

Queerology Episode 81

Brit Barron is Gloriously Queer

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- Brit: [00:39](#) Early, early on when I came out, I didn't understand that it meant being a part of this vibrant community with its own culture, with the own history, with its own ways of connecting to God, with its own theology, with it's own ... you know what I mean? I had no idea.
- Matthias: [00:43](#) I'm back in the host seat today. Wasn't it a blast last week with Jennifer now taking over? I really want her to do that more often. I haven't told her that, that probably won't actually happen, but she's so good. She's such a good interviewer. Today on the podcast, with Brit Barron, who is a pastor, speaker, wife, dog mom. The dog mom is the most important part, in my opinion. And I have a teller of stories about a bigger God, a more inclusive church and a more whole humanity. You can find her on Sunday mornings preaching at New Abbey Church in Pasadena, California. She maintains a very active Instagram presence at Brit Barron.
- Matthias: [00:43](#) I'm so excited to have Brit on the podcast today. She and her wife, Sammy, were on the podcast back in season one, when we were talking about this little thing that I did call DA packages where they sent these welcome packages to people who had just came out. So cool, that's a super fun episode if you want to hear them together. But ever since then, I've been wanting to get Brit on the podcast to talk about some of the other work that she's been doing, because she is doing incredible things. Before we dive into that, Queerology is going to be back at Wild

Goose festival this summer. If you're interested in coming to Wild Goose, Queerology is going to be on the podcast stage there. For all of the information about that, head over to wildgoosefestival.org. Okay, let's go ahead and dive in.

Matthias: [00:43](#) Brit, hi. Welcome back.

Brit: [00:43](#) Hi. Yes, I'm so happy to be here.

Matthias: [00:43](#) Yeah.

Brit: [00:43](#) I mean, "be here" is so relative on a podcast, yes.

Matthias: [00:43](#) To be in the headphones.

Brit: [00:43](#) Yes, yes.

Matthias: [00:43](#) You've already been on the podcast once with your wife back in season one.

Brit: [00:43](#) Yes.

Matthias: [00:43](#) You've answered this question before, but I will ask it again because sometimes these things change. How do you identify, and how would you say that your faith has helped form that identity?

Brit: [00:43](#) Yes. Okay. Well, I will say that I'm answering it backwards, I'd say my faith has informed so much of my identity because it was just such a foundational part of my growing up and my experiencing the world, so it gave me a framework for everything. Even the parts of my identity, or the identities that I hold that weren't as visible in my faith community, I think were still influenced by my faith. I identify as queer, more specifically, a lesbian. I like to say me and my wife put the L in LGBTQ, and I'm a woman of color, I'm black and I am Mexican, a woman, tired. That's it, really.

Matthias: [00:43](#) Tired, yes.

Brit: [00:43](#) Tired. Yeah. I feel like that. It's notable enough in this season where I have to mention on the list of identities.

Matthias: [00:43](#) Yeah.

Brit: [00:43](#) Couldn't leave it out. Yeah.

Matthias: [00:43](#) I hear that. Oh, that's real ...

Brit: [00:43](#) Yeah, it's one of those, 2019.

Matthias: [00:43](#) Seriously though, I mean, I wasn't going to actually get into this till later, but tired. You just signed a book deal.

Brit: [00:43](#) Yes, yes.

Matthias: [00:43](#) That's a remarkable thing to do when you're "tired."

Brit: [00:43](#) That's true. That's true. Maybe being a little bit tired is my secret, but yeah, I'm really excited. Untitled the book 2020 is just capturing a lot of my thoughts these days. Yeah, and I can't wait to share stories that I wanted to write. I feel like that's so much of being who I am, especially coming out of the Christian world, is I'm like, "God, what I wish ..." I always say this all the time.

Brit: [00:43](#) Me and my wife are super active on Instagram and we're super lovey-dovey on Instagram and in real life, but we're always just sharing stuff. We always say, in 2013 when we were just in the thick of trying to figure out if we were in love or going to go to hell or what was happening, I just wish I saw lesbian couples who love God and had a regular life and a rescue dog and, you know what I mean? I think about that a lot with the book of like, I want to tell stories that I wish were available to me.

Matthias: [00:43](#) That's so cool, that's so cool and so needed. I love that more and more and more that these books are just starting to be published, that people like us-

Brit: [00:43](#) Literally. No, literally.

Matthias: [00:43](#) ... to get to do this.

Brit: [00:43](#) I know. I think about your book, this book, books ... It's so exciting and it's like I'm never worried about the market getting too saturated. I'm like more and more and more, more and more, there's always more room for different kinds of stories. So, yeah, I'm excited for your book too.

Matthias: [00:43](#) Oh, thank you. Yeah, me too. It's a big deal, books are a big deal. Yeah.

Brit: [00:43](#) It's a huge deal. Yeah.

Matthias: [00:43](#) Yeah. It's so cool. I was watching, speaking of stories, I was watching your keynote at the Reformation project from, what was that? That was just last year, wasn't it?

Brit: [06:19](#) Yeah, [inaudible 00:06:19].

Matthias: [06:19](#) It just feels like forever ago.

Brit: [06:19](#) Gosh. I know, right?

Matthias: [06:19](#) Yeah, I guess it was just a few months ago.

Brit: [06:19](#) Yeah.

Matthias: [06:19](#) You were talking about how you've spent your life having to, in one way or another, defend your existence, and you tied that into story threads of becoming a mega church pastor. And told a story about being a girl on a sports team, and being excluded from that. I'd be curious, because it's Pride Month, happy June.

Brit: [06:19](#) Yes.

Matthias: [06:19](#) This idea of defending the existence and pride, I feel like can go hand in hand, almost. A pride season brings us to, or more visible, and because of that visibility there's more opportunity, to put it nicely, to defend ourselves.

Brit: [06:19](#) Yes. Yeah. I talk about defending my existence as something I learned how to do early on. Like you said, the story I told was about being the only girl on this roller hockey team who said girls aren't allowed on the team. My mom wasn't having it. She got me on the team and I was so excited. I remember I couldn't identify that feeling at the time, but it was 100% defending my existence of being so aware of my girlness at age 10 and being like, "I need to kick ass on this team because I'm a girl and I'm here. I'm not just here to have fun, and I'm not just here having the same experience these boys are having, there's also another layer of me just being here."

Brit: [06:19](#) And I took that with me. Yeah. And then being a woman of color, a mega church pastor. I think there's like six total. I made that number up, but I'm sure it's low. Just sort of everywhere I was in the mega church world being like, "I'm not having the same experiences these people are having. There was an added layer to me being here," and that was something that made me proud. It's something that made me tired, and something that made me sort of hope for people like me who might come after

me, that will have to do less of that. Octavia Butler has a beautiful quote where she talks about sort of generations and ancestors, and she says, "Our job is to be planting seeds for trees we'll never sit under," which has always struck me.

Brit: [06:19](#) I think this pride season, and so much of the work that I do, that I want to do, is acknowledging, "I know what it feels like to have to defend my existence in a space, while also trying to excel in a space, while also trying to be a representative in a space. While also," whatever, whatever, whatever. What a beautiful time. I love Pride Month and Pride Month events because they essentially say, "We're just going to be happy that you're here." There's no defending. There's no justifying. You are now a representative, there's no, "You need to work twice as hard to get half of ..." It's just like, "No, we're going to throw a parade and just be fabulous because we are." I think the future that I hope for, that I think people like you are working towards, that so many people I know are working towards, is that. Is, "We're going to celebrate as being. Forget all this defending stuff."

Brit: [06:19](#) I know what it's like to be in rooms where you feel like, "Okay, I'm the only black kid in this class, and I'm talking about slavery. Everyone's looking at me. Like, 'Let me make sure I'm being a ... whatever'. I'm the only woman on this hockey team. I'm the only queer person on this blank. I'm the only ..." Whatever, we all know what that feels like. So I think there's moving towards a future where we do less of that and more like, "I'm just here," and that's enough for me to be proud of. That's enough for me, I'm not proving anything. So, yeah. I don't even know if that answered your question, but those are ... yeah.

Matthias: [06:19](#) No, I think it does. This follow up question may seem like a reiteration of that question, but I feel like it's different enough that I'm still going to ask it, because this is a question I want to ask everyone who's on the podcast this month. Is just simple, what does pride mean to you?

Brit: [06:19](#) Gosh, it has certainly evolved. I think what's ... and pride, I'm taking specifically as like Pride Month, LGBTQ pride, because I remember early, early on when I sort of started to understand more about my sexuality, I still had a resistance to pride and the events and the rainbow flag and, you know what I mean?

Matthias: [06:19](#) Right. Oh, totally.

Brit: [06:19](#) Yeah. No, I mean, I'll make out with girls, but I'm not going to wave that flag around, you know?

Matthias: [06:19](#) 100%.

Brit: [06:19](#) Yeah, exactly. I think about where I am now is like, we went to the Dodgers Pride Night game the other night and we were drinking rainbow beers and we had rainbow flags and rainbow shirts and rainbow ... and I think about that trajectory for me and I almost think about it as just the peeling back the layers of my own shame, my own internalized homophobia, my own sense of like, "Okay, maybe being gay is okay, but it's certainly not something to be proud of." All the way to like, I have a rainbow tattoo on my arm and I'm so proud to be a part of this community.

Brit: [00:43](#) I think that shedding of those layers sort of tied into what we were talking about before. I feel like when you feel like you don't belong somewhere, or who you are isn't enough, is when you start defending. Also, when there is no representation, when you don't understand, when there's not some access, it's hard to be proud of who you are when you don't understand what that means fully. Early, early on when I came out, I didn't understand that it meant being a part of this vibrant community with its own culture, with its own history, with its own ways of connecting to God, with its own theology, with its own ... you know what I mean?

Brit: [00:51](#) I had no idea. I thought it just meant there was something weird about me because I wanted to kiss girls, not the beauty of two women loving each other. The beauty of people who hold within them these multiple gender identities, the beauty of this just expansive and loving and wildly, wildly, wildly open community. Yeah, I think pride for me has absolutely meant just one by one, peeling back those layers of shame to find, I mean, one of my favorite groups of people on the planet that I have the privilege of being a part of.

Matthias: [14:01](#) We touched on this, you're tying being a mega church pastor and you're still a pastor now for New Abbey in California, which is a church that I haven't visited yet, but everyone I know who has been there has said nothing but good things.

Brit: [14:15](#) Well, yeah, you got to come.

Matthias: [14:17](#) I want to so badly.

Brit: [14:18](#) Yeah.

Matthias: [14:18](#) I am curious, you mentioned finding this community, this group of people who you listed a bunch of things but have a own theology around and ways of accessing God. And I'd be curious about, this may be a stretch, but understanding pride theologically, because my mind always goes there, because I was raised with this idea that pride is almost inherently a negative thing. Like pride comes before the fall, like all these things. So when there was gay pride, which, I mean, I had two strikes against say gay pride.

Brit: [14:56](#) Yeah, yeah.

Matthias: [14:59](#) It was just like this horrible, horrible thing. Like, "How dare you be proud?" And it was seen as being proud of this "sinful" lifestyle. How do you approach that now?

Brit: [15:14](#) Yeah. What's fascinating is we have someone in our church right now who is leading a small group specifically for this reason to talk through historically how queer folks have developed spirituality and ways of connecting with the divine, it's super wonderful and beautiful. They dressed up in drag to make the announcement about it on Sunday.

Matthias: [15:38](#) That's so cool.

Brit: [15:48](#) Which was the best part.

Matthias: [15:48](#) That's so cool.

Brit: [15:49](#) Yeah. I think this is going to answer your question, but if I get to the end of this rant and it hasn't, I don't know what to tell you. At our church, New Abbey, someone the other day was like, "Oh, you have a gay church." And I was like, "No, I don't have a gay church. We have a church in which we are expanding and telling a bigger story of God, that includes queer folks. That includes every human being." As a result, yeah, about 50% of our community is queer, about 50% of our community is not. One of my favorite things about our community is, we haven't just expanded and talked theologically about this idea of sexuality. And that's just the one place where the story gets bigger, but everything else stays the same.

Brit: [16:40](#) It's we're literally trying to tell a bigger story that includes expanding so many things, which I feel like the queer community has given the church an amazing opportunity to do so. I always say there's two kinds of affirming churches that I see a lot. There are churches in which queer people are

welcome and accepted and invited and everything else is the same about church. I'm not saying that's bad at all, and then there're churches like New Abbey that are saying, "Yes, queer people are welcome and affirmed and accepted and, we're going to see what pulling on some of those threads means for the whole of scripture," because you look at the whole thing, and I say this all the time, we say this all the time at our church, it's the story was always meant to get bigger.

- Brit: [17:37](#) We've been telling an incredibly small story, and queer people and pride is a part of that, and there are so many other parts of that too. If we can really start to address power structures and systems, we can really start to address sort of some of the ways in which we have those in and of ourselves and what sexuality means, not just for queer people, but anyone who grew up in the 90s inside a purity pledge is fucked up. You know what I mean?
- Matthias: [18:04](#) Yes, that is the truth.
- Brit: [18:04](#) Everyone's underwater with this thing. I don't know if that answered your question, but to me pride, and understanding some of this theologically, opens the door for so much more growth and evolution in how we see and interpret scripture, and how we live out this way of Jesus.
- Matthias: [18:22](#) You're talking about this metaphor of pulling on the threads, and I know a lot of people who have hold on threads and who have discovered this wider, broader, deeper faith. Other people who've hold on threads, they've had this experience of, everything around them just seems to crumble and, all of a sudden, life just goes to shit. Those periods of deconstruction and reconstruction. Did you ever go through that kind of a journey? What was your journey getting to the point of being able to even pull on some of these threads? Did things fall apart?
- Brit: [19:00](#) Yeah, certainly. I think things always fall apart and, eventually, I just realized maybe things are just fluid, to stop building up many temples and they won't fall down. I became theologically affirming when I was in college, but I was the kind of affirming person that I wouldn't really say it. It's thought it, which is the most unfortunate kind.
- Matthias: [19:36](#) That's true. Anyone who's listening, that is true.

- Brit: [19:38](#) Yeah. It is literally the most unfortunate kind of affirming. I was literally the person I just send a private text message of love and acceptance, but publicly would keep my job at my non-affirming Christian college. So yeah, it was just the worst. I think being a woman who wanted to speak and preach and pastor already set me up to question a lot of what was happening. Being a person of color I think speeded up that process. And I think there are a lot of moments of things falling apart. The first one was when I had people in college telling me that women can't be pastors, and not feeling wrong. And then them pointing me to passages that said that, essentially. The framework that I had, I was like, "Wow, it's in there."
- Brit: [20:44](#) Then things certainly fell apart again once I started to unpack and open up my own sexuality and be honest in some of those ways, I think then things really fell apart. In falling apart, again, opened everything up, but that initial process was so painful. I remember I had left my job as a mega church pastor and before I started pastoring at New Abbey, there was a period in between where I worked at a college. I feel so bad for everyone who interacted with me in this season of life. I was just the worst, I had no idea who I was, who God was. And I say all the time when people were like, "What are you through, how did you find God?" I'm like, "Exclusively, Hamilton."
- Brit: [21:41](#) The Hamilton soundtrack, to this day will bring me to tears, and I don't know why somehow resonating with the story of the creation of America, which is funny. But just the turmoil and you got to bounce back, and what does this mean, and heartbreak and coming back and ... I remember thinking, I'd be driving, the college I worked at was an hour away from where I live, which in LA is only five miles, but it would take me an hour to get there, and an hour to get back. I remember just asking myself like, "Is it weird that I'm worshiping to Hamilton?" You know what I mean? Like, "Is God in Hamilton?" You know what I mean? Then you just start to pull on this thread of like, "I think God maybe is more in Hamilton than Hillsong, at this point in my life."
- Brit: [22:42](#) "What does that mean? Wait a minute, if God's in Hamilton, then God's in musicals?" You know what I mean? Then you try to compartmentalize it again. But then you find God in nature and in a Muslim student who I worked with at college and then I found God in TED talks. And then, God is most certainly obviously in Brene Brown. And then, as you start to ask all these questions, I think the journey for me was eventually realizing like, "Okay, if God's in Hamilton, if God's in Brene Brown, if God's in my Muslim student, if God's in all of these things, God

must most certainly be in me." That sort of changed everything, because now you get to the point where it's like, "Oh my gosh, yeah."

- Brit: [23:43](#) Hamilton, Dear Evan Hansen, whoever, whatever, your neighbor, your enemy, your brother, your sister, these things all have Christ within them. And that, I mean, that opens up so much more just beyond queer theology, is just the way we live and move in the world should change. But those beginning moments of asking those questions are certainly painful, especially if you grew up and that was your whole life was surrounding those ideas. You know?
- Matthias: [24:17](#) Right, totally.
- Brit: [24:17](#) Yeah. Then you're like, "Wait, what?"
- Matthias: [24:20](#) I feel like I get emails all the time from people who I then take months to respond to, so apologies to people who have sent me emails.
- Brit: [24:28](#) Yeah. Same.
- Matthias: [24:30](#) But I read them, who are in these places of just beginning, still being so deeply, even within those communities that maybe, not always, but maybe they will end up leaving at some point, but right now they're deep in them. This conversation of opening up, this conversation of pride, those things are just distant. Things that they're watching or listening to through their headphones. I know for me, before I came out, watching people celebrate pride, there was always, I mean, it's always complicated because I was still deeply struggling with internalized homophobia, but there were parts of me that would look at that and say, "I want to be able to do that, but I can't. I can't come out. It's not safe." That introduces a lot of complexity.
- Brit: [25:23](#) Gosh, I mean, and I think even you asking this question is a good reality check, because now, I don't know if you feel like this sometimes, I'm like, I'm here. Whatever "here" is, I'm married and I get to pastor this amazing church and talk about these things and be on the podcast called Queerology, right?
- Matthias: [25:50](#) Right. I would've been so scared at this podcast.
- Brit: [25:54](#) Exactly. It's a good reality check to remember. There are so many people who are just sort of uttering those first words. I

think my advice is always, I don't know if you get this, but I get a decent amount of messages that ask like, "Is it okay for me to be gay? Am I okay? Am I going to be okay?" My answer is always, "Yes, but it doesn't really matter that I'm saying that, because your youth pastor can just then say, 'no,' and then someone else can say 'maybe.'" I think the hardest work we have to do as humans is our own. I remember thinking, my wife and I call it the fog, like when we were in the fog of just like, I don't know if you can resonate, but in the beginning, I truly did not know up from down, left from right.

Brit: [27:04](#) Everything was hazy, and I was truly grasping at anything anyone would give me. I remember finally realizing and getting to a point of like, don't get me wrong, books are helpful, podcasts are helpful, these things are helpful. I was like listening to them and reading and doing all these things, but at some point I think we have to remember that Christ is in us. Remember that we carry that divinity and allow ourselves to trust that when the deepest, deepest, deepest parts of me were like, "You're okay." I think they were hidden under so many layers of me believing I could trust a pastor, or a book, more than the Christ that was in me, telling me I was okay. I'm always in the business of pointing people back to that. You know when you hear something like, even like you said, seeing people celebrate pride and wanting that.

Brit: [28:34](#) There was something in you saying like, "You can have that." There's something in you being like, "That is yours to have too." I didn't know any lesbian couples, but I knew gay male couples, and I just remember seeing them and something in me would be like, "Oh ..." You know what I mean? I've learned to identify that, and I've learned to trust that, and I've learned to realize like, even as a pastor, there's nothing different about me. You know what I mean? I'm afforded the time and energy and space to read and have these things and communicate these thoughts and ideas and cultivate a conversation in people's lives, in our community, but I'm not the one of the three points in the application.

Brit: [29:18](#) I'm the one pointing you back to that quiet thing, whispering that you're okay, that you're good. That the story starts in Genesis three, or Genesis one, not Genesis three. We are good. It breaks my heart, because when I feel like I get so many messages, it almost always starts with, "This is what my pastor said, this is what my parents said, this is what ..." The biggest part of me that's like, yeah, but like get deep in there. What do you know to be true? You're scared to say it, I get it. I mean, it makes life complicated. I know, but it's so true.

Matthias: [30:05](#) I feel like this transitions beautifully into this conference that you're hosting here at the end of the month.

Brit: [30:12](#) Yes.

Matthias: [30:12](#) Called Gloriously Queer.

Brit: [30:14](#) Yes. So outlandish.

Matthias: [30:19](#) Tell me about that, gloriously queer. I love that.

Brit: [30:26](#) I know. Our church, New Abbey, we have an events company called Anything But Black and White, where we do all kinds of events. We wanted to do an event with The Christian Closet and we wanted to host something for queer Christians. And what's so funny is we didn't have a name for it. Literally, we were like, "Do we just call it Live Event 2019?" Like when you're just like so ... I don't know, should we just be super literal?

Matthias: [30:53](#) You're just tired.

Brit: [30:54](#) Yeah, literally. Tired, 2019. If you identify, please come. Then we had, Candace writes something up. We are like, "What's the description?" We're going back and forth in a group text and she was like something, something, and she just was like, "I just want people to know they're glorious and queer." And we were like, "Yes," because it is such a statement to everything that queer Christians have heard. I don't know a queer Christian that hasn't heard that God does not get glory from who they are, that they are not good, that they are not worthy, that it is not a thing to be proud of, you name it.

Brit: [31:42](#) And so, yeah, I just love that we're just being so outlandish with a title. We decided to host an event, a conference. It's like a Friday night, Saturday thing, and the whole point of it, I think about things like the Reformation project and then the work that they do sort of unpacking all of the theology, which is just the most important. We'll do some of that, but we were like, "What if we had a place where it's more like we're doing the emotional work? Let's unpack the things that we need to do.

Brit: [32:25](#) Let's peel back the layers of our shame, of our internalized homophobia, and let's get down to the core where we are able to celebrate, be glorious, feel glorious, make some queer freaking friends. Again, be in a space where we don't have to defend our existence. Yeah, it's really fun because it's put on entirely by queer Christians for Christians and it's going to be in

the space where we worship on Sundays and have church at New Abbey. I'm just really excited about it. It's the counter narrative to what queer Christians hear.

- Matthias: [33:04](#) Yeah. That's so cool. So it's you and your wife, Sammy. It's Candice from the Christian Closet, Kevin Garcia.
- Brit: [33:13](#) Yeah. And if you ever heard of Kevin Garcia?
- Matthias: [33:17](#) No, who is she?
- Brit: [33:18](#) Yeah, we were like, "Oh, we need someone." And we were like, "There's literally no one else. We've got to get Kevin." Yeah, and then we'll have a panel. We have some people doing music. We're going to have, I mean, another therapist from Seattle. I don't know if you've ever heard of Seattle.
- Matthias: [33:41](#) [crosstalk 00:33:41].
- Brit: [33:41](#) Is coming. Yeah, it's going to be such a good time. I was just ranting on Instagram the other day because I got this troll message. What was so funny is she was someone I used to go to church with in my previous life and she said that, for years she's been disappointed and heartbroken that I've chosen this lifestyle, blah, blah, blah. What's so funny is she said, "I've felt this for years, but I haven't said anything. But when I saw you are hosting an event called Gloriously Queer, I just couldn't stay silent any longer." I was like, "Thank you, lady, for reminding me exactly why we do this, because we hear you all the time. We hear you all the time." Whatever, instead of being moved by that, or giving that too much time and attention, let's just get together to say the opposite. So yeah, we're really excited. We hope it's the first of many live events and ... yeah.
- Matthias: [34:56](#) Is so cool. We need more of those things.
- Brit: [34:58](#) Yeah.
- Matthias: [34:59](#) We need so many of them.
- Brit: [35:01](#) I know. Literally, so many people are just like, "How do I make queer Christian friends?" You know?
- Matthias: [35:07](#) Mm-hmm (affirmative). Right.
- Brit: [35:09](#) By the way, Queer Christian dating app would make-

Matthias: [35:13](#) What's happening, do you know about it?

Brit: [35:14](#) know what? I mean ...

Matthias: [35:16](#) Have you had of Believer?

Brit: [35:17](#) No.

Matthias: [35:18](#) It's called Believer with the R like the other apps that just use P-E-L-I-V.

Brit: [35:25](#) Oh, okay.

Matthias: [35:25](#) R-E-R, I don't remember.

Brit: [35:27](#) Like without the vowels kind of thing?

Matthias: [35:29](#) Yeah, without the ...

Brit: [35:30](#) Yeah. Okay.

Matthias: [35:30](#) The trendy thing, what the cool kids are doing.

Brit: [35:35](#) I can't even think of the word, relevant. Oh yeah, yeah, yeah. Wow I'm obviously not, I can't even think of the word.

Matthias: [35:41](#) Same.

Brit: [35:41](#) I'm like, "How do you say it?" Yeah.

Matthias: [35:45](#) Yeah. There's guys in Francisco who's working on this app. They launched a QCF this year. That is a queer Christian dating app.

Brit: [35:54](#) Wow. Okay. Well, that is an important thing.

Matthias: [35:57](#) It's like you have to set your radius to like a thousand miles, and then you'll get a match.

Brit: [36:05](#) Radius is just like United States.

Matthias: [36:07](#) Yeah.

Brit: [36:08](#) You're like, yeah, "Would you like to add another country?" That's actually really funny.

Matthias: [36:15](#) Yeah, It's happening. But yes, it would be so nice to have that community. And it's hard to find.

Brit: [36:22](#) It is. I mean, maybe you can resonate sort of being in your position. I feel like we're in similar positions in some ways. You're more of a digital pastor, but every time someone messages me, I'm like, "I wish you knew blank." You know what I mean? Wow, I just got the same message from Cindy. I'm excited to sort of have some of these worlds collide, because I think what makes or breaks so much of our life experience is the community around us. So, yeah, we hope to create some strong community.

Matthias: [36:59](#) So cool. What are the, literally, the specific details? How come people register?

Brit: [37:02](#) Yes. Okay.

Matthias: [37:03](#) What do they need to do? Where is it?

Brit: [37:05](#) Great. It's in Pasadena, California, which if you're not familiar, I mean, it's Los Angeles County, but it's about 15 miles east of LA. It's Friday night, June 21st to Saturday, June 22nd. You can register anythingbutblackandwhite.com.

Matthias: [37:30](#) Cool.

Brit: [37:30](#) You can also find the link in my Instagram, in The Christian Closet's Instagram and Candace Czubernat's Instagram.

Matthias: [37:37](#) Awesome.

Brit: [37:39](#) Yeah, let us know. If you're listening, and you really want to come and money's an issue, send us a message. If money's not an issue and you want to buy other peoples tickets, you can do that too. Yeah, it's going to be a great time.

Matthias: [37:57](#) That's cool. That's so cool.

Brit: [37:58](#) Yeah.

Matthias: [37:59](#) Brit, thank you so much for joining me.

Brit: [38:04](#) Yes.

Matthias: [38:04](#) I mean, I love having conversations with you.

Brit: [38:07](#) Yes, me too.

Matthias: [38:09](#) Yeah. How can people find your work?

Brit: [38:12](#) My website britbarron.com or on Instagram at Brit Barron. I still have not figured out how to use Twitter. I don't know if it's too late, but-

Matthias: [38:23](#) Twitter is the worst. I love it and I hate it.

Brit: [38:26](#) I know, I think the more and more I've not used it, I'm like, "Maybe I just never will." Maybe that would be like my thing. Yeah, catch me on Instagram and I'd love to talk and chat and make some new friends.

Matthias: [38:40](#) Sweet. Cool. Well, thank you.

Brit: [38:43](#) Thank you.

Matthias: [38:45](#) You can get tickets for Gloriously Queer happening the end of June over at anythingbutblackandwhite.com/gloriouslyqueer. Keep up with Brit over at britbarron.com or on her Instagram at Brit Barron. Queerology is on Twitter and Instagram @queerologypod or you can tweet me directly at Matthias Roberts. Queerology is produced with support of over 230 listeners.

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