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1 him.

2 Q. How long have you been in this relationship?

3 A. March will be nine years.

4 Q. When you said you wanted nothing more than to marry him,  
5 why?

6 A. The word "marriage" has a special meaning. It's why we're  
7 here today. If it wasn't so important, we wouldn't be here  
8 today.

9 I want to be able to share the joy and the happiness  
10 that my parents felt, my brother felt, my friends, my  
11 co-workers, my neighbors, of having the opportunity to be  
12 married.

13 It's the logical next step for us.

14 Q. Do you believe that if you are married, that that would  
15 change the relationship that you have, at all?

16 A. Absolutely. I think -- I think one's capacity to love can  
17 absolutely grow. I think one's capacity to be committed to  
18 another individual can absolutely expand. And I'm confident  
19 that that would happen with us.

20 Q. Do you believe that if you were able to be married, that  
21 would affect your relationships with your family and your  
22 community?

23 A. Absolutely.

24 Q. How so?

25 A. It's that I would be able to partake in family gatherings,