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My story in my own words



Hi I would like to tell my story and if there is anyone who can help me or give advice I would really appreciate it.

I'm 19 soon to be 20 years old, my family are a traditional Sikh family, they believe the boys can do what they want and a lot of respect and honour is placed upon the daughters. I am my parents only daughter and i have a lot of cousins.

All of my female cousins are older than me and they have all listened to their parents stayed home and got their degree and got married.

I have a girlfriend and I am at uni in a different city but my parents make me commute, even though my brother lives away for uni. I am not allowed to do things that i like and my social life is quite restricted. my parents do not know about my girlfriend and my dad doesn't know about me being gay but my mum and brothers do. I told my mum I want my freedom i want to live out for uni and have that social life. they rejected this everytime. no girl in our family moves out unless they get married.

I started planning on running away, and my parents found out, they have since taken all of my money, and spoke to me about it. they were very angry and can not understand why I would want to leave, they think I should stay here and concentrate on my degree and live my life how I want to when I'm older. I want to leave still, but I'm scared, I know my dad will never accept me, if I was straight i would never want to run away, I would get married and see that as my escape but I won't get married to a man. so what escape am I waiting for? my family will never change their views, and why should I stay here when I can live on my own and have the support of my gf and friends and university.

i love my family and they keep talking about honour, and that I betrayed my family for even thinking about running away.

i just want to talk to someone whose Sikh and gay and has gone through the same or similar thing, for advice.