

CHRIS: OK, welcome back. This is *After Hours, the Next Generation*. Since the fact, in six months, we can no longer say anything revolving around the 20-something show, or I have to leave-- I want a party for that. When I reach gay middle age, I want a party, something along the lines what you got brought in for Ray Hill, although I didn't get to see that. In studio here tonight, we've got Sandy--

SANDY: Hello.

CHRIS: --who once again showed up a week early.

[LAUGHTER]

SANDY: Good for you.

CHRIS: Yeah, poor Sandy can't remember when to show up. And when he does show up, doesn't use the proper words. And a blast from the past--

JASON: The pretentious little bitch who had to have a song played just for him.

CHRIS: Well, it's not-- it could have been worse because when Roy was gone for 2 and 1/2 months, when he came back, we played Elton John's "The Bitch is Back" two weeks in a row.

JASON: Well, it's me. It's Jason.

CHRIS: And we're--

JASON: The better half of this show from earlier times.

CHRIS: I interviewed stars while you were gone, bitch.

[LAUGHTER]

Tonight's topic, what we're going to do is-- you remember topics? We would try to have them occasionally when you were here. We're going to be talking about gay relationships.

JASON: When we did have them, we never stayed on them.

CHRIS: Yeah. And since the fact that I've never been in one-- I'll be completely honest. But the leftovers from the two guests we have in studio here make up for that--

[LAUGHTER]

--shortfall.

JASON: Yes, I got an email because I haven't been in the show for a while. But I got an email from Chris here saying, we're doing a show on relationships. And since this is your favorite topic, and you have so much experience-- now, granted, it's not experience in relationships that worked out, or else I wouldn't have a whole lot of experience in relationships. But I can tell you anything about relationships that don't work out.

CHRIS: And so what we're actually going to do is we're going to do something strange here for this show. We're going to invite people to call in and give some ideas, and some opinions on relationships, and how you make them work, and where you can find them. And just a little background, the reason why I'm bringing this up is one of the Yahoo groups that I'm a part of-- and I've got this person's permission to mention this.

He posted an email on this website, and I'm going to read it to you here. "I've been like this for four years, never had a boyfriend, never had any kind of relationship. And every guy I've ever met or even spoke to was a predator looking for fun, but I wanted a relationship. I've decided that the gay lifestyle has brought me nothing but heartache, pain, and a life full of misery.

"I don't see how you guys do it. This gay thing isn't working out, so I'm no longer going to be a part of this group. I've loved being on here, but this lifestyle has only made the hole in my life and my heart bigger. Thank you for being so sweet.

"This has been the first time I've ever been accepted anywhere, but it's just not working out. I'm going to find some kind of church Sunday, and see if I can talk to them, and see what that Christian life is all about. Any comments on this? This will be the biggest decision of my life." And this is the reason why I wanted to-- stuff like this was the kind of stuff I wanted to get into this-- do this kind of show about.

SANDY: Well, you have to have a certain kind of awakening in order for you to be able to go into a relationship. I had my first true love relationship-- and I can call it that because it lasted five years. And it started when I was 12 with a 15-year-old.

JASON: Can I point out a problem here? We're only referring to relationships in the sexual connotation and in the idea of boyfriend and boyfriend. And to me, true, that's a big relationship in your life, but relationships are with everybody in your life.

You have relationships with your family. You have relationships with your friends. You have relationships with the community. And just because you don't have that boyfriend, or that girlfriend, or whoever, doesn't mean you don't have relationships in your life. I think some of the most important and most fulfilling relationships in life-- and we have to remember this and remind ourselves of this-- are the ones from friendship, and community, and family.

CHRIS: One thing I just realized, I said we were going to do a call-ins. But I never told you the phone number here is 713-526-5738.

JASON: (LAUGHING) D'oh!

CHRIS: 713-JAM-KPFT. We don't do this usually. The only time we ever give out the numbers is when we're hawking money. So--

JASON: I had trouble remembering the number when I was calling in because I'd fallen asleep, and I was telling him that I was going to be late. I couldn't remember it. And I turned it on to hear-- I was listening to the station. And of course, y'all had never said the number, so I had to call information to get the number to say I was going to be late.

CHRIS: Oh, we'll reimburse you the quarter, but--

JASON: Actually, it was on my cell phone, so that's a dollar.

CHRIS: Anyway, but--

SANDY: I understand what he's trying-- well, I mean, what he's going through because, at some point in my life, I've also went through that stage when I became so disappointed with the gay culture and the gay sort of-- I don't want to say relationships I suppose because not many people have monogamous relationships. If you're coming to me and tell me, let's have an open relationship, the first thing is like, we don't have a relationship because it's like there's some things that I don't tolerate.

But I remember when I was 18. I wasn't shocked about the whole gay culture and the fact that everything revolved around sex. It was a crude awakening.

CHRIS: What I explained to him was the fact that when-- I've been out now about 4 and 1/2 years, been completely out, came out to my family and that. And when I came out, I had that idealized idea of a relationship that there's three types.

Actually, putting it more into not as much a relationship but a contact with another person, there's that making love. There's having sex, and there's screwing. And I always hope for a relationship, where it was that-- there was an emotional level between someone. And it took me about a year and a half before I said, this isn't happening.

SANDY: (LAUGHING) I have to ask this question.

CHRIS: You can't say the actual word for what I replaced there, the word.

SANDY: I know. I'm not going to-- but it's like, what is the difference between screwing and having sex?

CHRIS: Basically, the way I--

SANDY: I'm just wondering because--

CHRIS: The way I define it is this, if you're making love, you're with a person--

SANDY: That you care about.

CHRIS: It's an emotional bond. The only way you too can be joined more as a sphere is physically. Having sex, it's you know the person. You know them pretty well.

JASON: You can have sex with your friends. You can have sex with--

CHRIS: Yeah, you know them pretty well. It's not an emotional-- it's a lot more physical than it is emotional.

JASON: I can screw somebody through a wall.

CHRIS: Screwing is-- yeah.

[LAUGHTER]

I think another segment-- well, there's another group that I'm on that they're discussing on what pieces of fruit to use.

JASON: It's flat out honest, you know?

CHRIS: Yeah, screwing is basically you're there for the 30 seconds. Your eyes roll in the back of your head, and you get that really stupid look on your face. And that's basically what you're talking about with relationships.

Like I said, I came up with with the idea of going out and finding someone, and meeting someone, and being with someone. And basically, it just got to a point where I said, the hell with it.

JASON: OK, I've got a real quick question because I'm looking at this, and there's a few things in here that really kind of bothered me. And we'll slowly get to them. The first thing that bothers me is, now, just by looking at his little-- college, cute, you know? How old is he?

CHRIS: I guess I can go as far as saying he--

SANDY: 19 or something?

CHRIS: He's a 19-year-old college student here in the Houston area.

JASON: OK, see, that's what I was thinking. I was thinking he may be around that age. I didn't have a real relationship till I had been out for five or six years, and I was in college. At 19, you have to just give it time, be patient. Don't be so eager.

SANDY: Plus, relationships take a long time to develop. What, you just make the difference? A relationship has to be-- you know, you become friends. Then, you become closer. Then, you become intimate. You develop something more than just the screwing around kind of deal or you being my friend with benefits.

I don't consider that part of a relationship. It's something deep. And sometimes, you can have a connection with somebody real fast. Sometimes, it just doesn't happen like that. If he spent all this time at Rich's, he's not going to find a relationship like that.

CHRIS: Well, that's part of what I was talking with him is-- I had the opportunity-- Like I said, this was a posting on a web group, one of the Yahoo groups. And then, I emailed him once or twice. And we instant messaged back and forth for a good 30 minutes. So I'm not saying I know this person that well. But what I can say is-- one of the things I asked him is, where have you been looking for a relationship?

SANDY: Because he makes a very direct comment like, I haven't found a relationship. It's like, I haven't found what I'm looking for. I'm going to move on. I'm not going to be gay anymore or whatever is it that he's trying to do.

How can you be so direct? He seems like he's got his mind made up. It's like, I didn't get any, so I'm just going to move on and find--

JASON: Well--

SANDY: --something else.

JASON: --even if he's been looking for relationships at the clubs, he's only been looking for a year.

SANDY: Because you don't find--

CHRIS: Well, actually it wasn't in the clubs he was looking at. The where he was looking was basically schoolwork and in some internet groups. So it wasn't really a broad spectrum of where to find a relationship.

SANDY: But the problem is that most relationships don't happen when you're looking. When you're looking, you're not going to find any.

JASON: You know one organization I always recommend for teenagers?

CHRIS: Yeah, and he's at that age.

JASON: And that's HATCH.

CHRIS: Yeah, and I did suggest that one. I've promoted him with a couple of the people I've spoken to lately.

JASON: And I think maybe that made me a well-rounded person because I was in HATCH for so many years that I met a lot of different people. I met crossdressers. I met transgendered. I met butch lesbians. I met the most effeminate gay men. So I got a good cross-section of people.

CHRIS: OK, well, we do have a person who wants to talk on air.

JASON: Yay!

CHRIS: Jimmy, you have all the buttons pushed in there for us? OK, William are you there?

WILLIAM: Yes.

CHRIS: Hi, you're on the air, just want to let you know. According to here, you're saying that you're going through a similar thing of looking for a relationship?

WILLIAM: Well, no, I'm not really going through it anymore. As you were reading the letter that the 19-year-old guy had written, I could really relate to what he was saying. I came out about three years ago and kind of had an ideal in my head as to what it was going to be like. And it turned out to be nothing like that. It was a lot more difficult trying to meet people and stuff and had basically given up, same kind of situation that this guy is going through.

And some friends of mine said, maybe you just need to slow things down and maybe even look into going to church. And I started going to a church here locally. And actually, kind of like the guy said, just when you're expecting it, when you're not really looking for it, I actually met somebody through my church.

JASON: If you don't mind my asking, what church are you in?

WILLIAM: I go to Community Gospel.

CHRIS: OK, yeah, that's one thing-- another thing that the writer of this, he has a very spiritual side. He has another website that he put up the information for and has a very strong spiritual side already. And that's one of those things I suggested was maybe trying to find a gay-friendly church out there.

WILLIAM: Oh, absolutely.

JASON: And I'm currently trying to find a gay-friendly church from myself because I'm new to recovery as far as AA and NA go for those of you who know what that is. And I'm trying to find a church that I find-- because I'm a very spiritual person as well. And I'm trying to find a church that's gay friendly. That's part of the reason I asked.

WILLIAM: Well, Community Gospel-- I'm sorry. I didn't mean to interrupt. Community Gospel is an incredible church. And Reverend Chris Chiles is a remarkable guy. And you should definitely stop by and just take a visit.

SANDY: Well, the magic sentence is that you need to slow things down. You need to let things happen by themselves. And it usually will happen in a very wonderful way. When you really meet the guy that you want to be with, you'll know it.

CHRIS: Yeah, because I think one of the things in the-- that I spoke with in the instant messaging I did with him-- I used the word "settled". Immediately, his reaction was I don't want to settle. And I can understand that. But sometimes, you don't have to settle for a relationship. People settling for a relationship, that's why in the straight world there's 50% marriage rate-- I mean divorce rate.

JASON: If you're not going to settle, then it's going to take longer. You can settle for something less than you want, and you can get it right away. Or you can, like you said, go slowly.

Slow it down. And you'll find what's out-- there's somebody out there for everybody I truly do believe that. It just takes some of us a little longer to find that person.

SANDY: Plus, usually, you just have to have your act together. You have to know what you're looking for. They say there's plenty of fish in the sea, but you need to know what kind of fish you like.

CHRIS: OK, well, is anything else you want to add on there, William?

WILLIAM: Oh, no, no, no. Thank you for taking the time to listen.

CHRIS: Oh, I appreciate that. And thank you for calling in.

WILLIAM: OK, thank you.

CHRIS: OK, bye.

WILLIAM: Bye bye.

BOBBY: I just wanted to jump in here with something. I heard somebody used the phrase "settling" and--

CHRIS: By the way, that's Bobby, who is--

BOBBY: Yes, this is Bobby.

CHRIS: --who's another great person to speak in here about relationships.

BOBBY: But what I wanted to say is when I settled for something, it turned out to be living hell. There should be a line drawn between the difference between settling and simply finding what you can live with. I don't think those are quite the same thing.

I think you can find a relationship with somebody, understanding that there are some-- there are always going to be differences and knowing what those-- what the differences are you can live with and what you can't, what you absolutely will not deal with.

CHRIS: Yeah, no. When I used the word when I used the term "settling", it was basically that, just for now, at that point, I was not going to look specifically for that long-term relationship.

SANDY: He's too young. He seems a little bit immature in the fact that he doesn't really know what he was. If he knew what he wanted, he knew-- I mean, you have to be patient.

JASON: I want to watch our words real quick in case this person is listening. We're not trying to talk down to this person by saying he's too young.

CHRIS: Yeah, no.

JASON: And anybody else who is young out there, we're not saying you're too young. And we're not trying to talk down to you. We're just talking from our own personal experience and where in our life we learned these lessons.

CHRIS: Yeah, you can have 18-year-olds and you can have 16-year-olds, who may be--

SANDY: Mature.

CHRIS: --prepared enough for a relationship. Like I say, we're not downgrading anyone saying that you're immature or you don't know what you're talking about in that. But it's one of those things that when you're talking about a relationship.

And I think I made the comment of him about a husband. And it's like, no it's not a-- he's not looking for a husband. He's really looking for a boyfriend.

So we have another caller on the line here, Glen from the North side. Let me see if I can get-- oh, yeah. Glen are you there?

GLEN: Yes, I am.

CHRIS: OK, you're on the air.

GLEN: OK.

CHRIS: We have to apologize for this. It's a little strange for us doing actual phone calls in here. It's not the hatchlings.

JASON: And I'm completely not used to this whole high-tech system you all got set up since I've been gone.

BOBBY: Yeah, they went all high tech on us here.

CHRIS: OK, so, Glen, you said you went through a similar situation in your life?

GLEN: Yes, actually twice. They were short-term relationships. One guy just decided he wanted to move on with somebody else.

And just recently, I guess it was back in February, the person decided after-- a couple of days after Valentine's Day, he decided he didn't love me anymore. So it wasn't like the end of the world. But it seems like I haven't been very fortunate with the having a relationship with men.

SANDY: Hi, Glen.

GLEN: Oh, how are you doing?

SANDY: How are you?

GLEN: I'm horrible.

SANDY: Not going too bad.

JASON: Oh, is it still going badly now?

GLEN: Oh, no, not really.

CHRIS: I sense an underlying drama here that, boy, I wish we had more than 20 minutes to go into. But--

JASON: Can I ask a question for you, Glen?

GLEN: Yeah, sure.

JASON: How did the friendships play into your life?

GLEN: I'm sorry?

JASON: How did the friendships you had play into your life?

GLEN: I really can't really tell you exactly.

JASON: And do you think that helped you to get through it?

GLEN: Unfortunately, I don't have too many gay friends, and so I just had to deal with it on my own.

JASON: You don't have any straight friends that you can talk to?

GLEN: Well, no, I'm not actually out unfortunately.

JASON: OK.

CHRIS: No, we can understand and a combo with that. And that's a big step just to even have your voice heard on a radio show like this.

GLEN: Yes.

SANDY: Are you seeing anybody right now?

[LAUGHTER]

JASON: Let's just go right for it!

CHRIS: Now, hold on, hold on, hold on.

JASON: All right, Sandy.

CHRIS: The husband hunt was officially stopped when Miss Lewis left.

GLEN: Well, if I may answer that question?

CHRIS: Sure.

GLEN: Yes, I met a nice gentleman Friday evening.

JASON: Friday as in a week ago? Or?

GLEN: Oh, this past Friday.

JASON: This past Friday?

SANDY: It was this evening actually--

BOBBY: As in yesterday.

JASON: And where did y'all meet?

SANDY: You can tell him. You can be honest.

CHRIS: Jimmy said they're going-- huh, what's going on here?

JASON: Where did y'all meet if you don't mind my asking?

GLEN: Oh, well--

SANDY: We started chatting over the internet.

GLEN: Yes, we were chatting on the internet. And then, I was invited to his home.

JASON: Cool.

GLEN: And then--

SANDY: Then, they met.

GLEN: We met and--

SANDY: He was nice, very, very nice.

JASON: That's actually very cool. For some reason, the internet has negative connotations to some people. And I'm starting to hang out on the internet because I don't go to the bars and clubs anymore. And so I've got to have some kind of social life because I'm a social butterfly. So I've been hanging out on the internet just trying to talk to people because I'm bored.

CHRIS: Yeah, I just started getting on the internet just to go out and just to meet with people and--

JASON: But I have found there's a lot of nice people out there on the internet. There's some people out there that I don't particularly care to meet. And well, I just avoid those ones. But otherwise, I think there's a lot of nice people out there.

And I think in some ways that you can avoid a lot of the hoopla that goes on at the bars as far as what somebody is wearing, and what somebody looks like, and all that. And you can get to know somebody on a more personal level in some senses. And in some ways, you get to know people on a much more superficial level like what size are they.

CHRIS: As I walk back into the studio.

JASON: We got Chris's attention real quick. So you're doing real well then right now, huh?

GLEN: Oh, for me?

JASON: Yeah.

GLEN: Well, I hope so.

SANDY: She better say yes.

[LAUGHTER]

GLEN: I hope so, yes, yes.

SANDY: He's--

JASON: As of tonight, you're doing really well?

GLEN: Yes, I am happy--

JASON: That's good.

GLEN: --I should say.

SANDY: That's good to hear, yeah.

JASON: Which Valentine's-- or how long have you been out of a relationship if you don't mind my asking?

GLEN: Well, actually, since the-- I'd say the end of February of this year.

JASON: Of this year?

GLEN: Yes.

SANDY: About the same as me.

GLEN: So it was a shock. But I then let the person really hurt me. I kind of like told him, well, it's over then. I'm not going to let him have the last say of it, you know?

CHRIS: How long were the-- was the relationship that just--

GLEN: Well, unfortunately, they were, let's say-- the one was only just a matter of months I would say, no more than three or four. Then, this past one was about almost five months. And we were spending almost every weekend together.

And then, like I said, after Valentine's, then it was all of a sudden just a totally different personality. And he said he wasn't sure he was in love with him anymore. So I was like, well, I don't need That headache anymore.

CHRIS: Yeah, that's understandable.

GLEN: Well, I figured I got a black cloud that follows me or that's over me.

SANDY: Well, hopefully we'll take care of that soon enough, right?

GLEN: Oh, I hope so.

JASON: This is getting interesting. My last relationship personally ended when I was in the hospital having major surgery. And the person just kind of-- they were supposedly coming up to the hospital to see me. And they just disappeared. I think they may have ended up going to jail for tax evasion, but I'm not sure. That's the kind of people I get in relationships with, if that gives anybody any clues.

CHRIS: Someone took a page out of Newt Gingrich's book there, leaving someone on his deathbed. But well, we do appreciate you calling in there, Glen.

JASON: Is there anyone else you wanted to say?

CHRIS: Yeah, you got something else there?

GLEN: Sorry?

CHRIS: Do you have anything else you wanted to add.

GLEN: Well, I'm just going to say I like your radio station. And it was a very nice topic you're all talking about tonight.

CHRIS: Well, thank you very much.

JASON: And we enjoyed your calling.

CHRIS: Have a good evening.

SANDY: You have a really good night, babe.

GLEN: All right, bye bye.

CHRIS: Boy, did you rig that or what, Sandy?

SANDY: Well, I've actually seen-- I'm actually seeing him.

JASON: We could get into a real interesting conversation there.

[LAUGHTER]

CHRIS: But we're waiting to hear--

JASON: That's almost as bad as what I used to always bring my little boy toys in tow in here. Of course, Chris enjoyed that because he got to view them personally.

CHRIS: Well, when I told Jimmy I had secret guests coming in here, he was like, what are you doing? You bring in your little crack hoe friends?

SANDY: No.

JASON: No, his ex crack hoe friends.

CHRIS: They're all in jail.

JASON: I quit crack.

SANDY: I should make the comment that I've actually met Glen on Friday. We started talking, and then we met on Saturday. And we had a really good time.

CHRIS: Well, that's good. Now, for a completely change of pace here, we've got Joy--

SANDY: Actually, Friday night--

JASON: We've got a woman call-in.

SANDY: All right!

JASON: That is awesome.

CHRIS: We've got a woman calling on here. Joy over in the Northwest side?

SANDY: Hello?

JASON: And we're having technical difficulties for a moment. Keep holding with us though. I love--

CHRIS: Jimmy, I'll just push the buttons in here.

SANDY: Hello?

CHRIS: Hold on. Roy, put her on hold. I can't touch it, Roy.

SANDY: Roy, do you want to talk to her?

CHRIS: One moment, please.

JASON: We'll be moving right along.

CHRIS: Talk, talk, talk--

JASON: Anyway, like I was saying, my last relationship ended kind of badly. OK, Joy, are you there?

JOY: Yeah, no, I was just listening to the last guy talk. Glenn I think was his name. And he was just talking about how this guy like loved him one day, and two days later, he didn't love him. And I had a similar relationship that ended that way.

And I just want to tell him, man, he didn't love you because if he loved you, you can't just turn that on it off. And--

CHRIS: Here, here.

JOY: And just keep your head up. Keep your chin.

JASON: That's right. Love is not a faucet.

JOY: Right.

SANDY: But at the same time--

JOY: When he said that, I just-- I wanted one of y'all to like jump in and say, hey, that's not right.

JASON: I had my opinions on that. But I also--

CHRIS: He's been on--

JASON: I feel like I'm almost on probation. I can't be as bad as I used to be because I've been on hiatus.

CHRIS: Jason's been on both end of the spigots. He's been the one getting hosed and then the one turning the knob.

JASON: Do you mind my asking? Are you a lesbian or straight?

JOY: Yeah, I'm straight. I have a lot of good friends who are gay.

JASON: Oh, we'd love to hear from female straight friends.

JOY: Yeah, I'm like the fag hag.

[LAUGHTER]

JASON: Cool, all right.

CHRIS: We love fag hags around here.

JASON: Yes, we do.

CHRIS: I've tried turning my-- one of my former bosses into being my little fag hag. Unfortunately, she had to go get knocked up, and I couldn't take her out to the clubs.

JOY: That ruined everything!

CHRIS: Yeah, it's hard to take a pregnant straight woman into a gay bar. The looks you get--

JASON: Well, plus, the booze and the smoke.

CHRIS: It's good to hear that we have a kindred spirit. We realize that that's the same situation out in the straight community that you have the--

JOY: Oh, definitely.

SANDY: You have a lot of jerks.

JOY: (LAUGHING)

JASON: Men are pigs. Men are pigs.

CHRIS: Men are pigs, and we know it from both ends.

JASON: Yes, we do

SANDY: The main problem with a lot of gay men is that they are users. And they are major users.

JASON: Yes they are.

SANDY: They just use, and then they throw you away. And it's like, I cannot stand users.

JOY: No, of any kind.

SANDY: When I see them on my friends, I get so bad because you're telling them, do not date that man. He's not worth it. And they still-- they go against your wishes. And the next thing, they have a broken heart, and you don't know how to help them.

JOY: Yep, and you're the one who has to pat them on the back. And you can't say, I told you so. But you have to be there for them, yeah.

SANDY: But that's the good thing about being a good friend, you know? You have to be there in good times, bad times, so you're cool.

JOY: Exactly.

JASON: Is there anything else you had to say?

JOY: No, that's all.

JASON: Well, thanks a lot for calling.

CHRIS: Thank you for calling.

JOY: All right, y'all have a good evening.

CHRIS: You too.

JASON: Thank you. We appreciate your support.

JOY: Bye bye.

CHRIS: Bye.

JASON: I loved it when y'all were saying that gay men are users because, from personal experience, I can atone to that as I hold my Narcotics Anonymous keychain up.

CHRIS: The A stands for anonymous.

JASON: But I'm proud of my recovery and turnaround.

SANDY: We've all done our share because I'm not a saint either. I know that I have broken a few hearts myself. But it's because sometimes you go through some stages when you think you are there. And then, at the same time, you just find yourself lost again. And it's really hard also to find the right guy.

CHRIS: OK, next up here, we have David calling us in from the Galleria area. David, are you there?

DAVID: Yes.

CHRIS: Hi, you're on the air. And you got something to add into our topic?

DAVID: Yes, in regards to the settling comment that was made a little earlier, I was in a relationship of 3 and 1/2 years. We've been split like three years now. And I don't believe that you find someone in particular when you're looking for them.

But it's not that we settle. We more or less change our way of thinking because love does weird things to us. And when we find that right person, no matter what happens with the relationship, there is always there's still that connection there. Even today with us, we're still the best of friends, but we have moved on in our separate ways and in our own lives well.

JASON: I have a relationship where I'm best friends with my ex.

DAVID: Yeah.

CHRIS: And that's always the good part of what you can hear is that the relationship, even though it ended, there's still a friendship-- there's still some bond there that can at least let you think that something was there the whole time.

JASON: David, you've got the same name as my last text, but I won't hold that against you or anything, I promise.

SANDY: I don't know. I guess--

CHRIS: Look, if we hung up on everyone that had the same name as your last name, we wouldn't--

JASON: There wouldn't be a lot of people.

CHRIS: Only Joy, the woman caller, would have been the only one we would allow through.

DAVID: Even today like with us, because there was such a love between us, and there still is, we'd do anything for each other. I've just recently started into another relationship after three years. And it's not that I've settled. I've just had a different outlook on relationships. I've been out in the community since I was 16 years old. I'll be 29 this month.

JASON: How is y'all's friendship working with the other relationship?

DAVID: Fine. He's been with someone now like a year. Actually, we all hang out.

JASON: That's good.

DAVID: I wish him the best, and he wishes me the best. And we know that if there is something that we can do for each other, then we just pick up the phone. There's still a true bond between us. I think with most of my friends and people that I've met that's had a good, strong relationship, it's that situation.

JASON: Right, I find that's the ultimate test of how good the friendship is working out after the relationship ends is, when one of the people gets into a relationship, if you can still maintain the friendship, then--

DAVID: Well--

JASON: You had a good bond there.

DAVID: I admit that it was hard at first, but I wish him the best. And my thing is I do care for him, so I want him to be happy. And I think that's the mature side of me coming out with age.

JASON: It sucks when that happens.

DAVID: I know. I know.

[LAUGHTER]

SANDY: But that is--

JASON: So what do you find more satisfying? Because I think you're a real good person to ask about this as far as, what do you find more satisfying about the relationships in your life? The friendship side or the romantic? Now, that you've got both, and one of them's your ex-- I'm not wording this question real well.

DAVID: I think I understand where you're coming from. It's wonderful to be able to share special times with someone and to have someone there with you in your life. And it's difficult being single, especially in Houston. I don't go out to the bars and stuff that much anymore.

So having him as a friend and-- is comforting because we can talk. We communicate and things like that. And he understands me, and I understand him. So that helps. Does that answer where you're--

JASON: Yeah, it answers quite a bit because, like I said, at the very beginning of this topic that in this letter relationships was addressed strictly as you know boyfriend-boyfriend relationship type thing. And I really want people to remember how important other relationships are in your life, such as friendships and stuff.

DAVID: And there's been many people in my life that's been say the one-nighters, you know? I'm not an angel. And I go along, I guess, with the majority.

CHRIS: Well--

DAVID: And I shouldn't say it like that, but, I mean--

CHRIS: Hey, at least it's good to admit that there is some sexuality in homosexuality.

JASON: Well, I'm a complete angel. I swear I am.

CHRIS: Hell's Angel.

[LAUGHTER]

It's good to hear that, yeah, that can have a relationship, and that you can recover from it, and still end up with a good friend.

SANDY: So I have a question actually. You mentioned you were dating somebody, right?

DAVID: Correct.

SANDY: How does your date feel about your best friend?

DAVID: Actually, his ex and him are very good friends. So there's a good understanding between everything. And it just so happens that both of these people I met inside of a grocery store. I mean, two different cities--

SANDY: HEB, huh?

DAVID: One was HEB, and one was Kroger.

JASON: OK, I need to start doing grocery stopping.

CHRIS: Hold on, what aisles?

DAVID: What aisle?

CHRIS: Because they always say that you cruise the produce.

DAVID: Well, my ex--

SANDY: Frozen foods.

DAVID: --he was over by the cake mixes, and then I just followed him through, and through the check lane and outside, and kindly trampled him to get his phone number.

SANDY: Just a little flirting, huh? Following him with the little cart or the little basket, whichever is easier.

DAVID: Actually, I saw him go in to the grocery store. And I had to park my car really close to him so he couldn't get in without me leaving.

[LAUGHTER]

SANDY: Oh, so you're one of those stalkers, huh?

DAVID: Well, I'm not a stalker. I just saw this really cute little boy walking into this-- getting out of his vehicle, so I had to do a U-turn and go back.

JASON: See, you've got the courage to do something that I would think about doing.

DAVID: No, actually--

JASON: As many times I've thought, hey, that's a cute guy going into the grocery store. But I've never had the courage to go flirt with him.

DAVID: Well, see, now, if I'm in a bar, I'm the one that's standing over in the corner not saying anything to anybody. It's just give me my drink, and hopefully this thing's going to shut down soon so I can get out of here.

JASON: I used to do that. And then, after the eighth or ninth martini, then, hey, I was talkative.

CHRIS: Oh, yeah. I'll admit. Grocery stores right now kill me, especially out in the suburbs where I live, where they get to wear the jeans out there. And--

SANDY: Those tight shorts--

CHRIS: The tight jeans, the tight shirts. And it's kind of like, can we help out to your car with that? No, but you can follow me home and help me into my apartment with those groceries.

[LAUGHTER]

JASON: So do you have anything else you wanted to add?

DAVID: No, that was it.

JASON: We appreciate your call.

CHRIS: We do appreciate you calling in and sharing with us a bit of your life with us.

DAVID: Yeah, well thank y'all.

CHRIS: Thank you. Bye. OK--

SANDY: Well, I wanted to mention something. We have somebody that's been in a relationship for a long time, and he needs to comment something. Come on, Jimmy. You need--

CHRIS: Come on in, Methuselah.

JIMMY: What do you mean?

SANDY: You need to tell us the magic words.

JIMMY: What do you mean?

SANDY: We talk about relationships--

CHRIS: Come on, you and Stanley meeting at Stonehenge.

JIMMY: Hey!

[LAUGHTER]

CHRIS: The construction, not the place.

JIMMY: He survived--

CHRIS: Yeah, missed the old jokes, didn't you, Jason?

JASON: Yeah, I miss the old jokes.

SANDY: He's leading right now what we all want to do, be in a relationship, in a lasting relationship. I am talking with myself--

CHRIS: No, no, no, no, we're--

JIMMY: This Pride Week marked my 23rd anniversary with Stanley.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

CHRIS: Now, how did you two meet?

JIMMY: Through my landlady she introduced us because we were going to be doing some traveling together. And I have to admit that he was taken with me, and I didn't like him at all.

[LAUGHTER]

Not at all. And it was to me embarrassing because it was during dinner, and he was playing footsie with me under the table.

CHRIS: I hadn't heard all this dish.

JIMMY: Yeah, and he would not leave until he had my phone number.

JASON: This makes me wonder about all the guys that I've turned down.

JIMMY: And he kept calling, and calling, and calling. And finally, he-- I'm not going to say he wore me down. Suddenly, I turned around, and I realized I really cared for this guy. And I really wanted him in my life. And he wasn't going to go away. And that was very important to me, that he wasn't going to go away.

JASON: Or maybe that's an approach that I need to take in the future, just become the--

CHRIS: Stalker or the stalkee?

JASON: The stalker.

SANDY: And one of the things that people need to start realizing is looks are not everything.

JASON: Oh, no.

SANDY: You have to look at the person inside, the one that has a sweetheart, the romantic one, the one who thinks about you before himself, the one who puts you first--

JIMMY: Yes!

SANDY: --because those are keepers. But nowadays, in this gay culture, if you don't have the right physique, if you don't have the right look, you won't get any. And that's--

CHRIS: If you're lucky enough to grow old.

JASON: What I always say about that comment is that true looks are not everything. But let's be honest, to most of us, looks are what get us initially attracted--

CHRIS: That gets you into them.

JASON: --to get to know the person.

JIMMY: That's right.

JASON: And maybe it's not right, maybe it's not a nice thing to say, maybe it's not a nice thing to do. But I think that, with most people, it takes looks to get into the door.

JIMMY: Let's face it, the older-- if you're lucky enough to grow old, someday you're not going to be as pretty as you were.

CHRIS: Tell me.

JIMMY: That's true for all of us.

CHRIS: Tell me, honey.

JIMMY: That's true for all of us.

CHRIS: All right, I want to thank Sandy and Jason for coming in. And who knows? We may even have Jason coming around more.

JASON: And all the callers too.

CHRIS: And the callers. This was amazing. We normally don't do call-ins. But to get four good cal-ins like that is amazing. Oh, it wasn't because of you.

SANDY: (LAUGHING)

JASON: Did you actually post it like you said you were?

CHRIS: Mm-hm.

JASON: Chris said he was going to post it, and maybe we need to do that more often.

JIMMY: In the background, you're hearing a song from the motion picture *Trick*. It's a queer artist, Jeff Krassner, who I've been playing for a very long time. And it's called "Maybe Love Will Make Sense to Me".

JASON: Well, I just watched that movie The other day on cable.

SANDY: Well, everybody had a good night. And I hope you drive safely. I hope you didn't drink too much. And Glen, good night, and I'll talk to you tomorrow.

CHRIS: Can I hit one last thing real quick there?

JIMMY: You do it.

CHRIS: Make sure if you did not get to see paragraph 175 during the Lesbian and Gay Film Festival, Monday night, July 9th, 7:00 PM, it is on HBO. Take a look at the Holocaust from a gay point of view.

JIMMY: Get a friend to tape it for you or anything.

CHRIS: Is that subtle or what?

JIMMY: That's right. It's very good. Coming up at the top of the hour or soon after, will be the ~~the~~*Early Morning Groove* with Rob Love and the Governor Good Grief.

JASON: Is the cute guy going to be?

JIMMY: Oh, that's the Governor Good Grief. He usually waits until after the gay guys leave because he keeps tripping and falling over all of the drool that we--

[LAUGHTER]

CHRIS: Oh, please. You have his footprints on your tongue.

JIMMY: Ouch!

SANDY: Stay tuned next week and *Latin Hour*.

CHRIS: Sandy will be back next week with the Latin show.

SANDY: That's right.

JASON: That you for having me back.

SANDY: I'll be back for the *Rise* show.

CHRIS: You're listening to KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station.

[MUSIC - JEFF KRASSNER, "MAYBE LOVE WILL MAKE SENSE TO ME"]

JEFF KRASSNER: (SINGING) Sense to me (well, well, well, well) Oh, maybe one of these days love will make sense to me (well, well, well, well) Oh, maybe, maybe, maybe, maybe, love will make sense to me (well, well, well) Oh, and maybe.