

## **Firm Believer**

*Compiled by Hooper Schultz*

*PJ Newton and I sat in her living room as the blue glare of the TV screen-saver bounced around the corners of its box. PJ took a deep breath, looking at me every so often, but for the most part she gazed into the distance.*

I did grow up attending church every Sunday.

And I'm just a firm believer in  
you know  
worshipping Jesus Christ.

I do. I do believe in Him.

I read my Bible and I pray every day.

I'm just a gay Christian.

So not really any different.

Just my lifestyle  
my sexual preference  
and partners

are the only thing that  
pretty much

sets me apart from everybody else.

And that's really all  
about it all  
just what it's about.

Just people just need to be themselves.

I think that whatever you want to — you dream

and whatever you want to be — you should

try to achieve that

and not let anybody stand in your way.  
I haven't.

I fought for years  
and years  
and years.

Every chance I got  
to try to be better.