

Loydeen (00:00):

Hi, I'm Loydeen.

Heidi (00:01):

and I'm Heidi. And we are the U-haulers.

Loydeen (00:06):

Heidi Jo.

Heidi (00:06):

Oh boy,

Loydeen (00:08):

I'm going to put my hat up for my shadow we're back.

Heidi (00:10):

We are,

Loydeen (00:11):

We were just discussing if I've ever done this with my aliners in before.

Heidi (00:15):

I think she has,

Loydeen (00:16):

she thinks I have, I was like, should I take them out? Are they gonna understand me?

Heidi (00:21):

You're you're easy to understand. Yeah. It's not hard.

Loydeen (00:26):

Okay. So.

Heidi (00:27):

yeah,

Loydeen (00:27):

we're back.

Heidi (00:28):

We are.

Loydeen (00:30):

And what's going on?

Heidi (00:33):

Well, I just got back from a trip.

Loydeen (00:35):

you did.

Heidi (00:36):

I took, Took the first trip I've taken solo in. I think it's almost 14 years.

Heidi (00:45):

Uh,

Loydeen (00:45):

and the first time that I've been the caretaker of the kids.

Heidi (00:49):

Yeah. single-momming it.

Loydeen (00:50):

Single mom life for the first time ever

Heidi (00:54):

yeah

Heidi (00:54):

Yeah. I had to say goodbye to a beautiful long time friend this weekend. Um, but I think one of the things that we were just talking about really was how redemptive the whole trip was, uh, in so many ways. Right,

Loydeen (01:11):

So this was a college friend, you were in her wedding, went out of the country with her.

Heidi (01:16):

So this is a, just a friend that I had. I was very close to when I was young. And um, and she was this.

Loydeen (01:24):

Christian college.

Heidi (01:25):

Yeah. This amazing, beautiful person who just, she had such a great, I mean, she was such a light, you know, she was so great and

Loydeen (01:35):

Everything I hear beautiful soul

Heidi (01:36):

Yeah. Uh, so, and, you know, ultimately a bunch of us from college got back together and reconnected and, um, there was some, there were some definite like redemptive moments for me. I realized that I had kind of made decisions when I came out. Right. Because of course these are, this is this huge Christian community. Right. Very conservative. And, and I just assumed that if I came out, they would, they would reject that or reject me to a certain extent, but maybe not me, but sometimes it's almost more painful when they, they like love the, what is it? Love the

Loydeen (02:18):

Hate The sin love the sinner.

Heidi (02:21):

Yeah. Is that what it, is that the, yeah. What is it hate the sin love the sinner. Yeah. I think in some ways that's almost more, more of a painful response because you, you don't want them to be somehow trying to rehabilitate you from the sin. Right. Or like, um, pray the gay away?

Loydeen (02:41):

we both had Situations where we were given the scriptures and talked about pray the gay away. So

Heidi (02:48):

Right. And, um, something that I just do not endorse in any way. I don't think that's real. So, uh, but you know, I had, so I made decisions when I came out, like, okay, I'm just going to let these friendships go because I don't want that. Right. And I actually, this one of my dear friends from the weekend, you know, uh, when I, we kind of had that discussion and not in any sort of like detailed way or anything, but, you know, she literally, she just looked at me and she goes, you misread that.

Loydeen (03:22):

like you misread us.

Heidi (03:23):

Yeah.

Loydeen (03:23):

Like Underestimated them

Heidi (03:24):

I underestimated them and I, I

Loydeen (03:27):

because you haven't seen them in How long these people?

Heidi (03:29):

Oh, um, well, some of them it's been 15, 16 years maybe that I haven't seen them. So I, I came out 20 years ago, so,

Loydeen (03:48):

I came out like, I don't even know how many,

Loydeen (03:51):

But.

Heidi (03:52):

Not, not that many

Loydeen (03:54):

a few, right?

Heidi (03:55):

Yeah. So, I mean, so it just, it was really beautiful to be able to reconnect with them and feel that kind of genuine love from them and understand that if I had been brave enough, right. Um, not everybody, right. Clearly there are people in my life who have stopped talking to me and don't want to be a part of me, people in my family, my, my immediate family. Right. That have decided it's just not something they can get behind. Um, and so it's not everybody, but I think, you know, just celebrated national coming out day. Right. So I think it's important, you know, for people to, to be given that opportunity. Right.

Loydeen (04:34):

Well And time, you know, Um, in my own life, I've seen that time can heal things and change things and progress things. And you've seen that in your own family too. Cause you had a reason to think that these people would abandon you, even if it wasn't true, you've been very hurt and you know,

Heidi (04:52):

Yeah. Not by them specifically

Loydeen (04:53):

No but you've had someone really close to you. Right. You know, not talk to you for 14 years and it was a pivotal person in your life and one of your most important people, you know, and that broke your heart. And so I think when your most important person does it, you're going to assume everyone from that community or around or right.

Heidi (05:10):

Well, and there was a piece of you that kind of buys into that then. Right. Like, okay, there is something that's not quite right here. Or there is something that makes it so that I can no longer have communion with these people that I can not be in connection with these people. And there's also this piece that, excuse me, that feels like, um, wow. Uh, you know, maybe, maybe that maybe that is insurmountable, right? Like if they didn't know that at the beginning, you know, people talk a lot about how secrets can

erode your relationships or can erode how you're, how you are in community. And I didn't even know I was keeping a secret, but I definitely felt like, oh, this is something that had, they known that from the beginning, they wouldn't have made this journey with me. They wouldn't have had this level of friendship intimacy with me. And so then it felt like kind of one of those like backwards secrets, like, oh, it's been a secret this whole time. I just didn't even know it. Right. And so

Loydeen (06:08):

Well you even, ended up connecting with someone from your old church, right. At one point, not this weekend.

Heidi (06:16):

Oh yeah.

Loydeen (06:17):

And she let you know that she had been trying to find you because all she knew was that you had fallen from the faith and left God and she was so concerned. And that was kind of the,

Heidi (06:27):

Yeah, that was, I think the story that, you know, that people that couldn't,

Loydeen (06:30):

you didn't know that you were very shocked to find out that, you know, your own church, church thought you had left God.

Heidi (06:37):

Right. Which I never did. And, um, but yeah, it was definitely kind of the way that it was explained. Right. It wasn't just that I'm gay. Um, it was that I had kind of fallen away and that I'd lost my

Loydeen (06:51):

without even saying your gay, just Like leaving that part out of the story. It wasn't even like she's gay. So we think she's fine just, yeah. She's falling away from God. And that's just the story.

Heidi (06:59):

Right. Um, but even in that relationship, we know there was a, uh, a chance to find some healing and a chance to say, you know, I love Jesus and I'm, I am a part of this faith. And you know, now after all this time, right, I'm not lazy about my faith anymore. I've done the work to be able to make, uh, make sense of being both Christian and gay. Right. And so it's, it is kind of important. I think, for me to, to share my story, right. They say that the importance of coming out is that, so that people start to have a person, a face, uh, you know, someone that they love that they can say, oh, this person's gay. Right.

Loydeen (07:42):

I mean it changes everything, I know I'm parts of my story I didn't share was when I first came out, uh, you know, I was telling my family was the biggest deal, um, which I did touch on before they were very well known Christian family and were very tight and very, you know, conservative. And we'd been taught a very certain way about homosexuality. And so, um, definitely the first gay person in my family.

So it was, uh, it was beyond, I mean, people were always like, what is your family gonna say? You know, because they knew there was just a really big stance there. And, um, I'm really close to my niece. Um, we won't get into the crazy story now, but you know, I have siblings 21 years older, so my nieces are more like my cousins, how I feel and, you know, kind of, and so I wasn't going to tell her, um, I had no idea how she would react or what she thought of it. Um, I knew like how my siblings were like aunts and uncles, but as far as, you know, the younger generation, I was, you know, thought I might be okay. But I just, because she was my sister's daughter and I wasn't telling my sister yet, I just was like, I probably shouldn't tell her, but we were on a road trip together. And I just, all of a sudden, I just kept feeling like I was supposed to tell her, but I'm like, that can't be right obviously. And so I find I do it a lot. I'll be like, obviously that's not it. So I was like, God, listen, if you really want me to tell her, you're just going to have to have her ask, well, obviously why would she ask that's random? But I was like, lets me off the hook. So I was like, you'll just have to have her ask Like, I don't think I should tell her. And at that moment she turned down the radio and goes, is there something you're supposed to tell me? I was like, listen. So I ended up of course telling her, um, and she just, I really just told her my story and what happened and how shocked I was by it and how authentic. And, you know, she knew how authentic and real I was and how, and because she knows me and knows my heart. She literally said to me, how did you know that I was going to handle this Okay. I was like, oh, I didn't. And she said, you know, her dad has been very involved in, um, helping, um, gays get married and really just, uh, involved in that. And they would fight a lot about that, which I didn't know they were fighting, but, um, and he would want to tell her about all these people that he cared about knew, and she just didn't want to hear it. And she's like, well, you know, and she said, but I don't know them. She goes, but I know you and I know your heart. And now that I'm hearing your story, I know this is real. And I, and she knew I would share all details with her. Um, I'm an over-sharer when it comes to dating and kissing and everything. And so she knew everything. And so she knew me, you know, and she was like, I know this is real. I don't even know how I feel about it all, but I know this is real. And so she called her dad and cried with him on and told him, like, I now get it. And they cried together on the phone. It was this big moment. And it just kind of, you know, what Harvey milk was talking about. Right. I mean that you keep it to yourself You- people need to know that the people they know, it's not just some parade out there or where they see people, you know, going crazy in the streets, how they feel, you know, it's, it's people, it's their daughter, it's their sons, their best friends, their sisters, their brother, you know, where it's hitting close to home. I mean, that is how you change the world and change, make change, um, for our community. So, yeah.

Heidi ([11:19](#)):

Well, and I think that it's just, it, you know, every time you come out, right, every single time you have to say it, there's this piece of you that is both equal parts, like relieved and equal parts, so scared, right? Like, is this going to be a time where this person will reject me or will have something cruel to say, you know, or is this going to be a time where, you know, I just get to share a piece of myself with them and connect with them on some kind of real level. Right. And, you know, I actually, this weekend, I was reminded of another story. Um, cause I got together with another friend that I hadn't seen in a long time. And she had listened to some of our earlier episodes and she said, I can't believe you didn't tell the story when you told us about, you know, liking girls. And I was like, oh my gosh. And I had completely forgotten about it. I mean, I, you know, not really forgotten about it, but just hadn't, hadn't been a part of the details. And I mean, it was one of those moments where I was so terrified. These were like my two girls, you know, I had, I had known them forever and we lived together and you know, um, they'd been through all my boy troubles and all of this. Right. And so I'm at one of their homes and we were having wine and dinner and I remember drinking more than I should have because I was so scared because I knew like, okay, this is it. I have to tell them. And because I had met this girl. Right. And so I

remember like kind of running into her room and I think I took my shirt off. I can't remember. I think I took my shirt off

Loydeen ([12:48](#)):

Of course!

Heidi ([12:48](#)):

I think I was just hot or sweaty

Loydeen ([12:48](#)):

cuz anytime you come out and say it for the first time, you should take your shirt off.

Heidi ([12:53](#)):

And I said, guys, I, I, I think I like girls and they both went, yeah, you do great. And like hugged me. And like, that was it like yeah shirtless and you know, that was it. And it was this moment that was like, um, such a gift. Right. Because the first time I'd set it out loud was to these two people and they were just like, great. Yeah, we love you. That's fantastic.

Loydeen

And, uh, you know, the first Well the first time I said it out loud was a big deal too. Yeah. It was to my best friend Mitzi. And I liked, you know, it was really starting to like my, you know, best friend in New York and I was just could not understand all these feelings. I was freaking out. And you know, I go on this trip and it was a trip I had told about my coming out story where we like for like our, you know, souls were ripping apart and we had to be away from each other for two whole weeks. And so I get there and you know, my best friend Mitzi and I, we had went on a trip together and been really bonded. And, but then lived across the country and really missed each other and talked all the time. So we're so excited to see each other. And I was so in my head, cause I not admit it to myself, let alone ever said it out loud. And so I'm thinking about it, thinking about it, thinking about it on the plane. I'm thinking about it every moment, every text that this girl and I are sending, I'm thinking about, I'm just, and so I'm just acting so weird to the point that we were supposed to spend like the whole week together and you know, before I, and I was like dropping her off and she's like, okay, we'll have a nice trip. And I'm like, wait, we're saying goodbye. And she's like, well, you don't want to hang out with me. And that's when I was like, yes. And she's like, what is going on? Like, you're acting so weird. And I finally was just like, oh man, that was like, so, and I mean, she knew all the stories. Right. But she doesn't knows it as a friend. And I'll say, her name is AJ. And so I, I was like, I'm starting to really in my head. And she goes, what's going on? And I'm like, um, I think I'm, I might like AJ, like like THAT

Heidi ([15:00](#)):

Like Like.

Loydeen ([15:00](#)):

And she goes, WHAT? You do?!? And she was so excited and wanted to hear all about it. She had an, a drunken night kissed,

Heidi ([15:08](#)):

oh, Katy Perry moment.

Loydeen (15:09):

Katie Perry with her best friend and slept with a girl in the whole thing, you know? And, and so she was so like, and now she's actually out and engaged to a woman. And so it was a joke, cause she, you know, all these people that happened a lot in my life where a lot of people had had like girl moments and I never had, but then once I came out, all of a sudden they're all fully gay and they were gay before me. And everyone thinks that I like made.

Heidi (15:31):

Like flipped those switches.

Loydeen (15:31):

yeah actually no one knows that there were way before me, like all my friends. But, um, so yeah, so I told her in the moment I told her she went to hear all the details. And then I had someone that I could keep talking with and show the text and tell her everything happening. And it was such a relief to like one part was such a relief because then it was like, I have someone to talk to. It was holding it all inside because like, obviously I didn't even talk to this girl about it. But on the other hand, once it was out there, it was like, like I said it out loud, like now it's real.

Heidi (16:05):

Yeah. You can't, you can't walk that back.

Loydeen (16:06):

you cant step back, back once it was out there, I was like, what have I done? Like I just said the words, you know,

Heidi (16:13):

it becomes real in a way, like, you know, cause you can talk yourself out of a lot of things.

Loydeen (16:20):

Cause I would be like, oh, it's just, you know, this girl or, oh, I just, I was always talking myself out of things and hiding stuff in the cupboard - the phone. So yeah. So once I said it out loud, that was, that was a big, I think that's probably why when I got back from that trip, that's when I freaked out on that girl and was like, well, you know, I like you, I made her cry the whole day because.

Heidi (16:40):

it was out now, it felt obvious once you say it,

Loydeen (16:44):

cause then I was like well obviously she knows, the whole room knows - the world knows it's on TV soon.

Heidi (16:50):

I thank God. It was not on TV soon for me. Yes. Yeah.



Loydeen (16:55):

So, but I, I think that, you know, that is why coming out is important. Um, I watch, uh, I love that movie. What's the one I had the kids watch it with me the other day.

Heidi (17:05):

Love Simon

Loydeen (17:07):

Love Love Simon loved the new show. Love Victor. If you haven't seen it, watch the TV show. It's after the movie, love Simon and Simon's actually in it. I was like a star, but um, how they do that whole parody of like people cause you do gay people have to come out. There's a whole thing of straight people coming out to their families and how the families are acting to them saying they're straight. And so of course we all hope that we'll eventually get to the point where there is no coming out. Right. But right now it's really, I think important that, you know, it makes it a real person, a person, you know, it's, it makes it for those people. Like these people are real and this is someone I know their heart and I know how they feel and think and their honesty and their soul. And this is a, you know, and you hope. I mean, obviously there's always going to be the hard stories like you still go through.

Heidi (17:59):

Yeah. I mean, it's never, it's never without, well, in my experience, there's both good and bad. Right. There's both the surprises where like, I can't, I can't believe I get to have this relationship. I get to have this love in my life. Right. And then there's also those moments where yeah, there are some people that just can not manage it. And um, maybe it's, they're afraid for you or, you know, whatever it is. Right. But they just can't manage it. And that's real. Right. And, and one does not offset the other to the extent that there wouldn't be any pain, but you know

Loydeen (18:36):

Yeah. And of course we understand that it's such a personal choice. Right. I mean, which is

Heidi (18:40):

which is a choice. What do you mean

Loydeen (18:41):

Coming out or not coming out

Heidi (18:42):

Oh yeah.

Loydeen (18:43):

You know, cause there are kids that

Heidi (18:44):

well its not safe sometimes.

Loydeen (18:46):

yeah its not safe. It's dangerous. It's scary. I mean, um.

Heidi (18:49):

right. I was fully an adult, you know, and functioning on my own bandwidth. Right. Like I had my own life. I made my own money. I was very safe when I came out. And so the fact that portions of my family were unable to accept It did not mean I was homeless and did not mean that I was, you know, abandoned in some kind of meaningful way without the, without the wherewithal. Right. And so that's very real. Right. And

Loydeen (19:14):

Yeah, and I, you know, I know people that even as adults, they just can't handle the rejection of it on their family. And it breaks my heart because obviously I want them to live out fully. And I feel like it's their family's loss at that point. And I want them to live out their life full and happy, but it's a very personal choice. And it, for some reason, just wasn't a choice for me. Like I just,

Heidi (19:38):

same.

Loydeen (19:39):

once I encountered it, then I took my time to make sure it was real before I drug, you know, I didn't want to come out to my family and then be like, just kidding, you know, put them through that. But I couldn't, I had to live that authentic life. Like I just had to, like, I couldn't handle it, bottling it up or keeping it inside. That's just not my personality. Um, and I feel like my stories went, are success stories. Some people, you know, it's just not a big deal and everything was amazing. Um, I was kinda in the middle of that success story compared to what a lot of people go through. So I feel very blessed, but it wasn't, there was not hard times, you know? Um, I think because I'm someone that just, if you love and respect me, that's all I need. So I take it as such a win, and now the fact that my family just fully, you know, loves you and the kids and accepted and you know, but you know, an aunt that cried herself to sleep and, you know, broke her heart. Um, I had another one that, you know, really wanted me to read a lot of pamphlets and, and, and stuff. And you know, I just respectfully said, you know, it's just, I'm in a relationship and it'd be disrespectful. I'm not going to change your mind. You're going to change mine. But you know, I love you. And we decided to agree to disagree and love each other. And she's met you and loves you and loves the kids and my other aunt that cried herself to sleep has had us in her home and we've stayed with her and loves you and loves the kids and loves me. And you know, so I have just seen, um, what love can do, you know? And I've been fortunate in that way. Um, you know, and you know, down the line when there are weddings and things, you know, who knows, uh, we may, we'll have to run into hard times probably again. Um, you know, so yeah. And so people have to make decisions and

Heidi (21:31):

She's Talking about our wedding, by the way, she's like trying not to say it because I think it makes her sweat when she's talking about that

Loydeen (21:38):

weddings and things

Heidi (21:40):

Weddings, one wedding, just one,

Loydeen (21:42):

just one

Heidi (21:42):

Just one, we're Talking about one together, I.

Loydeen (21:43):

I'm only going have one. Yeah. I'm gonna marry you.

Heidi (21:47):

You are?

Loydeen (21:51):

Um, we're not engaged though.

Heidi (21:54):

Somebody's expensive Tastes are keeping things on the slow roll here. No, but I think also like, it is important to recognize that like every person is going to come to this from both sides, right. Our side, right. Where it's like, you have to get to a point where you just can't, you know, can't not right in your experience or for me, where you make a decision, like, well, I'm either going to share this now, or it will become strange because I'm getting married or, you know, there's like a big thing that's happening in my life, but also for the other people. Right. Like my parents also. Right. I think, I think the kids are kind of the, the alchemy here. Right?

Loydeen (22:30):

Yeah the kids are magical.

Heidi (22:30):

It's like, when you, so you know, like your family came in and they like, I'm their mom, so they have to like me. Right. But the kids are this,

Loydeen (22:39):

What's not to love, I mean come on. my family loves her more than me at this point. So to know we got, and even your parents have been amazing, I'm missing to me. Yeah. And I love them. And that's so, you know, it's just a different experience. You're getting to experience with them this time, then last time. Yeah. And they really loved that I loved Jesus and that I've kind of brought that into the family and they really respect that and getting to see you because I think that broke their heart when they felt that, you know, for good reason, you felt shunned by the church and angry and hurt and kind of stepped away. And you know, that's probably hard on your parents, but they didn't know what to do about it because

they can't just come and say that, you know, they accept it. And so I think for them getting to see you happy with me and seeing, you know, that the kids are happy and loved by me, your mom has really reached out and been, you know, she's just so good with the kids and they love her. And that obviously it's an authentic amazing relationship. And I can see that you guys are happy and I love that. She's so me, so open with my faith that she loves that and that we're, you know, making that a priority. And I think that just really touches her.

Heidi ([23:55](#)):

Yeah. But I think like you just said, right. Like that. So she's there. Right. And she's accepted you and she thinks of us as a family and she sees you as a co-parent. But you know, at some point when we say like, we're going to make this official, that will bring up, it's not a PR it's not personal then. Right. It's, it's political, it's religious, it's, there's all these things that come with getting married and doing those things, um, that are kind of another hurdle. Right. And so it's just, it's all about the journey and just letting people be where they are and, um, trying not to internalize. Right. And finding your own happiness in those moments where, you know, like for us, it's something sacred and something beautiful. And so, um, that's enough, right? Yeah.

Loydeen ([24:41](#)):

we just want people to be a part of the level that they want to be a part. Right. And it doesn't mean, you know, we're inviting my family and whatever level, it doesn't mean that they have to accept everything to be a part. If they want to be a part or

Heidi ([24:56](#)):

At all right. Again, just love us and respect this and you don't have to agree necessarily.

Loydeen ([25:01](#)):

I'm just going to loving people where they are. Um, I feel maybe the reason I'm able to do that. Cause I know people wonder cause it is a hard thing. Um, and wonder how that comes easy for me. But I guess it's because I was them, you know, like I thought how they thought I believed what they believe. I, I, you know, I was, I was never mean or rude and I loved my gay friends and I, you know, and it was always a journey kind of trying to understand what I was taught versus, you know, especially being in the industry. I was around that a lot. Um, I remember in high school I had a manager that I loved I thought he was just fabulous and fun. And I was young. I didn't realize he was gay. And after we got really close, he ended up telling me, and I remember thinking in my head, well, what now? Like, am I supposed to just not like him now? Because I still like him, like just that confusion as a kid, like, wait, but you know, am I supposed to just think he's going to hell and I don't love him. And that doesn't seem right. And why, if I love him, God definitely loves him. But you know, and so I called my sister and, and she handled it really amazing. She just said, you know, this is where you start to start forming your own beliefs and opinions and separating what you've been taught or what your parents think from, you know, this is where you start to do that. And that was really great advice. And I was like, well, great, because I love him. You know? And, and so it really started there, um, with the acceptance and, and for me kind of formed my own opinions, but not understanding how to reconcile it all. Cause I hadn't studied like, you know what I'm studying now with scriptures and stuff. I hadn't at the time I just had the blanket statements, you know, that people go by in Christianity or the Bible. Um, and so it was kind of a long journey for me, but because I was raised in that and you know, started just with, well, I'm going to love them. Even if I don't agree, it was kind of where I started. Right. And so it's easy for me to let people

take their journey. I do kind of not demand, but I expect that that's where you start though, you start with, you're going to love me. And if you don't agree, if it's disrespectful or hate or, You know, Yeah, I mean That's not okay, you know, you start at that point. Um, and, and then I allow them to take their journey. And I think that's why I don't get as angry at churches either. You know, cause right now we're shopping for a church, which is.

Heidi ([27:32](#)):

challenging,

Loydeen ([27:32](#)):

challenging. Um, I've never had challenges before shopping for a church because I didn't have kids. So I could go into any church and I'm just a confident person. And I'm like, this is me and I'm gonna bring my girlfriends and they're gonna come sit next to me. And you're going to be respectful of them, you know?

Heidi ([27:48](#)):

Yeah. Love me. You don't have to accept me. You don't have to agree with me. Just love me and respect me. And, but With kids,

Loydeen ([27:54](#)):

a, ten-year-olds, it's a different story.

Heidi ([27:57](#)):

Well and especially ten year olds that.

Loydeen ([27:57](#)):

that have four moms.

Heidi ([27:59](#)):

four moms.

Loydeen ([27:59](#)):

So it's been a process and a lot harder than I'm used to it being, I thought it would, especially in LA where there's so many churches I'm coming from New York. I don't think it would be so hard, but we found a church that I was excited about, but then they didn't have a kids program. And now we're, then we found a church that had a great kids program, but the first, well only Sunday we were there, they got up and preached against some straight, straight from the mic, um, about homosexuality. So,

Heidi ([28:33](#)):

Um, negatively.

Loydeen ([28:34](#)):

Yeah. So that wasn't the right one. Um, so we're still checking,

Heidi ([28:41](#)):

But I think that that's kind of the larger theme of the whole, this whole thing, this whole episode, right. Is that the, the, you know, you don't know what's coming, right. So you might be in a certain place at any part, anytime. Right. Coming out, somebody's acceptance or not acceptance or whatever it is. Right. And you know, I think we've both gone through some very redemptive, um, parts of that, especially kind of recently, you know, at least for me. Right. And you know, I've reconnected with cousins. I never thought I would ever speak to any of that part of the family again. And, uh, uh, I had a cousin come visit me. Right. These are things that, and I think that, you know, maybe that's the metaphor for church, right. Is that we just haven't found it yet like.

Loydeen ([29:30](#)):

yet, that's true.

Heidi ([29:30](#)):

like we're headed in that direction, but we just haven't found the right one yet. Right. But you know, God's big Showing off.

Loydeen ([29:41](#)):

huge. I was thinking, I'm looking at, you can't see him but bug is laying here.

Heidi ([29:47](#)):

our cat,

Loydeen ([29:47](#)):

yeah, on our equipment. Um, so right before I got locked down here, the whole reason I was here is because Ewok died. And that's why I happened to be in California to then get locked down here. Um, but when I first came out, there was, I remember a situation with Ewok where he was doing something, you know, I guess it was like a sign of when I looked it up, it's like a showing of love, but, it was something I hadn't seen him do before. It was like a funny little, you know, thing. And so I was talking about it and there was even a moment where I don't know if it was straight, that it was being said that he was demon possessed because I was gay or, but, or more I think just that, you know, even animals are aware of bad things brought in and spiritual warfare. And, um, definitely that my being gay was, you know, causing a thing, causing someone nightmares. And so I definitely had moments of where I was like, oh, this might not go so well because causing demon possession and nightmares, um, I was pretty sure if the wrong person was president, I was going to be, it was going to be said because they were like, elected because I was gay. So there was definitely a moment where I was like, oh, I don't know if I can, you know, come home for Christmas. Like, and this is what I, you know, my gayness is causing, but, um, but you know, that was it. Obviously didn't in there and, and I did come home for Christmas and my cat, wasn't demon possessed and everyone did realize it. And, um, and you know,

Heidi ([31:30](#)):

But that's kind of it, right. I mean, you just have to keep moving forward and keep, keep loving the people that you have the opportunity to love. You know what I mean? And not

Loydeen ([31:41](#)):

and keep loving yourself.

Heidi ([31:43](#)):

Yes. Which is hard to do but yeah important

Loydeen ([31:47](#)):

Yeah. Well, yeah. Our light is dying, which I think is our cue

Loydeen ([31:56](#)):

Long episode.

Loydeen ([31:58](#)):

National coming out day.

Heidi ([31:59](#)):

Yeah. It's important.

Loydeen ([32:00](#)):

It's important. We love you.

Heidi ([32:03](#)):

We do

Loydeen ([32:04](#)):

A ton.

Heidi ([32:05](#)):

And if you have a story you want to share with someone and you want to try it out,

Loydeen ([32:12](#)):

try it out on us. we're fun.

Heidi ([32:13](#)):

Absolutely. We, we can be. Yeah. Uh, on our website, you'll find a safe email address and we are monitoring that and we'll happily respond.

Loydeen ([32:27](#)):

So subscribe to our YouTube channel. Yes. Hit like, and we'd like you back bye.