

Caught Out

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“This is Jezz and you are listening to JS FM Sydney and it’s quarter to 11..  
What great bands Australia had in the 80s ..that was Mental as Anything, one of my  
favourites. .. 40 years in the industry, nothing mental about that.  
We’ve got some more great music coming up but before that tell me what you think  
about  
when you hear the word open. There’s lots of different meanings but what does it  
mean to  
you? Let’s open up the discussion and hear what you have to say.  
“I’ll take Will on line 1, what does open mean to you Will?”  
“Tennis”  
“You’re a fan Will?”  
“No..you said open and I thought tennis”  
“Ok. Well thanks Will. I guess tennis has been in the news recently but let’s move on  
to Jeff”  
“Thanks Jezz just wanted to tell you how much I enjoy listening to your show”.  
“Always nice to hear Jeff. You have a story you’d like to talk about?”  
“My wife and I have been married for 23 years. It’s our anniversary today and I still  
love her  
as much as when I married her.”  
“Thanks beautiful Jeff, what’s your wife’s name”  
“Ellen”  
“Well congratulations to you both, what’s your secret?”  
“She’s always believed in being open, says you shouldn’t hang on to stuff. It took me a  
while  
to get it but it was what got us through when our youngest son got sick”.  
“Open communication.. an important point..hope your son is doing better now..”  
“Yep..star of the soccer team”  
“Thanks for sharing your story with us...all the best for your anniversary hope you’re  
taking  
her somewhere special.  
“She’s got it all organised”  
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“Organisation and open communication the perfect combination. Now Lucy, what  
does

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open mean to you?”

“My partner said we should have an open relationship”

“What’s your partner’s name Lucy?”

“Sue”

“And how did you feel about Sue’s suggestion?”

“I wanted to be with her so we tried ..you know..anyway finally I couldn’t do it anymore so I told her”

“Well good on you for speaking up”

“turns out she’d never felt the need to be with anyone else so we made it exclusive, got engaged”.

“That’s great..you’re just waiting for the marriage act to change are you?”

“We had it all planned but then...sob...I caught her with someone else ...she said she just couldn’t handle being with one person..”

“I’m so sorry Lucy ... stay on the line I have someone I want you to speak to. We’ll take a short break and then we’ll be back with more”.

“Thanks Jezz, currently its 20 degrees , the rain is expected to hold off for the rest of the day.

Temperatures will cool to an overnight of 15 degrees with the possibility of showers in the early morning. I’ll be back at 11 with a full news update. This has been Sarah for JS FM Sydney”

“Thanks Sarah, were talking about what open means to you. Brian what’s your story?”

“Hi Jezz I saw you at the SOZO nightclub opening. You were hot!”

“Fabulous place. I was honoured to open the club. Did you enjoy yourself?”

“Great place, music was fantastic.”

“Thanks for the feedback. Well there you have it listeners. Turns out open means a lot of different things to different people. That wraps up the show for today. I’ll be here same time on Monday so enjoy your weekend”.

Jezz packed up and left the building waving to a few of her colleagues as she hit speed

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dial on

her phone. A blue four wheel drive came around the corner and pulled into the driveway.

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Jezz hopped in. "Hi babe, let's go. I can't wait for the weekend". She leant over and gave her

partner a pat on the leg.

"I listened to your show today J. I thought you'd decided to readout the LGBTIQ short story

comp."

"Umm..let's get out of here"

"Yes Mam..." she put the car into gear and turned onto the street." Bee changed lanes and

when she was settled turned to Jezz "So..what happened to open as in out of the closet?"

"Don't start Bee"

"I'm just saying.."

"You know that's not the way it works if you want to get ahead"

"Well maybe it should"

"Don't start on it again. I just need to get a break in one of the bigger stations then maybe..I

don't want to talk about this any more...just forget it"

"OK I get the message, discussion closed.. for now"