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Carole Copeland Thomas: Well, I want to first of all start off and say good morning everyone. And I want to thank everyone, everyone who participated in my virtual worldwide virtual multicultural conference. It was just an amazingly wonderful event. We had this we had 62 wonderful speakers from

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Carole Copeland Thomas: 12 different countries and six continents.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Including Jack Melvin who was amazingly wonderful with his pictures and with his stories about what he's doing in Honduras and

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Carole Copeland Thomas: The, the various people who he's helping and others just an amazingly wonderful presentation Jack Brother Jack. I thank you very much.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: For being a part of that experience and for Janet and Christine Rose did a piece on a yoga, like a yoga treatments and dealing with your hands and making sure that you are

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Carole Copeland Thomas: exercising your limbs, as you're looking at the screen. Linda Males who is Janet Morrison's niece did a piece I'm still trying to do, where you take your thumbs.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And you you point you spread them apart. And then you keep your head straight and you have your eyes to go from side to side, their eye exercises.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Again trying to strengthen them. So it was just wonderful. So, from beginning to end. Thank you so, so much. We had people listening literally from all over the world and watching. So I just thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your support.

Thank you.

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Jack Melvin: And me to say Carol, you put on a wonderful performance and I can't believe you know how long I mean you are on the air. Basically all day.

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Jack Melvin: Two days in a row. And it was really amazing and the people you collected to. It was really nice to hear people from all over the world to get a perspective.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Yes, yeah.

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Jack Melvin: Right. It was, oh, next year, everyone here.

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Jack Melvin: Remember this event.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you very much. Thank you.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Sister Marie, are you showing the epicenter of the earthquake.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: You're on mute.

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Marie Doubleday: Somebody another friend mash up friend of mine just posted out she's in MASH be see the red, the red dot there.

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Marie Doubleday: Yes, yeah.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And I'm 15 minutes from that red dot

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Marie Doubleday: Yeah yeah I mean yeah cuz, yo, yo.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I'm in Lakeville

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Yeah. And because we're rolling the recording. We're talking about a 4.3 4.2 or 4.3 earthquake that just hit the East Coast. I'm not sure how far it spread, but

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Carole Copeland Thomas: The epicenter apparently is near New Bedford, Massachusetts. I live in Lakeville and others live around Milton felt it Randall felt it.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I believe, Connecticut, other places belted because Katie Kurt from used to be on the Today Show in New York, she was talking about it and I'm a readable day is showing that to us now. So, yeah.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: In the name of Jesus.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Brother, Carl. Good morning.

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Carl Racine: Good morning.

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Carl Racine: I know everybody's probably pretty happy and excited this morning, a little bit sad.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Yes.

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Bill Hughes: Why you said

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Carl Racine: What

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Bill Hughes: Why are you sad.

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Carl Racine: I'm number one that my mother didn't get to live to see a day when a Jamaican woman was elected as Vice President.

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died in April.

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Carl Racine: Of coven but I don't know. I don't know if she would have led

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Regardless,

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Carl Racine: And and and second and and very

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Carl Racine: Heavy on my heart is a death yesterday. Just yesterday of Rabbi sacks.

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Carl Racine: Who we have been

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Carl Racine: Who's been one of our rabbis for this course and who's been my

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Carl Racine: scriptural mentor for the last three years or so.

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Carl Racine: And so

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Carl Racine: And I sent her an email with the derived from forward the email that I got from his organization.

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Carl Racine: The

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Bill Hughes: Thank you.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: You're saved it. Yes, yes.

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Carl Racine: Two people in the class, you may have thought it was junk. I didn't know quite how to

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Carl Racine: How to get around that. But it had it had the phrase that I hadn't actually heard before. And you know I'm learning more and more about Judaism as we go on.

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Carl Racine: By Diane Hemet which is a shortened version of a phrase that people say at funerals.

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Carl Racine: A blessing Baruch has blessed be God, King of the

universe and Diane Hemet means either

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Carl Racine: Judge of truth, Judge of the truth or or or the true judge

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Carl Racine: In in Judaism, no matter what happens, you have a blessing for God. That doesn't mean that what happened was a good thing. Somebody's dying is certainly not viewed as a good thing. But in the midst of that you bless God,

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Carl Racine: As the one who is the God of truth and understand and we do what's going on, including why Rabbi sacks at the age of 72

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Carl Racine: I have cancer.

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Carl Racine: I we only got last week the notice that he was sick and and the call for prayer, but he's evidently sir gone through and survived treatment for cancer twice already in his life once when he was in his 30s.

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Carl Racine: And then again, when he was in his 50s. So it's been an ongoing thing of identity that I knew nothing about until today when anyway as a as a as a brief tribute to him.

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Carl Racine: And again, also maybe if I can put this up here.

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Carl Racine: Something that we we definitely need right now in our world and in America heal the world his book.

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Carl Racine: Just a story that for me characterizes

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Carl Racine: Rabbi sacks who he is, how he thinks and why he's such an important thinker as an Orthodox Jew right he's a he's a very conservative orthodox Rabbi

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Carl Racine: And yet, someone who said influence on on people around the world. He says in

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Carl Racine: Queen Elizabeth celebrated her golden jubilee as Queen. And I wondered what gesture might be appropriate from the Jewish community or from faith communities in general as a way of expressing our gratitude and paying tribute

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Carl Racine: I recall the conversation. A few years earlier between Prince Charles, the Archbishop of Canterbury and myself. So imagine Rabbi Sachs is sitting around in a room chatting with Prince Charles and the Archbishop of Canterbury about England, and what we can do to make things better in England.

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Carl Racine: We discussed ways of improving Community Relations and strengthening the sense of citizenship among young people.

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Carl Racine: The idea emerged and I take that as meaning I Rabbi sack suggested this but I'm too humble to say it was my idea.

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Carl Racine: Because he would have given credit of either the other participants who had come up with the idea, the idea emerged that we might ask each of the faith communities in Britain.

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Carl Racine: To encourage their members to do an act of kindness to someone who was not a member of that faith community and it was to reach out to someone who did not share your religious faith and do something good for them.

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Carl Racine: So we revive the idea and the Prince of Wales Prince Charles gave it his backing. So I called up Prince Charles and said, hey, Chuck.

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Carl Racine: We had this idea before. Why don't we, why don't we do this for your mom.

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Carl Racine: Probably didn't phrase it quite that way.

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Carl Racine: The program called respect was launched in England in the spring of 2002 and later in the year in Scotland. All nine of the major religious groupings in Britain participated Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu Sikh Buddhist Jane Zoroastrian and behind

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Carl Racine: It was the ways of peace in action. What it expressed, is it civic peace demands more than tolerance, more than a live and let live live and let live attitude.

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Carl Racine: To those not like us the way of peace is an active mandate, not a passive one doing good to others in there by showing that the threads of our common humanity with all the various colors are part of the social fabric we weave together.

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Carl Racine: That's, that to me is Rabbi Saxon and that show

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Carl Racine: Working, not just for the benefit of the Jewish community, although he certainly worked for that, but understanding

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Carl Racine: That working for the benefit of the larger world around him was, in fact, part of what it meant to work for the benefit of the Jewish community and reaching out to people beyond the Jewish community.

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Carl Racine: Like the Archbishop of Canterbury to say

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Carl Racine: Let's do this together. And I think he's was just absolutely remarkable man and I'm deeply saddened by his loss, but I don't want to dwell on loss today.

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Carl Racine: And I do want to open in prayer before we get back to what we were talking about last week.

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Carl Racine: Lord God we we do bless you for this day. And even though SISTER MARIE said it's a weird thing we bless you for a little bit of warmth, knowing that there is a lot of cold to come, we bless you for being out in the yard working in shorts.

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Carl Racine: And we bless you for

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Carl Racine: All that you have provided for us and we bless you for the life of Rabbi sacks, in particular the inspiration. He's been to me and to many other people around the world is depth of love for you. His depth of love for Your word his insight into

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Carl Racine: Your scriptures and into the larger world around us and we pray that we will continue to learn what it means to follow those ways of peace of the ways that you yourself lamented when you wept over Jerusalem that they have not learned the ways of peace.

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Carl Racine: That's the ways that you want us to follow and and we are struggling Lord to

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Carl Racine: Do so, in this very complicated world that we live in. So guide our thoughts guide our conversation guide our study in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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Carl Racine: We started last week to look at the very interesting relationship between another rabbi. Who was the first Rabbi really to exert an influence on me and on my reading of Scripture, Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel and his friend, Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Carl Racine: And it was interesting to me. I think I said this in the in the in the notes that I sent out last week that after last week's service just last Sunday morning after the service, Susan. I watched another service from

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Carl Racine: The Howard University chapel, where the Reverend William Barber of the Poor People's Campaign was preaching and he's always good to listen to and basically it was a rousing sermon saying we haven't given up hope yet but you all need to go out and vote.

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Carl Racine: But, and you know, again, it was much more eloquent than that but that that's what you could maybe boiled down to his message and

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Carl Racine: Again, it was fascinating to me in that sermon twice he mentioned

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Carl Racine: He quoted from Heschel earlier on in the in the sermon and we will see that quote I think probably next year when we look at Harold's involvement with the civil rights movement.

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Carl Racine: And then later in the sermon, which was from the book of Hebrews. He listed Heschel along with other modern examples of heroes of the faith, like Fannie Lou Hamer and Sojourner Truth.

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Carl Racine: As people who belonged in the list in Hebrews 11 of those who lived their life by faith. And I just thought it was remarkable that he included a Jewish rabbi, a modern Jewish rabbi in that list, along with the people who we might be more likely to put in that list

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Carl Racine: We're in good company here with Rabbi Heschel this morning and I want to turn and look at

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Carl Racine: hassles.

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Carl Racine: hassles relationship and thinking about the the show.

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Carl Racine: The Nazi Holocaust and and I use the word show

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Carl Racine: Interchangeably as a lot of Jews do but the word holocaust, as we saw when we

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Carl Racine: Looked at the sacrifices is actually the word that's used to refer to the first sacrifice, it's talked about in the book of Leviticus, the burnt offering the one where the animal is burned completely on the altar.

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Carl Racine: Many Jews have been troubled by the use of that word to talk about the slaughter of 6 million Jews in the Nazi death camps during World War Two.

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Carl Racine: Because they don't want to suggest that that was somehow religious actor or an act of sacrifice so show is the Hebrew word that means disaster catastrophe that you will also hear applied.

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Carl Racine: To the Nazi genocide.

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Carl Racine: But since Heschel uses Holocaust and we have Holocaust

museums, even now we'll kind of use them interchangeably, but if you hear that phrase or that word. You'll, you'll know what it refers to

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Carl Racine: And I'm an argue here and i and i don't think it's a hard argument to make the Heschel social activism.

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Carl Racine: Is to be understood as a response to the show as a response to what happened.

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Carl Racine: In Nazi Germany. Remember, he was a Polish Jew who was able to escape, Germany, only six weeks before Hitler invaded Europe before Hitler six weeks before Hitler invaded Poland and

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Carl Racine: Even though he was able to escape his mother and three sisters were killed by the Nazis and Heschel himself never returned her to Europe.

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Carl Racine: He wants wrote, If I should go to Poland or Germany every stone every tree would remind me of contempt or hatred murder of children killed of mothers burned alive of human beings asphyxiated

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Carl Racine: So this naturally affected him deeply. And it not only affected him.

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Carl Racine: Personally, but as a Jew with a passionate faith in God. He wrestled with the meaning of the show of the Holocaust for his understanding of God and the world. It was both a theological and a personal catastrophe for him.

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Carl Racine: And if we could see slide number five, please.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Share one second.

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Carl Racine: His landmark book.

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Carl Racine: Was a book on the prophets.

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Carl Racine: And this is where I first encountered hassle.

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Carl Racine: And you can see a picture of the paperback version of that book, which I I still own and is one of my wealth and

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Carl Racine: Volumes I first encountered Heschel when I was in college, studying, studying taking a course on the on the profits and doing some work on the profits. This book also Andrew Young said became a sacred texts to civil rights leaders. It was published in 1962

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Carl Racine: And

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Carl Racine: Was was influential on on Martin Luther King and a whole lot of other people as well as yours truly.

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Carl Racine: Heschel dedicated this book to the martyrs of 1942 1945 and he choses an epigraph part of Psalm 44 which I've reproduced for you which challenges God for having allowed evil to come on his people.

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Carl Racine: All this has come upon us. The we've not forgotten the or been false to the covenant our heart has not turned back, nor have our steps departed from my way for thy sake we are slain. Why does though hide thy faith face.

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Carl Racine: And yet Heschel refuse to give up his strong faith in God. After in the in the night in the 1950s and 1960s, the death of God movement arose in America.

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Carl Racine: And some of the people who were involved in that movement asked the question, how anyone could actually believe in the biblical God and a loving and all powerful god after Auschwitz.

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Carl Racine: hassell's response to this was we died in Auschwitz, yet our faith survived.

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Carl Racine: We know the to repudiate God would be to enhance the Holocaust.

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Carl Racine: For Heschel losing faith in God would would open up the possibility of more holocausts, so as painful as it was for him. He couldn't give up his faith in God. That would make the world and even bleaker place than it already was

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Carl Racine: If we can move to slide number six, please.

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Carl Racine: And he says very clearly.

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Carl Racine: Without God man is a lost soul and it isn't a lost soul that the demonic comes to life.

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Carl Racine: So having faith did not mean ignoring the evil in the world.

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Carl Racine: In 1943 he wrote an essay called the meaning of this war in the middle of World War Two. The meaning of this war, and he

acknowledged the reality of the demonic in the world. It was visible for everyone to see.

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Carl Racine: But he wasn't content to blame Satan for the world's troubles. He saw the disaster as the result of our lack of human courage and he says this ashamed and dismayed. We ask who is responsible

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Carl Racine: Let fascism not serve as an alibi for our conscience, we have failed to fight for right

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Carl Racine: For justice for goodness. As a result, we must fight against wrong against injustice against evil.

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Carl Racine: We have failed to offer sacrifices on the altar of peace. Now we must offer sacrifices on the altar of war.

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Carl Racine: Where were we when men learn to hate in the days of starvation when raving mad men were sewing wrath in the hearts of the unemployed.

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Carl Racine: And and remember Heschel was living in Europe in the 20s and 30s and the illusion here is to the, the economic devastation that was created by the so called peace treaty at the end of world war one and it was on and it was on the basis of the economic

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Carl Racine: devastation that that that was going on in Germany in particular in the 20s and 30s that Hitler was able to rise to power.

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Carl Racine: So specialist saying we did nothing to help these people then and so raving mad men came along and said we will help you

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Carl Racine: tanks and planes cannot redeem humanity, the killing of snakes will save us, for the moment, but not forever.

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Carl Racine: The war will outlast the victory of arms. If we fail to conquer conquer the infamy of the soul, the indifference to crime.

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Carl Racine: When committed against others. And that's going to be a constant theme and hassle.

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Carl Racine: And he goes on to support his, his assertions hear his arguments with a quote from the ball sham Tov the 18th century, founder of Hasidic Judaism. Remember Heschel grew up in a Hasidic family.

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Carl Racine: And the battleship Tov was the was the rabbi who sort of started the movement in the in the 18th century.

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Carl Racine: And very interesting man.

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Carl Racine: All may be guided by the worlds of the ball sham if a man has been held evil he may know that it was shown to him in order to learn his own guilt and repent for what is shown to him is also within him.

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Carl Racine: So Heschel embraces what we've also seen in Rabbi sacks that idea of radical responsibility and his most well known statement which will see later, is some are guilty but all are responsible

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Carl Racine: And we saw this or a version of this idea. Last year when we looked at the passage in Deuteronomy about the person who was found murdered outside of a city and they didn't know who it was.

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Carl Racine: But the elders of the city were obliged to offer a sacrifice of atonement for the sin, even though they personally. We're not guilty of the crime.

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Carl Racine: And the Talmud argues that they do share some responsibility, since they may have failed to provide safe shelter for the stranger biblically, the whole community bears some responsibility for the sin in its myths.

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Carl Racine: And that's an idea that we just don't really

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Carl Racine: Have a way of getting our minds around and I wanted to pause there and have people respond to that corporate responsibility for the sins summer guilty but all are responsible

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James Williams: So by the cow. Yes, this is Beverly

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James Williams: Remember, a couple of minutes. A few months back, we were talking about the soldier who had asked one of the

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James Williams: Officers

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James Williams: Yes, yes I get him. And how does this fit into that into that.

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James Williams: That thought because we came up with. We couldn't be responsible for somebody else's. So could you speak to them.

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Carl Racine: Um,

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Carl Racine: Yeah, it's a sort of a fine point of distinction I can't forgive your guilt.

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Susan Racine: remind people what what this discussion was about what fostering. That is what the scenario was

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Carl Racine: The scenario. Was that a Jewish prisoner of war.

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Carl Racine: Someone who was in one of the death camps and was is not a prisoner of war. I'm sorry, a Jewish

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Carl Racine: condemned to death.

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Carl Racine: I'm blanking on his name.

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Carl Racine: But doesn't matter. He was, he was assigned to work detail near a hospital and a

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Carl Racine: Nazi soldier was dying in the hospital and had committed a horrible atrocities have been part of a horrible atrocity burning a house full of 300 Jews a year earlier and it was weighing on his conscience and he wanted to just some do any due to

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Carl Racine: forgive him before he died for that action, AND SO HE ASKED FOR THIS JEW WHO HE DIDN'T KNOW to just be brought in and asked him to forgive him and

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Carl Racine: The Jewish prisoner refuse to walk out and didn't say anything. But then it weighed on his conscience.

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Carl Racine: For years afterwards. And he wrote this book about it, but he actually submitted the question to a whole lot of different religious leaders around the world. Did you do the right thing.

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Carl Racine: And most Jewish

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Carl Racine: Leaders said yes. You had no right to forgive him because he didn't actually do this to you and a lot of Christian and other leaders said no, you should have forgiven him and it

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Carl Racine: It just brought up the very difficult issue of what forgiveness means and all of that. But I don't think that's quite Herschel's point here Herschel certainly wouldn't blame the Jews for what happened to them.

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Carl Racine: But he is saying that the rest of us in the outside world.

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Carl Racine: bear some responsibility which isn't quite the same thing as guilt for what's going on, that if we're not doing enough to prevent evil from happening, then we do have a responsibility.

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Carl Racine: And partly, where I see this as as kind of connecting with some of the issues in in our current situation around racial justice has to do with

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Carl Racine: Something that's pretty prevalent in the white community. And that is, well, I personally haven't committed over X racism.

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Carl Racine: Right. I've treated black people well

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Carl Racine: The people I work with. I'm nice to or whatever.

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Carl Racine: Which is a failure to recognize the, the, the, the structural issues around racism and the fact that white people have benefited regardless of their personal acts of racism.

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Carl Racine: White people have benefited from the racist structures around them and white people have not done enough the civil rights movement is not something

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Carl Racine: That's the responsibility of black people to do, if anything, it's more the responsibility of white people to get rid of this evil from our myths and that involves doing a whole lot more than just being nice to black people when you see them in the grocery store.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: That's that's the very point that

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Robin D'Angelo makes in her book white fragility her book is not written for black people. It is written for progressive white people.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Who think exactly the same thing that I'm I don't necessarily I'm not discriminatory toward people I'm good toward everybody and her book goes into great detail to talk about

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Carole Copeland Thomas: institutional racism and power and how power is so embedded in racism in our country.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: That you just can't walk away and say well you know I'm clean. I don't have any issues or I'm married to a person of color or something like that. She just she slams all that and and strips away that sense of innocence and I think a lot of that is probably tied with

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Carole Copeland Thomas: The notion of individualism in this country that is so revered that I have mine.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: You get yours. I'm a good person. I'm taking care of myself, my home. So therefore I can abdicate from the world's issues because I'm not causing them. I'm not a part of them. And so I can choose to look away.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Which is not what Tisha sane and sex are saying and others. This, this whole concept of a corporate responsibility is absent from the individual

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Abundance concept that that we are experiencing and i and i think to sort of tie the knot with that is you will see the strip it away of that now.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: That we've gotten rid of that draconian heathen in the White House who I my whole thing and I would put it in writing. I'm going to say something also about this to that they're going to need to probably spend two weeks decontaminating that White House.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Before anybody can live in it.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Because you know 35 of his staff members have contracted coven but you know that that whole thing is that

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Carole Copeland Thomas: You know, I have mine. You get yours, you know, fake news and all that kind of stuff will be completely different. When

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Carole Copeland Thomas: When Biden takes over. I'm, I'm sorry to

interrupt, but this is tied in with what we're talking about. I was due to speak and

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I've been trying to process this I was invited to speak to the International Society of management consultants yesterday and I was speaking with a number of group of other black consultants about consulting while black. So we had prepared everything.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And I was listening to a previous speaker and the news broke in about Biden's winning and I

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Use the chat room. I was I was excited. So I had complimented the speaker. And then I said, oh, you know, we have

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Carole Copeland Thomas: A Biden has one. This is wonderful, another speaker who I know. Who is winning the award immediately agreed with what I had said I was then chastised in the chat room for going off topic.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: So I immediately responded

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And said this is big news.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Beyond the subject matter. I hope you understand. I went on and congratulated my friend who was getting an award came back to my time. So I was queued up

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Carole Copeland Thomas: To speak with my others with my other colleagues and let them know I'm here, I'm ready. Do you know they injected me from that meeting. Yes. They kicked me out and the people on my panel. Never. They have not tried to reach out to them. They have not reached out to me at all. Yeah.

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James Williams: That's deep cow.

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What you say

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James Williams: I said that's deep

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Yeah, take me out and I you know I tried to get back in. I gave him another email my other email account. They refuse. I've heard nothing

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Carole Copeland Thomas: From that

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Carole Copeland Thomas: It's called IMC usa.org yeah and and they're all you know all they all have 15 PhDs and I was the only one without a doctorate. And you know, it's just all this layer of layer of academicians, and all this stuff they're a bunch of hypocrites.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: kicked me

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Bill Hughes: The thing I want to share mine. Actually, I wouldn't have thought of relate to your situation, but maybe it does

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Bill Hughes: A question. So the comment.

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Bill Hughes: Is I was watching Dave Chappelle monologue last night on Saturday Night Live. And he gave the last his last monologue was four years ago right after

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Carole Copeland Thomas: This

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Bill Hughes: Yeah, and you know, he wasn't he was incredibly powerful. And he talked about. It's like, well, I'm gonna give this guy a shot.

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Bill Hughes: Shot.

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Bill Hughes: But this time around.

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Bill Hughes: Find out a crack to on the corner.

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Bill Hughes: He said he said because

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Bill Hughes: For 400 years

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Bill Hughes: Because they were black.

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Bill Hughes: Treatment didn't deserve.

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Bill Hughes: That was not

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Bill Hughes: A way to turn the tide around. So it was a kind of a challenge that goes in the same spirit.

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Bill Hughes: rabbis

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Bill Hughes: Show, we're talking about. So here's my question.

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Bill Hughes: But what I've been wondering about is

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Bill Hughes: You mentioned, Carl, the neglect of

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Bill Hughes: You know pre pre Nazi Germany left

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Bill Hughes: You know, good people doing nothing for those who are in need and hurt.

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Bill Hughes: Resulted in

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Bill Hughes: A catastrophic coalition

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Bill Hughes: And if I look now there's only one ethnic group.

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Bill Hughes: Supported Trump and that is

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Bill Hughes: White America. And as we know, I think white America is in crisis in this there's very. There's a lot of diversity in perspective and opinion but the segment of white America that has been the most

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Bill Hughes: I should say that has been consistently.

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Bill Hughes: Ignored and under invested in

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Bill Hughes: Emotionally for the last 40 or 50 years that I've seen, maybe 40 years has been white men.

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Bill Hughes: And I've, you know, I grew up in a time of 70s, 80s, where the message was to white men, sit up and shut. Sit down and shut up.

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Bill Hughes: You've had your side. Now it's time for women. Time for blacks time for others to be able to speak and you're the problem, not the solution. And I wonder to what degree and under investment in white men as privileged as they are.

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Bill Hughes: Has been you know some of what we're reaping right now.

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Jack Melvin: Why I think also it's it's it's not just like, well, it is probably hate men in general but but but if you look at the demographic that supported Trump, it was

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Jack Melvin: It was high school educated white men and you know when when you say you know you're white, you have privilege. They say, oh, we don't have

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Jack Melvin: They're really at the bottom of the barrel. They have a hard time earning a living, because they don't have an education. They don't have training, they may be living in areas that that

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Jack Melvin: The, you know,

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Jack Melvin: Businesses are moving out of so they feel angry and I will also bet that that lot of people

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Jack Melvin: That have had a difficult time being raised as it is. I don't have male role models didn't have good William male role models in their upbringing. And so a guy like Trump. Well, they, they can identify with Trump. First of all, Trump's not too smart than that too smart.

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Jack Melvin: They're angry Trump's angry.

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Jack Melvin: And then when you're angry and then you have low self esteem, because everyone's saying you're not worth much be really conservative

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Jack Melvin: I read the National Review. One of the issues is those elitist. You know those liberals, I'll leave it. Well, that usually means that they have an education.

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Jack Melvin: And that's really the appeal, so they feel, you know, like, then the bottom. They have low self esteem and then if you have low self esteem. Well,

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Jack Melvin: You don't, you, you, you, you push your anger out at outside groups and that becomes sort of the seed for racism, you know, it's like your community or

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Jack Melvin: Latinos now or other groups. I think the point is, make a really good that they

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Jack Melvin: Somehow we have to understand the cycle. Some of these guys are really racist and there's probably nothing you could do. But some of these guys are hurting

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Jack Melvin: And and to figure out how to how to reach them and and probably in terms of politics to see what we can do, economically and

these neglected areas. I don't know that.

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Well,

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Carole Copeland Thomas: TT makes a point in in the in the chat and reading. She says, but white supremacy did not start with Trump Western individualism is the foundation of the country. So it can't change with just one person right

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Carole Copeland Thomas: My response would be, I mean it's baked in the cake. When you look at the Constitution.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And how is the stack deck where white men were at the top white women were next door underneath, because they couldn't own land, they couldn't vote.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Indentured servants were third they could get out of their circumstance after seven years. Next came blacks.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Three fifths of a person. And then the indigenous people who are the original people they weren't even made citizens until 1924 so you have this pecking order.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: That was in place along with the manifestation of individualism, that creates the circumstances that we find ourselves in jack up the one thing I would add, though, is that, you know, understanding this two things, understanding the psyche of the downtrodden.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: High School graduate white male that person still has power.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: As power over a black woman in many instances.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Yeah, so there is a power level that they're sort of ignoring obviously they don't have the wealth and the education to go along with it.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: But I guess the biggest group that I want to really I'm I'm shaking my head at are the evangelicals who continue to support Donald Trump knowing

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Carole Copeland Thomas: You know that his policies and his ideology were clearly racist, that, that, but then I then I have to tell myself. Remember those are the people

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Who kept your, your ancestors in slavery. So they use biblical passages to keep my folks in slavery, but that that group just baffles me holier than thou with their Bibles.

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Jack Melvin: Yeah, I need. I wanted to interject something here as you bring up the evangelicals because yesterday I reached out to some

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Peter. Can you speak up a little bit.

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Peter Barrant: I'm sorry. Maybe I should put in my head I'm on my computer. Usually I'm on my

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Peter Barrant: iPad and that seems to pick up better. Let me just put in my headphones and

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Carole Copeland Thomas: You're actually the sound is better now.

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Peter Barrant: Alright, so what I was saying is that I reached out to someone who had grown up with in St. Croix you had been she

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Peter Barrant: Her kids are just around my age, and the conversation went to the election. Now this is someone who is black, but not from the United States.

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Peter Barrant: And now has is living in Florida, and she basically started to regurgitate the stuff you hear on Fox.

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Peter Barrant: And one of the things that so it was in an alternate reality. And one of the things that came to mind.

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Peter Barrant: And in fact, when I said Trump has done so many racist and anti christian things she actually objected to that. So for her. The reality was that Trump was not racist and that he was not anti christian

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Peter Barrant: And a fair amount of that, in my opinion, comes from that the fact that there is one media outlet for the right leaning group and that is Fox and

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Peter Barrant: We have to we have to one of the things we have to own up is that most of the media is left leaning

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Peter Barrant: I mean the try to try to be neutral, try to bring in people from both sides. But when you listen to the conversation. It's mostly left leaning and we've got to own up to that. And I think that is part of the issue that when

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Peter Barrant: The right has basically one media outlet to listen to that media outlet has so much power and by distorting the truth. They've got a lot of believers that

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Peter Barrant: That you know the rest of the media is is false and this is the one true media and

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Peter Barrant: Still, I think it's very complicated. And I think we have a lot of work to do. If we're going to cross the lines and have those conversations that will lead to healing in this country. I think that all that's being said today is all true. And I think it's very complicated.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: You have to think about to 87% of blacks voted for Biden. I'm now wondering about the 13% that didn't

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Like voting for the slave plantation owner

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Versus Harriet Tubman

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James Williams: 13% could have been in that meeting yesterday when they kicked you out.

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janet Humdy Morrison: 13% probably also listens to Trump. I mean, not to Trump, but to Fox media. You'd be surprised how many people listen to Fox media.

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janet Humdy Morrison: Yeah, and some of them are not are people of color and some of them are Christians, as you know, and they're drinking the Kool Aid.

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janet Humdy Morrison: To you is that

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janet Humdy Morrison: You are passionate rightfully so, about your feelings about Trump. Some of the people on that.

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janet Humdy Morrison: Panel that were listeners are not as passionate as you are. And they might be afraid of what you're gonna say

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Yeah, I think so. I think that's it. Yeah, cuz I was on a it was a consulting while black panel.

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janet Humdy Morrison: Know that

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janet Humdy Morrison: And so, you know, in order for them not to have to deal with the passion, you know, they just blocked you out.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Yeah, kicked me out.

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Bill Hughes: My best friend lives in Atlanta.

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Bill Hughes: I've known him for 35 years and

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Bill Hughes: He's um he was Catholic when I got saved, and I started sharing with him. He's moved to, you know, gone beyond his Catholicism to be declared born again for 2030 years. So we've known each other for a long time.

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Bill Hughes: And

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Bill Hughes: He's a, he's been a Trump supporter for a while because he's a republican and he sees the two things is the same thing. And he's a smart guy. He's got his PhD from Georgia Tech.



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Bill Hughes: Professor, but, um, you know, to the point of, you know, the liberal left leaning media left leaning narratives, you know, there are certain things that

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Bill Hughes: That that really cancel out all the other narrative that

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Bill Hughes: That you know some of us are progressive and more liberal minded want to share and I heard someone say the other day, you know, if we, if we think someone else's deplorable because of their stance on, you know, supporting Trump and all that he stands for and there are others who

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Bill Hughes: Were deplorable. Speaking of liberals when

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Bill Hughes: They look at unborn babies and they can't get past that and and and i think there's

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Bill Hughes: There's a lot of conversation that we gotta have that doesn't fit into one narrative. And I think one of the challenges we're going to have now that we've

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Bill Hughes: Kind of galvanized everybody or built a coalition to at least elected president has to recognize the first of all, you know, the majority of the people are still conservative in this country and they voted to increase the conservative

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Bill Hughes: Legislature and last seats in the House. So I don't know if it's absolute numbers, but there's a huge number of people who are conservatives who have significant political power.

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Bill Hughes: And having one conversation that embodies everything from

Black Lives Matter to climate change to social justice to, you know,

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Bill Hughes: Human Rights gay rights, abortion. I mean, there's like all those things together, we're forcing people to make choices that they don't necessarily

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Bill Hughes: Want to make because we're not doing the work to connect with them one on one. And we're trying to make a big national narrative do all the work.

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Bill Hughes: And, and I think that's a problem. And I think the biggest problem that I have with Christians in

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Bill Hughes: General

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Bill Hughes: It is our job to win people one at a time to win people not to a political party, but to the mission of love and grace and attention.

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Bill Hughes: And because our Christian leaders saying the white evangelical church have lost sight of that and have instead glommed on to

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Bill Hughes: Name calling and labeling, which is the very thing that Jesus came against you know when you talk to the side of season. The Pharisees who call them hypocrites over and over

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Bill Hughes: Because they claimed one thing with your mouth and they didn't want another thing with their actions. And I think we're, we have an opportunity in a mandate right now. It's a church to get beyond that.

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Titi Odedele: Yeah, I'm sorry I

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Titi Odedele: I'm I think I'm just a little

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Titi Odedele: So we were initially we were talking about a kind of

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Titi Odedele: Racism function structurally, and I, I kind of feel that we've I feel like we've strayed away from that a little bit, you know, were talking about how hard poor white men have had it.

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Titi Odedele: I mean if black people or indigenous people are going to do that, then you know, or we're going to take that same kind of that, you know, angry stance than America would probably have been raised.

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Titi Odedele: A legitimate, you know,

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Titi Odedele: pitying poor white men is

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Titi Odedele: I'm sorry, I don't see how that does not reinforce white supremacy. So that's, that's one thing, right, because the the race of the, what am I trying to say like that the capital that race gets you in America and, dare I say around the world.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: You're making the point that dead Robin D'Angelo is making

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Carole Copeland Thomas: That you it's impossible to compare

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Carole Copeland Thomas: It. She says the whole reverse racism is a fallacy because you have to interject. The whole concept of power in

the equation and white people because they're white

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Have power, regardless of what your educational status is regardless of what you have or don't have in the bank account.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: You have you always have in this country. The way things are structured. Now I'm not talking about in the future, but now

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Is that you have the way she talks about it is that you have the ability and the capability of leapfrogging

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Up a ladder, whereas people of color don't have that same advantage because of power and institutional racism. So it is a little hard to understand.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And I have to wrap myself around this jack talked about and and and and brother, Carl, just the, the, the whole

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Notion of college or of high school educated white men in particular, feeling disenfranchised, it's me. And in fact, Murray put in in the in the chat room about plumbers and

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Carole Copeland Thomas: carpentry individuals and trades people, you know, some of them make a whole lot of money because of their profession, you know, their their their craft.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And so it's it's difficult to put them in the same box as as those who are truly suffering because they economically don't have the wherewithal to sustain themselves and their people of color.

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Susan Racine: We can't get to what TT can mature if you run a device or if you're on a

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Carole Copeland Thomas: If you have a microphone is kind of hard to hear you.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Know,

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Are you on earbuds or headphones. If you can take it off.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: The internal mic that may be better.

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Oh,

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Carole Copeland Thomas: If I could just respond so

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Titi Odedele: I'm sorry. My, my, is this better.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Much better.

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Titi Odedele: Okay, awesome. So, um,

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Titi Odedele: I guess I just really want us to, like, if we're going with, you know, historical context for our current situation.

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Titi Odedele: Right. Um, I, I understand that. A lot of things are

framed like in terms of opinion, but we really are talking about what has happened in history. This is literally i for i weren't going to school and whoa.

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Titi Odedele: We're focusing on kind of political education right now and I I'm finished my arm probably presentations. My presentation on black people in America and the presidents and it was I, I've used a number of sources like from school, you know, from all these different places.

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Titi Odedele: Right, this relationship of like exploitation, with the with the justification of, you know, needing to reach out to white people. I'm talking about this right

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Titi Odedele: This relationship between black people in America and the President's has always been the way that it is it has always been foot dragging and I can't do this or that, because the the

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Titi Odedele: Usually was the white people in the South, but sometimes the poor white people will lose them as constituents and so I and we're right we're just talking about like basic things that people need to live.

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Titi Odedele: To to be alive right so that that's why I'm just really I'm struggling here to see this as any different from that. Right. Like they'll have been

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Titi Odedele: I don't even know how many black people who have died.

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Titi Odedele: I don't know because of because of

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Titi Odedele: This relationship that's plagued by inaction. Again, in the name of reaching out to poor white people at the end of the day.

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Titi Odedele: White people white men have literally always had someone who looks like them thinks like them in some way in the White House. Right. All I'm

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Titi Odedele: Joe Biden. I mean this. I really am confused about him because right I studied criminology, and my. That was my when my master's degrees in

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Titi Odedele: And the 1994 crime bill, uh, that was right had bipartisan support, he created that right. He was one of the people was responsible for drafting that

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Titi Odedele: And then, you know, I hear from all these different places that he is this, you know, wonderful man is this, I mean,

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Titi Odedele: even look at his treatment of anita hill right with this kind of law and order rhetoric has been very popular since Nixon and that draws people from across the aisle. It's not that

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Titi Odedele: You know, white, white met poor white men are not actually going to suffer under Joe Biden, they will still have their representation. So

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Titi Odedele: This i think i i'm

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Titi Odedele: Finding it a little surprising that we're we're having this this conversation when

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Titi Odedele: Really across the board there are policies in place that cost black and brown people their lives and white people and the right they don't cost white people their lives for in the majority of cases, and we're talking about reaching out to poor white men. I'm sorry. I just don't

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Susan Racine: I don't. I agree. I agree with you, 100% and my

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Susan Racine: My feeling is that as a white person that

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Susan Racine: We have

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Susan Racine: Ridiculously have an advantage and and and white and poor white man is you stated so clearly have an advantage because of race, it's, it's, there's no question about it it's it's where we are today and it needs to be addressed. Um, but at some point.

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Susan Racine: We have to all work together to get everybody on the same page. So I don't know.

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Susan Racine: Through prayer through communication.

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Susan Racine: there just needs to be some sort of understanding of the people who have drunk. The kool aid that society is better when everybody gets a foot up and we're and we're color know and we we endorse.

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Susan Racine: Uplift our brothers and sisters from other races other ethnicities other religions and



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Susan Racine: And that's the only way we'll will thrive.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Actually know the expression of what you just said. Susan and what TT has started off is to figuring out the language that can be used.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: To express exactly what you've said so that it does not get twisted into communism or socialism, which are the buzzwords and the language. The, the, it's like the the buttons that Trump and others push

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Carole Copeland Thomas: To get the Cubans to vote for Trump, and to get South Americans and Central Americans who were here to vote for Trump and others if you can figure out how to express that package that up.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: In a language form that they can understand, then, to me, that's going to be the road to to this this corporate level of shared community building. Yeah.

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janet Humdy Morrison: And I'd like to, I'd like to jump in if I could.

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janet Humdy Morrison: Give a couple of things that are really going to my mind. One is that, you know, we have all been drinking the Kool Aid about rugged individualism and that rugged individualism is going to keep all of the groups apart.

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janet Humdy Morrison: The one thing that has made racism so successful is that we keep pitting one group against another group.

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janet Humdy Morrison: If we had all of the underserved groups going in the same direction racism would have been gone a long time ago.

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janet Humdy Morrison: But we have been able to pit one against the other, because we are a country that believes in rugged individualism. So when I'm in this class. One of the things that I really appreciate

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janet Humdy Morrison: About the classes going back to the Jewish roots and we're really talking about what God really had intended for us.

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janet Humdy Morrison: The second thing TT that I'd like to share with you is being 72 has its advantages.

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janet Humdy Morrison: Because way back in 1994 when crack was killing communities, you have black people who were jumping up and down, saying, You've got to do something. I cannot stay in this House with

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janet Humdy Morrison: My neighbors coming in and stealing everything I own. And so some of those bills were passed his response to what was going on in the country.

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janet Humdy Morrison: That we can't be blaming all of the people who were on crack. Because when you listen to what was happening. The United States government

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janet Humdy Morrison: Was funding. In some cases, South American governments and pouring tons and tons of drugs into black communities to keep those governments going

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janet Humdy Morrison: So, I mean, it gets very, very complicated, but the bills that you saw that came through in the 90s was response to some of us who just wanted a safe place to live and they were bypassing then we are in a different place now.

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Titi Odedele: So my response to that would be, then why didn't that happen with the opioid crisis which is mostly affected white communities. Right.

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janet Humdy Morrison: That's right, there were

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Titi Odedele: Exactly right there. There were people who had problems with addiction. Right. And we know that these communities had been underfunded from from the start. Right. It's not that these this

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Titi Odedele: Like corralling poor people of color in one area had just started know that had already been happening. So it was, you know, it was it was it was a it was rife with opportunity and I

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janet Humdy Morrison: I'm a great night. You too. I am

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janet Humdy Morrison: I am

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Marie. Marie double day one, and she had her hand up, and then she gave up but Marie, not your hand up, but I saw that you had

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Taken yourself off mute so Murray jump on in take yourself off mute first

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Marie Doubleday: Actually, I actually just wrote it. I mean, when you look at the Cuban American community in Florida.

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Marie Doubleday: Um, you know, those who began to come over in the 1960s and 70s. I'm not saying

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Marie Doubleday: The more you know into the 80s, they came to escape the Cuban socialism. They were capitalist. So even though some of them would be the grant fathers and grandfathers

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Marie Doubleday: Their culture, as I understand it was more to vote for Trump, because of the capitalist face. So I'm not surprised that they supported Trump. No, I just wanted to jump in here and add to

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Peter Barrant: What Carl had been saying about the labels that you put when you package things up what labels. One of the labels. You want to try to avoid is liberalism, because that also is going to be a poison pill for for

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Peter Barrant: Some people as we talk about what we're because app. What we're talking about being community minded and and

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Peter Barrant: Sharing in the responsibility for the actions that occur in the community, which was what Carl brought up.

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Peter Barrant: Is is going counter to the Kool Aid of individualism and I can see how easily that would then turn into either a liberal

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Peter Barrant: Idea or a socialist idea and so that I think is going to be a challenge and a second thing I wanted to say in terms of the comments about dividing communities, having come from the Caribbean. I remember coming up here and

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Peter Barrant: Caribbean's were not accepted among the black community initially back in the 70s and 80s, and there was a certain amount of distance that was put between black Americans and Blackboard, not from the United States that has changed because my kids, there is a badge of

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Peter Barrant: Honor put to I have Caribbean roots and I have my parents are from here or my parents are from there. And so that has changed quite a bit.

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Peter Barrant: since the 70s and 80s. So there's a whole there's, I see that this whole thing is going to be very complicated and I agree with bill that is going to need

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Peter Barrant: A one on one to reach out to to our neighbors and our up individually to bring them into that that community that we are we are trying to do this together.

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Carl Racine: So we're almost out of time here, and I want to bring us back to Rabbi Heschel really quick.

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Carl Racine: A lot of people said this, obviously this is immensely complicated

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Carl Racine: But

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Carl Racine: With regards to individualism.

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Carl Racine: rugged individualism part of the argument that I've been making for decades in my all my courses and certainly background for this course.

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Carl Racine: Is that it's one of the fundamental flaws of Protestant evangelical theology in America, it's been written into the theology itself and the theological structures in my mind of Protestant evangelical Christianity.

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Carl Racine: Are flawed, precisely because that rugged individualism,

we talk about your personal relationship with God and and having Jesus as your personal Savior aware that doesn't a phrase, it doesn't exist in the Bible.

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Carl Racine: And the community stuff is a kind of afterthought. And I've, I have argued

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Carl Racine: In a nice way with pastor that I think it would be better, even in terms of to emphasize this point.

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Carl Racine: If when pastor. If we when we give the invitation in the in the church that we invite people to become members of the church first and only then

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Carl Racine: Talk about their individual relationship with Jesus, that would upset the applecart in the hallway me church, I think, but as everyone said things are complicated

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Carl Racine: But hassles.

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Carl Racine: Point that I want us to to leave us with to think about and maybe we can discuss a little more next week all. Some are guilty. I mean, he's talking. This is in World War Two.

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Carl Racine: And he's talking about the fascist the Nazis who have imprisoned and killed 6 million of his people. So they're guilty.

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Carl Racine: But Heston says we can spend all our day finger pointing and a lot of what I hear in the discussion is

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Carl Racine: He knows people are bad. Those people around those people's ideas around those people are doing wrong things and yes

Heschel would never disagree that the Nazis are horrible people they're demonic. He says,

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Carl Racine: But the real question we have to face is what is our responsibility in the midst of all of this in a world where there are Nazis in a world where there are these people in the world where there's systematic racism.

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Carl Racine: If we just finger point and nothing gets done. We have to ask what kind of responsibilities do we have in this world. What can we do

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Carl Racine: And, you know, Pastor, my Yama this morning in her sermon, if you heard about it in the after discussion talked about that on one specific area Heschel

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Carl Racine: Had a couple of ways of responding will see and one of those ways was to get involved in the civil rights movement in America in the 60s.

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Carl Racine: Even though he was white do and his own some of his own people were saying, wait a minute, why you know you should be fighting for the Jews, they're being discriminated against all over the place.

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Carl Racine: Why do you care about those other people, but he saw his responsibility as going beyond his particular community and its needs, even though he worked for those

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Carl Racine: To the needs of other people because ultimately we're all connected. And the, the way I interviewer time of how we frame the discussion.

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Carl Racine: If we can get people that we disagree with. And I think this was something Martin Luther King tried very hard to do. We have

people we disagree with to understand that it's in their best interest to follow the path that we we think people should follow

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Carl Racine: Then maybe we have a chance of convincing them to a different way of action if we just say this is in my interest, you need to do this for me.

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Carl Racine: That may or may not work. But if you say this also benefits you

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Carl Racine: Getting rid of racism.

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Carl Racine: Getting rid of

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Carl Racine: The horrible treatment of people of color in this country ultimately benefits everybody. It makes America a better place for everybody.

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Carl Racine: But

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Carl Racine: It's really hard with the kind of divisiveness in our, in our national politics to make that kind of argument.

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Carl Racine: But we, the starting point, I think, is not

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Carl Racine: ranting about all those people out there that are that are racist and and classist and sexist and whatever kind of ism. You want to say yes, that's horrible. That's awful. Fine. What's our responsibility. How are we responsible, what kinds of things can we do

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Carl Racine: To

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Carl Racine: Be the people of God in this world.

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Carl Racine: So I think we didn't get very

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James Williams: Just call I just want that. So it wasn't just Martin Luther King that said to that. I mean, Jesus admonishes us to Go ye therefore

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James Williams: In the uttermost parts of the world and teach and that comes to that one to one that

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James Williams: Peter and

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James Williams: By the huge was talking about. We cannot just stay in our own communities and it's going to work. Right.

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Carl Racine: And, you know, pastor was asked me how we can reach out to two white evangelicals I've sort of, you know, in the last 25 years i've i've dusted the dirt off of my sandals with reference to the way evangelical church. I don't have anything to do with it.

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Carl Racine: And maybe that was a bad attitude.

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Carl Racine: But I, I just felt, you know, they lost their way and that

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Well, we're all going to have to take the philosophy and the attitude of Joe Biden, regardless of how you voted.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And his whole goal is to bring the whole country together in some kind of healing process. It's going to be a difficult road to hoe.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: But I think he is the person to do it, you know, more and more I think about it with his background, you know, it's taken him 30 years to win the White House. He didn't just start last year.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: He started in 1986 87 and now didn't get very far. Then, and then, you know, started off again in 2007 for the preparation for the 2008 election then became the Vice President, you know, now this time.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: But I think because of his collection of experiences, including the time period, the TT reference. But then, Janet.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Clarified why things had happened during that time and it should be noted that anita hill endorsed Joe Biden. This time she was. She publicly endorsed him. So that's important to know.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: That his shared experiences and then identifying a biracial woman who identifies as black point that you should know jack you may have heard that during one of our sessions.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: The buddies who are also speakers at my conference have that in India now she has looked at as they finally got a Brahmin in the white house because her mother was a Brahmin

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Carole Copeland Thomas: In the cancer mother was a Hindu Brahmin, so you got, you know, these two people from with their shift their shared experiences. Excuse me. Share it experiences.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I think that are going to be very adept at tackling the complications of American history and all bringing all these forces together, including white evangelicals and diehard Caribbean black people who voted for Trump. In the name of Jesus.

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Carl Racine: And I you know I don't have any great love for Joe Biden and

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Carl Racine: He certainly wouldn't have been even in the list top five list of people who I would have wanted to see win the presidency.

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Carl Racine: This time around but it with regard to things that he's done in the past. I do believe that we have to hold on to the idea that people can change people can grow people can learn people who did something 20 years ago can can over the course of time see and learn from other people.

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Carl Racine: Oh, that wasn't that wasn't the best thing to do. That wasn't the right there that was maybe a horrible thing to do.

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Carl Racine: And they can grow and learn so so to hold his feet to the fire for stuff like that, sir, it's a legitimate question, but unless you have evidence that he's continuing to think and act that way.

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Carl Racine: And I think, you know, his choice of Kamala Harris is as a running mate and maybe suggests that he's done some growing in that time, I think we have to also if we have no hope that people can grow and change, then we're screwed.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Right.

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Carl Racine: In this horrible mess that we're in right now.

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Carl Racine: Because we were never gonna be able to to to make any progress.

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Carl Racine: But

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Carl Racine: I don't think that's the best way to look at things.

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Bill Hughes: And and Carl, you know, I think there's something to be said in the midst of all of the points that she was making is I'm struggling to understand

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Bill Hughes: And I would like to kind of honor that and ask you to honor that TT as well. I'm struggling to understand. I think we're all struggling to understand

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Bill Hughes: Absolutely. Um, and when we think we've got it figured out. That's when we know

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Bill Hughes: You should know that we're all course because especially things that we're talking about it the way that humans come together every one of us is different.

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Bill Hughes: Yeah. And really what we're talking about is, what can we agree. How can we agree to live together in this world, and I believe what what Jesus says is if you're looking for the way

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Bill Hughes: That was designed to live together and willing to live together with the planet and with one another. Follow me.

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Bill Hughes: And our job is to help persuade

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Bill Hughes: Some, you know, realizing that we can't win all but I know that. Also, if we box people in box ourselves and label people. Those are all those are all dehumanizing thing.

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Bill Hughes: And

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Bill Hughes: Deeper than any other point that I've made on this call is that seeing God in someone else, whoever they are, is what we are called to do

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Bill Hughes: And it is the fact that God is in all of us as despicable as we might find someone's actions and behaviors and history. We have to understand and grapple with the fact

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Bill Hughes: That the divine nature lives in them, and how do we handle that and the answer isn't a snap answer. It's not one that's going to come off of

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Bill Hughes: You know, Instagram, or Facebook, or a meme or slogan. It's going to be the deep wrestling that takes years and it's why we do grow as people if we're willing to do that.

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Carl Racine: And and one last point that I think we probably should close out here.

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Carl Racine: 12 years ago when Obama was first elected.

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Carl Racine: I was sitting next to Maruyama

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Carl Racine: In at old Bethel up in that room and we're all watching the election returns and when the announcement came on shortly after 11 o'clock.

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Carl Racine: That the news media were saying that Obama was the winner.

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Carl Racine: She kind of a little bit under her breath said, prepare to be disappointed.

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Carl Racine: And that's always sort of stuck in my mind because it's true. The, the, the leadership that we have is always going to disappoint us, however, fervently supportive we we have been of them. And our question as Christians is more

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Carl Racine: Again, what is our responsibility as Christians, what is our responsibility as the church, who are we supposed to be, if we're just going to sit back and wait for the government, whatever government. It is

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Carl Racine: To do it for us, then we're abdicating that responsibility as Christians, we have the responsibility to be the people of God to be the kingdom of God.

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Carl Racine: In this world to be light in the darkness to be salt, all of those things. And so again we have to ask ourselves, what's my responsibility, rather than simply asked, What's Joe Biden going to do

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Well, I want to thank the 50.5% of saying Americans who either went to their post office box they drove their ballot into the special box that was there, they went and early voted.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And or they were there on election day to vote. The tyrant out. So I think we can all agree on that, whether you like or questioning Joe Biden, or whatever, at least Donald Trump has been defeated and he will not be returning after January 20 and they will have to decontaminate the house.

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Susan Racine: In the meantime, I have to say he did teach me civic responsibility.

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Carl Racine: But it's gonna be a wild ride for the next three months. So hold on to your hat. Somebody close us out in prayer, please.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Anybody will, I will, their Lord in Heaven. We've had a wonderful discussion and that's why this class is so so powerful and the fact that we can have this kind of civil

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Discussion, we can agree to disagree. We can learn we can learn from the rabbi Saxons of the world as he's gone on to glory. Now Rabbi special and

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Learning about our Jewish roots from this master teacher, known as Carl Racine, we thank you so much that weekend and week out. We have the opportunity and the freedom to

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Carole Copeland Thomas: To learn and to and to share and we hope, Lord, that we will share this message with at least one or two people this week that we will

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Share with them to go to Sunday teaching calm, so that they can see the other lessons that have been prepared because we know knowledge is power and the more we learn and study, regardless of

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Carole Copeland Thomas: What our way of life happens to be that we

become more deeply connected to the corporate community of faith,  
more. That's the one powerful essence and the kernel of knowledge that

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I think is being imparted here that we have a collective responsibility to each other regardless of where we happen to live and who we happen to be

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Please keep each of us safe and sound. We thank you Lord for delivering us from the evil of the White House and replacing it.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: With some rational human being and human beings who are going to correct the ravaging messages that have been just exploding everywhere. Over the last four years, please bless those who are

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Enduring Colvin who are suffering from covert who have lost a loved one from coven who may be catching coven in the future and

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Lord, we just pray that somehow, we'll be able to manage this virus and and either get ourselves into control or get the virus under control, whichever comes first.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: But figure out a way, Lord, where we can lower the numbers and and figure out how fast the vaccine can be manufactured and distributed but

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Have all of this are as teachable moments in terms of how we need to live going forward. We thank

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Reverend mariama for her masterful message this morning and what it means about climate control, Lord, we are so thankful that even though we had a 4.2 earthquake that was felt in my



house.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: That not one piece of siding came off my house, I don't think, and that there weren't any damages done to others in terms of bodily harm or property. Thank you, Lord, for helping us to live through this day and others we asking your precious name Amen

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Amen.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Hi everybody.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: All right. Bye bye.

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Marie Doubleday: Bye bye.