

 LET'S TALK
ABOUT PRIDE —
THE REAL STORY.

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As Pride season begins, I want to say something that's been heavy on my heart...because honestly? I'm somewhere between heartbroken and fired up.

Right now in America, trans folks are under attack, queer rights are being stripped away, and the people in power are trying to erase us again. It feels like the world is forgetting who we are and where we come from.

So let's say it loud, for the people in the back:

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■ Pride started as a RIOT.

Not a parade. Not a sponsorship.
Not a party for just the “pretty”
parts of queerness.

It was a protest led by Black and
Brown trans women, sex workers,
drag queens, and queer people
living at the margins — people
who were criminalized just for
existing.

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■ Marsha P. Johnson. Sylvia Rivera. Stormé DeLarverie.

These are the names that echo through the roots of our freedom. Let's never forget that our visibility was built on their courage.

 Pride is resistance, joy,
community and truth.

It's about celebrating who we are
while standing up for those who
still aren't safe.

It's about honoring our ancestors
while protecting our future.

■ And yes, we've come far. But within our own 2SLGBTQIA+ family, we've still got work to do.

✨ When we erase trans voices, we forget Pride.

✨ When we make spaces unsafe for Black and Brown queers, we forget Pride.

✨ When we care more about aesthetics than activism, we forget Pride.

■ So let's realign our intentions:

- Are we showing up for our community beyond the party?
- Are we creating room for queer joy and queer grief?
- Are we fighting for trans kids, rural queers, unhoused folks, and our elders?

■ Pride is not just about waving a flag.

It's about lifting each other up,
reclaiming space, and making
damn sure that none of us get left
behind.

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■ And I say this with love: If your Pride doesn't include everyone, it's not Pride — it's performance.

Let's choose purpose over performative. Let's choose legacy over likes. Let's choose each other.

 Happy Pride, my beloved family.

Let's remember where we came from.

Let's stay grounded in truth.

And let's keep moving forward with fierce, fearless love.   