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QUEER COSTS

published four books and become a sought-after commentator regarding LGBTQ+ issues in the church.

"That was probably one of the most transformative moments because here I was pushed to the national [and] international spotlight. My sexuality was being talked about. It was also being critiqued by the most influential religious leaders in the country. [They] came out and wrote op-eds against me and did radio shows. The people that I looked up to growing up were

now condemning me," Robertson said in an interview in his office, which sported rainbow flags and copies of his latest book, "The Gospel of Inclusion." "At that point, that was when my resiliency really emerged as a calling because I was like, everything in me says I should leave this whole world behind because I can't have my book deals anymore. They're calling me a heretic. They don't want me."

Instead of leaving, Robertson decided to use the platform he was given to "blow up the patriarchy dominating this evangelical world," he explained with a cheeky smile. He credits his stubbornness as the deciding factor in staying with the religion that once

saved his life as an adolescent.

Robertson is not the only queer person in Uptown to leave conservative evangelicalism and instead work in a church that accepts and affirms their identity. While each of these queer Christians have found places in churches that go beyond just letting them take up a pew and tithe, the journey there was costly. These church leaders lost community, family, jobs, book deals, homes.

Sarah Holly was in high school when she came out to her mom as a lesbian and was kicked out. Luckily, she was able to move in with her dad, but for a year she did not have a relationship with her mother. In that time, her mother reexamined her theology to the

point of becoming fully affirming of queer identities. Watching her mother transform into an advocate for LGBTQ+ people in Christian spaces is one of the reasons Holly still has hope that the church can change.

"The really terrible history of the relationship between LGBT [people and] the church is devastating — and it doesn't need to be the future," Holly said in an interview at Kettle & Stone in May.

A full 40% of teens who are homeless are part of the LGBTQ+ community. A quarter of those teens were kicked out on the same day they came out to their parents.

San Diego Pride Executive Director Fernando Lopez was

homeless for part of their youth, and they believe religion was a key factor in why they were left without shelter, which had lasting impacts on their faith.

"That experience severed me a lot from my ability to navigate my own faith and spirituality because family [is] usually where your connection to faith comes from," Lopez said in a phone interview.






For Holly, to see her mother accept, embrace and even advocate for her daughter is the dream scenario for any queer person who faces excommunication from their family over their identity. Not everyone changes though.

AIDS activist Susan Jester's

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-  Use a portable or ceiling fan to save big on AC.
-  Keep blinds and curtains closed during summer days to block out direct sunlight and reduce cooling costs.
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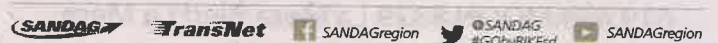
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