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“Many write me from all over the world with the same question...How can I be so open about having HIV? How did I get the courage to be so open? How can they get to where I am? My response is always the same: I have **NO SHAME!** There is nothing wrong with having HIV! This is a condition like any other; we have much **STIGMA** around this condition because of sex! But guess what, **WE ARE ALL SEXUAL BEINGS**...and if you had sex without a condom once...married or not...gay or straight...**RELIGION OR NO RELIGION**...No matter what your race or social economic status is...**ANYONE IS AT RISK OF HAVING HIV!!!**

It only takes one time of unprotected sex to get this condition. PLEASE get educated...many people are in the dark because of the ignorance and lack of education on this disease! Get tested! Get educated! Help us in the fight against **HIV/AIDS with LOVE!** I also tell them the same thing over and over...stop viewing yourself as victims. We are survivors and if someone has an issue with your status you can do two things...educate them, or let them continue in their ignorance! Never let anyone define who you are...you are a human being that is living with a condition and that is it!! Have self love and know that you're not less than because of HIV! If anything, you're a strong person fighting something that is trying to kill you everyday. My experience is always the same, people everywhere are getting educated and being open to learn because people will treat you like you teach them to treat you..and like you treat yourself”

-----**Maria T Mejia**