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## SPEAKERS

Jimmy Carper, Gigi, Speaker 1, Speaker 5

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Speaker 1 00:01

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, you know, that the religion said, were out that they were sinners, they were on the, you know, express train to hell, you know. And if Jesus was here today, he'd be hanging out with, you know, gay people. I mean, that's who he would be with, as I see is like a modern kind of leprosy. I mean, again, Jesus was not afraid of lepers in that, in his time, leprosy was seen as a sign that God was punishing somebody for their sin. And Jesus said, You know, no, these are just people, you know, who deserve love. And those are the people that Jesus reached out to and the people that Jesus condemned, were the church leaders, the Pharisees, who were kind of like, you know, the, the boards of the church, you know, they weren't the good church members, who and Jesus, Jesus admitted that, yeah, they kept the law, they were very good. And they were, you know, kept clean of sin. But he condemned them because of their, their judgmental nature towards other people that practices. Yeah. And so again, I think, you know, people who, who want to say in the name of Jesus, that, that gays have no place in the church or should be condemned, you know, they're inviting judgment on themselves.



Gigi 01:20

We're gonna throw a big question at you, and then I want to kind of go to a break, and then maybe we can look at taking some callers. But the question I kind of want to throw at you is, how do you see how much sexuality as a sin as a something to be forgiven? Or do you see it as a legitimate part of life?



Speaker 1 01:42

Well, I, you know, that's a mouthful. Yeah. What's her bisexual sister sitting next to you gonna say? Well, you know, I don't see how love can be a sin. I mean, in a world that's got as much hate as ours does, I just don't see how love can be a sin. And I think, you know, again, the Bible, when it was talking about same sex union didn't have the understanding that we have

today of homosexuality as an oral or bisexuality as an orientation. There are four bases for Christian doctrine there scripture, tradition, reason and experience. In Scripture, as I've said, I think the scriptural warrant is, you know, for love and judgment and an expansion of our views, and not a kind of a retreat to some hardline idea that some back in the old days, they were all pure, because they weren't. The tradition of the church has been against homosexuality, and yet the tradition of the church has also been this forward kind of movement I talked about of, you know, when you have a different understanding of the world, and what the issues are, that sometimes the church needs to change its views and reflection of that experience, I think, again, you know, the experience has been and more and more people are aware of this, that, you know, homosexuality, or bisexual or whatever, it's kind of a given, you know, it's-.

 Gigi 03:05

Part of where I'm going with this is because I know, you know, I've seen studies where teen suicides among guys is very high. And I'm sure part of that results from this doctrine that their lifestyle is sinful or bad. And, and I think we need to move away from that way of thinking as a society start looking at otherwise we're going to lose more and more gifted people lose more and more people that that have differences in our society.

 Speaker 1 03:45

And that's why I think that all the whole issues that are that the church is struggling with now about homosexuality, they ultimately go beyond that because whether you're gay or straight or whatever, God loves you for who you are. And that's the given that's the bottom line. And that goes that goes for everybody whether they're gay or straight or lesbian or bisexual or transgender or whatever, that the bottom line is that God loves you. And you know, all that other stuff is just kind of a side issue really from that I think that's the starting point.

 Gigi 04:19

Gigi is getting religion well we're gonna go for a break for a few minutes and when we come back we'll take some callers.

 Jimmy Carper 04:36

Jesse hope bird remember that name? He's he's got a nice CDL called Jesse Holtzberg and that was called constant thing. I was raised the scrape by and you're hearing it on after hours career radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station. And now back to Gigi.

 Gigi 05:03

Hello. Gigi has gotten religion tonight. Can you believe it?

 Speaker 1 05:00



Speaker 1 05:07

Oh, I don't know if we go that far, but-.

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Gigi 05:12

Well, little bit. For pagan This is next best excuse me, we do have a guest caller that we wanted to take the line on. And he's got a question about the Dead Sea Scrolls. And I'm not quite sure what the question is. So why don't we put them on and see what he has to say. Hello, hello. Hi. Hi. What is your question?

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Speaker 5 05:41

Well, it's sort of complicated, but then it's going to be an issue that's coming up in 97 when they release Dead Sea Scrolls Bible been rewritten so many times since the early days, especially the New Testament that already scientists from Israel are saying that, that there's a lot of problems, there are going to be a lot of problems, whenever least the Dead Sea Scrolls, which is the oldest known version of, of the New Testament. And although they said that something like 68% of the Old Testament is correct, because the Jewish grads continue to write them and that was a way of education. But they said is that there's going to be the there may be some problems and Israel's not too happy about releasing them, but they're going to anyway. 97. So I'm wondering, it will drive us apart? Or will it drive us together? And both our community and all communities?

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Gigi 06:42

Are you specify specifically referring to the homosexual community or the-.

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You know, what will drive us apart? Are our our will it My question is historically could could drive us apart? It could or could bring us together? I think personally it might bring us together because we'll find out just how how much the different Vatican Commission's and the different other Commission's have changed the Bible, including King James who changed it. During his reign.

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Speaker 1 07:17

King James who was himself homosexual

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Speaker 5 07:21

rotation during his reign, but he had to change it because his power derived from permission from the pope more or less, until that was later changed when you know, the separation of church and state King Henry eighth, you know, wanting to get divorced and married.

G Gigi 07:38

Okay, well, I'm gonna turn this question over to our expert, Rita, and I've got to go.

S Speaker 5 07:45

Okay, what do you need me to stay on?

G Gigi 07:47

I don't want you to hold on for a minute. Okay.

S Speaker 1 07:49

Um, well, I don't know that I'm an expert on the Dead Sea Scrolls. But my understanding is that the dead dead sea scrolls, it isn't the New Testament. It's it's some copies of the Old Testament. And then it's also a bunch of writings that were contemporary with the New Testament. And so I would think, my guess is that they probably don't really have anything to say about homosexuality. But it does have, as you pointed out, it points out, there was a very wide diversity of views. And we tend to, it's a good point that we tend to view or the early Christian church is being unanimous in its viewpoint. And yet, I think you can legitimately say that, in the first several centuries of Christianity, there were, it was a far more diverse group than exists even today. And so I think, what it what what the releasing of the Dead Sea Scrolls would point out is that diversity was with the church from the very beginning. And, you know, we need to celebrate that I think that's a positive thing. And be aware of that, you know, the church can contain the kind of diversity that we have today.

S Speaker 5 08:53

Was that diversity that that Rome beard in the started the papacy? Constantine? Just, you know, the Roman religions were falling apart, Rome was falling apart and, and the only thing that was constant was the Jews and the Christians. Right. And he needed their support for power. And he didn't confirm he didn't he didn't be baptized and was confirmed to church until you know, they died, I think if I remember correctly, so, um, you know, obviously just have, have we missed the I just think maybe we we modeled, man has muddled the words of the New Testament, so much for that. I'm wondering if if, you know, really, we can change back to that diverse church where we're all one entities versus the archangel Lucifer.

G Gigi 09:53

I think you bring up another interesting point, and I'm going to talk a little bit from a Pagan Perspective. Uh, for a minute that paganism predates Christianity and Judaism, it goes even further back. And the Jews and the Christians all borrowed heavily from paganism. And religion

has always been this kind of process of evolution and the sort. It grows, it changes rights and wrongs, changes from period to period. I think the Dead Sea Scrolls may help illustrate some of this. And I think any documentation from The Times helps to shed some light on the issues change over time. Yeah, thanks for calling. You're welcome.

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Speaker 1 10:49

And speaking along those lines of diversity and the early Church and its views on homosexuality, I was I was thinking of it was John Boswell. I believe it was who wrote Christianity, homosexuality and social tolerance. Or maybe it's homosexuality and Christianity and social tolerance, I always forget, but it's something like that. Anyway, it was really fascinating book about the early church's views on homosexuality, which were very I mean, you know, and again, they didn't have this concept of homosexuality that we do. But as far as sexual acts between men or between women, they were they were fine with it for a long time and-.

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Gigi 11:33

Greek society as part of the norm.

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Speaker 1 11:36

Yeah, but I mean, even even, you know, Christianity itself. I mean, there's a little bit about we're trying to separate ourselves from the Greeks and whatever I think, I don't know. But in the church, I mean, there was something about one instance of heterosexual adultery. In other words, a man sleeps with a woman other than his wife one time, and he was on bread and water for like, years and years. Another man comes up and says, I'm gay. I've been gay, always. Well, not gay. But you know, I've had sex with men all my life, and I will continue to do so. So okay, well, you know, you're on bread and water for a month or something. I mean, one instance of heterosexual adultery, got less, no, excuse me got more penance than a lifetime of homosexuality. So it was considered a sin, but it was a minor sin. And then it wasn't until like the late Middle Ages, that it really started to become this horrible sin. And that's when people you know, there were, like, we talked about King James was homosexual, and a lot of kings of England-.

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Gigi 12:36

And palms.

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Speaker 1 12:38

Were were homosexual. And it was okay. I mean, even openly, well, yeah, but they didn't have sex. So who cares? But we're talking kings who did have sex, you know, they'd marry women to get, you know, children's stuff like that, but they'd have their male lovers-.

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Gigi 12:53

I'd like to move to- I know, we've got a big issue we haven't touched much on and that is gay marriage are for bisexuals. What about polyamorous living arrangements have-.

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Speaker 1 13:11

To stick with the same sex marriage is that I think is more of an issue with a lot of churches. That's kind of why we have to talk about I mean, why homosexuality is coming up as an issue is because of all these same sex marriages, same sex marriage laws that are coming up in various states and stuff like that. And so a lot of people are talking about and of course, marriage, the church is supposed to, you know, traditionally do this. So, right. Now, we've left the door wide open anything? Well, I think, again, you know, and I don't have an easy answer on that. And that's just, I don't have an easy answer on straight marriage, either. And I think, again, it's that, you know, the context has changed, we have a different understanding of marriage today. And marriage plays a different role in our in our society than it did in the times of the New Testament or the Old Testament. You know, I think, again, you know, if love is a gift from God, and I do believe in monogamy, you know, that it seems to me, you know, God can bless a gay union as well as a straight union. And so, you know, what marriage does, it seems to me, and this is not necessarily the way it was viewed in the Bible in which it was, you know, as a institution to ensure procreation. And it was also an institution whereby women could, like, you know, have a living, so to speak, you know, we have a different understanding of things like romantic love, I mean, it didn't exist back then.

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Gigi 14:40

It's also a property-.

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Speaker 1 14:42

Right or pension, right property, that kind of thing. But, you know, today where we, where we view marriage, straight marriage, as you know about two people who love each other coming together, forming a life together, you know, sharing life together and And, you know, marriage is I think about a public declaration declaration of that love made in front of God and everybody literally, you know, and the reason why it's a public declaration is because it's then then the married couple asks the community to, to bear witness to their love and to support them in their relationship through the years. And I think if that's the understanding of marriage, and that is the understanding that I have of marriage, then gay, gay marriage is just as legitimate as straight marriage. Again, to the response, well, marriage is supposed to be about procreation. Well, you know, what about the straight couple that gets married, but never wants to have children? Or have children? Yeah, or can't have children or that make the decision not to have children? Then are we saying, you know, that they don't? Yeah, that they shouldn't be married? You know? Yeah. So, again, I think, you know, the question of gay marriage is put in the larger context of the whole changing view of marriage.

 Gigi 15:58

The other question I would have is that if marriage rests solely on procreation, then after fertility is over, and childbearing years or older, over then that ends the marriage, right?

 Speaker 1 16:12

Yeah.

 Gigi 16:14

Yeah, that's not quite what the church I think as-.

 Speaker 1 16:18

Yeah, but as you as you pointed out earlier, that, you know, we have longer lifespans where, you know, back in Jesus's time, people didn't live much past childbearing years, you know, women certainly didn't live much past childbearing years. And so again, you know, it's where our biology has changed, and therefore forced us to look at marriage and understand marriage in a different way. And so I think it's time for the church to look at that relationship, gay or straight. Yeah.

 Gigi 16:45

And have another point you touched on, and that comes on property and, and, you know, moves into the feminist realm, and that is that today, women can are in their own way. And women do earn their own way. And they have a place in society. That's my, you know, I don't want to get into long argument whether or not whether it is equal or not. But we'll go with it. It's working itself that way. So even the roles of man and woman have changed, right. And when you start seeing changes, even in the roles, and you're gonna have to see changes come about in the institutions, a marriage of what the roles represent.

 Speaker 1 17:41

Well, but I think a lot of people to their argument, I've heard, you know, a lot of arguments against same sex marriage, mostly because, you know, homosexuality is a sin, which I guess we've already covered. But also, one of my favorites is that gay men can't be monogamous and can't be faithful. So therefore, we shouldn't let them get married. You know, and it's like, but then the funny thing is, you know, it's the same people, oh, no, we shouldn't let gay men get married. But then they go, and they say, oh, gay men are evil, because they're having sex outside of marriage. You know, does anybody else but me find this a little odd?

 Gigi 18:22

I mean, this guy down the Memorial Park, and a lot of married men, straight married, man.

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Speaker 1 18:30

But you know, so their argument is that, yeah, but I mean, they're one argument is that, you know, well, I guess their argument is that, you know, gay men shouldn't get married, then they turn right around and say homosexuality is evil, because, you know, anyway, that's sex outside of marriage, you know, and it's just, I mean, you know, people have no, I don't know, it just doesn't connect. But and then there are again, though, there's, there's the property issues today of you know, that marriage grants a lot of rights to the spouse under the law. And, you know, if there's a gay couple that loves each other and has been together forever, and they have no legal standing today, and that's, that's another thing that I think needs to be considered in the question of gay marriage.

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Gigi 19:15

We're gonna get into big open a big can of worms on that one.

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Speaker 1 19:21

I was gonna say did you know that um, was named Sherry Kowalski and her lover got married. She was the woman who was in the car accident. She's many many years ago, and was very badly injured. I mean, like, paralyzed head to toe practically. And her folks took her home and would not let her lover whose name I'm afraid I can't remember. would not let her lover take care of her or anything. And after like a five or six year battle, Sharon, Sharon Kowalski, I'm sorry. She was finally allowed to come home and live with her lover, and they got married at the time. As a couple months ago, I believe it was Troy put in big, you know, mass quote unquote marriage. And Troy Perry presided. But anyway, that just made me think of it you said, you know, the legal rights of spouses and her lover could not, could not do anything and could not run, fight the parents because she had no legal rights.

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Gigi 20:22

The one thing I find kind of interesting, it's almost seems like a paradox. Here, people are talking about the immoral life that the homosexuals live. And then in the same breath, say, well, we don't want them getting married, we're not going to allow them to become married. Thus, I keep them in the trap of this so called the immoral life. We've got another caller, who's questioning questions regarding gay marriage maybe not. Gay and there's already for wants to get married.

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Jimmy Carper 21:18

We lost them. So why don't you just elaborate on that?

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Gigi 21:21



Gigi 21:21

Hopefully, he will come back. But let's Okay. Well, one thing I was gonna bring up on gay marriage, and I think this kind of pertains to some degree is you know, I just see it real ironic when you look at any kind of marriage. And you look at a group and say you're immoral, but you can't live a moral life. Yeah. That seems a contradiction in terms. Yeah.



Speaker 1 21:56

You're immoral, because you aren't married, but we're not gonna let you get married. That's yeah, kind of what I was trying to say. Yeah. Yeah.



Gigi 22:06

Do you have any thoughts or about this question?



Speaker 1 22:14

Well, again, you know, as I said, he's back?



Jimmy Carper 22:20

Ah, yeah, we have him back. Let's try that one more. Okay. Try that again. Hello. Hello. Hi, this is Andrew. Gonna give a shout out to Ian and Paul. Okay, um, I am involved with the mill. Okay. And my parents are totally against it. And I just wanted to, you know, let everybody know that out there. That's the same predicament that if you just work with it, the parents will understand because they'll get to know you for who you are, and respect you for that.



Gigi 22:49

Yeah. Did you have any help from PFLAG?



Jimmy Carper 22:55

No, I tried to get in touch with them. But the agency that I was in in Oklahoma, they didn't have type of agency? And you got it? I got it. Don't worry.



Gigi 23:09

Good. Oh, I have one of those colors. Okay. We do have different viewpoints. Anyway, back to gay marriage. I guess one?



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**Speaker 1 23:29**

Well, I think, you know, and what Andrew was pointing out, and what I was starting to say was, again, the role that marriage plays in sanctioning a relationship and, and giving a community in a context and you know, that, that when you marry somebody, you publicly declare your love, and then the then the, hopefully, the community will, has an opportunity to support that and support you in that relationship. And so again, I think gay relationships can be helped by having that kind of public declaration of commitment. And also, as Andrew pointed out, hopefully, I know, it doesn't always happen, but hopefully, you know, parents, they may not be able to understand, you know, homosexuality, but marriage is something they can maybe hopefully somewhat understand. And if they see their child who has is gay or something, they don't understand that but if they see this, their child loves this person and wants to marry them, then that's something that they can understand. And hopefully they can, you know, eventually support that and be able to accept, you know, their child.



**Gigi 24:33**

Okay, I think we're about ready to go for another music break. And just to kind of wrap up a little bit, we've covered a lot on homosexuality in the church, and Gigi has gotten a little bit of religion tonight. Which is kind of fun.



**Speaker 1 24:58**

It's nice to hear-.



**Gigi 24:59**

That it's a good, wholesome new religion. One that I can fits my palate. Well, good. And thank you for joining us on the show.



**Speaker 1 25:10**

Thank you for inviting me. Thank you.



**Gigi 25:13**

Interesting insight.



**Jimmy Carper 25:14**

Okay, I've got a piece of music now from Diana Jones. She's an Austin singer. And she's gonna be in town on the 14th. It says here this Austin singer songwriters new CD Imagine me is garnering excellent reviews across the country. see her in person. 830 August the 14th. At

Ovations That's it 2536 B times square. And you can bet she will sing this song. It's called in broad daylight. You're listening to after hours on KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station, back to Gigi.

 Gigi 26:06

This is JT back again. And you're listening to KPFT 90.1. Houston, and eyes forget the other.

 Jimmy Carper 26:17

Okay, I already did it.

 Gigi 26:18

Oh, okay. I didn't get my headphones on quick enough. We had two questions come in one, about abstinence and being gay in the church. And I think I'd like to address that a little bit in the sense that for people that choose abstinence, and it works for them, I think it's great, but I don't think it's realistic for most people. Just in the sense that we all have human drives, and sex is very pleasurable. And for some people, it's like me especially with a high sex drive. Even a phantom the thought of abstinence, I think for someone that can live that lifestyle and be happy and feel whole. That's a legitimate route. But do you have any comments on?

 Speaker 1 27:19

Yeah, well, um, I think when the Protestant split off from the Catholics, we kind of blew it on that because the Catholic Church did ignite in, you know, had this big deal with marriage, but also recognize celibacy as a calling. And Protestants have lost that sense. And I do think celibacy is a calling and a legitimate one. But it's a calling and that means not everybody's called to it. So I would agree with that. But I do think the church should do more. And all this talk about family values, the church needs to do more about valuing that as a calling.

 Gigi 27:52

We also had a caller call with a question. He says, I'm gay and friends, and I came out to ask me how I feel about Corinthians. And he wants to know what they're referring to. There's Corinthians, one Corinthians two, there's,-.

 Speaker 1 28:11

Yeah, and unfortunately, I don't have a Bible in front of us. So I'm not entirely sure exactly what they're referring to either. My guess is that it's what I referred to earlier when Paul talked about the fruits of the flesh versus the fruits of the Spirit. Because that's basically the only references that I know of Paul making the same sex union. So I guess that's what they're talking about. But yeah, a little bit too vague for me. Sorry.

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### Gigi 28:40

Okay. No fine questions. You did say you wanted to kind of wrap up with some personal information about the church. Yeah, some kind of personal thoughts and perspectives.

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### Speaker 1 28:56

Yeah, I'm kind of getting out of this sort of brainy theology thing. And getting down to the nitty gritty of real life, which is what I think ultimately, Jesus was concerned about. One of my youth ministers when I was growing up was gay. And we didn't know that at the time. I don't think he knew that at the time. And he was at our church for a couple of years when I was late, junior high, early high school. And years later, he came back to the church. I was living in another city at the time. So I heard about this all kind of, you know, through my family, but he came back to the church and came out to the church as being gay, and also that he was living with AIDS. And he was the first person that I knew who had AIDS and he was a minister. And I had the opportunity to meet him at the National gathering of our church which meets every other year. And I saw him again and it was it brought on a very intense emotional experience for me, I cried like solidly for six hours to think about this. man who had who had been my youth minister, and been very important to me in my life, and of him, you know, dying from this horrible disease at a ridiculously young age. And that national meeting was a kind of a negative one to me, in a lot of ways, a lot of church politics going on, it was the first time I'd ever encountered that. And I was kind of feeling like, Where was God at this national meeting. And God came to me when I was able to go up to this minister, and say to him, you know, thank you, for being my youth minister. And to, for me, it was a real experience of grace and the love of God to be able to go to him and basically say, your sexuality doesn't matter. It has nothing to do with the fact that you were my youth minister, and you are a very valuable person to me, and I want the chance to say to you, it doesn't matter, I love you, and I can accept you for that, or whatever, you know, that the important thing is that you were my youth minister, and, and brought those gifts of God to me, and that I want to thank you. And it was also important for me, because I, you know, I went into the ministry myself. And so I just wanted to share, you know, that experience how important that was to me to be able to say to a gay man living with AIDS, you know, who was my minister, that the important thing was that he was my minister. And, you know, it's kind of a special grace to be able to say to somebody, your sexuality is not something that that matters, it's a part of who you are, and I accept that. But the important thing is that, you know, you are a human being created by God with gifts that I was able to, by the grace of God.

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### Gigi 31:35

For a moment, I'm gonna have to jump in my safe sex mode here. I think one thing that touches me from this is that, you know, it doesn't matter who you are, if you don't place aids kills, yeah. You can be a minister or president, straight person, a drunk or whatever. It's how you play aids knows no boundaries, other than the condom. And that condom does say, vibes, if he is. And I think a lot of times, you know, I've heard so much in all the communities that you know, well, and especially with teenagers, and younger people that maybe feel that AIDS isn't gonna touch them. Basically, it's not, who you play with, it's how you play. And, you know, I

think, if anything touches me more, it's this whole issue about AIDS. And we do need to take a look at it. And realize that the the only protection today is playing safe. But anything else you want to add or cover?

 S Speaker 1 33:05

One thing I'd like to say about that issue? With the Minister, I found out about actually, I found about found out about excuse me when I was talking to you, Rita. And you had mentioned that and I was really surprised. And I was surprised at how open the church was about it. I mean, we didn't really talk about it or anything, but I was when he was really sick. I was temporary secretary for our church. So I was putting out the newsletter and the bulletins and stuff like that. And we printed his address so that people could write letters to him, and you know, wish him well and stuff like that when he was very sick. And you know, quite a few people called asking for that address. And so we printed it in the bulletin and everything. And so it was really the kind of feeling I got, at least from the people I talked to, and the people I, you know, ran into was not so much like, oh, well, you know, he's this minister, he turned out to be gay. He's got AIDS or anything like that. It was, oh, my gosh, isn't this awful? This man who was our youth minister, and now and the issue is more Oh, this poor guy. He's sick. Let's send him cards, let's send him presents, things like that. It wasn't, Oh, well, he's gay. He's got he deserves it or anything. So there was a lot of love in there. A lot of love in our church, which was really very, I mean, you hear so much all these, you know, like, we were saying these pseudo Christians who run around saying, AIDS is God. AIDS is God's gift to gays, you know, and God is trying to wipe us all out and stuff. And it's, you know, to have that kind of love coming from a church and printed in the bulletin and all that stuff. And it was really very moving for me. And that's why I think It's so important today for churches to, to speak out, you know, it's the problem I have with the Don't Ask Don't Tell thing is that if you don't ask don't tell, then then other people don't ever have the opportunity to tell somebody who is gay or lesbian or living with AIDS or anything. You know, I love you and you are a value for who you are. And that's why I think that's the basic core message of Christianity. And, and the churches can't just say, Well, of course, everybody's welcome at our church, but we're not going to talk about what their sexuality is, I think it's important for the church to say, gays, lesbians, bisexual straights are all welcome at this church, because we are all children of God created in God's image.

 G Gigi 35:38

Reid also touched on one other thing that I think's important. And I think it's the role that most churches have kind of covered up or hashed up. And that is AIDS, and how to play safe. And you know, the Pope's still won't allow the use of condoms, as far as I know. Right? Which was a death sentence to a lot of Catholics.

 S Speaker 1 36:02

And this idea that AIDS is God's punishment to gay people. And so there's kind of this attitude that well, you know, a, the attitude that they is, this is their disease, you know, and they deserve it. I'm a good Christian, God fearing kind of person, I'm gonna get it because you know, I'm not gay. And that's, that's very dangerous, too.

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Gigi 36:23

But we touched on something from the liberal side, and how they have failed to respond. And partly because maybe not knowing quite how to respond and come not come across too liberal. But I think on AIDS, we need to put those kinds of things aside and say, Hey, we need to come out strong on this, to prevent further people from getting it. Yeah. Well, I'd like to see more actions taken by the church.

S

Speaker 1 36:57

Well, the prevent the national office of the United Church of Christ is going to in the next couple of years, they're working on a sex education curriculum with the Unitarian denomination. And I know that's something that they've been struggling with, and they want to I know, the concern has been, we need to be explicit. And we need to talk about the kinds of things we need to talk about in order to save lives. So it'll be interesting to see what my national church comes out with on that on that curriculum. But I do know that that is a concern that because they want to respond to-.

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Gigi 37:29

And I'm glad to see some some response on the positive direction because silence is deadly. Yeah. You know, we're not going to make kids start having sex because we teach them about AIDS are all right. That's just not gonna happen. But to be silent is gonna expose them. When the heat of the moment comes up, and they don't know the right information, it's gonna get them in trouble. But if they're educated, we can save their lives. And that's, that to me is is part of my ministry as a bisexual you know, let's play safe and then we can live to play longer. And good to me.

J

Jimmy Carper 38:21

Okay, that sounds like a good wrap up to me.

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Gigi 38:25

Well, we've certainly enjoyed Gigi getting religious and having Rita with us. Thank you for coming. It's really been great.

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Speaker 1 38:35

Thanks for having me.

J

Jimmy Carper 38:36

Great. Okay. Now, finally, we have we're gonna go to some requested music that came in a long time ago. It's by Ann southwest Houston, requesting some Melissa Etheridge and wants to dedicate it to Calvin Anthony Paul Francis. It's come to my window.