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The way parents want to persuade society that our gay children are not acting out of defiance and self indulgence. They're being true to their own nature. Our children are fine men and women. And we say the society that the parents and friends of lesbians and gay men will support their children.



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And we are back. We are not alone. One of the things about this, this show that has so amazed me has been the letters and the phone calls and the email that I get. And again, let me give you my email address for those of you are on computers. It is it a@flash.net. And I receive an awful lot of emails, I get a lot of phone calls. Especially, especially from people who are young people who are in jail. One of the things about radio is it reaches into places where others would prefer we didn't go and we can get information to them. And it's one of the things I've really enjoyed about the show received a very nice letter from a person in the when unit



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real quick, can I get my web out? Okay, if you've got web access, you can get get a hold of me with http colon, slash slash www dot gender web.org/~beth. R.



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That's easy enough. And sure. Yeah, we received a very nice letter from a person in the wind unit of TDC. And I don't want to use his name on the air. I think you'll know what it is a very nice letter. Unfortunately, we cannot do what He asks. We don't do pen pals on the ear, but I'm glad to know that he's listening. And I hope that we're helping him and he's at least finding his entertaining anyway. So okay, that's enough of that. Let's let's go to something a little bit lighter.



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On the other hand, that does sort of sound like something that raise show might be able to, yeah, I'm not not pen pal. Exactly. But sort of an over the air pal.



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I'm gonna pass it along the array and see if we can do anything with it. It's not anything that we can do on this. Yeah,



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this show. It's just not gonna work that way. Yeah. There's other places. Okay, let's go to something a little bit lighter. After all, that's gonna say we're going to talk about the felicite all or just move on? No,



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well, well, well, I guess we ought to talk about Felicity for a couple of seconds here. We during the break, we were talking about it now was saying that how easy it was, once you start down the slope of repression, how easy it is to completely lose it, and not even know how much trouble you're in. And I was saying that, that my life partner and she was not my life partner yet, but she had actually called me the day that I attempted suicide to see if I was okay. And I said, Yeah, okay, I'm fine. Don't worry about everything's dandy. That night, I tried to kill myself. Um, and I guess I'm passing this along, because it's something for for those of you. If you if you think you have a friend that's in trouble, you may well be right. Yeah, you may well be right. And one of the things that that we get about this show is that we hear from young people who are young, who are in trouble. And I want you to know, that's why we play that piece of music that you're really not alone. You're young, but you're not alone. And there's a difference.



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You may not feel like it it's time. But you do have time, patience, you'll get through it.



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Really, God remember how hard it was when



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the patient No.



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It is hard, it is very hard,



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but it works. And it does in you do get through it.



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Nobody said this was going to be easy.



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Alright, one of the next pieces I've got here that this is very short. We this was the first female to male transsexual we've had on the show. And his name, we we allowed him to use a different name on the air. His name was Shane. And this has a little bit of static on it, so just bear with it. But Shane gave the best description of what it feels like to be a transsexual that I have ever heard. And it was so good. I wanted to use this again. This is Shane talking about what it is to be transsexual.



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I want to talk about something that you just said. There is a general feeling. And I've heard this from various sources that somehow people are defined by what is or is not between their legs. And I'm sorry that society feels that way because I don't happen to believe it's true. True. Feminists will tell you very flatly that they are that women should not be judged by the size of the size of their breasts. Men will tell you that they don't want to be judged by the size of their genitals. Why is it so different that we are or are not what is between her legs? I personally think that's a lot of nonsense. But I know particularly female to male transsexual is good, a lot of abuse about that.



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Well, I've never had really a problem with it. Because most of my friends know they rag on me, it's not going to end up pretty, but



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faster on the speaking.



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Actually, that's just me. But it is a big issue simply because being born in a body that does not go with your brain is like being in a Halloween costume. You can't get out.



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Is that a great description? Whoa, what?



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You know, I grew up absolutely abhorring absolutely hating Halloween, for mostly that that exact reason.



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Being a transsexual, being in a body, which does not match your brain is like being in a Halloween costume you can never escape from. Wow. It's the best description I've ever heard. Yeah. And I never would have thought of it in those terms. And the minute he said that, as funny, I was sitting across from him, he said that and I looked at him and my eyes got wide. And I thought, wow, that's



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it. Had to pick your job back up again, twice.



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We had a very interesting incident on that show. We had a woman who had called in, and she wanted to know about a female to male transsexuals. And, particularly, she wanted to know about the parents of trans, transgendered people. And it was not until after the show was over, that I discovered that was Shane's mother who had called, oh, no kidding. And it was kind of like, wow. And at one point, she was asking him, well, what do you think about this? What do you feel? And I never had any clue what was going on until after we want the music at the end of the piece. And he said, that was my mom, and you could have knocked me over with a feather. And I was like, it was what? He said, Yeah. He says my mom was calling me on the air. And I was like, Oh, my gosh, it because I would have told the audience that had I known it. And then I thought, Now what do I do? So I just let it drop. Yeah. But that was it was one of those moments that occurs on live radio tie that you say you find yourself saying, Oh, wow, now what? And that was great piece. But it's funny because he talks about how he didn't grow up hating his body. Yeah. And I didn't hate my body. Exactly. I sort of, I did a lot of other stupid things, trying to overcompensate for what I wasn't. Oh, yeah.



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You know, it wasn't so much hate as it's just like, an alien. You know, this doesn't fit right. The sun's wrong, you know, it was never any kind of absolute abhorrence, but it sure would have been better had it been little more to my, my internal body map, you know, what's in my head

don't match what's out there?



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Well, one of the things that I've talked about in the show, and is that I've often wondered if I had a role model. Had I known just one openly transgender person, how could my life had been different. And that's something I tried very, very hard to do on this show, is to be a role model and to show young people, young transgendered people, there is a way up and out your life being transgendered, or being transsexual being crossdresser isn't, is not a death sentence. It isn't the end of the world. Your life can be wonderful. It can be adventurous. It can be whatever you make it, if you make up your mind, that's what you want it to be.



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It can even be pretty tame. In a lot of ways it can in a lot of ways. I'm just a servant housewife, right? You know, sometimes the best,



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the best part of all this is being able to just say, Wow, I'm gonna go buy some new clothes.



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You know, the best part about this for me has been, I wake up in the morning, and the tension that used to be there,



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gone. Yeah, exactly. Yeah.



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Because that was, you know, I never got to that point where, where suicide was an option. I never got to that that depth. But I did get pretty far down. And it was stress built upon stress built upon stress. And the bottom most biggest base stress was a whole gender crap. And it took a lot to break through that. Yeah, I



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still remember the day that I took all of my male clothes to the Salvation Army. But it was what we were talking about. off the air. I was living in a dump of an apartment. I was unemployed, I was behind in my rent. And my transition was going nowhere. In everything just look bleak. And I remember those days. And I thought, this is not worth this. This just isn't. Yeah. And yet I

remember waking up and it's a strange thing I woke up in the hospital strapped down to the gurney. And the first thing I thought was, oh, crap, I even botched this. And then my second thought is my God, they might hit me committed.



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Well, that statement that you said about it's not worth this is the same one that went through my head. But it went a different way. For me, it wasn't worth. I had tried living as a straight man, I had tried living as a gay man, I had tried, you know, living as a dot, dot, dot man. And it wasn't the living as a dot, dot dot. That was the problem. It was living as a man, that was the problem. And it wasn't, it was something I kind of knew all along. But I had to prove to myself, I had to try every option because I didn't want to go back later and say, Well, maybe if I did tried, or what if, you know, so I got to the point where this just wasn't worth it anymore to try to play that game. And I knew at that point, way down deep that the only the only direction I could go to keep my sanity was transition. And so I made a plan. And I was going to transition and at this was back in summer of 83. When all this hit, it's going to I'm going to transition and 85 get my degree transition in 85 and have SRS by 90. Well, you know, the best laid plans. Of my Yeah, my son women. That's right. Yeah. But so so you know, okay, so maybe my plans didn't work out. But getting towards them now was was because I made up my mind in 83. To not turn into a suicide case.



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Sometimes I'll be sitting on the sofa with Laurie, and we'll just be sitting, we're not doing anything in particular. We're just sitting there just being ourselves. And I think, thank God at that suicide failed. But at the time, that's not how I felt somebody



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once told me it's a it's a permanent solution to a temporary problem.



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The other thing is it's hard. You don't you don't see it as temporary. Oh, no, no, it feels like worlds collapsed on your head. Yeah. It doesn't seem like there's any way out. All right. Well, this next piece. Now this comes from a show that we had done on religion. And we had had a panel discussion, and we'd had the Reverend Don Sinclair from the from bearing Memorial Methodist Church, and we had had a number of people in here talking about religion. And this is part of an exchange that took place between Reverend Don Sinclair, and Wendy Allen. Wendy, for those of you don't know, is a transgender activist, and a Baptist minister, a trained a ordained Baptist minister. And this is part of the exchange that she had with Reverend Sinclair about religion.



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One of the things that has always bothered me is that the outside hate in the gay and lesbian

One of the things that has always bothered me is that the suicide rate in the gay and lesbian and transgender community is extremely high. And I, I think I've come to understand why I had a friend, I won't say what denomination he was now. But he was very proud of the fact that he taught in Sunday school. And I asked him, I said, Well, are you out at church? He said, Oh, no, if I was at a church that wouldn't let me teach there. And I had to stop and ask myself, why would you want to stay someplace where they would hate you for what you really are? And that was basically the answer said, Well, where else would I go? And I think maybe it's given me a little clues why suicide is the way it is in our community.



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It's easy for me to understand. If you are told by your church, or your Sunday school teacher, your minister preaching, if you are told that God hates this thing, and you cannot get rid of this most any of the people who love the church and want to be involved in the church will try anything to get rid of it, and have done so. And it's it's, it's it's a strange thing to be in 1990s. And to have this this kind of ignorance that makes us continuing and thinking first ways that God dislikes homosexual people. God creates homosexual and as one young kid said, in the ghetto, God, don't make mistakes.



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My grandma used to say Don't make them a joke. When did you



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yesterday because that's something in my life to all my life. I've been transgendered and my parents have been very strict, religious people, and I was told that God would not accept me the way I am. And then I couldn't go to heaven. And all this time, I'm going well, you know this. And this is a problem, because from a small child, I've always been very interested in the Bible, and the teachings of Christ and God and Adam, and how the world came to be, and, and I couldn't get away from that. But I said, Well, I can't, I can't be transmuted. I can't be a transsexual, and be a Christian, there's that I've got stopped being a transsexual, well, that problem never went away, that transsexualism is still there, I finally come to grips with that. And I will tell any young person, that you don't have to live a life, void of your Creator, God loves you, okay, God created you, he did not make mistakes. People make mistakes and not accepting one another as who we are, that we're each different, to reach individuals. And I want to I want to go on record saying that the churches that we did visit, were the ministers that we talked to that were very friendly, they were not judgmental at all. And they were very accepting that we were allowed to go to their church. And they would not preach at us. Okay, as transgendered, and even, even as gay and lesbian, they would not preach at us, that we would be allowed to worship there. So, so don't allow people to a small group of people to cause you to just ignore that part of your being that looks for your Creator, and go to church and worship that God.



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I think when you hit it right on the head, you don't let anybody tell you that you are not worthy.

God created us the way we are. And I'm not a religious person by any stretch. But there are a lot of people out there who are believers. And there's not a I can't think of a single reason why we should let the fundamentalist run us off of something as important in Islam as fundamental in the genuine sense of the word as a belief in a deity. You know, I, when I was going to Texas a&m, there was a young, a young man that I knew up there, this this guy, he was a he was a teacher in Sunday scope. And then he hung around in the bookstores, picking up other guys. And I asked him once, Didn't he find this as being just a little bit on, you know, incongruous? I mean, there's something wrong with this combination behavior ship. And he said, it's the best I can do under the circumstances. And I thought, no, that's not true at all. You know, maybe this what you're telling yourself, but you could you could deal with this. Yeah. And that's something that I admire very much about Wendy, Ellen. Wendy, could have very easily just said, Hey, you know, yeah, it was an ordained minister, but it's over now. Instead, when he said, Wait a minute, this is between my God and me. Yeah. And no one's telling me any different. And I, I monitors, some news groups on the internet of some of the fundamentals, just as kind of keep an eye on what they're doing. And they say, some of the most incredibly hateful, hurtful things. And I think if there really is God, he or she, whatever is sitting up there saying, This isn't what I said, Wait till I get my hands on new clowns,

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oh, this is the this is the golden rule, the 1990s Do want to other not Do unto others but unto other born again, fundamentalist white male Christians, as you would do to yourself is that it something like that. I really not unqualified others, just as near a little qualified set of others is who we do unto as we would to ourselves,

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you know, if there really is a God, and you take a look at the world and the diversity that's in this world, how could you possibly have such a narrow view of a deity? Oh, yeah, yeah. What's wrong with this picture?

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I've had people tell me, you know, God doesn't make mistakes. God created you, as you were. And I kind of what they're implying is that God created me as a male bodied individual, and therefore I should stay that way forever. That's the implication. And and so, you know, it always amazes me that these people have the otter gall to think that they know God's will better for me better than I do.

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Abraham Lincoln had a very famous quote once he was having trouble with religious leaders in his day. I, oh, and religious leaders would come to him and say God came to me to dream and said this. And Abraham Lincoln wrote and said, it would seem to me that if God had a message of extreme importance that he would communicate it directly to me.



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He wanted to let me know and let me know.



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Like, you know, he knows where I am.



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At the address 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, right,



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third floor back Lincoln bedroom before Clinton rents it out.



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We can find you boy,



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in, I don't know, it just, it makes me crazy. I was raised Pentecostal until I was 14. And we were raised that we were told that the Catholic Church was the horror of Babylon. To this day. I don't know what that means. And we were told it, anybody who was any other religion, except ours, was going to hell, because we had the one and only answer.



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It's so why in place down there,



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you know, I mean, you this is the god supposedly, I mean, on one hand, this is the God they say created the world. And then the same God is going to condemn the entire world that he or she created. Wait, wait, wait, what's wrong with this picture? Hello. Something's there's something wrong here.



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Dear, dear Sarah, you insist on injecting logic we're not



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on there. Forget with first gay pride parade that I ever went to, that I ever marched in. There was a lady on a campervan. And she, I swear she's in Indonesia, Brian clone, okay. It's 100 million degrees outside or something. And the humidity this is this is Houston in June, you know. And this lady is wearing this long flowing gown. And she's got this flat the Christian flag next to her which is blowing in the breeze. And she's singing Onward Christian Soldiers. Nests walking by here's some drag queen cedar. You're off key, honey, you're off key. They just weren't you know, I don't know what she thought she was doing. But anyway,



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well, was she having a good time?



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I don't know. But the Queen's you're all right, this next piece. I want to set this up a little bit. One of the best parts about doing the show was that Jimmy and I've had Jimmy and I've had some tremendous discussions. And on the same show that we talked about religion, Jimmy announced that he now had full blown AIDS. Yeah. And I have gotten more feedback. I think about that segment than any single segment that he and I did. I said then, and I'll repeat that. I think that Jimmy is incredibly gutsy. People tell me they think that what I do is courageous. And I laugh and say, Oh, no, no, what Jimmy does takes courage to come on the air and talk openly like this really takes something. And I want to go to that piece before I do. Let's go ahead and do the station break now. This is 90.1 KPFT in Houston. And this is 89.1 ke O 's College Station. All right, now that we have the legalities out of the way I want to go to this piece. This is Jimmy and I this is out of the same show where we talked about religion



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we're back. This is Jimmy. And this is Sarah. And you're listening to after hours clear radio with attitude or if you prefer a continuing tradition. Fastest three hours already. It is. And so him running in here. And when she heard that I was doing a memorial because I found it all kind of down or something. Yeah, I could hear your voice cracking. Well, you know, it does happen and especially to me because it's no secret. I mean, since 1987, I have been HIV positive and I've said it on the radio as long as I've been involved in this program and on other programs on KPFT got here recently things have started to happen. And I've changed I'm no longer HIV positive and I am now a PWA a person with AIDS Of course I'd like to change that and make it p I wa person living with AIDS because I intend to live until until I can't anymore. Now tell tell the audience what that means. Oh, okay. Officially now, when your T cell count drops below 200 Or you get and or you get some sort of list of diseases. You know, like PCP pneumonia or a cap seats or coma cancer or something like that, but effects too late when your T cell count drops below 200. Because at that point, your body is starting to get weak. And a lot of these diseases can can take over. So it essentially means your immune system is dropping, right? Someone like you or someone who was who was HIV negative has a T cell count of around 1000. In yours

is now below 200 minus now 150. Okay, now there are going to be people out in the audience right now, who's gonna save themselves. This means Jimmy's gonna be dead tomorrow. No, no, no, I'm going to be around for quite a few more years. And that's what I wanted them to know. Yes, yes. Now, I may be slowing down a bit. I may get tired. And other things may affect me. But I'm still going to be here. I want to point something out to people in the audience right now. Jimmy and I talked about this about last month. Yes. And we're talking about how to do this year. And I want to say I think what you're doing is very courageous in it in something else. There are people out there who still don't get it. Yes or no, they still don't get it. They think that if you're diagnosed with AIDS or with HIV, it means you're going to be dead in a week. Or you're going to be dead in a month. And they still don't get it that the HIV does not mean you're dead. It means you are living with something. That's right. But I think many people will look at me and not even know that I have there's anything wrong with she hadn't told me I never would have known. Okay, I have lost about 20 pounds. So I love my body right now. I'm very spoiled. And so he's cute, too. And for the first time in 47 years, I don't have to die it I have lived my life on a diet. And now I can eat anything I want. And as often as I'd like all the Blue Bell, you can see. You bet. Well, I know there are going to be there are listeners out there who are HIV. Yes. And they dread the announcement. When some when you become a person with a Oh, yeah. Because you become the other. You become the the I don't, I don't know how it's just a different category altogether. I was never, I never had a problem talking about being HIV positive because I was asymptomatic. And, you know, there's there wasn't anything, it's just just me. I think people begin to the fear of their own mortality Hotel. Oh, you bet when they think they're near someone who's dying. It's like, wow, in the whole idea is this person is dying, like they're gonna drop dead in front of them. You know what? Dying? Yeah. There are a lot of people who are have been who died at a much earlier age than me from all kinds of differences. So you can be perfectly healthy killed in the Southwest Freeway tonight. And I tell the listeners out there, I want you to pay attention to what we've been talking about. So you think you've got some tough issues to face? And we talked about some tough issues on the show, which you've restored, you just heard a person talk about having a T cell count of 150 there and saying, Yeah, and I'm gonna beat the hell out of this locker. Hell yeah. Okay, yeah, I've got friends who have T cell counts of like 50, and have had that for a year or so. And they're doing just fine. Well, to the listening audience out there, in this show, I started the show saying, This is the show that boldly goes where no person was willing to go before. And I think we've just done that you talked about the mortality issue with it does that that does kind of change your outlook on life, because all of a sudden your mortality is not in the, you know, in that very, very faint, distant future. It's, so it's probably a lot closer. And so you think, well, and I've thought about this since 1987, when I when I tested and so I'm gonna do what I want to do. And I have I have Yes, allergy can tell you. I talked about this on the show last week. And last week, last month, I started my transition because if someone makes Zach with AIDS, one of the things I learned from them, and this person was that they kept saying, If I had my life do over again, I would have done this. And it would have done that and it suddenly occurred to me, I was no different than this person. If I was going to transition, I'd better get off my ass and start doing that. So for those of you out there, I want you to realize there's a lot you can learn from what we've just talked about. If your wife you think your life is in a rut, than honey sticks and dynamite under in mood.



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And that's the truth. And exactly. I kind of shorten that story. But I had a very good friend who I'd gone to Texas a&m with. And this person had contracted AIDS in the situation was that he had tried to tell his parents that he had AIDS and they said, We don't want to know and literally

locked him out. And those of you who know anything about Aggies, you know that for all the jokes that you hear about Aggies, Aggies are family. And especially gay Aggies, because we went through the fire to hell and damnation it up there. And so several of our friends of my friends got together, we sat down, and we decided we were going to take care of them, that the family didn't, we were not going to let him just die on the street. And since I was living in heights at the time, and had room in my apartment was decided he would come in, he would room with me. And we would all chip in for his expenses. And so I used to listen to him talk. And he would always say, Well, if I had it to do over again, I do this. And if I had it to do over, I do that. And I, I will they have today I listen him and I start thinking myself, what is it that if I had to do over again, I would do. And I realized there was that point that I knew I had to start my transition, you don't have it to do over again, you don't get it to do over, you don't get a second chance to get it right. And it was at that point that I decided I had to start my transition and had to be right then and there. And one of the things that I have learned from working with people with AIDS over the years is the tremendous, first of all, tremendous courage they have, but the amazing outlook that they develop on life. Anybody what Jimmy said about being a person with AIDS is is that's always been my experience to people with AIDS, you're not dying, they're living with AIDS. Absolutely. And golly, they do live, let me tell you, and AIDS is not when I when I first started working with people with AIDS, I first came to Houston. And when people died of AIDS, we couldn't get emails to come and take the bodies. We couldn't find funeral homes that would bury them. We found one gay Undertaker down toward the Pasadena area who was willing to do to double the fate. So a lot has changed since then. And one of the reasons that it's changed has been because people like Jimmy had been willing to come on the air and say, See, this isn't like you've been told in I just think it is i i can say this because Jimmy's not here, so I won't embarrass him unless he hears the tape. But every time I come in here, I sit here and I look at your mean, I think I wonder where he gets his courage from



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wherever it is he's keeping going. He is He going and going and going that Yes, more



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energy than I do. Oh, no, there's nothing wrong with Jimmy. Jimmy sits there and he looks gorgeous. Every time I come and do this show. And I think what whatever vitamins he's taken, I want some



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I guess it says annual trips to Hawaii.



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You know, it probably doesn't do any harm.



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So when Jimmy hears this tape, you just know we're gonna want to be with him next time right to me.

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That's it. We have one more piece that came from the show on religion that we're that I wanted to do. And then we're gonna go to some music. But this particular piece I want to talk about this man for a minute. His name is Father, John McNeil. Now John McNeil has written several books, and I guess the one that people know him for the most is the church in the homosexual. But the interview that I did with him was for a book he just recently written called freedom, glorious freedom. And it's a wonderful, wonderful book, and he talks about his experiences as a Catholic priest in the church. But he tells a very heartwarming story about he and his lover. And I'm just going to leave it go with this. And then we're going to follow it up with a piece of music by romanovski and Phillips, but this is Father John McNeil, and author of freedom, glorious freedom.

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First, I have to tell you, I was really touched as I was going through the book, with the struggle that it took for you to reach your decision to leave. And there was a passage in the book where you talked about wondering where you were going to be buried, and it really brought it home to me how much you had to give up to reach this decision. And I was really struck by that. Well,

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actually A my problems with Rome began with the church and the homosexual. I gave, I began to question the traditional teachings, that gay relationships were something wrong or evil or bad. And I went through all the traditional passages in Scripture at cetera into and try to prove that nowhere in the older New Testament is there a clear condemnation of a loving gay relationship. And I wrote that book not just about gay love, but out of a deep and experience of gay love and an awareness that my love relationship was totally compatible with my relationship with God. When I was ordered by the Jesuits to be silent on this issue, and I obey that order for nine years, hoping that someday the church would rethink its position and, and take a more open and understanding position toward gay people. Because I founded an organization called dignity for gay Catholics in the New York City area, I was one of several founders. And I discovered that most Catholics who are gay, or lesbian, grew up with deep woundedness, psychologically, spiritually. And so I, I went into training as a psychotherapist in order to try and help people who suffer these deep psychic wounds, growing up in a homophobic culture. And I worked for last 25 years with gays and lesbians as a psychotherapist. And then I realized that what was terrible psychology, and to be bad theology as well. So I began doing all the research and the study that went into the Church of the homosexual. So right after that was published about a year later, I originally had permission from the church to publish the book. However, that permission was removed, and I was ordered to silence. I kept silent for nine years. But then, a series of documents from Rome became an icon more and more hysterical until they were document came out the famous lesson girl letter of Halloween, saying that homosexuality itself was an orientation to evil. And we gay people are well recreated gay by God. This would mean that God was sadistic. So I had a choice,

either, either the church was wrong, or that is sadistic, and I'd much rather believe the church was wrong. So then I spoke out publicly again. And as a result of speaking out, I was ordered the general of the Society of Jesus to dismiss me. Well, the highlight of the Society of Jesus, that was my home for 40 years. I love the work. They're what they're doing all over the world. So it was a very deep that I had to separate from the Society of Jesus. And you are right, one of the deepest souls that touched me was when I realized I couldn't be buried in the Jesuit graveyard at the martyrs shrine. And are you still in New York, I used to go there and lie on the ground and figure this be a great place to rise up on the resurrection with a great group of friends and brothers. You know, however, I had to give that up. So I called Charlie, my lover and I said, if I were cremated, what would you do with the ashes? And he said, he put them in the trunk of his car. And I said, What? And he said, Yes, he said, and if I ever got stuck on ice, I'd ask you for one last favor. I now have plans. I've been giving retreats for 25 years for gay and lesbian Christians who are seeking to increase their intimacy with God at a ecumenical retreat center named Kirk ridge, and they agreed to allow me to air my ashes distributed there in a memorial garden and have a stone put up saying, your allies, a gay priests who took a chance on God