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Carole Copeland Thomas: Welcome everybody. I've restarted the recording. We got rid of all our gremlins and begin

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Brother, Carl, thank you very much for being such an able teacher and glad to see everybody this

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Carole Copeland Thomas: The Sunday before Thanksgiving.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Amen.

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Carl Racine: All right, let's open in prayer. Lord, we thank you for bringing us together. This morning we thank you for the reminder this morning that

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Carl Racine: thankfulness and gratefulness is not simply something we do one day a year, but it is a way of life and we pray that

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Carl Racine: We will find ways of being grateful and thankful in this very difficult season that surrounding us, we asked for your presence with us as we

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Carl Racine: Look at your word and a couple of your servants and think more deeply about how you would have us live in this world in Christ's name. Amen.

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Carl Racine: So I guess.

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Carl Racine: I guess Festus is now Gerard, Depardieu

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Oh,

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Oh. Oh.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Yeah.

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Carl Racine: Me of being is double

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Carl Racine: So we've been looking at the thoughts thinking and teaching of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel and we've been looking at that, especially as a kind of personal response to the Holocaust.

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Carl Racine: And we saw that his insistence that while some may be guilty of the actual crimes committed against humanity, like what the Nazis did everyone's share some responsibility for the flourishing of such evil in our midst and when

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Carl Racine: A couple of years ago in the precursor to this class when we surveyed the history of Christian anti Semitism and anti Judaism.

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Carl Racine: I argued that even though Nazi ism itself was not a Christian ideology.

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Carl Racine: And almost certainly if Hitler had prevailed and gotten rid of all the Jews, he would have come after the Christians next

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Carl Racine: But that even though Nazi ism was not a Christian ideology centuries of Christian demonizing of the Jews had created the fertile ground in which Nazi ism could grow it had prepared the way

that created an environment in which racial hatred could flourish.

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Carl Racine: So in hassles terms Christianity was at least partly responsible for if not necessarily guilty of the Nazi crimes and of course many Christians actually participated in Hitler's genocides, it's just another issue.

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Carl Racine: Will come back to that theme shortly. When we talk about the Civil Rights Movement.

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Carl Racine: We also talked about one of his most important theological ideas. The idea of the divine path us that the God of the Bible is not a distant unfeeling abstraction, not simply a philosophical idea.

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Carl Racine: But someone intimately involved in the affairs of his people living in their midst and suffering, along with them.

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Carl Racine: And we wrestled with a very thorny and problematic issue of unmerited suffering in the world and God's seeming reluctance to do very much about it. And that problem of course is at least as old

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Carl Racine: As the Book of Job, how can we have faith in a loving, compassionate, God a God of justice and mercy in light of the Holocaust.

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Carl Racine: Heschel says that God is there suffering alongside his people and clearly as our discussion last week indicated, and if you weren't here last week, it would be worth looking at that on the website because it was it went well beyond my notes.

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Carl Racine: Clearly not everyone is satisfied with this answer to that thorny question.

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Carl Racine: But what I would like to emphasize why I bring up Herschel's idea of the God who suffers the God who feels the God who

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Carl Racine: is intimately engaged with our lives.

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Carl Racine: I bring that up because I think it is a very accurate understanding of the God of the Bible, not only the God of the Old Testament, but also the God that we see in the New Testament. And I pointed out last week that this is in fact the message of the cross.

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Carl Racine: That in Jesus. God has come close once again to his people to dwell among them and take up his their suffering as his suffering and this is what it means, as well, for Christians to take up the cross and follow Jesus.

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Carl Racine: The New Testament doesn't teach that Jesus suffered and died so we don't have to

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Carl Racine: The New Testament teaches that those who follow Jesus will be treated just as badly as he was

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Carl Racine: So Christianity does proclaim the God who suffers and

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Carl Racine: And I, and I Heschel you know I encountered Heschel decades ago. And that idea has stayed with me as one of the sort of foundational ideas of my theology

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Carl Racine: So we're going to move on to talk about hassles involvement in the civil rights movement we I was making the point that some of these ideas of hassle. I think our response to the Holocaust. But I also think

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Carl Racine: His involvement with the civil rights movement and the anti war movement, which we'll talk about eventually was his personal response to the show a

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Carl Racine: And his bond special's bond with Martin Luther King came from his recognition of King as a genuine prophet, through whom God was raging through whom God was speaking

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Carl Racine: With passion and even anger, through whom God's anger at human sin and compassionate justice was being expressed Heschel explicitly saw Martin Luther King Jr as a prophet sent from God to America.

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Carl Racine: Ashlyn King. And in here we could, if

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Carl Racine: You're able sister Carol to get slide number 11

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Carl Racine: Ashlyn King first met in Chicago in January of 1963

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Carl Racine: At a National Conference on religion and race.

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Carl Racine: And

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Carl Racine: I wasn't able to couldn't find a picture of Heschel from that conference, but I did find the kind of candid shot of Martin Luther King speaking at that conference January 1963 was commemorating the hundredth anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation.

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Carl Racine: And Hassle gave the opening address and King was the closing speaker at that conference and Hassles got a wonderful fiery prophetic speech that he called religion and race.

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Carl Racine: I resisted the temptation from just quoting the whole thing and in full, but it's something you can find online if you if you want to read it, but I'm going to mention a couple of key points that Heschel highlights in that speech.

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Carl Racine: The first of which is the special responsibility of Jews as former slaves to empathize with the oppression of African Americans.

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Carl Racine: And we've seen how Torah repeatedly tells Israel that their experience of suffering and oppression in Egypt is

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Carl Racine: Is in order to teach them how to treat other people, they're not supposed to behave that way they were supposed to learn the lesson that this is not how God wants them to treat other people

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Carl Racine: So Heschel sees this revolutionary story, which we've talked about it some length. He sees it as relevant for the current political situation. And I love this quote here at the first conference on religion and race, the main participants were Pharaoh and Moses.

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Carl Racine: The outcome of that summit meeting has not come to an end. Pharaoh is not ready to capitulate the exodus began, but it's far from having been completed. In fact, it was easier for the children of Israel to cross the Red Sea than for a Negro to cross certain university campus.

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Carl Racine: What Heschel is saying here and this the Exodus story, of course, was it was a central story for the whole civil rights

movement.

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Carl Racine: What part of the implications of what Heschel says here is that all Americans have historically diluted themselves into thinking that they are God's chosen people. And that America is the Promised Land. In fact Heschel says, America is Pharaohs Egypt.

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Carl Racine: And then he goes on to make a point that I think is very significant and was significant point that Martin Luther King

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Carl Racine: would talk about that. I don't, I think, has gotten lost in the shuffle. When we think of who king is and what he said Heschel says the tragedy of Pharaoh was the failure to realize that the exodus from slavery could have spelled redemption for both Israel and Egypt.

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Carl Racine: Would that Pharaoh and the Egyptians had joined the Israelites in the desert, and stood together and together stood at the foot of Sinai.

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Carl Racine: And I think this idea resonate with King because he really believed that the Civil Rights Movement meant liberation, not only for African Americans, but for the whole nation.

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Carl Racine: And I think this is a point important points for us to emphasize in our current struggle for justice and civil rights that this is not a zero sum game.

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Carl Racine: zero sum game, meaning if if there's a winner. There has to be a loser. If I gain something, then you have to lose something which is how the civil rights movement is looked at by its opponents. If we give more stuff to minorities, then, then the majority has less

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Carl Racine: But working for the benefit of people of color of immigrants of the poor. I would argue Heschel argues benefits everyone

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Carl Racine: And King insisted that the white oppressors needed to be liberated as well in hassles words that Pharaoh and the Egyptians would join Israel and stand together at the foot of Mount Sinai, the story of the Exodus is for everyone.

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Carl Racine: Now here I decided to take a slight detour from hassles or to jump off of hassles.

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Carl Racine: Thinking here for a minute and because of current situation to talk a little bit more about the story we tell

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Carl Racine: WE SEEN THE HASSLE here and and others, including Martin Luther King, apply the story of the Exodus to the civil rights movement.

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Carl Racine: And to the struggle for justice for God's people.

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Carl Racine: We talked early on in this course, about how the Bible is neither a theological treatise nor a textbook of ethics.

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Carl Racine: But rather it communicates its theology and ethics in the form of a story and that it's very important to get the story right and that's why I emphasize the Exodus story is foundational for the whole of Scripture.

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Carl Racine: Christians have left out the story of Israel from their own story. And this have distorted both the biblical teaching and their own self understanding

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Carl Racine: The story of Exodus is central. Not only for Torah, but for the whole of Scripture and I laid this out at some length and it's

central for understanding

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Carl Racine: The New Testament and my whole argument in this class is that Israel story is foundational is vital is necessary for understanding Jesus so it's important for us not to leave Israel story out the story matters.

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Carl Racine: A couple of weeks ago, sister, Beverly Williams, who. Good. I'm glad to see she's, she's joined us.

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Carl Racine: Sister Beverly Williams sent out a link to a TED talk that Rabbi Sachs gave in 2017 shortly after Trump was elected, and if you haven't seen that you can go to his website or you can just Google it.

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Carl Racine: It's a short. You know, it's maybe 15 minutes long.

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Carl Racine: And and it's a very interesting talk. And then part, I think it was his reaction to the contentious election that just occurred in America. Now remember saxes British

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Carl Racine: And you know that I'm a big fan of Rabbi Saxon and this talk is a good illustration of how charming and persuasive and thoughtful. He was and how much we've lost by his death.

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Carl Racine: But I was troubled by one of his points in that in that talk. He and he's made this point in other contexts and in other ways.

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Carl Racine: And it always kind of bothers me a little. He talks about facing the future without fear which can be done. He says only with a united community can only be done with other people, not as individuals.

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Carl Racine: And one of the things he says that a community needs is a common story and he thinks that's something that distinguishes America from Britain.

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Carl Racine: Like the Jews. He says, Americans have a story that they tell over and over again that defines who they are and Britain doesn't have any comparable story.

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Carl Racine: So he says, when you tell the story and your identity is strong. You can welcome the stranger. But when you stop telling the story, your identity gets weak and you feel threatened by the stranger.

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Carl Racine: And he goes on to say that he thinks that our sense of shared identity in America has broken down because we've stopped telling our story.

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Carl Racine: I respectfully disagree.

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Carl Racine: I think Rabbi sacks as a as an outsider has an overly rosy view of America.

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Carl Racine: The problem in America is that the traditional story we have told about ourselves on holidays like Fourth of July and thanksgiving and Memorial Day, the story that a whole lot of people are going to talk about this week that story is a lie.

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Carl Racine: Or at least, it's a very selective version of the truth, it's a myth.

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Carl Racine: Because it leaves out the genocide of the native peoples, it leaves out the systematic enslavement of Africans that were essential parts of building this nation.

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Carl Racine: Abuse, the original colonists. The pilgrims that came here seeking religious freedom. Yes, but it ignores their denial of that freedom to other groups like Quakers and Baptists.

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Carl Racine: They ran the Baptist out of town, and made them live in Pawtucket and they executed Quakers in Boston. So they were interested in religious freedom for themselves or not for anybody else.

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Carl Racine: And perhaps, in my mind, the worst part of it that story sentimentalize as a bloody revolution against the legitimately established ruling authorities by middle class farmers and merchants who are tired of paying their taxes.

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Carl Racine: Now the current president is angry that now in our schools. Some of this is being taught in the history lessons and he's been trying to ensure that the censored version of the story be reinstated. So I guess we can make America great again by lying to our children.

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Carl Racine: And a lot of school districts agree with him. And I've heard complaints from parents, from other places.

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Carl Racine: That the school books actually

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Carl Racine: Teach slavery is this kind of wonderful time where where we brought some immigrants in to help with our economy and help build the nation.

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Carl Racine: So part of the divide in this nation right now is that we're telling at least two completely different stories about who we are. And despite what Rabbi sack says, I don't think we can ever get back to that one pristine story that will unite us all, because it never existed.

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Carl Racine: Let me give an example of how that traditional story has played out in our times.

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Carl Racine: enshrined in one of our sacred documents the Declaration of Independence is the rarely discussed idea that when a government becomes oppressive to the people it is their right and their duty to overthrow the government

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Carl Racine: The Founding Fathers essentially invented the oxymoronic notion of patriotic revolutionaries.

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Carl Racine: And I submit that the modern day militias, like the one that tried to kidnap the governor of Michigan see themselves as the rightful heirs of those revered freedom fighters and Lexington and Concord who fired the shot heard round the world.

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Carl Racine: Their identity comes from taking the traditional American story. The one we celebrate on the Fourth of July and then our national anthem that comes from taking that story quite seriously.

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Carl Racine: The love affair with guns that's killing our country is not an aberration. It's a fundamental part of our national DNA. It comes from the story we tell about ourselves a story we celebrate, year after year after year, a story of faith in redemptive violence.

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Carl Racine: So I agree with Rabbi Sachs that getting the story is right story right is not only important for understanding the Bible. It's also important for our nation. But on this Sunday before Thanksgiving, we need to ask is America the promised land or is America Pharaohs Egypt.

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Carl Racine: It depends on who's telling the story.

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Carl Racine: So I'll pause there and assume that people may have some things they want to say.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Mike drop

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Wow, just beat us all up.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Well, my whole I was talking about this with a group of

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Carole Copeland Thomas: White women who I'm a part of and I call them. Whoa. Quite women part of a UW

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Carole Copeland Thomas: that America has always been violent. And if you look at it any other way. You're not looking at America. It was it's it started violently what the Revolutionary War. And here you're talking about all the

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Carole Copeland Thomas: events took place before the war started it continued with our other wars and in many ways. Right now, we're still in wars, so that that's America that's that's what America has always been

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I think the larger question now and I'm reading an article about this and the article says we need to talk about the white people who voted for Donald Trump.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And we need to seriously look at the constituents of this country up to what 70 plus million people who are loyal to a con artist and one who Stokes, the fires of violence with the with the militia and the other groups. So this is, it's a complicated

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Troubling discussion because some people will never want to discuss this and and they will look at America with rosy glasses, and then others will look at it from a very pragmatic very granular gritty dark perspective and then you'll have everything in between.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: But yeah, this this country has always been, it's been a bumpy progressive road but violence has been embedded in just about everything we do, sadly,

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James Williams: Yet, indeed, was a drop the mic moment, rather than call. I mean, it was

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James Williams: It was it is so um so ironic that if you look at the truth, then it's clear what we need to do. But this thing that we have with propaganda, you know, I saw this, the series on Netflix called social dilemma.

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James Williams: And it was talking about this thing that we do with Facebook and Twitter and whatever, whatever, whatever. And sometimes the mindset is that

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James Williams: The selling of information, Sonia creation and and that's not necessarily what they're doing it all.

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James Williams: They're taking this information and a gathering every little bit and they kind of directing our thoughts or kind of directing this path like sometimes we wonder

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James Williams: Why do so many people vote for Trump. I mean, you can't they see that the guy is a lunatic. Well, they got a different narrative. They've got a different story. They're listening and you articulated very well Cohen on how

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James Williams: How we operate on a different story for Sol Sol. And of course, if we continue down that path. It's still enough destruction. It's interesting how you made this connection with

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James Williams: With Egypt and Pharaoh and the chosen people. I mean, that's a really, really, you know, something that that he had to take it home and meditate on

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James Williams: It this kind of regurgitate what it is that you said it will be such a blessing. If I'm

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James Williams: More of a community with here with that that assessment that you've given and I appreciate you.

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James Williams: Thank

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Marie Doubleday: You bring up something very interested in something that I have thought about for a long, long time and

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Marie Doubleday: I then yes folks know when the mother of black child and I pulled them from the fourth grade here when we move down here to hope laughs because of race. Okay. And it will not unusual but but one of the things that

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Marie Doubleday: It is that they, the history

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Marie Doubleday: The true history of our country is pretty much taught at home, you know, my father taught

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Marie Doubleday: To

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Marie Doubleday: Father child relationship. He was very much into history his version of what the history was and arm.

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Marie Doubleday: I grew up in Malden, which was yes folks know was a blue collar community. All right. And back then.

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Marie Doubleday: We were overcrowded you taught a class and every other seat was filled with other kids is fine. The teachers loved us. So we did fine.

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Marie Doubleday: But there were a couple teachers there that made an effort to teach African American history and to like teach

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Marie Doubleday: American politics, etc. As it should be taught. But in the reality of it is, is that we were a blue collar community, so the kids that came from that community, although we've done well.

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Marie Doubleday: They were not going. They were not brought up to be leaders in the country such as maybe KIDS FROM LEXINGTON. Okay. And so I in over the past year. I'm the chair of the Education Committee here for the NAACP, I've thought that there is a reason why they don't

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Marie Doubleday: Teach the true history of our country in the schools there is very much a reason, because it. People are afraid of the real history came out, what would happen.

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Marie Doubleday: I don't approve of this. Now, it's interesting. I'm going to be part of an institute because of the political environment. Now the school, school system down. He has been forced to look at itself.

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Marie Doubleday: And the N double A CP has been invited and I will keep you posted. But thank you for letting me speak.

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Peter Barrant: You know this past week I heard something.

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Peter Barrant: On innovation hub.

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Peter Barrant: Which connects a lot of the things that Carl has been teaching this class. It was about, I guess, a psychologist from Harvard has has written something about how the West, the West came to

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Peter Barrant: Be the way that it is, and he was pointing out several things that

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Peter Barrant: influenced how we are including the fact that in around 500 ad that shirt. I guess there was a famine or something that led a lot of church leaders to think that God was angry with them and that they went into creating rules about

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Peter Barrant: incest and they, you know, went out as far as the fifth generation, but his, his thesis that that led to

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Peter Barrant: The breakup of a lot of the relationships that had existed before, which is that, you know, instead of clans, people started moving because they were no longer marrying inter

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Peter Barrant: Inter client or enter our family and then they started to they've created the nuclear family. And that was one of the trajectory that led us to the way we are.

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Peter Barrant: And that leads to, you know, the thought that Carl was

talking about him about how in the Bible. It talks about all of the lineage is just because that was so important. They had talked about an experiment where you ask the question, Who are you, and most of the folks who are

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Peter Barrant: college educated, when we talk about I am you know an artist. I am creative. I have this whereas if you ask a lot of the world's population.

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Peter Barrant: I am a member of this family. I am related to this person. I am the father of so and so that created a different mindset. And another thing that he he mentioned about he mentioned about Martin Luther revolution in terms of creating a

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Peter Barrant: Protestant religions is that all of us have education became important and education has been part of the reason why people think differently. And it also changes the brain, but that also

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Peter Barrant: So,

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Peter Barrant: It was very interesting because it brought a lot of things together and this whole idea of storytelling was another

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Peter Barrant: Was not in that, but it's another piece that you know i think that the story we tell and you know as they always say history is written by the, the conqueror, not the conquest and so

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Peter Barrant: The story that we tell is very, very much related to who is in charge. And so I think that it's going, it's possible to change a story, but it's going to be difficult at what different people are hearing and I spoke to

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Peter Barrant: And now lives in Florida, who is a Trump supporter and when we were talking, it became clear to me that the story that they

believe is very different than the story that I believe

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Peter Barrant: In terms of what is going on. So they thought that Trump has is not a message and this they thought that Trump is not. It is not racist, but you know what this was all made up by the media. So it's, I think the story that one tells makes a difference. And how one sees oneself.

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Val : Hi, good morning, everyone. Sorry for coming to the meeting late. Can everyone hear me.

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Val : Hi, good morning. This is Alaska. Thank you. Call I'm definitely going to go back in here, the beginning of your, your lesson because very interesting and I don't know if you've mentioned there's a woman named Nicole Hannah Jones and she was awarded the 2020 Pulitzer Prize

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Val : For her project called the project. It's a New York Time magazine groundbreaking

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Val : Exploration of the legacy of black Americans, starting with the arrival of the first enslaved Africans in 1916 and part of her work is

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Val : To implement the true history. The real history of what went on during that time into schools. And it was interesting. These last

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Val : This year, but she was highlighted a lot in the news, because a lot of the republicans were trying to block her from moving this project and implementing into schools, even though she received a Pulitzer Prize and and she's working with

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Val : Over 4000 classrooms since August of 2019 to implement this new not new, but the real truth history of what went on during the first enslaved Africans in

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Val : It's really help educate, at least, starting with them at school children about the true history of what went on in this country. So it's interesting how you mentioned that in terms of like how

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Val : News and Information and the history of this organized this country has been kind of skewed a lot and it's interesting how and Nikki Nicole Hannah Jones is trying to implement

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Val : The real history of what went on and educate a lot of at least school children at this time.

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gerard depardieu: And in response to that the Trump administration has started the 1776 project right

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Yeah, that's the project that knocked out my diversity work. Don't get me started on that one. That's a. That was the, the response to his executive order banning diversity training that stopped. Some of my work and actually

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Carole Copeland Thomas: impacted the revenue stream of a lot of diversity trainers around the country who I've talked to, you know, I was quoted in the New York, New York Times

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Now about maybe three, four weeks ago about that very issue. And again, that whole patriotism.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Concept that he that he wants to enforce in the school. It's nothing more than revisionist history, a very rosy look at American history that takes everything of its reality out of existence, it's a it's a bunch of bunk.

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Bill Hughes: Yeah, call this is amazing. And thank you for sharing.

And it does raise a question that I think someone raised in the chat.

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Bill Hughes: Which is so if what you're talking about is, is our story. Where is the real story really nice story come from and

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Bill Hughes: I'm thinking about that now.

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Bill Hughes: And I think part of it is that there's been an American myth that has been used

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Bill Hughes: To

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Bill Hughes: Basically to intoxicate the masses and get the masses moving in a certain direction. And it's a myth. That's extracted from our founding documents. So which we never lived up to

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Bill Hughes: So the myth. Actually I think begins with, you know, almost like the enlightenment.

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Bill Hughes: Concept and I'm when I'm even wondering you know to what degree we simply plagiarize the French Revolution.

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Bill Hughes: And you know the peasant uprisings and

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Bill Hughes: And sort of took that as our own.

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Bill Hughes: But

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Bill Hughes: But it seems like what we've been doing as a country. And what I think the Civil Rights Movement anchored itself in and Dr. King in particular.

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Bill Hughes: In his writings, is he, he found he almost did what what Paul did on Mars Hill, you know, Paul was talking to. I'm trying to remember where he was, but he was he was talking, what country was in but

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Carl Racine: He's in Athens.

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Bill Hughes: And that he was in Athens, he and he said he talked about all these gods that people were worshiping and instead of saying you're wrong for were shipping all these gods. He said that there's this one guy that you're worshiping called the the unknown god

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Bill Hughes: And let me tell you about that God because

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Bill Hughes: God had a lot, you know, it was given a lot in terms of like about creation and

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Bill Hughes: mystical powers that that really made the world a wonderful place. And I think we've

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Bill Hughes: We've extracted things about. We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal. We've lifted that out and said, Okay, we're going to put that on the top and leave aside all the Southern history.

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Bill Hughes: And we keep we're continuing to do that. And we've been using that is our weapon to fight against the

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Bill Hughes: Kind of the, the, the kind of evidence of hypocrisy against that that you know that's been going on and

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Bill Hughes: And we've gotten to a point now with the public school system where and the civil rights movement where we've basically an FDR and things like that where

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Bill Hughes: Where the the story that we keep talking about has risen up and actually captured the majority in the people's imagination in the country, which is why

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Bill Hughes: You know, Biden one buy more votes than Hillary, who, you know, had more way more votes than than Trump and in each of these elections, but nevertheless

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Bill Hughes: I think there's one other thing that's happening, which is, and I'll stop this kind of monologue, which is that they're even just as back in the founding days there were people who wanted to use a myth, myth.

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Bill Hughes: To get their story through there's another myth. It's being told.

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Bill Hughes: And it's not by like it's not simply by the zeitgeist. But it's, it is a controlled story that's being used right now to

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Bill Hughes: To assert

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Bill Hughes: Power in ways that

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Bill Hughes: They're essentially apartheid power. And that's why we're starting to see that apartheid power because these folks are not

interested in democracy.

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Bill Hughes: For example, because democracy doesn't work for you. If you don't have the majority of people

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Bill Hughes: So, so what's really happening is a move to deconstruct democracy. Right now it built them. The largest economy in the world. And now they want to deconstruct it and essentially

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Bill Hughes: raping pillaging and take control so they stay in control. And I think that's happening all over the world, not just in the US.

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gerard depardieu: It's interesting that you use the word a Python, because as you were speaking the image that came to my mind was what led to the disillusion of the apartheid South Africa.

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gerard depardieu: It took a white man to

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gerard depardieu: To recognize that it was time to dismantle it

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gerard depardieu: And so as you were speaking the image that kept regarding my mind is, you know, Are we at that point where

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gerard depardieu: You know, the violence.

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gerard depardieu: And division is so untenable that it starts internally to to shift. And the same thing. You might say about USSR or

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gerard depardieu: The Eastern West Germans. Right. I mean, at some point, it took someone empower the right person.

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gerard depardieu: To kind of affect the change that set the course of

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gerard depardieu: A bit of a country united and

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gerard depardieu: Want more

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gerard depardieu: Closer to its ideals.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: You know there's there's another

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Carole Copeland Thomas: There's another piece of work. We're indirectly talking about it, but I think it is worth mentioning. When you look at

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Those who support a person like Trump and Trump. I look at now, just as a symbolic version of a corrupt leader that we've seen before. Throughout history, you're going to have more Trump's in the future.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: You've had them in the past Carla's talking about it in terms of Pharaoh, and Pharaoh as leaders. I mean, we've always had some kind of Trump in office somewhere in the world.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And you know, you want the liberation of a people, but here in in our Egyptian era that we're living in, and and trying to let my people go under the Trump

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Carole Copeland Thomas: protector. It is the whole piece of the economy and even when you're talking about slavery. You're talking about the economy.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And the protectors of the economy in this instance today are the Trump supporters because he has demonstrated over the past four years.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: That his focus is on Wall Street and the economy that obviously benefits a share of the of the population.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And they are looking at him as the protector of their economic base that they don't want to have tampered with at all.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: So you hear these people who, you know, say, well, yeah, he says, bad words and he tweets, all the time, and he does silly things

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And they're willing to bypass everything as long as Trump supports their economy and their economic base, so we can't forget that. I mean, again, you look at

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Carole Copeland Thomas: The economic base of the 1700s of the 1800s that fostered and scaled slavery away from an indentured servitude. So the economy has everything to do with either the

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Expansion of a dictator or the demise of a dictator. And because our economy in 2008 was in shambles. That's why Obama was elected.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Because he represented an alternative to a Republican leadership that had squandered and unfortunately taken us down the economic path of destruction for some people. So the economy

piece can't be ignored that that's very much a part of any of these stories.

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Marie Doubleday: Um I you know as folks know I have a private practice and and I have people here on the vineyard and over on the upper Cape Falmouth mash people on chat area and they say most of my folks are over on the cape and I've been doing therapy, but anyway.

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Marie Doubleday: prior to the election, you know, and I have to, you know, not be political. But one of the things I did across the board is encouraging people to vote in

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Marie Doubleday: The whole thing as to how to vote in each town because it was very different. That year, and you know, some folks would begin to discuss a little bit

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Marie Doubleday: And I was actually, particularly over on the cape. The Cape has a a back a republican backbone and it's not so much over here on the island.

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Marie Doubleday: And I was actually amazed you know didn't say anything but folks that volunteered that said that they were supporting Trump and these are predominantly European white people.

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Marie Doubleday: That we're supporting Trump. They're not the 1% and it and and in many respects decent people were not, you know, decent people

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Marie Doubleday: But supporting Trump and for the life of me I couldn't wrap, you know, obviously there's anything, but I couldn't wrap my head around it. But what you're saying, makes sense when you talk about the economy.

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Marie Doubleday: That might well have been one of the reasons why

there was such a strong support from Trump among white folks. I know it's different in different parts of the country. But, you know, everyone likes to think Massachusetts is this liberal state, but it's not. It's not.

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Marie Doubleday: It's not all the time. So you bring up an interesting point. Thank you.

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janet Humdy Morrison: And we

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Beverly Williams: Can I jump in.

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janet Humdy Morrison: Go ahead, Beverly. I was gonna make a point. But go ahead. Yeah.

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Beverly Williams: I'm glad that you have on Janet. But yes, they are book club that we just got finished read and freedom is a constant struggle and and by Angela Davis. And one thing that she points out is that we keep focusing on individuals MLK Trump

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Beverly Williams: fittal in and she talks about the freedom movement that includes all these things that you're talking about. But when you focus on an individual, you tend to not really look at

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Beverly Williams: The systems. So like we're talking about those things in those a structural formations that

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Beverly Williams: That whole people oppressed, but when we stop focusing on individuals we always believe that if we get rid of that individual that things are going to be better and that we need to think more enlightened.

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Beverly Williams: This happens across all sectors and all people and our focus should be more on thinking about the structural systems and not the people themselves.

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Beverly Williams: And another thing when she started talking about intersexuality and I'm thinking about, you know, the religious pot.

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Beverly Williams: I noticed a lot of times what we do as a press people is we focus a lot on civil rights.

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Beverly Williams: And the freedom moment goes be on the silver bytes. So Moses to and say, get my people better pay get my people, healthcare, get my he said give us freedom and they moved on in that mindset. And I just wanted to add that

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janet Humdy Morrison: Way I think I can kind of piggyback on some of that because

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janet Humdy Morrison: We're telling two different stories, we're telling a story of race and we're telling a story of the economy and they are intertwined.

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janet Humdy Morrison: But the two different story. So some of us are fighting it from a racial place when, as we said it's structural and others are fighting it from an economical point of view, but its structural and if we can fix the structure, we can fix a lot of different things, not just one thing.

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gerard depardieu: Doesn't take fixing the people to fix the structure

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janet Humdy Morrison: Mindset.

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janet Humdy Morrison: From the people to fix the structure, but we have to capture the mindset, right.

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gerard depardieu: So I appreciate the, the idea that you don't want to focus on

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gerard depardieu: On the Savior, a single person, but it does take leadership to start to chip away at that mindset and start to turn thing, as I said, with the apartheid thing.

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gerard depardieu: Similar to what happened here or what's happening here is in a took someone internally to start to say, okay, you know, this isn't right. There's something about this that we need to fix and whether or not we like it.

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gerard depardieu: It doesn't always require an individual with the right spirit and the right skills to start to move the minds of the people that need to do things.

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janet Humdy Morrison: I think it's both in I think it takes leadership, but it also takes a village and the village has to be part of it.

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janet Humdy Morrison: The village, you know, needs to be going in one direction, it can't go different directions. And that's where leadership comes in.

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janet Humdy Morrison: But, um, you know, if something happens to that one person if that person's the leader. And that's the one that's supposed to be the Savior. What happens to the most

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gerard depardieu: Right. So, and the Savior is, I mean,

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gerard depardieu: Just using my analogy of South Africa. Right. You know, you could argue that

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gerard depardieu: The village right is the

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gerard depardieu: Anti apartheid movement that put the pressure on the government perhaps people would say, Mandela was the was the Savior. Right. But really the person that was most

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gerard depardieu: Effective and dismantle and it was the clerk who was the president. So it took Mandela been able to convince the court that it was time to shift.

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gerard depardieu: And

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gerard depardieu: Only certain people can get to that level. Right. It took a particular type of person and Mandela to get to the clerk to start effect of the change. It took a particular kind of person and King particular kind of messenger. In other words, to get to in a year. So what I mean.

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Beverly Williams: You're trying to say, but it was the pressure of the people right just man.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Decades decades of the making to so I mean Mandela became symbolically, the leader, but my gosh, you think about all the people who had died and disappeared and

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Carole Copeland Thomas: All the protesting and all the secret things that were being done that led up to ultimately this negotiated arrangement that was carved out between a a freed Mandela of newly freed Mandela and the clerk.

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gerard depardieu: Who was. But what do you

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gerard depardieu: Do, do you think for a second, though, that if the clerk did not

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gerard depardieu: See that it was morally just the position they were agitating for was morally just and he decided to go that. What do you think that the the pressure of amounted to anything.

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Beverly Williams: And he has

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gerard depardieu: To continue killing people forever.

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Beverly Williams: You know, I think that somebody that steps up to the plate. Okay, and speaks up

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Beverly Williams: MAYBE YOU HAVE TO ORGANIZE THE PEOPLE IF HE if if you're giving this clerk so much credit if he went in there and he spoke up and he had more whole consciousness. Nothing would have happened.

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Beverly Williams: It was the collectiveness of the people that have the same common vision comment more of those values, nothing which is on Frederick Douglass said power concedes nothing concedes nothing without a demand one person cannot go in and make that to me.

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Beverly Williams: And

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Beverly Williams: I just have to be careful about giving one person.

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Beverly Williams: Saying, it was a white man.

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gerard depardieu: Violent agreement first of

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Bill Hughes: All yes

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gerard depardieu: I guess I'm just suggesting

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Timing. It was all it was almost like a perfect storm. It was just timing that ultimately between Mandela, who is going to be released. You know, he was in pre release mode at that point in the mid to late 80s.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: You know, the clerk is in power. At that time, the people are angry and they're tired. They've been protesting for decades. I think all of that has to be looked at as the reason why

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Carole Copeland Thomas: South Africa at that moment, change their ways. I still say I haven't been there. That was that meant a lot of countries that was a troubling country to go to, because I just saw them in adolescence. I still see them in adolescence just stuff that they still have to work out.

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Bill Hughes: I think, you know,

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Peter Barrant: What I think I hear point is that you need both and Zach with without the leader in place, who would have made the change all that pressure may not have amounted to much

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Peter Barrant: And so I think that, yes, there needs to be pressure. I mean, there were pressure from all sides from countries outside of South Africa from internally. There was a lot of pressure.

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Peter Barrant: On South Africa. And I think all that culminated in and the change that that occurred. And I think what basically what this is saying is that in addition to all that you do have to have a leader who sees that need for change.

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janet Humdy Morrison: Leaves. He knew something had to change.

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Bill Hughes: And you should

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janet Humdy Morrison: read the tea leaves, and he was instrumental in making the change happen but the tea leaves started, you know, years ago.

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janet Humdy Morrison: With all

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janet Humdy Morrison: The pressure from all sides Boko I think we are saying some of the same things, but I understand. After being on the conversation with Beverly yesterday that there are so many people who don't get credit right like they've done well, we can't give the credit to only one person right

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Marie Doubleday: You know, it's interesting. Years ago I went to a region to training with the NAACP. This was actually on the anniversary of Brown versus Board of Education. So this was the 50th anniversary. So this is

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Marie Doubleday: Which happens to be my birthday but but at any rate,

um, one of the things that they brought out is that when you look at that. That was planned, you know, they, when they state, the history is is folks probably know that was planned years before and they were actually

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Marie Doubleday: Four or five different states with school desegregation

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Marie Doubleday: That it was that were spotted. Okay. And it one came forward, you know, Delaware happened to have been one of them because we happen to have been in Delaware. So I'm in agreement that this stuff is plan for years, like with the with the with the

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Marie Doubleday: riding the bus down south years ago.

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Marie Doubleday: It was planned, who was going

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Carole Copeland Thomas: To be the person

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Marie Doubleday: That was going to begin this protest, because there were other women there. This is very, very much plan, at least in our country. My guess is the same thing in other countries south, such as South Africa.

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Marie Doubleday: And this is why the history, the correct is sorry about my tone this correct history is not taught in the public schools is a reason why they don't

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janet Humdy Morrison: Do yeah and

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Val : One of the things that

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janet Humdy Morrison: You have to pay attention to is just as we have a plan to overturn Brown versus the Board of Education. What's happening now in our government is that there is a plan. There is a CD in terms of the

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janet Humdy Morrison: The judges that have been put in place the Supreme Court that's been put in place. This is also plan and if we are sleep and were, you know, paying attention to revisionist history will miss

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Marie Doubleday: It. I think the younger people, the younger adults, what I'm seeing. They're not asleep.

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Marie Doubleday: I hope I'm right.

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Well,

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Carole Copeland Thomas: If that were the case, Bernie Sanders would be our president

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I say him because you know he galvanized such a strong youth base.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: But that youth base didn't come out in strong numbers to vote for him.

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gerard depardeiu: No, it wasn't the youth.

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gerard depardeiu: contention. It was although black women.

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Bill Hughes: Well, there's no there's

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Bill Hughes: A broader

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Bill Hughes: Point, which is this is. And I do think we should maybe give some space for other folks who have, there's a couple people have had to leave the talk and there may be folks who haven't been able to dive in. I would like to make

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wyatt Jackson: One of

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Bill Hughes: A kind of galvanizing point, which is that

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Bill Hughes: What we're talking about is coalition building and there's a broader science behind like it's called diffusion how any idea or concept of fuses.

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Bill Hughes: Through a population, whether it's a new product concept like the iPhone or whether it's democracy or whatever or whether it's Christianity and Jesus Christ was

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Bill Hughes: A product innovator among all the things that we call him, you know, he's the great I am, you know. He is the Lord our product innovator and the innovation that he brought was a synthesis of all the things at the time that we're ready to shift.

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Bill Hughes: And God God the Father, put him on the planet, when he did because the time was right for the shift so that a coalition could be built, starting with one person and then 12 people. And then, you know, basically, the majority of the planet or almost the majority now.

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Bill Hughes: And, and I think the challenge that we have in our country is in understanding the coalition's

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Bill Hughes: And if you just look even at how you know how Biden that elected and appointed people are making about Bernie Sanders is that we, the people of goodwill who all agree.

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Bill Hughes: That We hold these truths to be self evident don't all have the same exact beliefs. And if you're going to kind of have a mega movement, you need to build a coalition across

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Bill Hughes: Tribes across belief groups. And the reason why an individual is important, but it's dangerous to put a lot of too much as Beverly saying in the individual, but the individual is it is an important

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Bill Hughes: Element because as a storyteller as the maker of a story to help hold a coalition together to do a bigger thing.

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Bill Hughes: You often need something that has a single name to it. It's a simple marketing concept. Simple, which is a simple

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Bill Hughes: Psychology concept that we can't hold all these things in our brain at the same time.

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Bill Hughes: And make decisions effectively. So that's why they get reduced down into these platitudes and the slogans are these individual personas.

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Bill Hughes: Because really, what's happening is look at the coalition that is being built or that needs to be built to achieve the thing that you have to achieve. And that's why, you know, I think.

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Bill Hughes: We still right now. Have you know the Bernie Sanders wing and you have the South Carolina black women's wing, which is a lot more conservative a lot more moderate and they're like, we know like people

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Bill Hughes: We know that they're not going to deal with the Bernie Sanders, they're gonna throw him out on us, but but but but the southern guys got Teflon and we believe in him, and we can trust him to carry the story forward. So, and I think that's the kind of thing that I'm hoping that we can

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Bill Hughes: Take away from this as well is like looking underneath the individual pieces of this how all these people pieces have to come together and in order to achieve the things that we want to see.

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Val : I mentioned something very quickly. I'm only at the time, I had the privilege to work very, very briefly in South Africa and I had one or two days off, and I

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Val : I decided to go to Robin's Island, and it was very interesting. The guides, who were taking us around to learn about Robin's Island, particularly around the error when Mandela was in prison there.

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Val : They were actually people who were in prison during when Mandela was there, which was very fascinating. So they gave the perspective of their experience in these in this prison and

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Val : They used to meet in this cave where, that's where their bathroom was. And that's the only way they can meet and commune and talk and plan because the guards would elect them.

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Val : The guards wouldn't dare go into these bathrooms that were caves that were not pleasant to to go into do to smell and everything.

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Val : But the prisoners were very angry at individuals, particularly the guards and and other individuals outside of the prison and Mandela kept telling them that do not focus on the individuals, but to focus on the structure

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Val : The system, the policy. That's how change will be made. And that's how he kept telling the prisoners over and over again planning.

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Val : In terms of how they can move forward and and addressing apartheid and it's interesting when people were celebrating Biden won the election, which I'm happy that he won, even though

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Val : I would prefer another another candidate but I'm happy him over Trump, but I was still not excited because I know that there are two Senate seats still open.

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Val : And if those are not filled by Democrats. We would still have something of a trump error.

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Val : Where if we want to address policies they may not be moved forward because of the two seats that may be filled or refilled by refilled up

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Val : Elected by Republicans. So it's like looking at the structure, even though Biden one, we still have a long road in terms of looking at the bigger picture in terms of policies that are the ones that can policies, what can really make this country move forward.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Yeah, but I'm so glad by one and the other person didn't

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Val : I agree. I agree. I

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I hear you system Velasco

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Well, the thing about Biden. I mean, he he's so seasoned and skilled and it probably was not he's not. I actually wanted Kamala Harris. She was my first choice.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: But I, I look at at Biden and you look at all the failures that have come into his life that have toughen him up for this moment. So, I mean, that's this is almost a combination of what we're all talking about

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Carole Copeland Thomas: He is the candidate of the moment he understands the various factions within the Democratic Party. He certainly has he's leaned left more so than he was before.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And he, I think we'll have the capacity to understand all the the sexuality in our country and will be a the unifier who will help bring us together, even though we are a very fractured country.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Yeah, we've sort of taken over your class curl and You're very kind.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: bloodiness say our piece.

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gerard depardieu: I think the Berkeley session.

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Carl Racine: I think the original issue about the story though sort of connects with what people have been talking about and

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Carl Racine: Specifically, I think, with two things, the coalition building that brother Bill was talking about the the

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Carl Racine: Sense that

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Carl Racine: We need leaders and and and and thinking about leaders, we're talking about Martin Luther King and hassle who again are only two of the many leaders back from the civil rights movement.

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Carl Racine: But they're really prophetic voices and Nelson Mandela, I think, was perhaps another prophetic voice, who was able to give voice to

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Carl Racine: What a community was feeling not simply his own personal INDIVIDUAL IDEAS.

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Carl Racine: Whether he was as good as when he got into elected office.

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Carl Racine: Is another question, because in the Bible there the prophetic voice is a very distinct vocation from the political one from the, from the king.

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Carl Racine: And the prophets. In fact, are often railing against what the king is doing in the Bible.

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Carl Racine: And we we sort of need both obviously in the country, but it's those prophetic voices that can bring a community together by telling a certain type of story.

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Carl Racine: That unites people and gives people a sense of identity and it just struck me in in reading through my notes last week and thinking about everything that's going on when I read this again.

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Carl Racine: What Heschel said it struck me that we really are telling in America. We are divided by the stories we tell about who we are.

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Carl Racine: And those stories really define us as a community as a people and and you know, I don't think, you know, Reverend Reverend Service Act said, Well, we just need to get back to that story. I'm not sure in America that's going to be possible. So I'm

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Carl Racine: I think people are digging in.

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Carl Racine: To their respective

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Carl Racine: allegiances there may be some crossovers.

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Carl Racine: Sister Carol said she was. She wanted to, you know, sort of figure out what white people were thinking who've over trunk. I'm actually more interested in what the black and brown people were thinking who voted for Trump.

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Carl Racine: Because that's a

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Carl Racine: Troubling thing to me. Maybe I think I understand the white people better than I

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Do. There's just plain old sellouts

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Carl Racine: Well, I don't want to

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Carl Racine: Discount those people and how they think and how you know what

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Carl Racine: What kinds of reasons. They don't want to say, oh, they just were were diluted or didn't understand what was going on.

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Carl Racine: Anyway, that's a whole other discussion. But the point that I made and I think people kind of ran with in some interesting directions I think is really important.

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Carl Racine: Are we the promised land or Egypt. In the end, and this goes back to the founding fathers and to the sense that that people had who came to this country that they were they were looking for a promised land.

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Carl Racine: The other point that was brought up about economics is is another part of the story that I didn't even really bring up

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Carl Racine: We tend, especially thanksgiving to tell the story of these religious folk, the, the, the pilgrims who came and had the first Thanksgiving that they were here seeking religious freedom. And that was very true.

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Carl Racine: They were separatists

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Carl Racine: They had broken with the Church of England and were being persecuted in England and they first left and went to Europe to to Holland and then they ended up coming here looking for religious freedom, again, as I said,

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Carl Racine: They weren't interested in religious freedom for anybody else but themselves, but they are at least we're looking for religious freedom, but the other people who came shortly thereafter the people who founded Boston the Massachusetts Bay.

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Carl Racine: Company and all of those people, they were coming more for economic opportunity.

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Carl Racine: Set settling Britain was was in the process of expanding her

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Carl Racine: Her empire around the world and settlers from Britain were going starting to go around the world and they came to Virginia

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Carl Racine: And we had the Virginia plantation and Rhode Island is just wanted to change your name and drop plantation, but that's a historic where that has nothing to do specifically with slavery.

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Carl Racine: It came to have something to do with slavery in this country, but the same word was used about the Scottish settlers who went and settled in Northern Ireland.

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Carl Racine: Back in the same exact time period in the 17th century that eventually led to the incredible hundreds of year long conflict and Ireland between the northern Protestant

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Carl Racine: Descendants of the Scottish settlers who had simply been part of that whole British plantation system. They were there for economic reasons. They were there to get the land and a lot of the people who came to America originally were here to make money.

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Carl Racine: And we leave that out of the story as well.

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Carl Racine: So the plantation system that England, you know, expanded then into other places into the African continent into India.

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Carl Racine: Australia, New Zealand, all around the world was probably first and foremost economic

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Carl Racine: And that's pretty much nowhere in the story that we tell about her so so people were right to at least bring up that issue is something to think about. That's something that actually matters to a whole lot of people

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Carl Racine: And whether we like it or not, we need to consider that thing too. So anyway,

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Carl Racine: We will leave it here for now because it's time to go. We'll come back again to Heschel and King and keep looking at hassles speech, but, you know, one of the reasons I wanted to do this study on Heschel and King again because of how we tell the story.

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Carl Racine: Martin Luther King get singled out as the, the kind of lightning rod and the the loan leader and he was by no means alone.

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Carl Racine: He had a whole lot of people. And it wasn't just other African Americans. It was people like castle and Heschel wasn't alone either, but they were both people who were uniquely gifted as spokes people whose verbal skills.

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Carl Racine: Were

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Carl Racine: electrifying for people were able to move people

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Carl Racine: And that's a really important thing, but they needed people with organizational skills, for example, they needed people with fundraising skills. They needed a whole lot of support.

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Carl Racine: On the ground to do what they could do but they were prophets in the sense that their words spoke to people and spoke effectively to people in ways that not everybody can and that's why they're remembered because of their words because of their personal

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Carl Racine: Ability to articulate

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Carl Racine: A different vision of who America could be and who America should be so we'll

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Carl Racine: We'll continue next week, looking at some of hassles words and how that intersects with what Reverend Martin Luther King was doing. And we'll also look at some of the actions that he took because he was not simply

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Carl Racine: Writing speeches he was marching

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Carl Racine: With someone like to close us in prayer, please.

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Carl Racine: Anybody

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Will

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Dear Lord in Heaven. Once again, we've gotten through probably two slides, but they were just lightning rod sparks so that we could have this great conversation as we

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Explore the relationship between Rabbi Heschel and Dr. King and whether we're talking about the promised land or or Egypt or

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Carole Copeland Thomas: The, the, the ending reign of Donald Trump and the beginning power base of Joe Biden and all of that, the intersection there of Lord

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Carole Copeland Thomas: That's what makes this class so unique and so interesting and why we come back again and again, because we have the space.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And the environment to have this conversation. And these many conversations as we agree to disagree, but doing it in the spirit of love.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: For Humanity thank you Lord for our master teacher brother, Carl, as he continues to crank out pages of

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Information that we can mull over and discuss and and never ever take for granted. We thank you for Dr. Susan and what she brings in her environmental love

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Carole Copeland Thomas: For Humanity. We thank all of our class participants today, whether they're in Georgia, or whether they're in Honduras or right here in Massachusetts or wherever they happen to come from. We

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Appreciate and thank we're very thankful for our existing class members and for those who will come

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Going forward we thank you Lord for all that you continue to do and bringing us together in such a meaningful way

in the midst of a raging pandemic. We are thankful thankful and we are thankful

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Carole Copeland Thomas: For our lives and thankful for our families and thankful for the protection that you give each and every one of us. We are thankful

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Carole Copeland Thomas: For the Hammonds, and how they have created this wonderful space and place called Bethel virtually and

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Carole Copeland Thomas: The building of baffles and we just say thank you very much for each and every one of the actions and steps and thoughts and ways that we can gather and communicate and build our coalition. This we ask in your name. Amen.

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James Williams: Amen is jack okay down in Honduras. I know they had the storm go through that.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Maybe that's why he's not only maybe there's no electricity.

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James Williams: Electricity does the store and went through. Then I hear it beat him up pretty bad.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I'm going to shoot him an email, I'll shoot him one. Yeah.

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James Williams: Good conversation. Thanks, call

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Marie Doubleday: Yes.

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Carol Hovey: Thank you. Yes.

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Carol Hovey: Man. Great to be back.

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Bill Hughes: Thanksgiving.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: God bless.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Already

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Happy Thanksgiving.

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wyatt Jackson: All right.