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conversation. Be gentle and make sure that you listen to his side as well. With what I know of your situation, this is the best I can really do for you. I hope everything works out for you, and best of luck.
— Will Holden

Dear Will,
I have a friend who doesn't know I'm gay yet. One problem is, she doesn't like homosexuals a lot, but I think she has a crush on me. I don't know how to approach her and tell her that I'm not interested. We've been friends for as long as I remember, and I don't want to lose that kind of bond. I've been thinking about telling her I have a girlfriend or something, but I'm not sure if that's a good idea. What should I do?
— 17-year-old male in Castleton

Dear Castleton Friend,
First thing I can tell you is that you definitely should NOT tell her that you have a girlfriend. That may only make matters worse. First of all, you'll have to make up a person, which is never good. Secondly, it'll just be harder to tell her that you're gay later on. A good choice would be just to tell her that you're a homosexual and get it over with. If she really is your friend, she'll accept you for who you are. It may be tough, and she may not be able to turn her thoughts of you on a dime, but in the end it is worth it. You have said that she is a friend you've had for a long time, and I can relate partly to your situation. I have a friend who was very against homosexuals, and I was worried about that for a while. We had known each other since we were seven, and I didn't want to jeopardize that friendship.
When he finally found out, sure he was surprised, but he quickly got over it. He realized that I'm still the same person I was and since then it hasn't even been an issue. So I advise that you tell your friend the truth, to save you both a lot of heartache in the end. Again, ease into it, and consider her feelings. If she needs time for it, give her time. Give her space, but make sure that she does deal with it. I hope this helps you.
— Will Holden

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