

# Stephen & Todd's Story



## Boundaries/Respecting Consent



Stephen and Todd have recently started dating and are watching a movie together when, all of a sudden, Todd tries to kiss Stephen!



(Todd leans to kiss Stephen)

Stephen - (puts hand on Todd's chest to push them away) Hey, wait. Can we hold off a little longer?

Todd - What? I thought that we were going to get a little more romantic tonight.

Stephen - I don't think that I'm ready for that yet.

Todd - Oh. Are you sure?

Stephen - Yeah, I mean we've only been out together a couple of times so I don't think I'm ready to make that move yet.

Todd - Okay, that's fine. (pauses) Wait, what are you ready for? Do you still want to date me?

Stephen - Yes. I just think that we're not ready to take that step yet. I still want to go out with you, but I need a little time.



Todd - I mean, I really like you and I don't want to be not close and risk our relationship failing.

Stephen - Hey, I don't want our relationship to fail either. I just hope that you'll respect that I'm not ready to do that with you yet.

Todd - Yeah, I respect you.

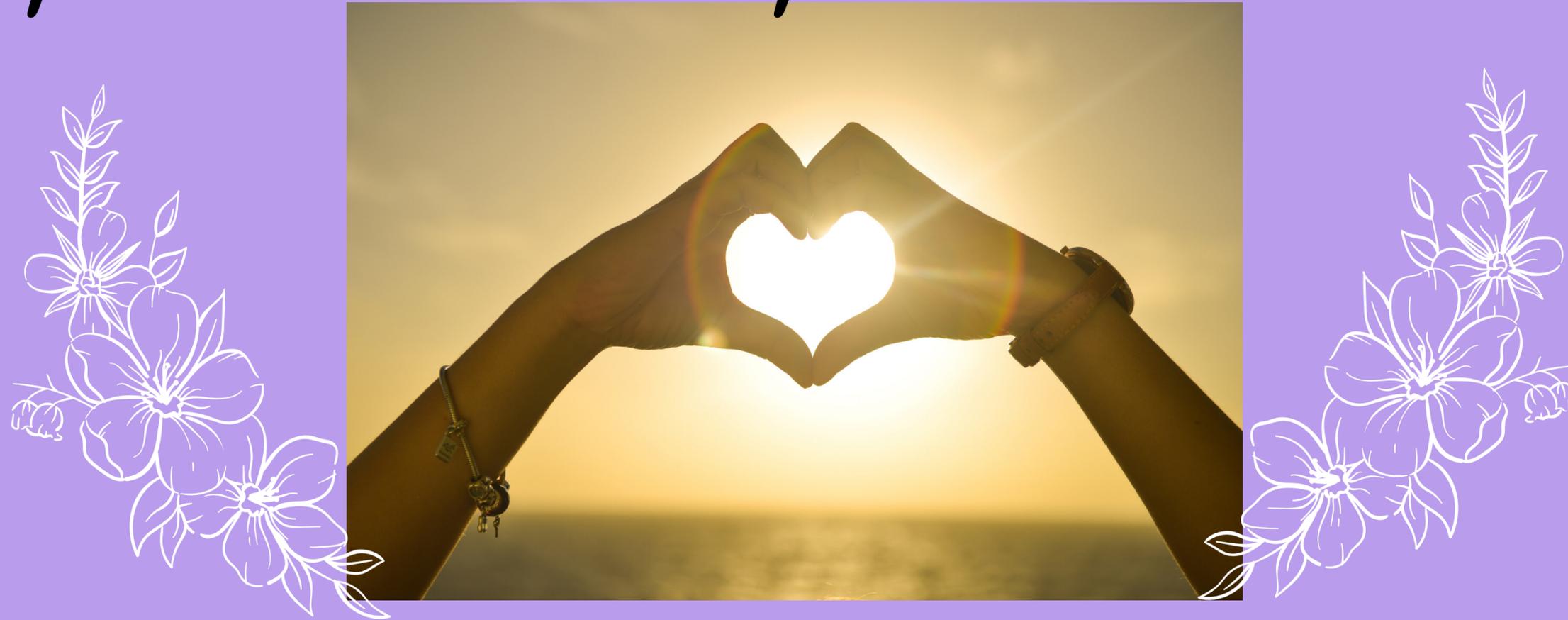
Stephen - Thank you. I want you to know that I still love you even though I want to take things slow.

Todd - I love you too. Just let me know whenever something like this comes up so that I don't overstep.

Stephen - I will, I promise, and I hope you'll do the same too.

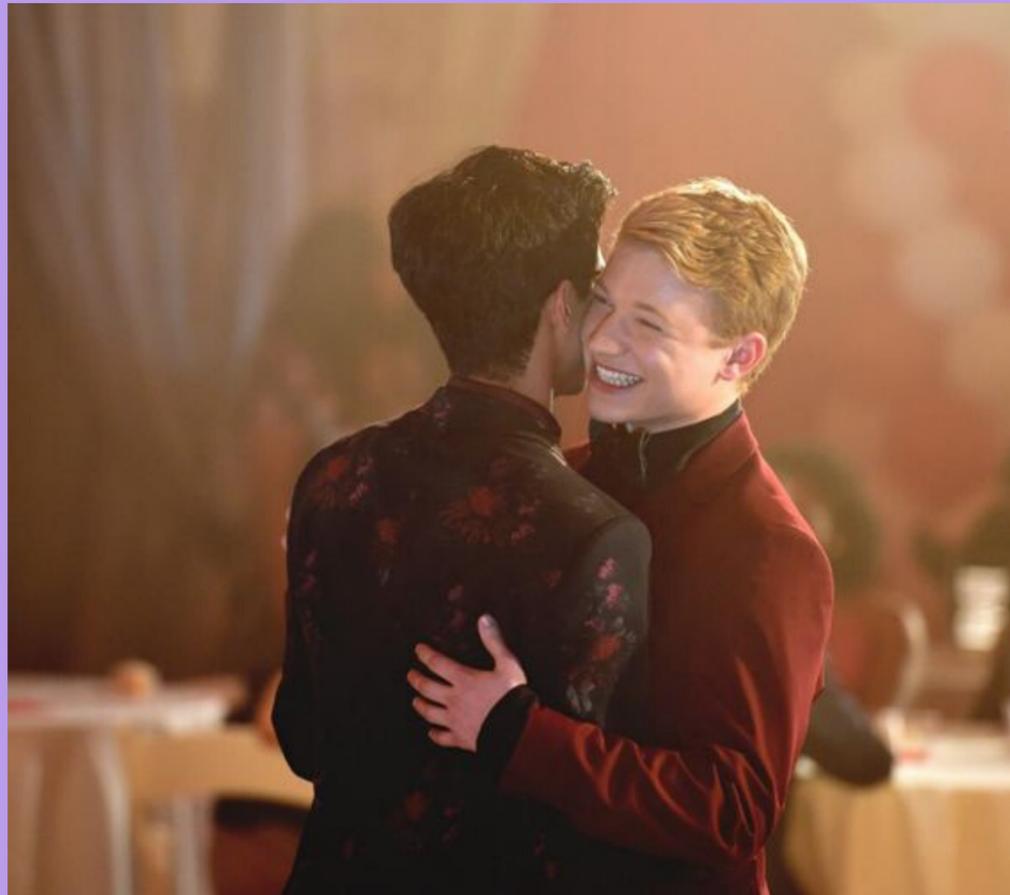
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# Key Takeaway:



Notice how Todd respected Stephen's boundaries and both individuals agreed to establish a boundary. They were also open to further conversations like this in the future.

# Quick Quiz



**Yes**

or

**No**

Through Todd & Stephen's story we can see how to build a healthier relationship?

