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Oh yes, you've tuned into after hours queer radio with attitude right here on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM. The crew of after ours is ready to bring you news interviews, dialogue and music geared for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people and their friends. 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 classes. 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 age 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 hours.



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Hello, Houston and college station and welcome to after hours queer radio with attitude. Those last two songs that you heard was the stiletto project with never ending days. I'm told that we have a transgendered member of that group and started out with Holly Johnson with legendary children, all of them queer. I'm Jimmy Carper. And I've got something to read to you right now. In 1967, I sat in a church in Mississippi, listening to a minister explain how the story of the Tower of Babel was justification for the separation of the races. He claimed the story clearly illustrated how God meant for the races to be separate but equal. Therefore segregation in the South was not an evil, but the carrying out of the will of God. Those who demanded desegregation were living examples of Satan on Earth, and no effort should be spared to save the Christians from the wicked. As he spoke, I remember marveling at how the Bible could be twisted to such an extent and wondering about the definition of the word Christian. A few weeks ago, I attended the funeral of my father in the Pentecostal Protestant, dominant, dominant denomination and listened to the minister described my father as a good Christian. It is true that my father had many fine qualities. But this was also a man who could attend prayer service on Saturday, teach Sunday school in the morning, sing praises in the afternoon, and leave his church talking about specs and niggers. When I called him on his bigotry, he would just laugh and say, well, that's just me. I never understood his definition of the word Christian while he was alive and now that he is gone. I never will understand it. Before continuing continuing with this story, I think a bit of explanation is necessary. When a gay or lesbian person comes out to their parents. It is often very emotional, but When the smoke clears, the parents still have a son or daughter, where the transgendered person comes out to their parents. It is as if their son or daughter has died. The parents are faced with a physically and emotionally different person who they know little or nothing about, yet still call them mom and

dad. This sense of death and rebirth extends to brothers, sisters, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, and anyone to whom the transgendered person has been close. Our coming out process is similar to gays and lesbians, but it is not identical. My mother broke the news to my aunts, uncles, grandparents, etc. Much to her surprise, the response was very mild. Both my grandmother 92 years old, and my aunt expressed their feelings by Telling my mother that if she loved her child, she would learn to adapt. Much to her credit. She took that advice, and the results have been generally positive. Like the rest of my family, I came out to my brother several years ago. At the time, I remember his reaction as being fairly positive, and even related his marks remarks to people within the transgender community. Unknown to me at the time, his wife actually asked if I was contagious, and demanded to be kept away from the family. Later that year, I sent some pictures of myself to my brother inside a birthday card. His wife somehow intercepted the card and went ballistic. Our relationship has been downhill ever since. The day before the Wake was to take place. I received the first call in more than two years from my brother. He explained that the obituary gave my male name none in my father's church was aware of my transition. His children did not know about me, and he had no intention of discussing it with anyone. It was not his intention to exclude me from any of the events, but he would appreciate it if I would keep a low profile. In essence, he wanted me to be present, but invisible. When the Wake took place, my brother and his wife stood in the reception line. But I was never asked to participate. My life life partner kept saying I should simply join the reception line with or without their support. But paralysed by grief and a rising anger, I could barely control. I chose to stay seated. Several times, people I had known since birth, asked my mother, why the eldest son was not present. And she would simply bring them over to me. All things considered, I would rate that evening is one of the worst in my life. At the burial, I simply could not hold back any longer and broke down and spasms of tears. Literally standing next to me was my brother and his son. Even as my grief overwhelmed me, he could not find it within himself to reach over and acknowledge or even touch me, we must protect the children, you know. Hindsight is perfect, of course. And looking backward, I can see how things could and should have been handled differently. There will be other family funerals in the future, and I can state as a fact that things will be different. Never again, will I be present but invisible to shield someone else from their own embarrassment. I'm a person worth knowing, and their embarrassment is their problem. I am sick of hearing about how we need to shield the children, shield them from what human diversity I can't begin to tell you how much my life might have been different. If there had been one healthy adult transgendered role model, I could have looked up to my days of SHIELD shielding my brother's kids are over. The stakes involved in being a role model are simply too important to hide. I am totally fed up with people who say things like I'm a Christian, I could never come out in my church or your fill in the blank. Let a good Christian life. He could never tell anyone about you. To borrow an old phrase that dog won't hunt. To be a Christian is not an excuse for bigotry, cowardice or stupidity. Too often, we let the word Christian have a meaning that implies something of great moral value that does not include us. I became so concerned about the way my father would be remembered by his good Christian friends that I let it undermined my own self worth. Never again brothers and sisters, never again. And a past positive aspect of the experience is the extent to which I have learned that the friends around me are really my family of choice to come home and be accepted as what I am is a luxury I really took for granted. It's a shame it took an event like this to remind me where the good life I have here. But you know what they say? Better late than never. That does not it's not about me. It is about my co host tonight. Sarah dipalma Say hey



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Houston, how are you?



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And how are you doing?



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I'm doing pretty good.



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That this was sent over the computer and it was the First time I read it, it was just an incredible experience.



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As funny I sent that out over the Houston activist network. And I immediately started getting emails from people saying, Boy, let me tell you about the funeral I went to, or let me tell you about my family experience. And I especially heard from a lot of teenage transgendered people who really identified with family situations and troubles within the family. And it was, it was something I really held off writing for a long time because I wanted to be clear about my feelings before I started. When Phyllis Frey went home for the funeral of her father, she had one of the worst experiences ever heard of, probably up until I went home.



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What amazes me is that I know people have problems with families and all of that, and I know you are very strong activist. So my, in the back of my mind, I'm thinking if she couldn't do it, what's the hope for the rest of us?



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Being an activist doesn't do you any good, Nick, I'm an emotional situation really? Well, I guess it doesn't, it doesn't because I was able to come home, process it and say, it'll be different next time. Next time they get the redhead terror. But but your first time through, there's no manual. There's no guidebook, there's nothing that tells you. How are you supposed to behave? And we're going to talk about that tonight. We've got some very good folks in studio, we're going to talk about family issues. But it's one of those things, there is no manual that says, when I go to a funeral, how am I supposed to behave? Or even even worse, if I've just recently come out, or my case I came out years ago, but my father chose not to discuss it with anyone in his side of the family. So the first time they see you is when you show up, then what do you do? Tough, very, very difficult. Yes, you got members of the family, basically split one side of the family saying Shut up and go away and the other side of the family saying tell them to go to hell. Just an all around tough experience from and you feel like you've been pushed and

pulled and there's nowhere really to know. And now it's you know, hindsight is 2020. I look at this. Well, I should have said I should have done this and that. And if there is a next time, and surely they will be they'll get a different version of Sarah, but the first time through you trying hard not to step on somebody's toes. And maybe maybe that wasn't necessarily the right choice.

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I could not help but think after I read this and got over it. The next thought was, gee, the last funeral I went to was for Diem. For D for D. Yeah. And how different it was a positive experience. That was

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the I was struck by that the whole time that it was up there. I kept thinking these funeral was gorgeous. And here I'm being treated like I'm a warm call kinds

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of people from all kinds of places, including family members. And it was, you know, it was it was sad at first. And I think we all broke down. And then as more speakers came up, it became a whole lot more positive. And everybody left feeling good.

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Yeah. Yeah, I left town. I mean, just feeling totally demoralized. Lori's in the studio. And she can tell you, I came home and I was a mess. It took me quite a while to get over it. Because I kept saying to myself, well, I should have done this. And I should have done that. And she pointed out, well, you know, should have could have would have. That's all great. But that's, you know, that's hindsight. But it is a tough issue. And it's been interesting, because I've gotten so many emails from people since we put this out. And Phyllis Frey put this out in her network list as well. And I've been hearing from people literally from all over the country talking about their experiences and something that that when I had talked about where I got a letter from somebody who had actually been declared dead in her church. I mean, yeah, and these so called good Christians, and we'll be talking about that tonight. And family issues gets so complicated, because, for example, in my family, everyone on my mother's side of the family knew, in my grandmother's only question was one time she wanted to know why I wanted to come a girl. My response was, Well, I've always wanted to be one. And her. Her thought was, oh, that was it. That's the only time that she's ever made. Really? That's it? We're 92 years old. Yeah, that's it. On my father's side of the family, my father chose not to tell anyone, not his brother, not his wife. Nobody. And so the first time they have they had any clue that Sarah existed was when I showed up for the funeral. And that made it really, really hard. Yes, I guess because I'm trying now I'm in a situation where I'm dealing with his guilt, and his shame, and his sense of all that stuff. And he's gone. Mm. He was worried about what the neighbors were gonna thank me, well, here comes this activist from Texas going up to a funeral thinking, well, this is, you know, this is going to be okay. And it just didn't work out that way at all. And this

was a real small town in Connecticut. It was not anything I choose to do a second time. And it's one of those situations where no matter how big an activist you are, it doesn't help you in personal situations, you still have to deal with it. One on one. Yeah. Yeah. That's that's really what it comes down to. And honestly, I think up until then, I live pretty much charmed life in terms of transition. Yes, I



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think so too.



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I mean, really, because really, the only people with family members that really dealt with were my mother's side. And I never really worried much about my father's side, because wouldn't have been close at all. But then when they show up the funeral and treat you like dirt, because they think you're a pervert or whatever. Then you start thinking, Well, gee, did I do this right. And it's ironic, because the last thing I had talked to my father about on the phone, after saying to look, you need to get some, you know, make sure that the doctors do this, and this and this. And the last thing he had said he talked about was, well, now if you come up here for for some reason, use your head, which to him would have meant keep your mouth shut, I guess. So you want to carry out your father's wishes at his funeral. But the whole time you're thinking, Boy, I don't know how much more this I'm gonna take. That that push and pull is pretty rugged. In part



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of your story. You talk about how your sister in law was worried that you might be contagious to the children and the thought struck me. I I hope she doesn't have any gay, lesbian or transgender children.



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I say this sounds awful. And I don't mean to sound arrogant, but my thought was, I hope I am. Because it'd be good for the kids. You know, if they inherited a little bit of my activism, and my, my outlook on life, it might be better for those kids. And yeah, the thought has also crossed my mind, gee, if they have gay or lesbian kids, they're going to come back and blame me. You know, this is this is your fault, Sarah. And I'm gonna say well, I don't think so. But yeah, I don't think so. When we introduced our our folks in the studio, I think



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we're ready for that. Yeah. We have a great, great crew in the other room and they're whispering to each other. And of course, we can hear and of course,



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we can hear this on the air. Yes. Hello.



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Oh, starting on my end, okay. Katrina rose. Yes.



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She's made many many trips here to KPFT just to trip on this evening. As a matter of fact, you've just been from the psychedelic dance.



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Yeah, the psychedelic dance the benefit for the transgender pack. It's called T pact I forget precisely what the words are in Tepeyac TP AACT transgender pack over a karate studio of all places, but was most pleased to have a dance. It was fun. I'm only minimal psychedelic I got my Grateful Dead t shirt and a Pink Floyd tie. Combined get a good look because this is probably the last time you'll ever see me wearing a tie. The only thing I had that was psychedelic and the big T symbol. And the big peace symbol a very very interesting little trinket given me by a transgendered woman from Beaumont. Big piece I'm made out of a welding rod



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it looks like it could be a hood ornament.



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For Chuck part of another yes if I ever own a Mercedes Benz but we won't go there. Okay.



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year on one that encouraged Sarah up in Connecticut and tramped through the snow with it on a wintry evening trying to catch snow one time,



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Glory. Glory if the audience probably knows is the love of my life. Yeah. And my life partner. She kept me sane believe me.



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Hi, the streets are Richard.



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And Teresa has been on the show before but I guess it's been what about a year ago, Teresa? Yeah. About a year. It's been it's been two years. That's the same two years? Yeah, it's



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come up to almost two years for that.



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We can't see fingers on the Yeah.



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She said a year? No, no, it's been it's been a while. It took quite a while.



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Well, I'm not quite sure where to begin with all of this, I guess. Let me let me give my my thoughts on this. In the last few days. I've received a number of letters from transgender kids. I say kids, it's not fair. They're 1617 they're not kids. They're young adults. But I cannot answer them directly because I don't want to be in charge. You know, something with kids. So I promised them that I would dedicate the show to them tonight. Okay, and let them know that yes, indeed, I have received your emails, I have read them. And I understand your family situations. And this show is also for you tonight. Because even though you may not need to face these issues immediately, they're coming. And maybe tonight you will learn something that in the future will help you. I think one of the problems that that we face here is that there was no one before us to go to as a role model and say, Well, how did you do this? There was no we have no elders that we can go to and ask advice. Do



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you know that you are the role model? You are the elder now it?



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Yeah, and it's funny, I was just pointing out to Lori tonight, Miss that all of a sudden, I'm starting to feel very humbled. But yeah, it is true it and, and I'm comfortable with that. Finally, now, it's taken me a long time for a long time. I said, Oh, I don't want that. in it. I'm okay with that now, but for people of our generation, there was there was no one to go to. So all of this is new. And there's there's no roadmap, there's nowhere to go. And I thought it would be interesting tonight to talk about not so much the coming out process. But what happens after you've come out? And what happens if it goes wrong? You know, we talked about the coming out process if is if Well, everything is over a period of time, everything is going to be okay. And in many cases it is. But what if it isn't? Then you're gonna have to cope with it Sure. In Are you prepared for that? Are you prepared to live the rest of your life without parents? Your parents don't speak to you? You know,



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I haven't had any, any. Anything from my parents in 30 years?



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And 30 years? Yeah. So the question that I'm posing to the boat to people tonight is are you prepared to live with that as a consequence? Are you prepared to have to face family issues? alone and without guidance? And how will you handle them?



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I don't think you can handle it alone. I had a family of choice. I was I had people who thought my being gay was an asset. And that was that was my crutch.



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Actually, that's something I learned from you. And I thought about that all the way back in the plane as well. Your comment about the family of choice because I remember thinking, Jimmy got that right. That's exactly what this is this family. I'm going back to my family of choice. And I can't tell you how happy it was to get back to Houston. No all not only that, but because we flew AirTran separate comment. And air Tran it used to be valued yet. Oh, okay. Okay. Let me tell you, we have nicknamed the wing and a prayer airline. And let me tell you, unless you you know, if you can walk do that before you take your separate, separate issue. So with that in mind, I thought it would be interesting to talk about some family experiences. And



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we're going to finish Oh, we finished introducing everybody. Oh, did we? Okay,



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good. Well, back to you.



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I didn't say my name was Beth Richard, but everybody else said it for me. So I didn't think I needed. And yes, Teresa's my spouse. Yeah, right now almost 12 years.



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For the audience. This is an interesting situation. They've heard us talk about legal same sex marriage. Honey, we've got we have one we have illegal same sex marriage sitting in the studio right now. Sorry. That's right. So for those of you who think, wow, that's not possible, sir. Yeah,



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we stood up in a basilica in front of Robert Dalton.



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Are you out there?



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Oh, you know, he's not,



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you know, the whole the whole schmeer and that was 12 years ago, you know, priests and all that everything perfectly, completely legal. And then my transition was in what June of 95. So



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yeah, and I know, Teresa, you just came back from a family gathering, right? Want you to give a little background and where that all hot and how that's going.



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Well, my father is dying of cancer. And he has kidney cancer.



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And this isn't a surprise, by the way, this isn't a surprise for a long time.



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This. He had surgery about six years ago. So he's to be quite honest, as long as six or seven years longer than he should expect. is expected to live. Yeah, he's doing. You know, it's basically almost any time Yeah, but



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isn't it like every time you go up there? It's like, this is the last time No, I



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did. So this was the first time Oh, over spring break. They said he had less than six months to live. And I went over Easter break. And he deteriorated from the Tuesday before Easter to when I got there Thursday. And he's stable right at the moment, but it's coming. It's coming to an end. He's a piece and for you. Yes, I'm a piece. I was very happy. I went up to talk to my dad and you know, you know, just just talk to him. Don't know



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what my my situation with that family that whole side of the family is that when I first started to come out, I hadn't even gotten all the way out. They had gone to quite a bit of family hostility. I mean, we're talking some seriously ugly things going on here. And at that point it was it was pretty bad. And the way that all resolved was that they just decided I stopped existing. You know, they'd get, they'd get invitations to our brother, my brother in law, her her brother's wedding addressed to her and the two kids. You know, everything's been addressed to her and the two kids and I've just like, you know, that's it fallen off the face of the earth. Now the kids certainly refer to me, Teresa refers to me, you know, but she's always just used my initial because they can cope with them. But that's their choice. So now here we are up in 1999. Again,



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and when I was up there, I figured there probably was going to be, we had to figure something out. And I knew my mom, my, our, our son is 11. And our daughter who's nine is very social, knows what to say. And how to say it. Wow. That mean she's,



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they're hurt their kids are fabulous.



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11 year old boy wears his emotions on his sleeve. I mean,



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and he'll go back, you know, talking to my mom on the phone,



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helping trip and it's like, oh, God, Grandma's gonna have a heart attack here. You know,



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my mom, I think knew, but just wasn't admitting it, you know. And so I, you know, upset about seeing my father in bed when I'm expecting them to be moving around, sort of, you know, so that was taken aback. But I wrote a five page letter. And to be quite honest, I don't really know what I said. And I get and I put it under the door. And my mom read it the next morning, but it was it was a Blanton of, you know, that. Bill is now Beth. And, you know, it's been this way, since 1995. You know, we're dealing are, you know, we're having financially we're in good shape. We both have good jobs, the people we work with, what they exactly know, I don't know. But it doesn't matter. But it doesn't matter because they accept us. They accept us as lesbians, or they accept us as transgendered or however, however, however, they perceive us, that's fine with them. And two, we talked a little community acceptance, our neighborhood, our neighborhood acceptance, you know, it would be the problem here. I don't know. So my mom was, we're happy. And we talked and she goes, You know, when this is all over, and settled down, I'd like to, you know, come down to visit if I can, and I said, that's fine. So I was like, This is really nice. My mom I know, did not say anything to my dad. And it's still doesn't know. So he still doesn't know. But I personally don't think it's and none of her brothers



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and sisters No, and they won't talk about it. And they want to because I quit existing before I'd ever finished coming out the years in



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the position that I was in when I got to Connecticut, and the whole side of the family had no clue sounds kind



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of like it. Yeah. So I mean, it's, it's one of those things that, you know, at least my mom's starting to handle it and I personally don't think my dad needs to deal. And now he's getting his mind. And, and I asked if if Beth could come to the funeral, or at least to the wake and because Beth asked and my mom's such said we'd already they had already discussed it. And it was my dad's wish for her not to go then and in my opinion, it's my family, not hers. Right? And, and I would prefer her not to go just because it's my dad's wishes. But we made a thing that we would go as a family, you know, once my father's planted you know, and go as a family the following day and say peace, you know, and things like that. But you know, that's



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a bit again, it's my family of choice that I'm going to be spending my time with and in that town, not you know, this family of of, you know, an accident of someone's birth, you know, and family



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family can be amazingly blind from the other side of this lorry wanted to talk about your family. They just they just left very interesting.



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So I just that the majority of my family my dad just met for a double bypass heart surgery. And so I met both my sisters and one sisters family. And my niece absolutely adores. She said consumer complaint and I'm gonna be with Sarah today and it was terrific but my mom. We have photos of ceremony on the beach now soon i hugging each other. And she has a transgender award on the wall and I'm transgender in my vote. My family has all seen this. My mother asked me today on the phone. Why is he buying pants for your house?



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So she she actually said that, yes. So she still doesn't get she doesn't have



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a clue. I said, Mom, I said, Mom, this is Sue's home. She wants to do things that I have no interest in, and she's better than I am. She does. She's blind. I mean, it's obvious. She seen us hug each other and hold hands, but



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it's amazing. I've got I've got this lab.



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People can be so blind. They see what they want to see. Yeah,



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I've got it. I've got the award from the Transgender Law conference sitting on the wall. Underneath it is a cold color picture that from when we were in Austin, which says in the big banner, it says I'm transgendered and I vote picture of Phyllis and I standing in front of the State Capitol, we've got pictures of us at the gay pride parade.



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With that famous blue banner



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with a famous blue banner, I



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love that banner.



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We've got pictures of Laurie night with our ring ceremony that we held with Galveston de McKellar took the pictures, and we're hugging and stuff. And it's amazing. I mean, it should be is obvious is like the nose in her face. And apparently she still doesn't get it. It is amazing how people can not see what they simply don't want



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someday. So yeah, there are many, many instances, you have to say the



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word and we didn't think this is an appropriate time after all, her dad was up here to have heart surgery. You know, that's what

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Teresa's letter was, it was saying the words after all these years. Yeah.

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But it's just it's stunning to me. And then the other hand, Lori's sister, Lisa, what was her reaction?

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When you saw I mean, she looked at our photos to my whole family was at the house and no one said a word they, Lisa gave her a big old hug on the way out and said, you know, sent her sent my niece with us up to see up to Kima and have a good time.

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Yeah. Well, not only was she okay about the deal, but she'd said why don't you take our kids and go to my daughter and go do this? It was simply a zero issue, as it should be. Yeah. As it should be. Here's a lieutenant colonel in the US Army in for her. It's Air Force. And it's no big deal. I guess, you know, and that's one of the strange things about the coming out process. People that you think will be supportive turned out not to be people that you think will kick you in the face, end up supporting you. It's amazing, you lose friends that you think you would never leave you gain people that you didn't know existed. It's a very topsy turvy kind of process. Yes. It really is. Now, Teresa, you actually get kidnapped at one point in you.

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Yeah, well, yeah. So

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one point what three

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I used to go down to buy the my parents we used to live what about two hours, two hours away. So you know, going down on drop of a hat? Sure. And so we went down to visit just the kids and I



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was a little weird in that because usually you drove but this time they said no, no, we'll come pick you up.



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And and they took me to a psychologist or psychiatrist or whatever their choose of their choosing very nice Catholic woman. Yeah. And so you know, and I was talking to my sister, which that that was a whole nother story. Yeah. Was last year mostly slabs for filing, talking to my sister. Yeah, it's mostly her doing and she's like, You didn't have to go if you didn't want to, I'm going the cars going 45 miles an hour? What am I going to do jump out? You got my kids at my parents house, you know? Oh, come



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on tree. So let's go for lunch. Okay, so now why are we going out away from the city through the country to a different city entirely, which happens to be near where we live that two hours away? So that we could go to the psychiatrists just around the corner from you so that you could see or whenever you wanted, right. Yeah, that's it's quite. That's that's part of that really ugly I was talking about a while ago. And you overcame all of this. Yeah. Well, that shows the love you to have for each other. Well, yeah. And I think that it also shows that the irrationality that her family was showing at least part of some of them, I would say that drove her more toward us to being younger than the way



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that did. And and I have to say I was taught when I was talking to my mom, she goes if I would have known what had occurred between my sister and I, she would have never told my sister because she after talking to my sister this last time around, I realized how obsessed she was on me. And various other you know, things that had happened before Beth and I even happened and it's like, she was so obsessed. That's why she she went and kidnapped me and did all this other stuff is she was her obsession just took over and being ultra Christian and and I'm doing the right thing without even asking me what I thought the right thing was.



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That's the thing that just overwhelms me about so many people and it you usually comes in a religious form, is that they want you to live your life the way they think it should be, rather than everyone lived the life that they think, you know, they should have, right? I don't get this,



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it doesn't matter if it's their moral duty, it's a matter of self determination or not. And there's a

lot of religious doctrine that says, you know, truth comes from God to the Pope, to the Cardinals to the Archbishop's, to the bishops right down the line. And that's truth. So you have to do what we tell you to because that's truth. You're not supposed to do this thinking on your own thing. You know, that's why they don't ask because you're not supposed to have an opinion about Galileo get in trouble for that very much. So and he wasn't the first and he wasn't the last



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with, with most of them. I mean, I mentioned this in my column, occasionally, it's concept called called Dominionism. They in and in the Catholic Church is one version of it. The radical Protestants have a different one. But they literally believe that in what in one sense, they own the earth. As part of as, as rubber as representatives of God, they actually are in control. And they have the right to enact laws force government to enact laws, and force people to live the way they say God said, so. So, um, and



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their interpretation, including you, including the bit with the Tower of Babel, right down there, Laurie,



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I have to make one comment on each other's actions at the funeral, you've met my younger brother, Joseph and Linda, Dr. Sister. If I had a meltdown, such as you did, in those same situations, both of them will probably stand by kind of helpless, and you know, oh, gee, what do I do, but my sister Lisa, my other brother, Charlie, would probably be the ones who would come to come through. So it's, it's, I think, as much personality as anything else.



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I asked my brother about why he couldn't reach out and touch me his comment was, well, I'm just a private person. And to watch my response was BS on that, if



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you if you had turned to him, what he have have come through Gemini, if you had, if you had basically turned to him, and you know, we just drove him out to hug would he have reacted? Because? Joseph Joseph,



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you don't want to know something like that?



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Yeah, maybe that would have occurred. Anyway, yeah, I'll



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do one. I mean, unless I physically went up there to hug him, he would not comfort me, he would send that, you know, hey, you know, I'm sorry, you my sister. But what can I do?



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Yeah, in light of the way that my he behaved the week and the other things, I just, you know, that that was just awful. It was going back to Laura's parents for a minute in their ability to deny. My fear has always been to God forbid, if something ever happened to her, I end up in hell of a fight with her parents. Because her parents don't even acknowledge that I know that we're in a relationship. And I could see us ending up in court or something, you know, and it's, it's a shame. So I, you know, I cry, I hope like crazy that nothing would ever come to that. But their ability to deny what is obvious and self evident, I can see down line could become a real problem. You know, you and I have seen that. In other we've seen on other situations. Yeah, we've done our legal work and stuff. But I don't want that to happen. Yeah, that would be a whole lot easier if they just understood from the start, but I don't know how you first of all, I don't know how you tell people who obviously don't want to know, at what point do you go to them and say, Look, I know you don't want to know but I'm going to tell you anyhow, you know, and that doesn't seem quite right either. So you go back to Okay, now what's the right thing to do?



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No, I don't know. I wonder if a comment she made