



# David Archuleta discusses leaving the Mormon church, coming out, and finding fulfillment in life

## Description

Singer David Archuleta, who was a devoted member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for most of his life, faced inner turmoil over his sexuality that almost led him to self-harm. His struggles with the church's teachings on marriage and family led him to a dark place, but ultimately he found the courage to come out as queer in 2021 and leave the church in 2022. This decision led to tension with his family, but he found unexpected support from his mother, who also left the church to stand by him.

Now, Archuleta is focused on his music career, writing a memoir, and living authentically. His journey reflects a larger issue facing the church as it grapples with LGBTQ issues, especially among its growing Latino membership. While the church's teachings remain unchanged, many LGBTQ individuals are finding the courage to live authentically and seek support outside the church community.

Despite the challenges he faced, Archuleta is now embracing his true self and finding happiness outside the confines of the church. He hopes to continue his music career and connect with the LGBTQ community through his work. His story is a testament to the power of self-acceptance and living authentically.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Devoted** // (adjective): Having strong loyalty or enthusiasm for a person, activity, or cause.
2. **Turmoil** // (noun): A state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty.
3. **Queer** // (adjective): Relating to a person whose sexual orientation or gender identity does not conform to traditional heterosexual norms.
4. **Authentically** // (adverb): Genuinely in a way that is true to one's own personality, spirit, or character.
5. **Grapples** // (verb): Struggles with or wrestles in order to deal with or overcome a difficulty or challenge.
6. **Tension** // (noun): A state of mental or emotional strain or suspense.

## Vocabulary quizzes

### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. Who are the individuals making allegations against someone?  
Option: Those who support  
Option: Those who withhold information  
Option: Those who deny  
Option: Those who accuse
2. What term is used to describe the increase or intensification of a situation?  
Option: De-escalation  
Option: Stabilization  
Option: Regression  
Option: Escalation
3. Which trait refers to the quality of being genuine and honest in one's words and actions?  
Option: Deceit  
Option: Sincerity  
Option: Duplicity  
Option: Cunning
4. What word describes a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty?  
Option: Peace  
Option: Clarity  
Option: Harmony  
Option: Turmoil
5. Which word can mean strange, odd, or unconventional?



- Option: Normal
- Option: Unusual
- Option: Common
- Option: Queer

6. What are feelings of sadness repentance or disappointment over something that has happened?

- Option: Joy
- Option: Delight
- Option: Acceptance
- Option: Regrets

7. Which term is used to describe mental or emotional strain or stress?

- Option: Relaxation
- Option: Ease
- Option: Tranquility
- Option: Tension

8. What is a significant event or achievement in one's life career or progress?

- Option: Routine
- Option: Obstacle
- Option: Stepping Stone
- Option: Milestone

9. Which word describes a short period of rest or relief from something difficult or unpleasant?

- Option: Hinderance
- Option: Interruption
- Option: Comfort
- Option: Respite

10. Which term indicates being dedicated loyal or faithful to a cause person or belief?

- Option: Indifferent
- Option: Unconcerned
- Option: Apathetic
- Option: Devoted

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. An \_\_\_\_\_ is a formal accusation that someone has committed a crime.

12. The team is \_\_\_\_\_ for the upcoming competition with intensive training.



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13. The company denied the \_\_\_\_\_ of engaging in fraudulent activities.
14. She was \_\_\_\_\_ her actions by explaining the reasons behind her decisions.
15. The company had to \_\_\_\_\_ its workforce due to financial difficulties.
16. He conducted a \_\_\_\_\_ investigation to uncover the truth behind the incident.
17. The old building was \_\_\_\_\_ to update its facilities and improve its appearance.
18. The novel had an \_\_\_\_\_ storyline that captivated readers from beginning to end.
19. The witnesses are \_\_\_\_\_ with the police to provide information about the incident.
20. She presented herself \_\_\_\_\_ during the interview without pretending to be someone else.
21. The team \_\_\_\_\_ with complex issues that arise during the project.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**



22. The suspect chose to any involvement in the robbery.
23. The two companies are on a new project to combine their expertise.
24. One's of a situation may differ based on personal experiences and biases.
25. His constant made it difficult for him to trust others.
26. The newly office provided ample room for collaboration.
27. The conflict saw an of violence as tensions rose between the two parties.
28. Despite her success she had some about not pursuing her passion earlier in life.
29. She was to her family always putting their needs before her own.
30. The detective found the behavior of the suspect to be suspicious.
31. The country was in political following the unexpected election results.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Those who accuse 2. Escalation 3. Sincerity 4. Turmoil 5. Queer 6. Regrets 7. Tension 8. Milestone 9. Respite 10. Devoted

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Indictment 12. Gearing up 13. Allegations 14. Justifying 15. Downsize 16. Thorough 17. Renovated 18. Absorbing 19. Cooperating 20. Authentically 21. Grapples

**Matching sentence:** 1. Deny 2. Cooperating 3. Perception 4. Cynicism 5. Spacious 6. Escalation 7. Regrets 8. Devoted 9. Queer 10. Turmoil

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