## <u>Amber Cantorna – Bio</u>

Amber Cantorna is a national speaker, coach, and storyteller supporting LGBTQ people through their coming out process and educating others on the importance of full inclusion.

Most widely known as the gay daughter of a 30-year Focus on the Family executive, Amber lost everything when she came out in 2012. This all-too-often narrative has made Amber passionate about dissolving shame, fostering self-acceptance, and generating messages of hope for LGBTQ+ people and their families, especially those from conservative faith backgrounds.

She's the author of <u>Unashamed: A Coming-Out Guide for LGBTQ Christians</u> (WJK Press, 2019) and <u>Refocusing My Family: Coming Out, Being Cast Out, and</u> <u>Discovering the True Love of God'</u> (Fortress Press, 2017) and has a third book on the way. She also the founder and host of the <u>Unashamed Love Collective</u> ~ a beautiful and inclusive membership-based online community for LGBTQ people and allies.

Amber's expertise has led her to speak across the country at various conferences, universities, and churches. She's also been featured in numerous podcasts and writing mediums. Being in an interracial same-sex marriage and living with an invisible disability makes Amber passionate about fighting for the equality, equity, and dignity of all people.

In her free time, Amber can be found cuddling with her dogs, traveling with her wife, or connecting with people over coffee. She loves dark chocolate, trying new things, and spending time in the mountains.

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