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Because he said, Now, Kim, I understand that if you ever choose to have a life mate, she will not have the rights that a husband would have. And if you need my wife and I to sign anything, I will. Wow. That's cool. Very, very cool.



Gigi 00:20

That is cool. Before we move on and talk about anything else, I'd kind of like to throw out. If any, buddy listening wants to ask a question of our highly professional staff, here are my Montrose counseling. Any questions? Do call



Jimmy Carper 00:44

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Gigi 00:46

Thank you, Jimmy knows me. And we'll have the questions brought to the panel here.



Jay 00:55

Now, as I say something really quick. I just want to say we're talking about how coming out is like a process. And coming out is so multi layered and so many things. You know, you said you didn't come out to your Christian friends for many years. And actually, the thing about the being best maid or best woman or whatever it is. Maid of Honor, I just didn't like that. So as best woman, it's my, my roommates wife, she's very strong Christian and all

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Gigi 01:24
that our best.

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Jay 01:27

Last time I ever wore dress people. But anyway, um, and I still haven't come out to her. And I'm pretty out. You know, in in my life. I've told my family and you know, immediate family, extended family, uncles, aunts, cousins. I'm even out to some people at work. I'm not exactly, you know, hiding it. But I still haven't told her she lives in Kingwood. Now, and I haven't told her yet. This is what I was gay. Because I know the response. She In fact, she were talking about this one time. This was in college back before I even I mean, I was straight back then. And she said something about how she I still don't quite understand her thinking on this. But she told me that she thinks homosexuality is natural and, and that's the way you're born. And you know, it's the way God made you. But it's still wrong, and they're all going to hell. So well. Okay, God's making people send them to hell, I just couldn't quite quite figure that one out. But so I kind of know what her response

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would be. Love the sinner Hate the sin.

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Jay 02:34

Yeah, I guess I don't know. But so I'm out to some people and not to others. And sometimes I'll, you know, magazine solicitors call up and asked my husband, I said, Oh, I don't have a husband, I'm a lesbian, and you know, something like that. Um, so it's just, you can, you know, there's certain times and places to come out, and sometimes, you know, it's just, you don't really want to deal with it at that time. And you just don't want to. So you just kind of see, okay, on long straight or whatever.

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Gigi 03:02
And there's definitely bars in Pasadena, I would not go into and announce Hey, I'm

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survival. Yeah. And I think that's a really important point that we need to be gentle with ourselves around. When and where we choose to come out. There might be a time when you don't feel strong enough. And that's okay.

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Gigi 03:22
Yeah. And one thing I'm realize, and, you know, talked a lot about this and binance. And that is

that, you know, coming out is a process. It's a part of our lives. But it's it's not something that we have to do 24 hours a day. It's not something you know, we don't have to expend to go on the marches to Washington or here in Houston to be in the parade and do all those kinds of things. But that's a safe environment. We don't have to go out and become what's the word martyrs?

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Jay 04:04

To introduce? Hi, I'm bisexual. My name is?

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Kirk Keevert 04:09

Well, I don't I don't think that's necessary. But But I think something along the lines of, of, Hi, my name is Kirk. I'm a homosexual. I mean, my priority is, um, Kirk. The homosexual stuff is really kind of secondary. I mean, there's there's a whole ton of stuff about me. The homosexual stuff just kind of is a big part. Yeah. But that's all this is a part.

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Jimmy Carper 04:34

I don't know that. I do that. I mean, well, I

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Kirk Keevert 04:36

don't know that I would do it either. But it was just right. In contrast to I tried

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Jimmy Carper 04:40

to carry myself as a gay man, so no one will have to ask. All right. All right. But there's some dense people out there. Yeah. Look at me and don't realize there's

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Gigi 04:52

Yeah, sure. There are.

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It has to do with the investment I had in the person in the relationship. And when it came to To the point of pain for me, because I was keeping such an important part of myself from the relationship, I'm very open anyway, then I would choose, it was easier for me to go ahead and share than not to share anymore because that was such a loss. And I do think it's very important to gauge each coming out experience, whether you're, you're there and like Christina

said, to be gentle with yourself. But also think it's important to remember that the more we put a face to the stereotypes of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender to different people, the more it will become accepted. Yeah. So there's a balance.

 Gigi 05:45

There's a balance. And I think, you know, it gets back to community first to, for me, looking at the whole community. And in looking at their strength and numbers. I don't have to stand alone in this process.

 Jimmy Carper 06:02

Well, don't you think that coming out is like tied into your value system. And since every person has a different value system than any other person, we are all different in our coming out process, right. Yeah. We had somebody calling. Yeah. Yeah. When

 Kirk Keevert 06:21

one quick caller before we kind of got to wrap this up on our unfortunately abbreviated show after hours this

 Gigi 06:30

evening. We're honored to Yeah, we

 Kirk Keevert 06:33

are. We've got about 15 minutes left this evening. Edward from Denver harbor called and wanted to make a couple of points. Number one is that there, there are lots of people that have no problem at all coming out. Right. I had very little I had, I had very, very little problem.

 Jimmy Carper 06:49

Once I wasn't working anymore.

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I too, I too had very little problem. So I think that's a good point and needs to be recognized.

 Kirk Keevert 06:57

And one other source. Edward wanted to point out to define some books about coming out

about the whole the whole range of of queer experience is at the Library of public law. Houston public library. Thank you. Absolutely. You know, that's, that's one of the nice things about about living in America, you don't have to pay for that kind of stuff.

G Gigi 07:23

And I'd like to throw out another source maybe even better for for young adults is the college libraries.

J Jay 07:33

That's where I found all my stuff.

K Kirk Keevert 07:40

Well, guys, we want to thank everybody for for coming out tonight. Yeah. Want to give that number for the Montrose counseling center one more time?

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Sure. That's 5290037.

G Gigi 07:52

And I'd like to ask, is there anything else that you want to throw out is the last wrap up Congress?

J Jimmy Carper 07:59

How about a push for the Montrose counseling center because the small entrance counseling center is very unique. Oh, yeah. And handling diversity sliding scale, and it's one of the one places you can go if you have undetermined sexuality, nobody's gonna say you need to be this or that.

J Jay 08:19

Yes, speaking as a bisexual person, actually, when I was going through my coming out process, I went through Montrose counseling and I had a lot of guys said, Well, I don't know if I'm gay, straight or bisexual and nobody tried to push me in any direction, which was really neat. I, I really got good feedback from Montrose counseling. So they are very open. Very helpful, very friendly.



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Sure. Would you like a rundown of all of our service? I would, okay. A lot of what we've been talking about tonight, the coming out issues, the psychological issues that go along with that, whether that's low self esteem, depression, definitely when you get this in the mix, and there's a lot of shame involved in maybe the coming out process is not easy. It's ripe ground for drug and alcohol abuse, any of the addictions and compulsive behaviors. And a lot of all these issues fall under what we call our life program. Substance abuse, chemical dependency, those sorts of things caught fall under our chemical dependency program where we have outpatient treatment both on individual and group bases. We have one of the few outpatient groups still running since there was a shift in funding for chemical dependency treatment on an outpatient basis. We also have a large HIV program, which is funded by the Ryan White monies. And we have both group and individual services for those who are injured, affected and affected by HIV. Another big piece of what we have is funded by Ryan White as case management for HIV, if you need to be hooked up to any kind of social services, because there's, there's a myriad of them out there, but it's hard to know where to look and what you're fit for. And a case manager can help you do that. We also have recently got some funding from the Texas Council on alcohol and drug abuse, for case management for people who are both HIV positive and have chemical dependency issues. Because it's it that's a real complex.



J Jimmy Carper 10:43

I've known a lot of guys,



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right. It's, it's, you know, it's very complex that that's a whole show unto itself. And if you have questions about any of this, if it fits for you what it would be like for you to come to the center, feel free to call. You can call me again, my name is Shane Hennessy, you can call us at 5290037. Like was said, where we operate on a sliding scale. And for certain issues, HIV, some chemical dependency, we have grant funding, so it can be or hate crimes or hate crimes, correct? Mike, I'm so glad you said that. It's such a new program almost completely forgot about



J Jimmy Carper 11:25

services. It's hard. That's right, right. Gary would be mad at you. If you forgot to Gary would



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probably step right on Monday.



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To talk about the group services or different groups,

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Jimmy Carper 11:35

yes.

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Right. And those fall under the Life program, I personally do a law, a group for gay male survivors of childhood sexual abuse, it's the only one in the city for gay males. And so if you have any questions about that, you can call me directly. Or, like I said, our chemical dependency group is a large part of what we do. We also have a group specifically for lesbians, survivors of childhood sexual abuse, we have an up and coming process group for gay man. So if you're interested in that, that's going to be starting up soon. We have a wide variety, we have a lot of HIV groups, both for people who are early in the stages of HIV all the way up to for our group we have that is run specially for people who are in late stages of HIV. And if you have an idea for a group, let us know we're open to ideas. How about

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Jimmy Carper 12:39

a group for people who used to have AIDS? I'm one,

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right. I think that's a large part of what's happening these days,

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Jimmy Carper 12:48

I became in 1994, my T cell count fell below 200. I officially had AIDS than CDC changed it. My T cell count now with protease inhibitors is 420. Right? So I can say I used to have AIDS, right? And so where do I go from here?

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That is a large issue that's up and coming with the protease inhibitors is, you know, there was a large orientation to death and wrapping up life and, you know, I don't know how long it's gonna be. And now we've got people who with a good dose of hope, coming down the line and they're having to reorient again to now I'm going to live and what have you done if you sold off life insurance policies and accurately organized your life seemed to have been over and

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Jimmy Carper 13:41

there again, that's a whole other show. That is.



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Anyway, we want to set enough times for me to come back.



J Jimmy Carper 13:50

That's perfectly okay. But what happened? We want to thank you both for coming. Thank you, Janie. Christina,



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I really want to thank Cristina coming out as an intern. She did this on her own time to come out. Wow. And be with us tonight. And to Kim, who we drove off the street to come in and tell her coming out story.



G Gigi 14:11

Yeah, I did enjoy your story. It was fabulous. Well, thank you



J Jimmy Carper 14:16

very much radio crew here. Thank you for having us. Come back soon. Sure. Is there anybody out there? Hi,



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this is Pat and Rosie's night sounds



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we're on from midnight to 5am on Monday mornings considered by some to be Sunday night.



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We're here so wake up a friend and join us there anybody out there? That's always our burning question. We really do want to know is there anybody listening to our mix of rock folk and Celtic music, along with special performances from local musicians? Anybody



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out we've got some of the finest local artists playing their own original musical live especially

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So tune in to pat and Rosie's night sounds only on KPFT 90.1 FM in Houston, Texas.



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Is there anybody out there?



Kirk Keevert 15:19

Oh, yeah, there's lots of folks out there girlfriend, girlfriend we got a half hour show to do and eight men.



Jimmy Carper 15:26

I know it's incredible.



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Lord, Lord, Lord.



Jimmy Carper 15:30

Well, there are a couple of things I want to bring up really quick. Like okay, next Saturday is busy. What? What do you I don't know. What's What's the bearing pancake breakfast? Oh, what is the angle?



Kirk Keevert 15:43

No, no, no, you're not talking about something that that's happening before noon. Are you?



Jimmy Carper 15:47

Well, actually, I don't get there till noon. I see. But it's not just the pancake bread. It's a fundraiser for all the wonderful things that baring does. It's like five bucks and it's pancake and, and bacon and ham and all that kind of stuff. Yeah, but they also have this fantastic silent auction and kind of rummage sale. Oh, girl last year, I bought this fabulous vacuum cleaner for five bucks. I have no doubt. Oh, it really sucks. And that's bad.

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Kirk Keevert 16:12

That's just bad. Wow. Oh, you know what do your was just look man. You need you need. It's almost it's almost two. No, it's not. It's almost three. You need a bad vacuum. Joe come to me.

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Jimmy Carper 16:27

Okay. Okay. The other thing I wanted to talk about really quickly is something that's going on on cable TV. But on the access access Houston, but there's a gay show. Oh, shut up. Yes, it's

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Kirk Keevert 16:38

You're such a liar.

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Jimmy Carper 16:39

Well, I've seen these two queens before they kind of like do these travel monologues. It's a two guys read Alexander and John Psalm and say, Hmm, that kinda. And they have this contraption that they attach themselves with the camera so they can talk and walk and they're walking through the woods and doing all this. And it's so real. It's very, very gay. They've got one on that I saw recently called epoxy and thread. And what they did is they took like a motorcycle jaunt up through like Tennessee and Kentucky and all in there on their way to the names project quilt in Washington. And they ended up you know, showing all the panels and all of that kind of stuff. With another guy, John Lee, who I happen to know because I go bowling with him. Yeah, it was it was cute. So epoxy and thread are the world if you can find it on access, Houston. It's wonderful to gay program and who knew I apparently not me? No, I just happened to find it. You had something?

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Kirk Keevert 17:48

Oh, I came. I came. Oh my god. We got an email we did did drop or we got an email. I am not playing with you. It is our I feel like Rush Limbaugh. It's our very first after hours email. We're not virgins anymore. No, we're not. Our web has been pierced. And it comes from a gentleman named Brandon, who sent us an email to get your pens ready. After hours at web tv.net. Go find your pin. We'll give it to you again in a minute. Okay. Brandon says I don't really remember anyone's name. Clark. It's Kirk, random. Are you single the name is Kirk,

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Jimmy Carper 18:38

Jimmy but your mate Jeremy Carper right here.

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Kirk Keevert 18:44

You get laid on such a regular basis why? I never get laid. Okay, that's not true either. But your program is interesting and issue oriented, which is very good, especially in today's age. Such a bright, astute young man, without informing the public, the easiness, which exists between the populace and individuals in the populace will never diminish. I think your cause is very noble. And everyone should be proud of who they are based on their inner convictions. And he goes on to talk about some specific issues that we were discussing that night on the show. Cool. And, Brandon, thank you love. Yeah. Oh, yeah. Love you. Thank you so much.

J Jimmy Carper 19:23

We don't even know if he's gay or not.

K Kirk Keevert 19:24

We don't but

J Jimmy Carper 19:27

or fire or whatever now,

K Kirk Keevert 19:28

but he's at AOL. Oh, but But you know, I'm not like gonna give away content on Brandon. I'm gonna get I'm not giving away your address. I have it though. Anyway, we'll be in touch. Our email address. Now that you have your pen is after hours, one word at web tv.net. So send us an email and we'll we'll we'll talk about on the air. Or if you don't want us to talk about you, then then make a note of that and just send us an email anyway. cuz we love to get email

J Jimmy Carper 20:08

i Excuse me, I have to kick a programmer out this show. Okay, cool.

K Kirk Keevert 20:13

Cool, then I'll tell my joke. Oh, okay, okay.

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Hey, I hear you guys. You guys don't pay village people anymore. I don't really upset about that.

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Jimmy Carper 20:22

What is this with the sports four minutes here?

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That was oops, sorry.

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Jimmy Carper 20:29

I played that damn thing I kept waiting for it to end if it kept going on and on and on it was like four after and I'm like what's going

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on women's sports, medical why women women are trying to get more more more inclined in participate or they need more coverage.

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Kirk Keevert 20:46

So you are the you are the person, the person in the broadcast media that has to give them all of it. That's right.

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Jimmy Carper 20:52

Besides what you win. Would you try the ELMO at Jesus while he works on the next show? All right. And can you say that

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many were missing some type of is this some type of gay humor here? Am I catching your gait? And I'll

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Jimmy Carper 21:15

explain that to you later in private. Hey, well,

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that's not really funny. News, are we just gonna kind of live? No. He's gonna play the sports minute again.

J Jimmy Carper 21:31

The other thing I wanted to touch on real quick. No, actually, I wanted to touch on something, right?

B Big Roy 21:36

Yes, I just want to let you know that to our show tonight. We had a guy call in his daughter had just come out to him today. And it had fried his circuits. He originally wanted to find out where she could get some counseling finding out. He's one who needed the counseling. Wow. And this call is just hot off the press here. And that's pretty sure we are making a difference. And this guy feels a whole lot better. He thought it was something he did wrong. I said no, sir. This is nothing that you did wrong at all. Nothing at all that you did wrong now. And any of you straight parents out there. And in

J Jimmy Carper 22:14

fact, he probably did something right. For his daughter to come out. That's

B Big Roy 22:18

right. That's right. And for all you straight parents out there, I want you to understand, this is nothing that you did wrong. Oh, no. It's just the way we came out. I mean brown hair or blonde hair or black hair, blue eyes, brown eyes. You don't have no control over that. Neither did we write and feel good about yourself.

J Jimmy Carper 22:40

Absolutely. Oh, that's, that's really ending on an F note. Isn't it now I like that. I really like that. Anyway, you've been listening to after hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station. I'm Jimmy Carper. And I'm Kurt Keever caracoles has been here tonight. Yes, he has

K Kirk Keevert 23:03

missed He has been here

J Jimmy Carper 23:04

he is here.

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Gigi 23:06

leaping ahead.

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Jimmy Carper 23:09

What's the fabulous Montrose Counseling Center coming up in just right after the news? I don't know what the hell you're gonna Oh, we're doing the news. Okay, coming up right after the news will be the return of the sons of musical chairs. Nothing

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Kirk Keevert 23:22

set up. It's a good news. Get out of this so easy. I got a really funny joke next time I'm on play stuff.

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Jimmy Carper 23:34

Okay, bye.