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SPEAKERS

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J Jimmy Carper 00:05

Ah, yes. CC pentostatin.

S Scott Lewis 00:08

Yeah, she was not a pitch to me backstage. But anyway.

J Jimmy Carper 00:14

Let's see are all the tea girl.

S Scott Lewis 00:16

She doesn't scream? Well, you know, I get a concert thrown on me with seven groups from the minute I'm told to the minute the first groups on stage was, I promise you 15 minutes. You can't do that. But I did. And she's hollering at me. She's screaming at me because she hasn't done it. But anyway, she was she fabulous on stage and wonderful and stuff. I'm getting ready to bail out of here and the war, there's a couple of things we need to do before I leave, which of course, first of all, let's say that you are listening to Jimmy Carper. Who has Believe it or not, I guess you're gonna go down like in the new Bible, because the new New Testament because you have lived longer than Moses did?

J Jimmy Carper 01:01

No, I just looked like it.

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Scott Lewis 01:03

Was it was the one somebody what was what somebody lived to be like? 300 And somebody else lived to be 900 Those Methuselah was 900. Who was 300 was that? No, I mean, not no. Who was the one that walked through that damn desert? Mo? They said Moses, Big Mo, from what from The Simpsons? Was that was that Moses that walked through the desert with the tablets? Okay, well, you know.

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Jimmy Carper 01:28

You will find out for sure later. We have an expert here.

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Scott Lewis 01:33

If you if you can't tell. If you can't tell I haven't been through that book. And even though I love to read, so, but before I go, there's a couple things you need to tell you miss Jimmy Carper and Miss Scott Lewis, who you've been listening to for the past hour on 90.1 KPFT Houston and 89.1 KEOS College Station. And of course Roy's been when he's not been in the kitchen or out back on the grill. Roy has been answering the phones. And as always, we appreciate that it will be yes. And we'll continue to answer the phones 526-573-8526 KPFT as we go into GiGi segment. If you have any questions, comments, if you're just sitting at home lonely and want to talk to somebody 526-573-8526 KPFT. Before I leave, we did have a phone call. Yes. From a young man named Alan. Oh, yeah. And Alex, I'll be it. I did not get his last name. That's not important. He asked me to play probably best if people will be looking him up in the phone, but going Why did you ask that queen to do that?

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Jimmy Carper 02:39

No, you'll be looking them up on the phone.

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Scott Lewis 02:45

He called up and he said could you play something from the Torch Song Trilogy soundtrack and I didn't bring it this week. And ironically, I sat at home just immediately before the show. I was listening to the Torch Song Trilogy soundtrack. And the song that he wanted. I record it on a tape for a friend who happened to be at the house. I want that song. Oh here girl. So I told him that I would sing it for him. Oh right here on the air.

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Jimmy Carper 03:11

Well, it can't be worse than that.

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Scott Lewis 03:13

And Harvey Weinstein this is true. But anyway he wanted to hear love for set we helped me oh

no, no, no, no, no, no. I don't want to sing this for him. I said love for sale. Advertising young love for sale. Love this only I don't remember this part. Love it's only Slightly Soiled love for sale. Alex if you have the money, my love is for sale to um.

 Jimmy Carper 03:38

If you have the money Alex by the by the album buy the CD.

 Scott Lewis 03:42

And you hateful bitch with somebody pull her hair off on the way out of the studio tonight. This is a personal favor to me. Um, that just goes to prove what lows I will go to for my listeners. Oh, gosh. And Gigi tell us a little bit about what you're going to do. This is Scott Lewis.

 Jimmy Carper 04:01

I am wailing out well I'm going to intro this and I have a piece of music and all I mean you know-.

 Scott Lewis 04:09

We have a system we have right well and I'm just screwing it all. So out she blows is a Miss Scott Lewis I had a fabulous time. Remember, you can always call us here at 526-573-8526 KPFT. And Scott will be back in two weeks and two weeks you can write in two weeks. I'm going to be back with comedian Scott Kennedy.

 Jimmy Carper 04:30

Kevin. Good good. I haven't seen them in too long here.

 Scott Lewis 04:35

We're just a hoot. Yeah, bringing back the gay Comedy Jam. Oh, the last time so we'll have some tickets to give away and have them on and remember that as always, you can write me or any of us here at KPFT here at After Hours.

 Jimmy Carper 04:53

419 Lovett Boulevard that's L O V E T T Boulevard. or Houston 7706. Not just the zip code.

 Scott Lewis 05:04

A lifestyle right. And I love you Houston bye-bye.

J Jimmy Carper 05:08

Coming up will be Gigi and Jay.

G Gigi 05:16

Hmm, that's great. This is Gigi with binet.

S Speaker 1 05:22

And this is Jay also with binet.

G Gigi 05:25

we have a guest with us today redoing come to talk to us a little bit about religion and the perspective of the church, and mostly her views on homosexuality and the church. Before we go into that I do want to give our by net line by net is going through a restructuring. Starting in September, we're going to become much more social.

S Speaker 1 05:55

Social and continuing on with this kind of talk support group thing that we've been doing.

G Gigi 06:01

So we'll be doing some more fun stuff camp is getting out in the neighborhood kind of stuff. So it should be a lot of fun. But then binet it does have a phone line. And the numbers say-.

S Speaker 1 06:16

That the basic format, when we don't know exactly what we're going to be doing each month, it will change from time to time. But the first and third Wednesdays, we will be meeting at the pot pie. And now it'd be more of the support the talk kind of thing. If you have anything to say, if you don't have anything to say, just want to enjoy good food, come on down 7:30 Wednesdays. And the second fourth Fridays, we will be doing the social stuff, go into movies hanging out, you know, party and stuff like that. So, you know, we'll keep people posted on this have fliers out things like that. And if you want any more information, you know, you can always call us at the byline 4674380 If nobody answers, leave a message we will call back we are discreet. Um, you know, talk to us let us know what's going on. And we'll let you know what's going on with us.

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Gigi 07:19

And we before we get to our guests tonight, Jay did bring a book to review for us.

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Speaker 1 07:30

Now that we actually have some books on bisexuality, more than just one or two of them. When I first came out, I started looking for books on bisexuality, and I found two I think it was, um, and it was just, you know, I read both of them thought they were great books and was looking around for some more. Now there are I don't know how many, but we have most of them. And hey, I almost have a whole shelf full. So it's pretty exciting. But-.

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Gigi 08:00

And some of them are really good.

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Speaker 1 08:02

Oh no, they're all good. Very good. Some of them are more clinical than others. But anyway, so now, you know I can actually do what I love to do and talk about books, and bisexuality. Dream come true. So the book I'm going to talk about today. Last time you know we talked about transgender warriors, which really wasn't a bisexual book per se, but it did kind of fit in. Now it's definitely a bisexual book by any other name. By b- I get it haha. So campy. It's one of the fun things about being bisexual you can fool upon. Anyway subtitled bisexual people speak out, and it's edited by Lorraine Hutchins and Lonnie condo Manu. And they are both active. I think they're still active in binet USA, the national organization. And Gigi and I actually met Lorraine Hutchins. She's a totally cool person.

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Gigi 08:56

Really actually whip Gigi.

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Speaker 1 08:59

JD love that one. Thank you.

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Gigi 09:02

And then autograph member. I mean, yeah.

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Speaker 1 09:08

About something. Both of them are very fabulous women who were in the forefront of the bisexual movement that started coming out, which of course is still going on now. by any other name is a collection of essays by bisexual people. Um, nobody really famous because, well, you know, the bisexual movement is fairly new. You see a lot of names in here of people who are very prominent in the bisexual movement. And people who aren't people just everyday people like you and me Gee, um, and it's there are essays on everything. There's an essay by a woman who is married to a man legally. They are both monogamous but they both identify as bisexual. And they talk about how can that be, you know, can you be more monogamous and bisexual stuff like that which we've covered on this show? There's people just, you know, all sorts of people. So it's really interesting. Whatever perspective you're looking for, you can find it in this essay in this collection of essays I should say. And it was really helpful when I was coming out, because it kind of validated you know, my experiences and I said, I mean it can validate anybody's experiences actually, I mean, like I say, this monogamous, married woman considers herself bisexual. What does that mean? There's a woman in there who considers herself a gay man and a dyke body you know and sister I know how that goes.

 Gigi 10:44

So once again, we get to enter into the picture can the bisexual be monogamous? Definitely.

 Speaker 1 10:52

So yeah, it talks about everything I think it's and a bisexual can also be a virgin they're pretty rare that we don't know any of those. Yes, divide into four sections psychology, spirituality, the bisexual community subtitled are we visible yet? And politics a queer among queers then even has a resource guide glossary in the back and everything like that. So it's a really cool book. I know Inklings carries a copy. Every time I go there, they always have it I'm sure Crossroads does I'm sure Lobo does, but I haven't been there recently. I mentioned Inklings because of course I love them to death and they are they do honey, I pay their bills. But they always have it's a small but it's a good selection of bisexual literature and they're more than willing to order books for you. So anyway, there's my two cents worth. wonderful book by any other name. Lorraine Hutchins and Lonnie Cano. Manu. Lonnie, what? Can you my new? Yes, she is Hawaiian.

 Gigi 12:02

Hi, Jimmy.

 Speaker 2 12:03

Hey. So where's Michelle?

 Gigi 12:07

She's living in Berkeley now.

S Speaker 2 12:09

I just thought I would say that she-.

G Gigi 12:12

Really did forget to announce that our co host has skipped out on Houston and moved to the west coasts where she's living the dream life. I mean, she called me the other day and said there's more bisexual groups and meetings and she has time to fill in her calendar are all insanely jealous and she said she went to Rocky Horror and wound up across three guys laps simultaneously. And was having the time of her lap life.

S Speaker 1 12:46

Or what about that lesbian club? She went to 2000 Lesbians there

G Gigi 12:50

With country music. Plagues with no, not one.

S Speaker 1 12:57

That was possible.

G Gigi 12:59

There is life.

S Speaker 1 13:03

So now we're gonna have to find a new co host for Gigi. Yes. And put up with her.

S Speaker 2 13:09

But oh, there's reading the advocate magazine. Found out that the producer of Xena Xena Warrior Princess is a lesbian. Saw that. Right? Yeah. Xena to be gay. I want her to be bisexual. This? She is. Yeah, I know her-.

G Giai 13:35

Heart is giving her these deep meaningful glances.

 Speaker 2 13:40

Then you can tell who's the top and who's bottom because you know who right out-.

 Speaker 1 13:48

No, I think gab could be kinda Xena, I think-.

 Gigi 13:55

You know how it is. Sometimes these tops are playing out this lifestyle of being a bottom and vice versa in real life. But once you get in that bedroom baby, true colors shine.

 Speaker 1 14:13

Always a tough one.

 Speaker 2 14:14

Hercules? I don't know though. That one. This could be the Little Guy. Guy. I think so.

 Gigi 14:20

I don't know. I think it hurts the bottom. Yeah. Yeah. Most definitely. I mean, he's just got that bottom look. But Shall we move on? We do have a guest and we've been kind of ignoring her.

 Speaker 1 14:36

I'd like to see you try this one and just speak.

 Speaker 2 14:41

Before we get on that, just real quick. There's another little fun thing I was watching access Houston thing on the cable the other day and saw these two queens. They were on vacation in Hawaii. And they just had this 30 minute deal about their vacation in Hawaii and It was really funny. And then they were like, you know, instead of one of the greatest dangers to people who vacation in Hawaii is getting hit with coconuts on the head from the trees, and they were walking around and coconuts falling on them and stuff. Well, it was real funny. But you know, it's just kind of bizarre that these two guys just really camping out on the old TV there.



Speaker 1 15:27

Anyone have their own TV show? I guess? Yeah.



Scott Lewis 15:31

Anyway, onto our guest.



Speaker 1 15:33

On that note.



Gigi 15:37

We have Rita with us, and why don't you tell us a little bit about yourself and a little bit about what you do and, and the church you're with?



Speaker 4 15:47

Okay, well, thanks for having me on the show. Um, I am an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. And just to let you know a little bit about that denomination, we are not to be confused with the Church of Christ. Oh, entirely different things. But to talk a little bit about my church, and, you know, when I come here speaking about homosexuality, and those kinds of issues in the church, and my denomination, all matters of doctrine, or church policy, or those kinds of things are entirely rest with the local congregation. We don't have any kind of national decision making body. So a lot of denominations these days are really struggling with these kinds of issues. But it plays out differently in my denomination because, you know, like the past couple of months, there was the heresy trial in the Episcopalian Church in which an Episcopalian Bishop was on trial for heresy about whether or not he had violated church doctrine in ordaining an openly gay man. And that kind of trial wouldn't happen in my denomination just because the national church doesn't have that kind of authority. So in my denomination, you will find some congregations that are very open to gays and lesbians, and et cetera. And you will find others that are not. So again, for me coming and speaking here. I'm speaking as an ordained minister, but I'm not speaking or authoritatively on anybody else's behalf because we just don't work that way we leave it to we believe it is the responsibility and right of individuals and also of local congregations, to these matters.



Gigi 17:26

I know that your church ordains women, and do they also ordain, homosexuals, or lesbians?



Speaker 1 17:26

Speaker 4 17:30

Yeah, again, um, the sort of official statement of the national church is that we weren't recognized and welcome the gifts of gays and lesbians in the ministry. But again, that's entirely up to local churches, a local church can call a gay person as a minister, or they could decide they're not going to we actually have now and one of our churches in Washington State, we have a gay couple that was called to be co-pastors. Church. Yeah. So you know, we have that happening. And then again, you can have local churches that will say, No, we won't have gay people as ministers. So you know it.

G Gigi 18:14

So it's pretty accepting, depending on which branch of the church you get to.

S Speaker 4 18:20

Yeah, what what congregation.

G Gigi 18:22

Yeah what congregation. We are now we were talking a little bit, you have some pretty strong views, and to say the least. And I know, you know, I'm not real religious, you know how I am. But I have always been amazed. I've gone to a few services at their church. And I know that one of the things on that is right up front was the outreach. You know, it's one of the first churches I saw that would actually go out into the community and provide services and provide all kinds of help with no strings attached. It wasn't a missionary thing. It wasn't to convert people. But it's to help people that were having problems, especially third world countries. It's also one of the few churches that I've been to the then push. You know, it seems like there you can, you know, I felt real comfortable going in there being pagan, you know, no one seemed to be pushing anything on me. Same girl open. I even went with fingernail polish services and, and it was pretty cool, you know, but it was real cool about it. Didn't you know even the minister asked, you know, how the other Minister asked how me and J had mad and she said out there by net and he goes, Oh, cool. So you know, it's pretty open church as far as The orientation goes as far as having female ministers. Another some churches still that won't allow females to be ministers or priests. Right. But we had been talking a little bit about historic historical matters as far as the Bible goes-.

S Speaker 4 20:23

Well I think, you know, just that that's such an issue right now. I mean, yeah, the women ministers, and it's that's not so much an issue now. But the big thing is, homosexuality in the church, and in gay marriage, congregations have been split, and churches have been split on this issue. And it really is becoming an issue. I think, in churches, you really have to discuss this. I mean, you can't ignore it any longer, or, you know, just sweep it under the rug or anything, and especially now with MCC churches, Metropolitan Community churches. You know,

it adds engage Church founded by a gay man exclusively for gay people and stuff like that. And a lot of other denominations are saying, oh, we can't have this, you know, this is evil, Satan. I don't know, whatever.

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Gigi 21:13

So let me backtrack for a minute. Because we we did bring up some interesting things when I talked to you. First of all, do you do you or do you think the church views homosexuality as a sin? Or do you see it as a legitimate lifestyle? Do you think it's recognized as, as as wholesome as heterosexual marriage?

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Speaker 4 21:45

Well, again, I can't exactly answer that question. Because, you know, in our denomination that's kind of up to each individual's conscience. But I think like I had told you before that I was glad for this opportunity to come and voice my view, because since it is a very controversial issue right now, and all the major denominations are struggling with the issue right now. But it seems that it's only the conservatives who get any of the press. So you know, I want to come forward and voice again, I can only speak for myself as an ordained minister. But I want the opportunity to speak as a Christian belief for a different view. So um-.

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Gigi 22:26

Well, tell us a little bit about your view.

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Speaker 4 22:30

Well, first of all, I think the people who say that homosexuality is a sin. Okay, let's grant that. Well, what's the Christian view of sin, the Christian view of sin is that the church is for sinners. So I don't see what the big deal is. If if gays are sinners will so are straights. I mean, you know, everybody is a sinner. And similarly, for for gays being ordained, you know, are you going to, again, the Christian belief is that everyone is a sinner. And that includes ministers too. And so again, I don't think there's any basis for gays to be excluded from the ministry, because what because they're sinners. I mean, again, just logically, this doesn't make any sense. Yeah. And my own view is, you know, Jesus said nothing whatsoever about homosexuality, but he had quite a bit to say about hypocrisy and self righteousness and judgment. And it seems to me that the very people who, who, you know, in the name of God, and in the name of Jesus will will not just speak out against gays, but, you know, engage in gay bashing or anything like that. It seems to me that these people are inviting judgment upon themselves. And that's biblical books. That's Biblical. Bible. I read, you know.

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Gigi 23:45

You had also mentioned that Jesus looked divorce is sinful.

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Speaker 4 23:50

Yeah, yeah. You know, that's the other thing. Some of the conservative point of view says, you know, what, we can't be changing our morals to fit, you know, passing fancies, or whatever the modern trend is. And yet I think it points to a fundamental orientation of Christianity, are we a forward looking religion? Or are we a backward looking religion? Is it about going backwards and retrieving some kind of past perfection? Or is it about moving forward? And I think a fundamental orientation of Christianity is forward looking. And I think that's found in the New Testament itself, that in other words, we are ever understanding God and our faith in a more complete way. So that perfection is in the future. And what that means is, we may be mistaken about something now or in the past, and it will change in the future and divorce was was one example among many of where the church has kind of changed its views. You know, I said, Jesus didn't say anything about homosexuality, but he had quite a bit to say about divorce. And he always condemned it. And up until, you know, maybe about 50 years ago, divorced people could expect To be, you know, encounter, prejudiced in the church or be excluded from the church, for a minister to be divorced was very unlikely if a minister was to get a divorce, they would often have to leave the ministry. But you know, nowadays most main denomination mainline denominations recognize that divorce sometimes is a good thing. And certainly divorced people do not encounter that kind of prejudice as they used to, and ministers are sometimes divorced, because, again, ministers are human too. And so why is it that we can change? You know, we can acknowledge the fact that the world is different today. And we can see that we have a different understanding of things like marriage, you know, why can we change our views on some things and not on others? I mean, again, slavery is another example. You know, slavery used to be, there used to be Christians who would justify slavery, but you know, thank God about 150 years ago, we, we changed our views.

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Gigi 25:58

I think that brings up an important point that we kind of talked about before, too, was that the historical perspective on marriage, how the role of marriage has changed how, from the time of Christ to throughout the history of the world, marriage hasn't been always this kind of thing that our culture makes it out to be. It's transformed so much.

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Speaker 4 26:26

Yeah, again, you know, people say homosexuality is against the Bible, because in the beginning, God created man and woman and told them to procreate, and all this kind of Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve. Right, right, you know, but the reality is, like, it's difficult to speak of homosexuality in the Bible, because homosexuality isn't in the Bible, because they didn't have that understanding that we have today. Similarly, they didn't have the understanding of heterosexuality that we did today. And marriage was an entirely different thing back then, that was more about kind of, you know, literally the survival of the species and about, you know, the survival of the tribe. And, you know, nowadays, with overpopulation being what it is, you know, we're in the space of one generation, we, the world population goes from 4 billion to 5 billion, I think you could say that, you know, procreation is not quite the issue that you know, and then we just, we have a different understanding marriage plays a different role today. And so, you know-.

 Gigi 27:25

I think another thing that has to also be looked at is, in our society, our lifespan has increased so much from primitive societies, you know, the length of time, adult life is much greater now. Where's back then, as you weren't going through the same, you know, boy meets girl gets married and lives happily ever after, was kind of more feasible when living happily ever after was is-.

 Speaker 1 27:59

10 or 15 years.

 Gigi 28:00

13 years? When it's been 40 or 50 6080 years? That's a different story and a different whole meaning?

 Speaker 4 28:10

Yeah, yeah.

 Gigi 28:12

But, um, another thing I kind of wanted to talk a little bit about was, you know, I know that, you know, I've never looked at bisexuality, my interest and other men or women as being sinful. You know, I see a lot of violence. I once saw a study done, that they had counted the number of violent deaths depicted on television in one week on the only the three networks. And that number exceeded the total number of people killed in the Civil War, World War One World War Two in the Vietnam world war in Korea. That's in one week of television. Well, you know, to me, that's kind of twisted-.

 Speaker 4 29:07

And they have no problem showing violence. But have we confirmed they show people kissing, you know, Roseanne, and Mariel Hemingway kissed and everybody had a it? Yeah, ya know, and it's like, the whole network is threatened to shut down.

 Gigi 29:22

We can even depict violence in pretty graphic terms. Well, not only graphic, but we can twist it around and blow someone's crotch up and think it's funny. Yeah, but if we show them making love, all of a sudden, that's evil. Right?

 S Speaker 4 29:42

What is the deal with love being a sin?

 G Gigi 29:44

Yeah. Well, and that's what I'm kind of leaning towards. Why? I mean, can Is there any kind of historical perspective in the Bible? Why love became a sin or is this something more in modern times, or?

 S Speaker 4 29:58

Well, I think it I think or it is a modern thing, the two main kind of passages in the Bible, which, you know, again, the conservative say, See homosexuality is wrong. One is in Leviticus, which is included in the Torah, the first five books of the Old Testament, which contain the Jewish law. And, you know, you need to look at it in the context of what that is the the, the law against, and it's not homosexuality, it's same sex union, I have to say, because, again, you know, they didn't understand homosexuality as an orientation, as we do today.

 S Speaker 1 30:32

Is that the one that says if the man lies with a man is with a woman, then-.

 S Speaker 4 30:36

They it's an abomination? Yeah, yeah. And that law comes in the context of what are called purity laws. And that's like, you know, Jews are not allowed to eat pork. And they're really not so much about morality, as they are about how the Jewish community distinguishes itself from the surrounding people. And so you get laws about dietary laws about the can't eat pork, sexual laws about who you can, or cannot sleep with. Wearing, wearing mixed fiber, clothing, you know, all these kinds of things. And so when the people point out, yeah, when people point out this law and say, well, it's in the Bible that, that homosexuality is wrong. Well, side by side with that is a whole host of things about you know, mixed polyester, cotton fiber clothing.

 S Speaker 1 31:23

You know, televangelist, you know, really,

 S Speaker 4 31:27

You know, the context is that it really wasn't a moral kind of thing, per se, if you understand the distinguish, distinguish, I'm trying to make too much coffee at the wee hours of the morning, but, but it was about purity and, and how the Jewish community identified and distinguished

itself. And then similarly, the other passages are in the New Testament in the letters of Paul. And again, the word isn't homosexuality, you know, it didn't exist back then. But the passages that are usually being talked about, they come like there's one of them is in a discussion where Paul's talking about the fruits of the Spirit versus the fruits of the flesh and the fruits of the flesh being you know, sin, that kind of thing, fruits of the Spirit being the kind of fruits that Christians should bear. And fruits of the Spirit are things like love and generosity and kindness and selflessness and that kind of thing. And the fruits of the flesh are licentiousness, sexual immorality, greed, you know, negative things like that jealousy. And so I think the important thing is not so much the sexual practice, per se, or who you love, or who you don't love, but how you love them. And it's the love that you share with this person, something that is, you know, kind of selfless and giving and caring, or is it a jealous, possessive, greedy kind of love?

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Speaker 1 32:51

And if so, for having loved you, or worse off kind of have heard that say, doesn't matter?

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Speaker 4 32:57

Yeah, you know, I think it's saying, you know, and that, you know, how has heterosexual love or heterosexual relationship could be negative in that sense, it could be indicative of the Spirit that the-.

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Gigi 33:10

Divorce rate as a good reflection of that.

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Speaker 4 33:13

Right? You know-.

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Speaker 2 33:15

The question about word was word Dave and Jonathan lovers, or was that just a big rumor?

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Speaker 4 33:25

Well, I, you know, I, you know, it's hard to say, who knows, I've ever you know, it doesn't go into the psychology-.

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Speaker 2 33:32

Of that good buddies who went out shooting arrows.

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Speaker 4 33:34

Well, it does say that they love each other with a love surpassing the love of women. So what do you know, liberal inquires, I know, I know that there are gay people who, who viewed that as kind of like their banner in the Bible. And I had one friend of mine, who is a minister who is gay, who pointed out, he doesn't like the idea that any passage of the Bible is like, the gay passage or the anti gay passage. And I think that's true to that, that the Bible speaks to all of us. And so the story of Jonathan and David, you know, I love the story, whether they were lovers or not, you know, I think that's a beautiful, powerful story in the Bible. And, you know, and it is important that I mean, similarly, Ruth and Naomi, I mean, I find it ironic that a passage that's often quoted in wedding ceremonies about where you go, I will go, your people will be my people was spoken by a woman to her mother in law. It was not a romantic love, kind of, in fact, romantic love of any kind was generally not a big deal in the Bible. And so you know, you had the love of Jonathan and David and the love that Ruth had for Naomi. So-.

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Gigi 34:43

I'm not a real expert on the Bible, but and I do know that there are some things that especially in the parables that Jesus taught, that really kind of spoke more towards compassion towards forgiveness for people getting along together, you know, not living by such hardcore rules and laws. And, you know, a return the church's tables and the tax collectors and this and that, in this whole big trip was let's get get along together better. You know, in some ways I see just kind of the essence of a lot of his parables and a lot of his teachings as being more open to any kind of love. You know, he was into love, he was preaching love. Love was kind of a central theme to him. To turn around and say, well, love of one form is evil and love of another form is good. And separating the two just doesn't seem to jive with what we know came from parables.

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Speaker 1 36:02

Yeah. And all these people who are professing to follow Christ, that's what always gets me is these people who say, Yeah, I'm a Christian, I hate you. You're burning in hell and you evil sinner, you know, die, die, die, and they're the ones who are judging. I mean, that's what you know, Jesus Himself said, Judge not lest ye be not judged.

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And you haven't any perspective from kind of that angle?

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Speaker 4 36:22

Well, yeah. Who did Jesus hang out with? He hung out with the prostitutes, you know, and the tax collectors and all of the untouchables the people that the law said