

NEWARK'S TRUTH TELLERS: DEMANDING RECOGNITION FROM FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH

- TRUTH Perris Straughter - Panel 2

“...I shared the beliefs my mom does. So I kind of guess, I took on that as a kid. But I think when I was you know, like a teenager and young adult, I didn't -- you just focus on other things and I don't think it was this big. And then later, in kind of reconnecting with that part of myself, I became -- I don't know if I consider myself really religious really, but I definitely joined the church and would go to church, and then eventually joined the church. So I've been part of a Baptist Church for, it feels like five years now, it might be, four or five years, although I just left that church because I moved. But I'm looking for another one. It might not be a Baptist Church this time. We'll see. It's more about, you know, I don't feel like my beliefs have changed, it's just finding a place that nourishes that and kind of holds you accountable. But definitely, my belief system has been strong throughout my life even when I was a kid, yeah.”