

Finding Me

There is a 34 year old queer black male who has tried to do something. He hates the homophobia that surrounds him daily. He is called renegade punk by the haters. He wants to finish his BA in Sociology, pursue his Masters in LGBTQI Studies and a PhD in Educational Leadership. He enjoys quality. Many people don't understand them. They get frustrated with his questioning of things. He supports interracial relationships. He has had more problems in prison and some in the free world.

He has had a lot of criticism all over the board. People are jealous of him. They prey, extort, force him to pay for protection. Jam Joseph Oguntolu Jam a beautiful guy looking for his queer match as a bear told me when I was 16 "Don't go looking for love, but let it find you. I have attracted so many guys, however many are not the best fit. Jam much of a Beta Male? I want to be in a long term relationship. I have attracted control freaks. Many of my cellmates have dominated me. They make my living more difficult. They place me with black cellmates on purpose. They feel they can railroad me. Jam considered a freak, weirdo, and everything else in the book. Why hate a word?

Jam stuck with wannabe thugs, hustlers, etc. This is not my life. Jam surrounded by noise constant people leaving me worrying about everyone else. Think gang members saying "I can't hang with homosexuals because they will get violated. Gang members feel they can act crazy toward me. I have been forced to have cellmates to clean the cell. It is concrete. The more one cleans it, well still get dirty. For the 1st 50 or so years I cleaned. They give us cheap bleach, soap and chemicals. They don't actually work. Jam trapped with so many personalities. They are like 7 yr old children. I told my cell mate I don't raise kids. You need to wake up on your own. I'm tired of dealing with you. You don't remember

basic things. It is like you are on your deathbed. I don't hardly say anything to him no more. Administrators want more than. It sold Sgt Jonathon Hyatt last week. He said "you are not going to have a perfect cellmate. I have to put up with his grasping over things he can't control. Lockdown will be coming up in September. I can't wait to go home and not deal with the pressures that has cause me problems. I have started going to Eastern religious each Tuesday. It has helped me cope with the issues all around me. I can hardly imagine. I like the music they play. It is more relaxing. During my teen years I had bad experiences with fundamentalism. They say "It's Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve." There's no progressive Chaplains in the Texas prison system. Many are older white males. The Chaplaincy department lacks diversity. They vote Republican. Most of the volunteers are Republican. Why would they support supremacy? I see it everytime I tried to have conversation with them. Why come down to the prison. Many are doing it just to hang out. I felt called to the gospel ministry at 13. I didn't live how the far right was treating people. I left in Aug 2001 for a queer congregation. Even then I was still wrestling with the closet. I had one foot in the straight world and the other in the queer world. I was getting lots of hugs/kisses as I stepped into my new church home. The Cathedral of Hope. They know what its like to be marginalized by society. No other church would provide the services. After 7 years, not many of my fellow queers have written. I was deeply concerned about them. They have mentored me along the way. What will it be like for me to walk back to my church after being away for over 10 years. I have missed funerals, holy unions, birthday parties, anniversaries and my family of choice from still redefining who I am, who I am and whom I am becoming. I hated that I didn't get to campaign for Hillary Clinton. Upon my release, I will campaign for the Democrat. It will be exciting. Love trumps hate. I can't be locked up forever in a warehouse all 48 of us having issues. It's hot and sticky. Many are not in good condition.

I am wanting to pursue a lot of things yet I tend to procrastinate. I want to write a book. No one can stop me from fulfilling that dream. I never been a great writer. It would be amazing. I have been quiet so many ideas over the years. It is hard to fall asleep at night thinking of these things.

How can I make people like me? It is a difficult task. I learned that not everyone is going to like you. It's their choice. Many judge on the outward appearance instead of the heart. I am a kind hearted individual most of the time. There are times when I am upset by things. The main things are losing people. I have to understand that it is a normal process. As one gets older you will begin to understand. I want to live past 100 and still be involved with scholastic activities. I don't believe in just sitting down. You must take initiative to get what you want. opportunity is always knocking at your door. Draw a circle around your life. Where do you want to be in the next 10-20 years? I have to take care of things when I discharge. I will have to clean my toy collection, clothes, shoes, and other things of value in order for my mother to live a simple life. I like collecting things. I found out early in life that Tom a female in my family. We call it "pack rat". I got this from the

I want to pursue my PhD before I turn 50. I have to set a goal and not let anything get into the way. I will have to study long and hard. I can't wait to get back into Toastmasters, pursue the Rotary, Lions Club, Democratic Party and other progressive organizations. I encourage people to give back to the community what the district that I went to. I substitute taught at the school during 1997-2010. Will I be able to find an employer which will keep me in the long haul or will I have to deal with SSI/disability? I want to spend the rest of the time that I have left finding more the political, mental, physical, social, spiritual, educational, sexual and other sides of myself. I don't have all the answers. Tom still questioning beel they do. For future generations will individuals find themselves. Christopher Reeve did playing Superman. Ellen DeGeneres did after coming out in 1997 and now has a successful talk show. Oprah Winfrey did after struggling with her weight while having her own network. Don't feel like you're the only one trying to find your voice. Get involved in something that will help change you and society.

You are not alone. You are the one that the world is waiting for. Everyday creates your history. Live your conquest and legacy. I give tribute to those that have been murdered because of their sexual orientation PULSE in Orlando, Matthew Shepard, G.I. and others. Make the best of your life.