the black on black. What was her name again? Redman. Okay. Black on Black with Dion Redman, man Robert, you keep doing that. I'm gonna take you home with me. He's massaging is a neck massage. Yeah, this is engineered date. And we're going to play this wonderful music that she brought with her and here we go



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all right, and my mic is entirely too high.



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All right, that was forever for always for love featuring Lalah Hathaway and nets from forever for always for loser



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compilation CD in tribute to Luther Vandross, so I got some good music for the listeners tonight. That is the man telling you. This is Deon Redman with black on black. Welcome, welcome. March



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March 28. Welcome, welcome. Have a fabulous guest tonight. You know, once again, I'm always lucky and blessed to get somebody at two o'clock in the morning. Let me say thank you. Thank you very much. Once again, for those who are listening. My two or three listeners, let me always offer you that opportunity to call me if you have any comments or questions. 71352 6k P F T once again. 713-526-5738. Steven Jerome should be coming in shortly. So we're gonna leave the door open for him just like the Super Eight motel. Okay.



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I was leaving the light on.



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You know what I mean? Door light. Come on. That's why I'll take you out there. That's why I'll take you out with me.



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I had an excellent guest tonight. Good topic. I'm gonna let him start and introduce himself.



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Right. On Good morning. My name is W Jeffrey Campbell, Pastor W. Jeffrey Campbell. I am the pastor of freshstart church. We are an affirming and radically inclusive congregation fellowship here in the Houston area we meet every Sunday at 1pm at the Houston gay and lesbian community center at 3400 Montrose at Hawthorne.



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You guys have been in existence for how long?



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Actually? Almost three years, almost three years. We just moved into the Montrose area in September. Okay, coming from we're coming from the southwest side of the city of Belford in turn Iraq.



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Okay. All right. Did you find that the location over there is a little bit better or over here a little bit better than over there?



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Why right. Being being in the Montrose area certainly helps us to identify with the target audience that God has kind of led us to start ministering to so



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right that's right. Just a little background about you got your degree and



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me I am a graduate of Southwest Texas State University now known as Texas State University about 200 years ago. Okay. Dayton, VA Counting. I've attended Houston Graduate School of Theology here in Houston. And I'm also a licensed Texas teacher that's been so long ago, but actually work with children with behavior disorders and behavior disturbances in the elite fitness parents school district. So



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right, that's all right. Well, good. Well, I'm so excited to have you here. You know, you and I actually made our first acquaintance. Or at least I heard about you during last year Splash. Splash, if you know, for those who are new to splash, you want to say a little bit about flash



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flash is about 10 years old, actually, I think this year is the 10th year for Splash Splash is an

event it's a weekend of parties and so forth, that focuses on African American, gay and lesbian individuals, draws 1000s of folks into this city over a weekend. For parties, there are some lecture venues that take place. And last year was the first year that splash featured a worship service on Sunday morning. And I was dubbed the splash past



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love that got to



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reach actually put that worship service together and to preach on that Sunday morning. And actually beyond that was probably the moment that I truly embrace God's call on my life to minister openly to the gay and lesbian community. So that was a big, big moment for all right,



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what was that? Like? Wow,



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it was eye opening, just the planning of the event. You know, I knew it in my heart. And I had been dancing around with God and arguing with God. That's right. But actually, when I got the call from one of our members at fresh thought that I had been volunteered to preach that worship service. I began to face the reality of the call and so to, I guess, come together on that Sunday morning with a group I think we had about 80 to 100. Folks, there's a nice crowd. It was wonderful. It was wonderful for so many reasons. But But I think a lot of individuals who came not knowing what to expect, or what to feel or how to feel, because I think in the African American community, we have a hard time reconciling spirituality and sexuality. And particularly down here in the south in Texas, in Houston, it's a very difficult journey to travel. So that worship experience was the green light for me to say, not only that I was supposed to do it, but great, greater than that, that there was a need for that to happen on a continual basis, not just once a year. That's right. Okay. So that means this year you're doing that means this year we are doing it on Sunday, May 8, we will be at the Sheraton brookhollow at 11am for our worship service. And we are very excited this year to have one of the pioneers in radically inclusive ministry and that is Bishop Dr. Yvette Philander, from the City of Refuge church refugee ministries in San Francisco, California. She is our guest preacher on that morning. So Bishop cylinder preach for us. We had a revolution retreat down in Galveston a month ago, and she preached that worship service and we're looking forward to her coming back to Houston and preaching again.



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What was the retreat like?



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The retreat was awesome. It was awesome. It was awesome. We were in Galveston for about three and a half to four days. We had some great speakers, workshops, dealing with grief and depression, Scripture and sexuality. One theme, why you ain't got no man, which was a hot topic all that weekend and we featured Bishop cylinder. Dr. Randall Bailey from Atlanta, Georgia, Charles Nelson from Chicago, Illinois, Dr. Jacob White from Columbia, South Carolina. So we had a wonderful venue of speakers. It was a great, great



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weekend. That's right. How do you how do you go about reaching out to the community?



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Oh, wow. Ah, our community can be a hard Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah. We do a lot of one on one conversations. When we are doing something special or even just from week to week, we do a lot of email blast. The man's gathering their yahoo group serves as a source of information or a way to get our information out. Right TMG and we also got something special coming up. We try to do quality work as far as our postcards and we'll go out and go get the club's postcards, hit the parking lots with with postcards. And yeah, we may do a phone call to individuals that we know need to be there. That's why



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That's why when you look at The need to have an open church, and especially in the black community. What type of opposition have you run into since over the last three years?



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Well, it's interesting. And I don't know if it's necessarily opposition, or if it is just, maybe it's fear. Maybe it's fear of being being tied to an open a radically inclusive and affirming congregation. But there are individuals out there who say, Oh, I don't know how you do that, oh, I can't do that, you know, I can't mix. You know, you know, those two parts of my life together, as I as I turned reconciling spirituality and sexuality. And there are individuals, you know, who, who outside now, oh, let me tell this one story. Okay. Back in October, we had a woman who came into our congregation, not really aware of the type of congregation that we were, she was African American female preacher. And she was very uncomfortable, and actually left the worship service. And towards the end of the worship service after I had preached. She came back in and she asked me if she could have a word with the congregation. Now, if you know anything about church, you know that to allow somebody that's already walked out of your service to get up and say something to your congregants. That's a risky call. But I felt I felt, okay, okay. And she got up. And the first thing she said was, God has convicted me. She said, I really thought I loved everyone unconditionally. I didn't think that I had the issues that I had, she said, but I didn't leave, I was down in the parking lot. And I was praying.

And she said, I just need you to know that I love everybody in this room. And there was an error that I don't quite understand everything, but I do love you. And she went around the Worship Center, she and she embraced everyone that was there, regardless of their sexual orientation. And I love you, God loves you. And and it opened up, I found out later on it, it opened something up some things out of her past and moved her to deal with some issues that she needed to deal with. So that was a great moment. That was a great moment. So that



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that type of moment will allow you to to say, my colonists for a reason. Absolutely. I can reach all I can reach a few, even if I reach one, right? You know, steel that works. That works now, because because because she was a little taken aback by the congregation. What's your numbers? What's your numbers,



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we are anywhere on Sundays, anywhere from 20 to 35 folks each week. And you know, the more the merrier. But I understand that it's you know, we're in a growing stage, we're in a building stage, we're still in the stage where some people don't even know about us. So there's still people finding out about us when we tweak. So we have a group that are members. And then we have another group that are faithful fellowship errs, they have not yet become full members, but they come they attend, they worship, they when we go out, and we do events, they're there. And they're having a great time. And they're participating in networking, as well in the ministry



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would help you as far as getting the word out a little bit more



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people to talk about it, to say, hey, you know, there's a need for it if you just go and try it one time. Because I think what what people don't understand is we are not what some people call that gauge Church in Houston. We are a church that is affirming and radically inclusive. And the ministry that God has given me is a ministry to broken peoples. So that's not just about sexual orientation. That's for women, that's for men, that's for African Americans, that's for Hispanics, that's for Caucasians. And there's a lot going on out there. And hopefully tonight, we'll you know, you'll give me an opportunity to talk a little bit about some mental health issues that we want to look at, in developing some effective services to meet the needs of our community. But but just talk about it. We're working on our website. So hopefully, we'll get come back on and talk about the website and where to go. Email me at what's my email address? Past Jeffrey PAC, je FF r ey@aol.com. You can email me talk to me. I've talked to several folks on basically on an anonymous basis. prior to them coming and trying out the ministry. Some people that had issues had concerns and maybe even some self hatred and some self doubt, and didn't want anyone to know that they were making a connection to this church, this gay church as they call

it, but they knew that they had a need to settle some issues in the journey and so God has allowed us to be successful and to ministering to certain individuals on that. Double. So that's a good thing.



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When you mentioned emails, do you find that the online connection helps to break down some barriers?



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Yes, I think it does. But for certain people who have who have really, really strong barriers built up, because it's good to be able to talk to someone without showing them your face. Yeah,



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yeah, yeah. And you know, it's funny, because when you look at the counseling profession, cyber counseling, is one is one that is, is rising, you know, it truly is, you get some individuals who are either not comfortable with the counseling process or not comfortable with themselves, or sometimes just don't even have the resources to get to a particular counselor. So what you're doing is borderline cyber counseling. Right? And that works very well. When you look at the age of your congregation, do you find that it varies or is it pretty much



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varies? We have individuals as young as 18. And I think the oldest person that's probably involved in our ministry is about 50 to 53 years old. And I think that primary that median age would probably be 28 to 35, or something like that. Do you



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find that you are working with and working with other churches? Does those do those other churches? Are they also classified as the gay churches or



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affirming radically inclusive churches, we do a collaborative effort with the New Covenant Christian Church, which is pastored by Todd Williams, they are disciples of Christ congregation. They also meet there at the community center at 11am On Sundays, and they have an awesome outreach to the homeless in the Montrose area. And so we are working on partnering with them and certain efforts. We've done one, one joint service back in January, and we're looking to do more of that. And I do some things with resurrection, MCC, and also Jones, not St. John's resurrection is over on 11. But St. John's, they have an awesome HIV outreach to the homeless ministry as well. Okay, great church, work with



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him. Okay. Okay. All right. Well, whenever I think of the opportunity that I had to listen to you during splash, that was one that you know that this, this man is anointed, this man here has the gift. And for to be able to know that you've taken that to the next level, you know, southwest side now, I'm sitting right over here. Your congregation has grown since the move I take it



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sense since we did splash and since we made the transition into the Montrose area, we have seen our numbers increase on Sundays. And we just recently we do a weekly Bible study on Tuesday night. We still had that out in southwest Houston until about two weeks ago, and we've moved that to the community center as well. So Tuesday nights at seven, we're doing a Bible study there in the gay and lesbian community center.



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Do you find that you do a lot of workshops that foster the outreach piece? Or do you try to stick with just your traditional services



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were around the office services, our traditional? We, we do we I love teaching, I love teaching and I love making sure that people are taught and equipped, particularly in the area of sexual orientation, because so many people again, they come in with a theology theology that's very literal. And there's there's no historical, critical, contextual look at the Scripture. And so to be able to sit down in a teaching environment and and expound on Scripture and talk about the various translations in the text and how the Bible was formed. That's a good thing. And so we have done a six week Bible study call scripture and sexuality. That was not a part of our Tuesday night study. It was a Sunday afternoon study that we did. And we're looking to bring that back at some point this year, probably in the summer.



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Okay. Okay. What are some big things that's coming down the pipeline,



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big things that's coming down the pipeline, our number one that's coming up is splash. We are partnering with HRC and Lambda Legal on Wednesday, May 4 To do a screening of punks that great movie. We found that I thought everyone had seen it because I've seen it like a time. But a lot of people here in the Houston area have not seen it. So we'll be at the Angelika movie theater downtown, doing a screening of punks on May 4. Then on May 8, the worship service



that I mentioned earlier featuring Bishop Yvette Philander, we're putting together a choir so we need you guys out there who can thing to participate in the choir. We will start our rehearsals on the second Sunday evening in April at five o'clock at the community center, and we're looking forward to having some some Wonderful music because music really is what makes worship pardon shared. Yes. Okay, that's what I'm talking. So those two things we have coming up. We also do a fellowship with a sister church in Dallas living faith Covenant Church with apostle Alex Byrd will be going to Dallas in June to do some things with them and working on some things. I tell me when I don't have time, but one of the one of my major concerns is mental health across the board. And that's how we got to talking with was this whole mental health issue. And so we're working on securing funding to to develop some quality mental health services for individuals. Yes, in the gay and lesbian community transgender community, but for people across the board because there are so many people out there that are hurting and people in our African American community we will run from a therapist,



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oh, you will that is something we do not want to do really



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wide. So we are really trying to establish a healthy and safe environment for people to seek and get the counseling and therapy that that they need to live healthily emotionally.



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Let's come back to that. I like that. Especially with with me being in the counseling profession, you know, we could definitely share some ideas. I want to go ahead and take a quick break. You are listening to 90.1k p f t this is Deon Redman with black on black and my guest tonight Mr. Jeffrey pastor Jeffrey Campbell I'm gonna go ahead and go into this next one sensitivity now this is a nice one let me tell you so get ready sensitivity off of the forever for always Luther Vandross tribute CD.



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Alright, and your wish? Dang. I'm I'm having a problem with this speaking.



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What's wrong? Is it late? Is it too late? David,



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I spent all day at work. I spent all day at work talking to people. So I don't want to talk anymore.



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Okay, I'll take it from here. Okay, I can do that. I can do that. You know, he's so funny. You were just listening to let us see sensitivity, one of my favorite ones right there. Welcome back. This is black on black. I am with Pastor Jeffrey Campbell of Fresh Start church, we were just talking about mental health concerns in the community. A lot of concerns come about when it comes to the gay lesbian community in terms of depression, suicide, you know, you have you have family, families who you know, maybe don't understand what's going on and may put, you know, put their son or daughter out? or what have you, just the variety of things that take place, what do you find, affects the black community.



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Everything you just said, I think when we start looking at the rate of increase in HIV infection, when we start looking at alcoholism and substance abuse, a lot of that is rooted in substance. In depression, a lot of it is rooted in some internal self hatred, a lot of it is rooted in really not knowing what to do with who they are, who we are, as individuals who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender. And because we've been given this book that says and then and then just just a, just a general pattern for life is you must fit into this mold. And if you don't fit into this mold, then it's something wrong with you. And so because we're trying so hard to fit in to that particular mold, and it's just not working, we're trying to it's like trying to, you know, fit a square peg into a round hole. And so then I think, you know, you know, so probably so much better than I do, that depression can often set in, but also with individuals, once we start losing friends, to the HIV epidemic or pandemic, that can be depressing living with HIV can can bring about depression. And I think that, you know, emotionally when we're unhealthy, then that leads to physical, physical unhealthiness, and even spiritually, so that's why I'm my prayer. And actually, the vision for fresh start is that we are, we are meeting the needs of the total individual, not just addressing spiritual issues, but addressing physical and emotional issues and concerns as well. And so in this African American community, particularly the African American gay and lesbian community, there is a need for people to have a safe place to go to, to discuss what they're going through. I have so many people who talk to me say, you know, they'll come to me about their relationship and said, Hey, man, I've never had a black Pastor John, go to and talk to about my relay. That's right. So I actually had two meetings on that. Two sessions on that within the last couple of weeks, and individuals who say that and and I understand that, that makes perfectly good sense to me. So if we're walking around holding all of this in and not having anyone to be able to discuss it with then then sorry, LEED it is a great breeding ground for depression for suicidal thoughts. And even for suicidal attempts. One of the wonderful things that has happened to me and in my ministry is last year I preached at Dallas pride in October, okay, preach that on a Sunday found out that that Wednesday that there were three people who came into that worship service, ready to commit suicide. And each of them as a result of that environment. They walked out choosing life. And so that's a great thing. And I think more of that happens, then we know because everybody's not willing to come back and say, you know, I was really ready to end it all was one of them. Right? Yeah, I was one of them. But I made a different decision. And so we don't know how many other people we've affected or impacted like that. But we're just excited to know that somebody's being impacted. So mental health is, is really an issue for us. And we got to put some things in place, not just for the gay and lesbian community, we ministered to a lot of African American women, heterosexual women who have gone through issues of abuse, physical abuse, sexual abuse,

verbal abuse, mental, all of all of the abusive, and all broken because of it. And there is a need, again, for individuals to have this place, not just to go to for spiritual nurture, but also to deal with emotional issues that that come in, in that life.



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Now, when you when you look at Sunday service, do you find that that's when you do most of your counseling?



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No, I think probably a portion of what I do would be counseling, but but there's a lot of, I think, like you said, online, I get up every morning, and I email everyone that's a part of our congregation, our fellowship, and they get an email from me, sometimes those emails, generate conversations. Sometimes individuals were, well, instant message me, and in the middle of the day, you know, I may be going through a conversation that leads into counseling, with an individual that's via instant message, phone calls, you know, I make myself available to I fellowship as much as possible. And so, so phone calls, if that means, you know, at 415 in the morning, and this is reality of weeks ago, I got a call at 415 I had to get up and go meet someone. But that's not a problem for me, because I know this what God has called me to do. That's rare. And so you know, I can't ask somebody to hold off your depression until the sun comes.



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Right, right. I'll see you tomorrow. You know, for those who may be listening and interested in calling in with some questions or comments, please feel free to do so. The number is 713526 KPFT. Cyber counseling. When you when you when you when you find yourself counseling, do you do you ever notice that there's a trend with some of the some of the different things that are coming to you issues that are coming to you, from your from from the people who are calling you or emailing you?



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Yes, I think some some of the people that that that I'm hearing from are individuals who have that whole question of how do I reconcile my sexuality and spirituality? That that is really the greatest question, and it may not come worded in that fashion all the time. But that's the foundation.



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Is that? Is that? Is that borderline sexual identity? I'm concerned, I have question about my sexual identity. I'm not certain



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No, no, these are this is this group of people that people who know who they are okay, they just don't know how to be who they are, and be a part of the family of God at the same time,



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what's your what's your recommendation for that?



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Wow, it's a journey. It's a journey that that many people, including myself have gone through. And it you have to what I share with people is participate in your own healing. So we can pray a prayer and go on a fast and just expect God to poof and do something, we have to participate in our own healing. And so that means that we have to be consistent and constant with the steps that are laid out before us for us to take, do some reading, do some reading, do some research, talk to some people that are already on the journey. And know that you are not by yourself. There have been individuals out there who have conquered and they've won the journey, and they can they be willing to sit down and talk to you and share with you how they made it through. Now that recipe that they use may not be the recipe that you use. Exactly, but at least it's a place to start.



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Okay, well start somewhere. That's right. When you talk to a younger individual, somebody who is going through that sexual identity, confusion state in which they're questioning, you know, I'm not certain what's going on what how do you how do you address that individual.



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Now, interestingly enough with African American community, particularly the community that I'm more tied to, our younger people are really not having a major problem. And that's just the ones that I'm talking to. Now, I know there's probably another group out there that are going through that struggle in a great way and if so, it's really because of what family may think. But the group of individuals that that I'm connected to that have have the greatest struggle are our black men who are probably 35 to 50 years old. And because of the era or the generation in which they grew up, and they have a great deal of problem, accepting who they are, and moving forward with their life in a healthy manner. And some older population for Yeah, absolutely. So



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the younger population, you would say, are a little bit more grounded into decision making right



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now a little bit more grounded, I think, different generation with a different set of values, and not so much believing that we've got to march to the beat of the drummer that everybody else is marching to. Okay. And that it's okay.



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Okay. Okay, let's see, some of the comments that I would hear is, you know, this generation is different, you know, this generation here, it's a, it's a fad, to be a lesbian, to be bisexual to be gay, you know, that's just something to do with some of the younger generation now know what they're doing. It's a phase right? Now, when you hear things like that, but at the same time, you you you run across those younger. Now, I won't say children, but some of your younger individuals who are a lot more grounded in who they are. How do you how do you respond to those who feel as if it's just a fad? No, no, no, don't know what they're doing?



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Well, I think one of the one of the questions that I ask individuals is, and this is about several things, but you know, can you live the rest of your life and not be involved in a same gender relationship? Because for me, my understanding is that sexual orientation that's not just about who you have sex with, that is who you are attracted to, emotionally, spiritually, as well as the whole gamut. That's, that's the whole ball there. And, and, and so when you start talking to in person, and there is an emotional attraction, there's a spiritual attraction to the same gender person, then, you know, whether they're at the point of accepting that or not, you know, that issue is pretty much settled. Because it's not just someone out trying to gratify themselves physically or sexually, there is a greater need there that is trying to be met.



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Your older population, I guess what I'm thinking is, when you look at the coming out process, a lot of individuals are unfamiliar with that. Right. So you have Cass and troit, and, and Helms, all these different authors from the 70s, who coined the coming out process as one going through stages. Yes. How often do you see those stages



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very much? I may be a classic case, but I think we see quite a lot in African American gay men as they begin the process of coming out, maybe 40, or 45 years old, chronologically, but maturation only, particularly in their sexual orientation, they may be 12. And so you've got a 45 year old man behaving like a 12 year old or an adolescent, and we're trying to determine why is that going on? Well, it's because he's begun the process later in life, and has to have that time to go through the process in a healthy way. That's





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right at the age of 45, at the age of 45. Now, and it's interesting, because what you find is that all those authors who coined that the coming out process, it was more so for them. White males White is who they looked at what and ages that it started, during that time was like, adolescent time, you know, adolescent ages 14 1315. Now, don't get me wrong, I'm certain, even though our black men are coming out at the age of 45. But you know, you know, in starting to understand themselves, there will still probably a time for them that they recognize a difference. Well, that's aged 13 and 14. But you didn't act on



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it. No, you didn't. You know, if you're acting on it, it was maybe just a physical act, and you didn't allow yourself to become involved with anyone in a relationship. And you certainly weren't out with what you were doing. That's right. That's right. So you've spent the rest of our great portion of your life suppressing who you really are.



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And that's interesting, because when I look at research for research purposes, I've always said there is a difference in in the coming out process for for blacks versus whites. And you could take it one step further by saying okay, what does that process look like for black lesbians? Right, you know, is is is assume that the criminal process from back in the day goes for all gay, lesbian and bisexual and wish that's not the case at all. Tell me about your experiences with one who's you know, it's Balancing, you know, maybe sexual identity confusion, or just going through the concern of putting together sexual identity with religion from the bisexual community.



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Whoo, very, very similar, a little bit more of a struggle, because I think for an individual that is attracted to both sexes, they really don't know where they fit in, in that, in that spectrum of life, and particularly now, when we're getting DL is such a phenomenon. And so you have men and women who are attracted very much to the same sex, but don't know how to live that out in a healthy way, because to force someone else to know who they are and what they do in whom they are attracted to. That brings a degree of shame of degree of fear, and, and shame and fear mixed together will certainly cause individuals to make mistakes. Oh, yeah.



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Oh, yeah. What's your congregation? Would you say mostly males or females? mostly male, mostly male,



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mostly male. At this time in our congregation, we do have some females, we do have some

children in our congregation that are their mothers are part of our congregation. So but mostly male, African American male. And that age ranges anywhere from 18 up to 52.



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Okay, let's see, what I find is, even when you look at Splash, splash brings about more males, more males, a lot more males, you know, in which I always wonder if, you know, the female population is being missed. And even after talking with with, with, with Derek, you know, we always looking at, you know, we look around, where are Where are the women, you know, you get, you get a couple of sprinkles you do in which that tends to be a struggle. So I'm always wondering, is it an easier process, to, to mesh, the two, in terms of your religion, in terms of your sexuality from the female perspective, versus the male, the gay male perspective?



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I think that's a possibility. But I don't I can't say that. I truly know. I don't know. I do know, that. It's, it's, I think individuals from the left lesbian culture, particularly African American lesbians, they do seem to find a place of being comfortable at an earlier age, and seem to be more healthy down through the years then and but that's not across the board. Some people that I know that's



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right, that's right. Because we also know that you know, when it comes down to to physically abusive relationships, you know, lesbian community has has a higher number has a higher number. When you when you talk about other services, other agencies out there other churches that are out there, who is who's doing what's your what's your envisioning.



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Wow, actually, I am a we are the only fully and truly affirming and radically inclusive congregation that's African American based and African American lead here in the city of Houston. Right. There are Yeah, yeah. That's all right. That's all right. And I'm okay with that. They are churches across the nation, who are a part of various other denominations that are affirming and radically inclusive here in Houston. There is resurrection. MCC, there's also community gospel. And, and, and they're great churches, resurrection has certainly been a tremendous blessing in my life, as well as a Chris child's that community gospel. The worship style is going to be a little bit different, though. And that's one of the things for African Americans, particularly if we grew up in church, that that style of worship is very, very important to us. Oh, yeah. And so I think sometimes individuals sacrifice the opportunity to have a safe place to worship regarding the sexual orientation. They sacrifice that in order to have the familiar flavor of worship. But at first start, I mean, my God, I mean, we have church like, you know, anybody else that you're accustomed to in the African American Christian culture? Okay, so this is good, the style of worship. Yeah, the music is good. We have an excellent individual who is a part who gives leadership to our music ministry. The love is there, the unconditional love, and that's what I talked about so much is to help individuals to

understand that God in Christ Jesus loves us all unconditionally. And so it's not looking at the outside, we're looking at your heart and if your heart desires to be in a love relationship with the Lord, then God is going to honor that desire for your life. And that's really a lot of what we talk about a lot. and to move us to a place of saying, Yes, I can have that. Yes, I want that. Yes, I can get that right here. And it's so very important. You've



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opened the doors, you really have and you know, it wouldn't surprise me if other churches or other groups, you know, piggyback off what you did when you know, in the future. Your vision in terms of the Mental Health outlet, no other nobody else doing it.



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There are others modules counseling centers is doing it. And from a church perspective, a church perspective, there are churches in the city of Houston, that do have counseling programs.



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Bearing barriers, one



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bearing is one, I don't know that there are any that are specifically targeting the LGBT community, particularly for African Americans.



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Sure, sure. Okay. Okay. Transitional Housing,



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transitional housing as part of the vision, again, there is a need, particularly for HIV positive individuals. And that's, that's a part of my background is HIV prevention and education. And there is a need for his matter of fact, I have two meetings coming up this week, to look at plans for transitional housing for various individuals who are in oppressive situations, and how to provide for them what they need. I've worked with the Warren Corporation, and they just opened up a facility, that is for women who are coming out of the prison system, and in need of that transitional place in order to get their lives back on track. So a shout out to the one corporation, they're doing a great, great job in that effort. And I'll be doing some things with them as well. Coming up in the near future.





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You know, it's funny, when you talk about transitional housing, one of the things that I remember, Tavis Smiley sent an email out a long time ago, maybe about a couple years ago, and he made note of the fact that when you look at up and coming, not even up and coming just just just opportunities for blacks to embrace in terms of helping the community and financial stability. Transitional Housing is one that was the other name for shelter, transitional housing, halfway house. That's an opportunity that will always be there, there'll always be a need. Why? Because we know that males and females specifically in the black community, we're in prison and higher numbers, right? Well, we're eventually going to get out, right? You know, so when you get out, we're looking at starting something new and you know, looking for housing, that kind of thing. That's an area if you get with the right person, the right organization, the right people, you know, you could definitely be a safe haven for a lot of people. And it sounds like the Warren Corporation sees that vision, but specifically within HIV community.



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Absolutely. And I don't know the specifics of their program, and I don't think it's restricted just for HIV positive women. But when it's for it's for women, who are HIV positive, or at high risk, and most women, African American women that are incarcerated, it's due to some substance abuse issue. And anywhere substance abuse is found, there's a direct correlation there connection, HIV, and so any, any African American woman that's incarcerated around substance abuse can be considered high risk. Yeah. And there is a need because one of the things and I hope that you know, family members who may have someone, whether they're male or female that's incarcerated, know this, when individuals come out of the prison system, I know you want them to come home to you. But a lot of times coming back to the same environment is many times that move that causes them to relapse into whatever the madness was that sent them down at first time. And so it is good to be able to have them to come into a system for three months or six months, something totally different, right? That gives them a sense of structure, because that's what they've been living under a sense of structuring and structure why when they're when they're at the various prison systems in jails and in Texas. And so to continue that process in it back in the free world, I think is a good thing, because you've got counseling, you've got substance abuse issues that will be addressed. They're getting what they need as far as food and clothing and, and, you know, if I've got to come back out of the prison system, and I don't know where I'm going to eat, and you go my next meal,



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you know what that like you said a relapse, I was safer. And prison prison. What can I do to get back to where I was safe? That's a crazy mentality, but it's the truth. And you know, for a lot of males or females, they tend to look at it as I'm struggling with the outside world, right? This freedom, this newfound freedom, you know, so We try to we at least should try to open something up for it. So no, like you said heads up to warn. I'm gonna go ahead and throw another song in here as we started to wrap it up tonight. You are listening to Black on Black it is



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spot on, I'm going to actually throw in George Benson throw the last one here for me. And then we'll go ahead and close out when you when we come back. Okay. KPFT 90.1



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All right, and we're back with black on black and says, I figured out what I was doing. Yeah, it's been one of them nuts.



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You will wrap it over that day. And we're back on with black on black.



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I was a poet and didn't know it.



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Let me stop you while you're here, though.



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All right, before I dig any deeper



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Welcome back, this is black on black. We're gonna wrap it up a little bit. Tonight I am with Pastor Jeffrey Campbell. Pastor we have talked a great deal about a variety of different issues to church and congregation and some of the issues counseling issues and mental health issues that confront short confronts you, when you when you're working with individuals, transitional housing, something that's needed, that's, you know, up and coming. HIV prevention, you know, HIV in the black community is a big deal.



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It is it is a big deal. And I got into HIV prevention and education probably, maybe almost 10 years ago, as a volunteer, I volunteered with some projects with Harris County, hospital districts, Women and Children's Program. And through that, I became aware and the thing that continued to push me was seeing that the African American church again, was not willing to do education and prevention, other than than abstinence. And so I saw a greater need there and kept getting pushed into various venues to learn more, and then given opportunities to become an educator and to work in the field. And so one of the things that I say, as I look back over the

20 some odd years that we've been aware of HIV in the United States is that in the white gay community, when when AIDS became an issue, and it was a known issue, that community got together and they act it up if you would, and and now they're seeing a decline in its rate of infection. And I tell as many African Americans as I can, whether they're just individuals or if they're individuals who are in the field working that until we get together and lift a united voice on United an educated voice, that we're still going to continue to lose the battle to this giant and and I just don't think we can do that. I think we need to come together and lift an educated voice from, from the church, from the pulpit, from our HIV educators and prevention workers from the medical field from social workers and social service individuals. I am particularly individuals in the black gay community, we're going to have to work together in order to eliminate this pandemic that is affecting our communities.



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We got some good people out here working strong working hard working alone, you know, different agencies, Dhanraj Watkins Foundation, men saving men.



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Project Coordinator, they're



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doing good things, just big things out there. Dana Gray,



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Dana gray man, you



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know, so you got some people out here just hitting it hard. But at the same time, it's still something that needs continuous, especially especially in the black community. One of the things that that was highlighted probably in May, that was a couple of months ago. One of the magazines talked about the rates being high on black college campuses.



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Yes, historically black colleges. The rate is high. There was a study done on those campuses in North Carolina. And there there is a high rate of infection or increasing infection on a black college campuses. There are there are there's funds out there for for HIV prevention programs to be established on those campuses. And the Center for Health Training in Austin is working in this region with I know Grambling Houston Tilston and I believe Southern University. They've established effective HIV prevention programs and hopefully, hopefully, hopefully, we're going

to be able to build a rapport with Texas Southern University here in Houston to get a program of that nature established on that campuses. You got a contact over there? I do. Yes. All right. Yes, I just started working on that too, within the last two weeks. Okay.



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All right. Well, keep me informed with that one because one of the things as it as a doctoral student at Texas, Southern myself and actually starting to work on the dissertation, I struggle with choosing a topic. And I say I struggle with it because I think there's so much research to be done. Right. So many things that could be looked at and published and, and something that could be used to educate the masses. Just like where do you start? You know, so HIV on the black community on the black college campus? Yeah, that's something that that could be looked at.



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Beyond Yes, I need to break in here for a minute because I kind of forgot to do something came back. This is listener sponsored, commercial free Pacifica radio KPFT 90.1 Houston, 89.5 Galveston worldwide that worldwide web at Kpf T dot O R G. Now, um, that didn't go back to talking Oh, right now, right.



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We're talking about HIV, HIV on college campuses, college campuses, specifically,



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we're okay. Okay. So when you look at the type of research that could benefit, especially a black, a black college campus, like I said, I struggle because I'm thinking there's so much out there that can be done. Looking at some of the issues that, that that affects our college students at HBCUs. When you, when you when you talk about the acceptance level of homosexuality, sexual orientation to our on a on a black college campus, they accept his level, there's going to be low or is low, right, just a preliminary study that I did a telephone study that I did on my own. And I really want to just get an idea, you know, when you hear about, you know, white college campuses, and they have their organizations, gay, lesbian organizations, glass and GLBT, or things like that, you hear about it all the time, when you talk about a black college campus, you don't hear too much about of the 100, and something colleges, or HBCUs that are out there, I was able to call all of them. And some of the responses that I got in which just a general question was asked, and I did it from a perspective of, I'm a potential client. My clients are a potential student who wants to either come there or transfer there or what have you. Do you have a gay lesbian organization? Or community at your school? Some of the responses I got was, wow, you know, we don't talk about that here. Okay. Why are you asking that question? You know, I'm gonna have you know, is there a contact person that I can talk to, you know, from your student campus, or its offices, offices, student life? What to call you back? You know, and I never got a call back, you know, but of the call of the 100. And something about 20 Students schools didn't have an organization, you know, so 20, out of 100, and

sample, you know, the numbers itself, it didn't match, it really didn't, you know, so what, when I, when I talk about potential research topics, let's look at the campus climate, but geared towards our students from from from the GLBT communities look at that, you know,



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but I also think, when you're talking about HIV, you have to look at climates on these campuses in regards to sexual responsibility across the board, not just the GLBT conversation, but a conversation for everyone involved. That, that we are the having conversations, because we're notorious for allowing things to go on and never talking about it. And so I think the more we talk about it, you know, we've been taught to believe that if you talk about it, that'll make you want to do it. But at least if you're talking about it, if it doesn't make you want to do it, you know, the right way. Right, proper education of individuals regarding how the virus is transmitted, how it's not transmitted. And, and if, if we've got HIV rates going up, and if we've got the rate of pregnancy going up among young women, then people are having sex. You know, that's no secret. That is no secret. And so I think we really need to start talking to people, young people, about this virus, and about how to, how to say yes and no, and how to get yourself if you if you're going to be involved in a sexual in a sexual relationship, how to be responsible about it.



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That's right. That's right. And therefore not fall prey to everybody else is doing it.



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Everybody else is doing it. I'll pull out. You know, he looks healthy, she looks healthy. You know, all of those things that we hear. That can help, I think, continue to raise this rate of infection in our communities. And until we talk about it, oh my god until we talk about it. We are still going to lose this battle.



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You know, what's appreciative of you? I hear the passion in your voice. Nice. And you remind me of Dana gray because when Dana speaks of the topic, she just kind of pulls it from from from the bottom, but it means so much, you know. So keeping everyone informed and you know, continuing with with other HIV initiatives Keep up the good work. I'll do that. Definitely. You are listening to Black on Black. We are wrapping it up tonight. I've had a fabulous time. We've talked about a variety of different things. Listen, everyone, you're going to make sure you tune in for next month, April 16. We come on every third Saturday, or really a Sunday going into Sunday morning at 2am. Okay, so for those listeners out there, I'll check you out next month. April is in April, it is April, April 16. Third, third Sunday. Okay. I'm gonna close it out with Mindy a bear and her tribute to Luther Vandross. I hope you've enjoyed our music for tonight. I try to I try to bring you something new every month. So stay tuned for next month. Okay.



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Hey, yeah, now all right. Jeffrey, anything you want to go ahead and wrap it up with



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We're gonna have a great time. All right, well said email again.



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Again, my email is PAZJEFFREY@aol.com Let me hear from you. There you go.



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KPFT 90.1 Thanks.