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“I’ll never forget it. I just wanted to die. I just felt like I was useless, and I shouldn’t live, and I felt real disgraced, shamed. I just felt bad. Other than feeling bad mentally I felt bad physically. I just, it took me a long time. I stayed in denial for a long time.”



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“Most employers would not employ me because I am HIV positive.”



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“My neighbors would not like living next door to me if they knew I had HIV.”



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“They think people with HIV should live in separate houses.”



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“They talk about you like a dog. People are just uncaring, insensitive... point their fingers and look down on people living with HIV like modern day leprosy.”



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“People say ‘She got AIDS... just stay away from that person.’”