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lambasting them, making them feel they're subhuman, because when I was a sinner I didn't want to be treated that way and those were not the kind of approaches that drew me to the light. was somebody who had let their light shine in such a way that I said, this is different; I see a peace, I see a serenity, I see an all-inclusiveness in this person's attitude that I have not seen and I want to find out what causes that person to be that and I would look into it. I'd be like the centurion who went to Jesus, who was not a "Chrishian," and he told Jesus, I've heard what you can do, I've got a servant who's sick and I want you to come heal him. No, he said, I want you to heal him. Jesus said, well, take me to your house. And the centurion, knowing that if Jesus did what they said he did, he was a man with power. The centurion was a man of authority and power and he said so: I am in a position of authority. I say to this one go, and he goes. I say to this one come, and he comes. I say to that one do it, and it's done. You don't need to come to my You speak the word, because you are a man under authority, and it's done. And Jesus marveled and he said, I have not seen this faith even among all those in Israel. the manservant was healed. That was the approach that was taken. Now, if I had come to the light, that would be my view. I would treat people the way I had been treated that brought me to this understanding of the truth, and that's not the attitude being shown toward our brothers and sisters who are gay and lesbian. When slavery was rife in this country, it was supported by Catholics. There were Catholic slaveholders. The Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, Roger B. Taney, who wrote the Dred Scott decision saying a black man has no rights that any white man is bound to respect, was a Roman Catholic. There were people called abolitionists who were white. They were not slaves, they had never been enslaved, but they fought hard to abolish slavery. You don't have to be suffering the plight of people who are oppressed to have enough understanding of what oppression is and make it up in your mind...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that you are not going to be comfortable in the presence of those people's oppression; that simply because you're safe from it doesn't mean you're going to avert