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Jimmy Carper 00:07

The following program contains language or images of a frank or sensitive nature, which may be considered objectionable by some listener discretion is advised. Oh yes, you've tuned into after hours a continuing tradition on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM. The crew of after hours is ready to bring you news, interviews and music geared for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people. Hear it after hours, we may be diverse, but we have one thing in common. We are all out of the closet and urge everyone to come out of their closets. That means standing up for yourself, taking responsibility for your own life, and being proud of who you are. Realistically, we know not everyone can do that because of a wage job or frame of mind. That's okay. We're here for you too. So sit back, relax, and enjoy this week's edition of after our.

Michelle 02:07

Okay, welcome to after hours, that continuing tradition on KPFT. I'm Michelle from BiNet, and then Chi Chi back again. And today we're going to be discussing bisexuality, we're going to have a panel of people from the Houston binary, which Gigi and I belong to. And we're going to be discussing various issues about bisexuality.

Gigi 02:29

And one thing do you remember we meet every Wednesday night at seven to nine

Michelle 02:38

at the MCC our church on 1919? Decatur? I mean, we should introduce everybody.

Gigi 02:45

Yes. Why don't we? We have I'm Lisa. Ambu. Che and Chi Chi. And Michelle.

J Jimmy Carper 02:57
Jim's running around here somewhere.

M Michelle 02:58
Yes. She'll be here to

J Jimmy Carper 03:02
a gay man in the house is that

G Gigi 03:04
tonight? It's that way. But sometimes I

J Jimmy Carper 03:12
Gigi you are always bisexual. I know it now is as I understand it, you're going to kind of have a mini BiNet meeting right here on the air. That everyone out there can kind of hear what goes on at a regular BiNet meeting.

M Michelle 03:31
Yeah, we just want to kind of give everyone a feel for what goes on. So hopefully, some people are kind of debating whether to come to our meetings or not. Oh, should I come? Should I not come and you can see what harmless non threatening people we are. And I was

J Jimmy Carper 03:42
just gonna say This is Radio Howard. How's people going to see all of the wild sex that you're having?

G Gigi 03:50
They can hear it talk about a knob. Don't touch that now.

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There is and I think it's probably good that we're on the radio so no one can see it. Actually, I see a frightening side.

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Gigi 04:13

Bias bisexuality in progress. But basically, we just wanted to kind of go over how our meetings flow and some of the issues that we talked about. And and some of the things that happened in the meetings. It's a group that meets once a week, and we discuss what's going on. It's a chance for people that identify as bisexual to be with other bisexuals and be able to go ooh, that's a cute guy or that's a cute girl and not have everybody freaked out.

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Michelle 04:50

Yeah, what we usually do is we have I'll just give you an introduction into the format of our meetings. What we usually do is we start out everyone comes in the meeting started seven most people arrive late. And we have real laid back. Yeah, we started out just by having everyone just kind of talk a little bit about their week. I mean, you don't have to if you don't want to you, but it's a good way to get to know each other. Then we have a break. And then we discuss a topic of some sort. And mostly what we're gonna do today is we're gonna discuss some of the topics that we've discussed in previous meetings.

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Gigi 05:27

And I think it's kind of important to kind of get a feel for what bisexuality is about and get a touch of the bisexual community in Houston. I mean, we're becoming more and more visible and we're becoming a landmark here in Houston. The first bisexual community to hit the city yet? Yeah, all over everywhere else. But now we're here in Houston.

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Michelle 05:54

We'd also like to try and dispel some of there's all this like kind of crazy little myths and stereotypes that we've all as bisexuals have heard throughout the years, I

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Gigi 06:02

mean, about the fence. Yeah, or,

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Michelle 06:07

or just about how like we're all promiscuous or how we're all like, many, baby. Okay, some of us are promiscuous, but all of us aren't. And you know?



Jimmy Carper 06:31

That boy, so much romance. Oh, yeah.



Michelle 06:36

Or just like the idea that just because you're with a man, you need a woman or just because you're with a woman, you need a man like that. That's somehow, like, I mean, some bisexuals do feel that you need both to be satisfied, but others feel that you know, you just need one or the other. It's like we're all different, I guess.



Gigi 06:53

Then we talk a lot about our personal experiences. And I'm talking personal maybe we kind of get into all the things that bisexuals like to do in the meetings get really hot and steamy. Well,



Jimmy Carper 07:15

am I gonna have to play lots of music tonight.



Gigi 07:18

We're gonna get it going here in just a few. But why don't take a break.



Jimmy Carper 07:23

Okay, and maybe later on. I've got an interview with romanovski and Phillips, they were recently in town to help kick off spectrum at 95. And this way out in a five part interview, five part five weeks, and I thought that's ridiculous. You can keep up with that. So I kind of put it all together into one big interview. And we may bring that to you a little later on in the show. And of course, all of your queer requests for queer music at 5265738. And now because the bisexuals are here, I want to bring you a little spoken word thing by Juliana Luking.



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Yes, yes. Why don't we take a look at the photographs? Yeah. No, take the finger out email. Words. It's hard to be a TD baby. Yes. Yes, I do. Yes. Yes. That's you, don't you? That's still my grandma though. Ma. And look, there's grandpa Willie. Yeah. And that's your friend. Katie. Yes, it is. It's Katie. Good. Yeah. She's different. Yes. It is. You know who that is? Oh, no. Who is that? No. Is my dad dad knows. I know. It looks like dad. But no, it's not. It's Willie. Does grandpa Willie when he was younger, and look like dada. No, that's really holding dada. And look, Willie, and Thelma has her arm around kiddies. Yes, Kitty. That. She's a friend. She's she's mostly Thelma, special friend. She's very nice. We like we like resize caked a week. Yes. You've been there. Look, look, look, look, look. Remember. Remember We played in the league in their

backyard. Remember, they were raking leaves. Yeah. And Willie was holding the bag open and thermo was raking. And Kitty was picking up the leaves and putting them in the bag. You remember don't you? Don't chew. And then we all cooked dinner together. Member and Willie set the table fat and then we ate. Yes. You and me. Dada. Right? And Willie, Velma and Kitty. Grandpa really? Grandma Delma a kidney? Yes. You like them? Don't you? Yes. His his his his. Their friends. They're very special friends. Yes, they do. Miss

 Jimmy Carper 10:58

Sophie B. Hawkins one of our favorite bisexual singers with we are one body before that Giuliana Luking. And you're listening to after hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston, 90.1 FM. And now we're gonna go to Gigi, and Michelle and the BiNet Group.

 Michelle 11:27

Hi. We'd like to start just by talking a little bit about first of all with bisexuality, nobody knows. It's like, what is bisexuality? I mean, everyone has different definitions of it. So we're gonna start by having an I'm sure all of us have slightly different definitions of it. So we're gonna start, I guess by kind of going around and asking everybody to define my sexuality and what it means to them. So yes, we'll start with you, Gigi.

 Gigi 11:52

Well, before we start on that, I'd like to introduce everybody with this again today. First of all, we have myself, Gigi. And then I'm

 Michelle 12:03

Michelle Ambu. Che.

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I'm Lisa. And Jim. Okay, cool.

 Gigi 12:12

You know, I kind of wonder what y'all think about bisexuality? What does it mean to you? What is it for you to be a bisexual person? What is this whole thing we call bisexuality? Show?

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To me, it's no gender preference. As far as expressing intimacy, emotion, there, you don't have a preference? To male or female, you're more into the person.



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Yeah, that sounds good.



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Yes, yes, he read that he read the pamphlet. Yeah.



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You know, there are some bisexuals who say they want a a lover of a male lover and a female lover, that the gender is important. And they need, they feel something missing. If they don't have it, they feel incomplete if they don't have one of each gender, and that there's something unique that they get from, from each gender. And then there's another school right here. There's another, there's kind of another school that says it's the person I'm attracted to. And that kind of go is beyond gender, it surpasses gender, and C and looks into the person and says, it's the person I don't look at gender. And kind of sees beyond that, and, and doesn't necessarily need to have both a male and a female at the same time.



Michelle 13:57

Yeah, that's, that's the way I feel about it. For me, it was just that, that I was just driving myself crazy, you know, when I was when I was younger, just going like, you know, I can't be attracted to this person, I can be attracted to this person. I mean, it's just the Saadian person has all these rules on us. And that we have to be attracted to one gender or another. And for me, it's like, I'm attracted to some men and some women. And there's lots of men and lots of women that I'm not attracted to. I mean, it's it's not it's not that I don't have any preferences. I mean, I have I have all sorts of preferences. I mean, it's just that gender is not like something that makes me exclude somebody from from from necessarily having a relationship with them.



Gigi 14:41

We're about Hey, Jim, what do you think about it?



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I kind of I kind of need something from both both sexes, and I'm in a relationship now with a man and I feel that there There's just something missing. I mean, not the relationship I have, it's not good. It's very good. And, you know, I'm very happy. But there's just something, you know, something missing the female touch and how they feel and everything like that and female energy, and it's just



Gigi 15:20

so you find there's a difference between male energy and female energy.



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Oh, yeah, definitely. Definitely trying to kind of tell the difference.



Gigi 15:29

Yeah. So what the differences for you?



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That's tough. Though, I don't know if that's something you can just put it into words really easy. You know?



Gigi 15:44

Well, one thing that I have discovered is that, for me, bisexuality is self identified process. First of all, it's not something that, you know, we grow up looking in the textbook, and, you know, you're this way, or this way, you're gay, or you're straight, or you're bisexual. It's like, it's something that each person kind of identifies one way or another. It's not like he grew up one day and said, you know, reading the textbooks for, or, you know, as a little kid, I think I'm gonna grow up and be a guy. That's what I want to be, you know, when I grow up. It's a it's a process. It's doesn't happen overnight. It's a process that comes about over time for me. I mean, I just realized that as attracted to both genders, from from just about the very beginning, when I first became attracted to anything is found I would watch people run around the track, and I like to watch the boy jiggles, and the girl jiggles. They were great. But to me, that's the first part of bisexuality is it's something that nobody could tell me I was a bisexual, it had to come from within myself, first of all. And secondly, I think it's something that, you know, bisexuality can take so many different forms. We can be bisexual. And sexuality is so complex. I mean, you know, we can you know, what is it to be attracted? It's not like, I'm attracted to every man and every woman. And I'm attracted to both genders. But Can y'all? Well, kind of elaborate labor? Do you have any thoughts?



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I think that for bisexuals, a lot of times the coming out process takes even longer and there may be some going back and forth. I know for me, I I, you know, after initially identifying as heterosexual when I got involved with the lesbian community, there was a lot of pressure just to identify as lesbian and to kind of put all the relationships that I'd had with men in the past, and say, well, now I'm definitely lesbian, since I'm acknowledging that I'm attracted to women, and I'm having relationships with women and having sex with women and going out to lesbian bars and going to lesbian events. Now I'm, I'm just a lesbian. And well, I found myself still

seeing the same man. At the same time as identifying as lesbian, I had a pretty steady relationship with a very special male, and he was bisexual. And he was kind of effeminate and very accepting, and just really wonderful person and really encouraged me to go out with women and to explore what it meant for me to be with women, and I couldn't very well write him off as macho pig jerk. The way a lot of the way, a lot of lesbians were, you know, talking about their relationships. And there were a lot of women who had been in abusive relationships, really bad things and wanted to leave it all behind. But it was kind of like at that point in time, they had the climate control buttons in their hands, and you either identified as lesbian or straight and the bisexual world just didn't really exist. But my friends would say to me, you know, Sarah, if anybody is bisexual, you are just from your behavior. And so I started to feel that I was kind of playing a part in a play to identify as lesbian when

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Gigi 19:33

you first determine that you're bisexual. I mean, What process did you go through?

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Um, well, I think it was that time when I was like, 19 or 20. I was definitely out of high school. And I was dealing with, I was dealing mostly with my attraction to women, which seemed to be a more complicated issue in some ways. Because of all the societal pressures and taboos and all the homophobia. And so it was during that process that I began to realize that I was attracted to both men and women. But looking back on it. When I first started kind of fantasizing sexually, I fantasized about a man and about a young boy in my class and a young girl in my class. So I think it was going on for me from the beginning to

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Gigi 20:29

did you get a lot of feelings like, oh, nice girls aren't supposed to go after the girls or boys in class? Or, you know, good girls. Look at people that way? Or didn't? Was that an issue for you?

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Yeah, I got tons of pressure like that. But I also, I think I grew up with a very kind of sexually accepting atmosphere, too. And I also had a very healthy side of me that saw sex is a completely natural thing and kind of my prerogative in a way. And so I didn't feel I didn't feel that held back. And I was pretty sexually active for a young person, not extremely, but pretty sexually active for a young person, and very, very straightforward about what I wanted. And when I was after

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Gigi 21:20

you, Michelle, what was it like for you coming up?

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Michelle 21:22

Um, well, it was. For me, it was like, when Garrett was saying, or GTA was a more self identified process. For me, it was more a case of all throughout all throughout, when I was growing up, I didn't find a group of people who felt like I did. And I was just searching and searching and searching for this group of people. And I kind of like, you know, I was mostly when I was in high school, I mostly kind of hung out with like, the gaming crowd. And that was like, that we had a lot in common, but, you know, I kind of felt some differences with them. And I had a second group of friends, which were more, I guess, I guess, more, more open more out there. And, you know, also at the time, though, I felt like that that wasn't really who I wanted to be with either. And that I started discovering the gay and lesbian community. And I was like, Well, this is this is an improvement. But this is still not a you know, this is still not who I am. This class, but this is like, still not right, I still don't feel like I fit in. Then I discovered BiNet, and I was like, hey, wow, this is finally a place where I fit in. And that was like, just like, the first time in my life where I've actually had a group of people where I felt like I fit in with them.

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Gigi 22:38

Were bad, chibi che, what was the process like for you? And how did when did you first determine that you're bisexual?



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While found myself being attracted? Initially, it was sexual, to both male and female, my attraction to men bothered me because I was living under these imposed morals. That's not right, you know, I was gonna be I was going to burn in, you know, where, and what I had to do, for me, the first thing I had to do was I had a lot, there were a lot of conditions that are put on put on relationships. And when I say conditions, for example, there are certain certain things that you do in a relationship with a man. And there's certain things that you do in a relationship with a woman, for example, with the man, the relationship stops at friends, such as shaking hands, or, you know, we play basketball together, or etc, etc. Now, a relationship with a woman can go wherever you wish to take it. And these were conditions that they weren't mine. And I mean, I didn't choose to say, well, I can't have sex with a man, but I can have sex with a woman I was told. That's the way it's supposed to be. You know, it was Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve. And once I was able to put that live once I was able to get past that, and realize that I did have a choice on how I want to have relationships with other people. And I was able to remove these conditions which weren't mine. Then I was able to concentrate on each person as an individual. It wasn't Oh, that's a nice looking girl or phys girl is smart, Arthur. This guy is more than it was this person. It became an individual thing because I found that the same thing that that attract did meet women, there were the same things that attracted me demands such as intelligence or looks. It shouldn't, it shouldn't make a difference of the gender. I was dating a girl for quite some time. And I stopped and thought enough, I met a guy with the same characteristics that treated me the same. What was wrong with me being attracted to him? And I couldn't think of anything wrong with it, except what I was told. That was supposed to be wrong with it. And here, here we go, again, coming to the decision that this is my choice on what what I want to do not somebody else telling me the way it's supposed to be?



Gigi 25:51

Do you find there's a different energy when you're involved with the man and when you're with a woman?



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Yes, but then don't ask me what to do.



Gigi 26:06

Less you want me to



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I think men are more direct a lot of times. And that can be kind of refreshing. In fact, I found that to be one of the frustrations of going out with women is that there was a heck of a lot of beating around the bush about sex, where men are usually pretty straightforward about it. And I have to say that I've had a heart, I would have a hard time letting go of that and being coming completely lesbian for that reason.



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You know, I have one problem with, okay. We get in these conversations, sometimes, especially Michelle and I, about this whole male female thing, you know, and, you know, I'm kind of like, I am the male oppressor, and all that kind of stuff. And it just makes it very difficult to even talk to women after a while. I mean, it's, you don't know Oh, my god, does she think I'm coming onto her wants to do you know, all this kind of stuff? Because every man on the street hits on this woman repeatedly everywhere she goes, and I don't know, what's the guy to do? You know what I mean?



Michelle 27:17

Um, you know, I don't I don't know that. That's, that's an issue I've had, and I've really dislike the fact past year, especially now, I've just been like, blaming men for everything. I mean, I've just been like, Oh, this guy is evil. This guy's evil. They're oppressing me. They're doing this to me. They're doing that to me. And, you know, I just recently talking to friends I've been I've been starting to realize that that's just just a really unhealthy attitude to have. I mean, yes, some men are bad. And some men. Some men have oppressive behaviors based on. I mean, some men don't even know that they have oppressive behaviors, and they're just like, kind of, it's been ingrained into them. And they're just, they just do it. But that doesn't mean that all men are like that, or that. You know, when I saw Jamie's an evil male prostitute, I'm always usually teasing him. I mean, oh, sure. You're sure. Really, really, I am honest. I can tell you if he was oppressing me again.

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Gigi 28:18

I can tell you a few examples of whim and I'm pressing GT. I mean, I remember times. When I went, I remember one time I had this party, this was years ago at my house and, and it was getting kind of lights, I kind of went off to my room and hopped into bed. And this girl came in and she stripped all her clothes off and hopped in bed next to me. And oh, you're poor thing. And, you know, I just kind of turned over and went to sleep. I mean, just wasn't quite my thing with her. And she just kept after me and after me, and, you know, just after a while, she was just, you know, not letting me get better sleep all night long. And I finally just said, Hey, babe, like, you know, like, he has a friend, but you're not quite my tie. And she just, you know, this went on for months afterwards. I mean, she just, she had a bad and then there's people I've had it bad for, you know, but, you know, it's like, you know, I've always heard a lot of women say, you know, well, men just don't understand the word man. And it's like, no, some people don't understand. And I agree. I've had men that, you know, I was very attracted to they were very attracted to me. And we beat around the bush for months before anything ever came up. And I mean, literally Baby. What a pet child? Have y'all had any experiences like that? Or is it just? Is it that gender base?

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Michelle 30:11

For me, it's just been. I know a lot of other people have had experiences, like, like you were describing, but I guess it just must have been the people I've met, because I've had, it's really tended to fit that stereotype really well with the people that I've been involved with. But something that's always, you know, something that's always been kind of an issue for me is like, if, if is this somebody wants sex or not, you know, it's like, sometimes I'll be like, a lot of times, I like to cuddle with people. And I worry about like, but I get stopped from it a lot. Because I'm thinking, Well, what if he thinks I want to have sex with him? You know, and it's like, not might not necessarily be what I want. And how do I get on to what happens to be curling what happens?

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Gigi 31:00

Well, you know, the expression boys will be boys. Anyway, fish today, what do you



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think? Here we go, oh, here we go again, about these preconceived notions about what a certain sex wants and what a certain sex expects. It's, it's an individual thing, whether it's a male or whether it's female, it doesn't it to say, well, I don't know what this guy's going to think. If I want to cuddle, it can work the same way with a female, a female can have the exact same expectations with thoughts. But here we go again, about these preconceived notions about how other sexes react to certain things. And most of these notions are come from really, really uninformed sources. For example, if you want to know how to fly a plane, you go to aviation school, if you want to learn how to cook, you go to cooking school, when guys want to know what girls want, they go ask their father, you know, it's a lot of things that we, when it comes to sex and dealing with the opposite sex. We are really, really misinformed. And

 Gigi 32:21

I think you raised a question that's kind of come up in the group a few times. And that is, is there a difference between dating someone straight, dating someone gay or dating someone by? And if so, how are those differences? I mean, don't you think that in some ways, by learning and going through the bisexual self identification process, we become a little bit more in some ways, aware of gender differences and may be more in tune and, and become more playful with gender Bender playing?

 Michelle 33:05

I personally have to kind of disagree with that. Because what are the two that I've I've seen becoming more and more prevalent in some bisexual circles is that bisexuals because of being on based on the virtue of being bisexual have some sort of special insight as to gender or astral relationships. And that's something I feel is totally untrue. And, and frankly, kind of, kind of offensive to I can see how some gays and lesbians who are heterosexual should be offended by that. Because to me being bisexual is just, you know, I like people. I don't feel that it gives me any sort of special knowledge of relationships or special insights as to how men and women work or how, how dating works, or

 Gigi 33:48

I don't mean special, I mean, just maybe a heightened awareness of gender differences is all I'm getting.

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One thing, once it came to grips with being bisexual, it allowed me to, as I say, get in contact with my feminine side. And when I say that, there are certain feelings and emotions that I get. Yes, kind of readings and I'm trying to read and talk at the same time. I can't No,

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no, you can't do

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that. No. There's certain feelings that I think that guys don't want to deal with. They they play it off or they suppress it. And I think for example, by me, exploring that and getting in touch with my feminine side, it enables me to relate more to females. And then on the flip side, by being male by birth, then I can be in contact with my male side in this in a allows me to relate to both genders. You know, in dating, for example, I like to, to cuddle, I like intimacy. And I like to



Gigi 35:18

be shy, like the other saying to DaVinci



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some some of it, I do. But by being able to being able to admit that and identify with that, then I can identify that need in another person in a female I can identify with a female simply maybe wanting to cuddle as opposed to, into cuddling, being a prelude to sex that's not necessarily so but i i'm willing to bet that a majority of of these macho and true men from woman walks up wants to be held initiates intimacy, it's like well, this is going to end up in sex and that's not necessarily so



Gigi 36:03

yeah. Okay, well, we're gonna take a little music break and we're gonna be listening to by living color and then we'll be back to discuss more of this. Okay we're back in just 14 hours



Michelle 38:05

today. Okay, um, we're gonna continue our discussion of oh, gee, is



Jimmy Carper 38:09

this on? Oh, yeah. Oh, yes. What? I did, I made the announcement. I don't think your ears work when your mouth is running.



Gigi 38:19

We've got a member that's joined us.



Michelle 38:22

Maybe you'd like to introduce yourself. Marlon. Yes.