

WEBVTT

1

00:00:00.269 --> 00:00:00.719

Carl Racine: alright.

2

00:00:07.500 --> 00:00:08.610

Alright let's get this.

3

00:00:10.590 --> 00:00:26.250

Carl Racine: let's open in prayer Lord God, we thank you for this beautiful day we thank you that we are healthy and alive and able to come together, both in worship and fellowship and discussion and study of your word and we pray that as we look to your word.

4

00:00:28.170 --> 00:00:28.920

Carl Racine: You would.

5

00:00:30.060 --> 00:00:35.520

Carl Racine: guide us and teach us and show us your ways in the name of Jesus amen.

6

00:00:38.100 --> 00:00:38.550

car ol hovey: man.

7

00:00:40.110 --> 00:00:40.590

Carl Racine: um.

8

00:00:42.000 --> 00:00:44.880

Carl Racine: Last week we began looking at.

9

00:00:46.740 --> 00:00:56.160

Carl Racine: Some sayings from a part of the mission called pick a vote kind of collection of wisdoms rabbinic wisdom sayings, and we saw.

10

00:00:56.880 --> 00:01:16.020

Carl Racine: One in particular that seen that that's been very influential in Judaism and as is known outside of Judaism, to some extent, it is not for you to complete the task, but neither you free to desist from it the God has worked for everybody to do the task

seems enormous.

11

00:01:18.120 --> 00:01:24.300

Carl Racine: And maybe daunting to some people, but everybody has a part to play.

12

00:01:25.350 --> 00:01:32.610

Carl Racine: And we that seemed to strike a chord with some people and I kind of gave an off the cuff.

13

00:01:34.470 --> 00:01:46.860

Carl Racine: example from rabbi sacks who died in December in his last book, the last chapter reflects on moses's inability to enter the promised land after he had been.

14

00:01:48.510 --> 00:02:01.740

Carl Racine: assigned with the task by God, to bring those people out of slavery in Egypt into the promised land and yet Moses has prevented from crossing that river and rabbi Sachs reflects on that as a sense that.

15

00:02:03.000 --> 00:02:10.020

Carl Racine: None of us, not even the greatest leaders can finish everything God has given us to do, but that doesn't mean we shouldn't.

16

00:02:12.450 --> 00:02:16.740

Carl Racine: Keep keep on keeping on and I sent out in the.

17

00:02:18.030 --> 00:02:22.020

Carl Racine: email that I send every week with the notes, I sent out a longer.

18

00:02:22.890 --> 00:02:36.600

Carl Racine: quote from his article on that that I think was really powerful, but I also sent out this so it struck me later on, after class that this is also the story that Reverend Martin Luther King referenced in his sermon he actually ended his sermon with this, the night.

19

00:02:37.290 --> 00:02:43.320

Carl Racine: Before he was killed in memphis and they're famous words,

people are, I think, familiar.

20

00:02:44.130 --> 00:02:58.710

Carl Racine: he's recognizing he says that there's difficult days ahead, but he says i've been to the mountaintop and the reference there is to that same story of Moses, where God allows Moses, to go up onto the mountain and see the promised land.

21

00:02:59.850 --> 00:03:14.070

Carl Racine: But says this is as far as you're going so Reverend King says i've been to the mountaintop and I don't mind, I would like to live a long life but he's got a sense that maybe that isn't going to happen he's 39 years old, remember.

22

00:03:15.330 --> 00:03:36.150

Carl Racine: But i'm not concerned about that now, I just want to do god's will and he's allowed me to go up to the mountain and i've looked over and i've seen the promised land I may not get there with you, but I want you to know tonight that we, as a people will get to the promised land.

23

00:03:37.440 --> 00:03:55.950

Carl Racine: So King as well holds on to that story in that sense of the task ahead as being something that we can't necessarily complete on our own that it's a group effort and that God, excuse me, God has his timing for all of us.

24

00:03:58.470 --> 00:04:14.010

Carl Racine: And I, and I just wanted people to have that, as a way of thinking more deeply about this quote from from piercy a vote that we looked at the other thing with reference to that this week we've been taught, we talked about a little bit in the in the chat with the pastor's.

25

00:04:16.200 --> 00:04:24.990

Carl Racine: Is the the video the PBS video called the Black church that was on this week and that's going to be on again this coming week.

26

00:04:26.370 --> 00:04:29.250

Carl Racine: it's a two part thing it's four hours long all together.

27

00:04:31.170 --> 00:04:31.740

Carl Racine: and

28

00:04:33.870 --> 00:04:44.610

Carl Racine: In watching that again, I was reminded of the centrality of the exodus story for the understanding of the scriptures we talked about this when we talked about.

29

00:04:45.240 --> 00:04:56.550

Carl Racine: Reverend king and and rabbi heschel, and I emphasize how important that was and how that's kind of been lost from our understanding, especially of the New Testament.

30

00:04:57.570 --> 00:05:10.860

Carl Racine: And I was reminded watching the black church of it's just struck me again that it really has been a gift of the black church to America.

31

00:05:11.670 --> 00:05:23.490

Carl Racine: to remind America to remind the American Church of the centrality of that story of the exodus story for understanding, who God is and who god's people are.

32

00:05:25.020 --> 00:05:27.750

Carl Racine: So I think that also.

33

00:05:28.860 --> 00:05:34.980

Carl Racine: comes through over and over again in both in in Reverend Martin Luther King.

34

00:05:36.240 --> 00:05:38.550

Carl Racine: And in what we've been talking about.

35

00:05:40.290 --> 00:05:40.710

Carl Racine: Now.

36

00:05:43.710 --> 00:05:44.790

Carl Racine: Last week.

37

00:05:46.590 --> 00:06:02.940

Carl Racine: We began talking about one of the other sayings from pure care vote and we're going to discuss it more at length and we just began looking at it and taking it apart and trying to understand it and sister Carol if we can see slide number six again.

38

00:06:05.940 --> 00:06:06.540

Carl Racine: Please.

39

00:06:33.210 --> 00:06:34.860

Carl Racine: Okay, so there's the quote.

40

00:06:36.300 --> 00:06:41.820

Carl Racine: any dispute, for the sake of heaven will have enduring value.

41

00:06:42.960 --> 00:06:48.240

Carl Racine: But any dispute, not for the sake of heaven will not have enduring value.

42

00:06:49.740 --> 00:06:56.070

Carl Racine: What is an example of a dispute, for the sake of heaven the dispute between hillel and shama.

43

00:06:57.750 --> 00:07:03.840

Carl Racine: What is the example of one, not for the sake of heaven the dispute of Cora and all his company.

44

00:07:05.040 --> 00:07:08.490

Carl Racine: And we look last week at the core story and numbers, the.

45

00:07:09.540 --> 00:07:23.130

Carl Racine: The argument about leadership with Moses and we'll come back to that again, but I want to turn now to talk a little bit about who Hill and shamma are as a way of understanding what's being said here.

46

00:07:25.110 --> 00:07:32.640

Carl Racine: hillel and sham I were both rabbis and they were both leaders of what we're called houses of study.

47

00:07:33.870 --> 00:07:38.820

Carl Racine: Which means something like schools that trained other.

48

00:07:40.170 --> 00:07:44.550

Carl Racine: Students in the scriptures, in other words, they had disciples.

49

00:07:45.900 --> 00:07:49.920

Carl Racine: They were teachers and they had their followers who then continued their teaching.

50

00:07:51.090 --> 00:08:05.010

Carl Racine: Both of them were older contemporaries of Jesus hillel they don't know the exact dates for them, but hillel died around 10 ad when Jesus would have been about 15 years old.

51

00:08:05.580 --> 00:08:11.820

Carl Racine: and share my diet around 30 ad right when Jesus was beginning his Public Ministry.

52

00:08:12.630 --> 00:08:30.600

Carl Racine: So, even though we don't have any evidence for it it's really intriguing to imagine the young Jesus the 12 year old Jesus debating in the temple with one or more or no one or both of these revered teachers, because they were alive and they were there.

53

00:08:32.160 --> 00:08:43.020

Carl Racine: And even more probable in his adult ministry Jesus certainly probably would have come into contact with some of their students.

54

00:08:43.410 --> 00:08:55.080

Carl Racine: And even more, certainly as we will see Jesus was interacting with their teaching in his own thinking about the scriptures they were part of the dialogue that Jesus was engaged in.

55

00:08:57.900 --> 00:09:14.580

Carl Racine: Now, as the saying here for mission of indicates shama and hillel tend to be paired together in rabbinic disputes about the law, most of the rabbi's that you run into in the in all of the different literature, the Talmud and the rest of them.

56

00:09:16.140 --> 00:09:21.840

Carl Racine: are just individuals but hillel and sham I somehow seem to go together.

57

00:09:23.070 --> 00:09:43.260

Carl Racine: And because they're kind of on opposite sides, most of the time and, in general, share my is thought to be a more narrow or strict interpreter of the laws, while hillel is seen as more broad minded more permissive.

58

00:09:44.580 --> 00:09:46.920

Carl Racine: If we could go to slide number eight, please.

59

00:09:49.740 --> 00:09:50.250

Carl Racine: One more.

60

00:09:52.290 --> 00:09:53.340

Carl Racine: There we go Thank you.

61

00:09:54.570 --> 00:09:59.310

Carl Racine: For example of this difference in interpretation.

62

00:10:00.750 --> 00:10:06.960

Carl Racine: When they discuss the proper posture in which to say morning and evening prayers.

63

00:10:08.130 --> 00:10:22.080

Carl Racine: shamma teaches that everyone should do it the same way in the evening all should recline so you're going to bed, the last thing you do is you're laying in bed is say your prayers the shema especially.

64

00:10:22.710 --> 00:10:31.500

Carl Racine: But in the morning, they should stand up, so you get out of bed in the morning to pray and everybody should do this but, in contrast, hillel teaches.

65

00:10:31.800 --> 00:10:47.370

Carl Racine: They may recite it everyone in his own way, in other words it doesn't matter whatever you're more comfortable with as long

as you say your prayers so that's a more, shall we say, liberal and understanding of valon everybody has to do the same exact thing.

66

00:10:48.990 --> 00:11:05.580

Carl Racine: And in general hills teachings would be followed by the later tradition and he's considered the most important Rabbi of his era of his time and, interestingly enough he's also credited with inventing the sandwich.

67

00:11:06.630 --> 00:11:15.240

Carl Racine: and Jews still make what they call the hillel sandwich at the Passover seder and you can see a picture of this here on your screen.

68

00:11:16.890 --> 00:11:27.030

Carl Racine: it's two pieces of matzah the unleavened bread, with a haro set, which is a sort of sweet mixture of usually have chopped.

69

00:11:28.110 --> 00:11:37.860

Carl Racine: Apples with sometimes with dates and raisins and spices and sweet wine all mixed together a kind of chutney or relish that would have been eaten with the meal.

70

00:11:38.340 --> 00:11:50.670

Carl Racine: And then the bitter herbs or horseradish which is sometimes substituted for the bitter herbs, so you have the sweet, and you have the bitter all together and the unleavened bread is a kind of.

71

00:11:52.050 --> 00:11:59.850

Carl Racine: savory experience of the exodus from Egypt, which was both sweet and bitter.

72

00:12:00.960 --> 00:12:03.780

Carl Racine: And so they hillel say it.

73

00:12:05.040 --> 00:12:06.270

Carl Racine: is still a part of the.

74

00:12:06.270 --> 00:12:07.860

Carl Racine: Passover seder for.

75

00:12:07.860 --> 00:12:08.790

Carl Racine: A lot of Jews.

76

00:12:12.030 --> 00:12:25.200

Carl Racine: scholars often compare hillel to Jesus, and a lot of trees have been sacrificed on the altar of academic scholarship seeking to analyze the connections between hillel and Jesus we've seen.

77

00:12:25.950 --> 00:12:35.310

Carl Racine: A while ago in this class that a version of the golden rule was attributed to hillel he said what is hateful to you do not do to another, rather than.

78

00:12:36.690 --> 00:12:45.540

Carl Racine: Jesus phrases it more positively, but what is hateful to you do not do to another, that is the whole Torah and the rest is commentary go and learn.

79

00:12:47.070 --> 00:12:57.390

Carl Racine: But we saw when we looked at that that this idea of the golden rule ideas not unique either to Jesus or hillel but is wasn't commonplace in ancient moral teaching.

80

00:13:00.120 --> 00:13:13.710

Carl Racine: hills also been compared to Jesus because Jesus is thought to be more lenient in his interpretation of Torah has was hillel, but I have argued before that Jesus cannot be so easily pigeonholed.

81

00:13:15.300 --> 00:13:27.630

Carl Racine: At times Jesus does seem to take a more relaxed view of a particular topic like Sabbath observance, as we saw but at other times Jesus affirms a more narrow view.

82

00:13:29.370 --> 00:13:47.970

Carl Racine: It was precisely in Jesus day that shama raised an objection to the commonly held idea that a husband could divorce, his wife, for almost any reason, that was a view held by hillel a more liberal view sham I said no.

83

00:13:49.140 --> 00:14:02.430

Carl Racine: And the debate centered on this verse from Torah deuteronomy 24 one that you see on your screen that speaks of a man divorcing his wife, because he has found a shameful thing in her.

84

00:14:03.930 --> 00:14:16.860

Carl Racine: And that's a very vague phrase, so the question is, what does that mean hillel interpreted that phrase broadly to mean anything offensive to the husband even burning his food.

85

00:14:18.060 --> 00:14:27.870

Carl Racine: sham I argued very conservatively that the only valid reason for divorce was some sort of sexual misconduct adultery or.

86

00:14:29.700 --> 00:14:41.130

Carl Racine: Something else like that, and in the Gospels Jesus takes the more strict interpretation that seems to side with shamma rather than with hillel.

87

00:14:43.560 --> 00:14:55.710

Carl Racine: Now what managed for our purposes is not to decide whether hill or G is hello, a sham or more like Jesus Jesus is more like one or the other but rather to demonstrate again that Jesus fits squarely.

88

00:14:56.220 --> 00:15:07.050

Carl Racine: into this first century rabbinic discussion of the scriptures Jesus is teaching teachings do not appear in a vacuum as something completely new and different.

89

00:15:07.590 --> 00:15:18.720

Carl Racine: but rather they are part of the ongoing Jewish debates and arguments about how God wants us to live and they have much in common with what other rabbis of his day were saying.

90

00:15:19.350 --> 00:15:28.830

Carl Racine: So, again to fully understand Jesus, we have to see him in this context of Jewish arguments arguments for the sake of heaven.

91

00:15:31.110 --> 00:15:51.240

Carl Racine: Now hillel his descendants were among the founders of

rabbinic Judaism, which is the Judaism that we know today that developed after the temple fell Saul of tarsus the Apostle Paul studied under hillel his grandson gemalto the first and X 22 three tells us this.

92

00:15:52.590 --> 00:16:13.620

Carl Racine: For the most part, that the tradition tended to follow the teachings of hillel, as I said, but at the same time it did preserve the dissenting voices, such as sham eyes and it is precisely that issue of debate and argument within Judaism, that I want to discuss more fully.

93

00:16:15.060 --> 00:16:20.670

Carl Racine: i'm going to pause there and let people comment or ask any questions about this.

94

00:16:24.540 --> 00:16:38.010

Susan Racine: This is not about Hello share my, but when we spoke before you were saying that hillel was lenient because the he didn't want all divorced women to be viewed as.

95

00:16:39.090 --> 00:16:43.800

Susan Racine: shameful and having committed some horrendous crime against their husband.

96

00:16:45.900 --> 00:16:46.410

Carl Racine: um.

97

00:16:46.920 --> 00:16:47.460

Carl Racine: yeah we'll.

98

00:16:47.490 --> 00:16:59.400

Carl Racine: we'll talk about that in a minute that's a sort of modern idea about what might have been going through his mind of why he would have had such a shockingly.

99

00:17:01.350 --> 00:17:06.150

Carl Racine: loose understanding of divorce or reasons for divorce.

100

00:17:09.630 --> 00:17:14.610

Carl Racine: amy Jo levine thinks that's a modern rationalization and

that that that isn't.

101

00:17:16.290 --> 00:17:26.550

Carl Racine: That isn't legitimate The bottom line is we don't know it's one sort of generous way of understanding what hillel says we'll talk about that in a minute.

102

00:17:27.570 --> 00:17:33.420

Carl Racine: we're going to talk about divorce issue more when when look at Jesus as well and that.

103

00:17:43.680 --> 00:17:44.580

Carole Copeland Thomas: Okay um.

104

00:17:45.900 --> 00:17:59.490

Carole Copeland Thomas: would be interested to learn more about the comparison with is that shamma or hill hillel with Jesus because they were contemporaries during that same time.

105

00:18:00.090 --> 00:18:04.950

Carl Racine: Well they're both contemporaries hillel is usually compared more to Jesus number one because of.

106

00:18:05.700 --> 00:18:26.310

Carl Racine: saying something like the golden rule and number two because his interpretations tended to be more lenient and Jesus is looked at as being more lenient but as we're going to see both both here in this discussion, and in the next section of our class when we talk about crime and punishment.

107

00:18:27.330 --> 00:18:34.260

Carl Racine: Jesus wasn't always so lenient and that's Jesus is it's got a more complex.

108

00:18:36.270 --> 00:18:38.490

Carl Racine: approach to the scriptures.

109

00:18:39.030 --> 00:18:39.420

Bill Hughes: What.

110

00:18:39.450 --> 00:18:41.160
Bill Hughes: We sometimes go for a walk.

111
00:18:44.370 --> 00:18:51.390
Carl Racine: But you know, again, the question of influence or or how much they knew of each other.

112
00:18:52.710 --> 00:19:11.640
Carl Racine: We we simply don't have any historical records for that, but what we do know is that they were talking about some of the same issues and I give this divorce as as a particular example of one of the issues that Jesus actually talks about in ways that are quite similar to share my.

113
00:19:14.010 --> 00:19:25.650
Carl Racine: Jesus doesn't really talk about how you should say your prayers normally that the thing about saying your prayers is normally Jewish people said prayer standing up.

114
00:19:29.250 --> 00:19:41.010
Carl Racine: And so the question was Is that what you always have to do, but if you're going to bed, can you say your prayers and bed, and that kind of thing and hillel says sure if you want to that's fine.

115
00:19:42.630 --> 00:19:45.180
Carl Racine: and share my says nobody's gonna do it the same exact way.

116
00:19:48.720 --> 00:19:52.920
Carl Racine: But we don't really know if they actually ever met.

117
00:19:54.480 --> 00:20:00.000
Carl Racine: But, as I say, because it's not they weren't just to individuals but they founded these schools.

118
00:20:00.000 --> 00:20:07.350
Carl Racine: Of of thinking their disciples their followers would have.

119
00:20:07.770 --> 00:20:24.600
Carl Racine: engaged in conversation with Jesus Jesus would have been

aware of at least some of their teachings because he was interested in that sort of stuff and they as people who were interested in how to understand Torah would have been interested in talking to Jesus about it.

120

00:20:25.890 --> 00:20:43.500

Carl Racine: Some of the pharisees who came and talked to Jesus may well have been followers of one of one or the other of these rabbis and, as we saw hillel his grandson was actually paul's teacher Saul of tarsus had him as his rabbinic teacher.

121

00:20:44.940 --> 00:20:56.040

Carl Racine: So there are connect again it's just to show how closely connected early Christians were with what's essentially early Judaism.

122

00:20:57.000 --> 00:21:00.750

Susan Racine: Where they pharisees these guys share mine hillel do we know.

123

00:21:01.110 --> 00:21:05.820

Carl Racine: Well that's that's one of those debates that again.

124

00:21:08.040 --> 00:21:18.180

Carl Racine: Nobody has exact it's one of those things you can find lots of scholarly articles about they were certainly people.

125

00:21:18.960 --> 00:21:30.480

Carl Racine: Who, if they had to be categorized by a label in the first century Judaism would have fit in the fantasy camp, yes, they were not sad just ease, they were not scenes.

126

00:21:31.020 --> 00:21:35.400

Carl Racine: They were not zealots they were not any of the other Jewish groups that we know about.

127

00:21:35.940 --> 00:21:41.370

Carl Racine: Whether they consider themselves pharisees as opposed to one of those other groups it's not clear.

128

00:21:41.760 --> 00:21:55.170

Carl Racine: But the the pharisees are the forerunners of rabbinic

Judaism so and Paul considered himself a therapy so so at least by the time you get the hills Branson you have somebody who's thought of is a fantasy.

129

00:21:55.650 --> 00:22:01.260

Carl Racine: And and and gemalto actually appears in the in the book of acts in another place he's the one who argues.

130

00:22:02.910 --> 00:22:10.500

Carl Racine: That the sand hadrian's should leave the Christians alone that if this movement is from God they shouldn't oppose it, and if it's not from God it will fail.

131

00:22:11.730 --> 00:22:14.700

Carl Racine: And that sounds very much like something hillel would have said.

132

00:22:16.140 --> 00:22:17.250

Carl Racine: From what we know about him.

133

00:22:19.200 --> 00:22:27.900

Carl Racine: So the the the sort of short answer is yeah they probably were pharisees or at least very close to what the pharisees are saying.

134

00:22:37.380 --> 00:22:38.700

Carl Racine: Okay now.

135

00:22:40.110 --> 00:22:48.270

Carl Racine: What does it mean that the debates between the houses of hillel and shamma were arguments for the sake of heaven.

136

00:22:49.980 --> 00:22:57.030

Carl Racine: The Talmud contains a fascinating pronouncement about this, and if we could move on to the next slide please.

137

00:23:02.130 --> 00:23:09.060

Carl Racine: And the word bait there in Hebrew is just the Hebrew word for house which just means the school of mines school of school.

138

00:23:11.850 --> 00:23:27.060

Carl Racine: For three years the House of shamma and the House of Hillel disagreed these said, the legal ruling the Holocaust authoritative interpretation and understanding and application of Torah.

139

00:23:27.600 --> 00:23:34.050

Carl Racine: legal ruling is in accordance with our teaching and those said, the legal ruling is in accordance with our teaching.

140

00:23:35.250 --> 00:23:46.110

Carl Racine: And notice again that I pointed out, this is an ongoing debate, not simply between two individuals but between two groups of followers two groups of disciples two groups of students.

141

00:23:48.210 --> 00:23:56.970

Carl Racine: A divine voice emerged and proclaimed both these, and those are the words of the living God.

142

00:23:58.770 --> 00:24:04.680

Carl Racine: However, the legal ruling is in accordance with the House of Hillel.

143

00:24:06.990 --> 00:24:15.240

Carl Racine: Now this is not only an astonishing affirmation of Hillel teaching, which, as I said, was tended to be followed in the later tradition.

144

00:24:16.890 --> 00:24:31.470

Carl Racine: But more astonishing in terms of the point that I want to explore here is this idea that, even though they disagreed and taught different things, both rabbis were speaking God's word.

145

00:24:33.750 --> 00:24:38.520

Carl Racine: And yet, only one of them can actually be followed and practiced.

146

00:24:42.030 --> 00:24:46.830

Carl Racine: I want you to just hold that in your mind for a little bit because we're going to come back to that.

147

00:24:47.850 --> 00:24:49.950

Carl Racine: Now, if we go to the next slide please.

148

00:24:51.150 --> 00:25:05.040

Carl Racine: The passage the same passage goes on to ask, since both these, and those are words of the living God Why were the delights privileged to have the legal ruling established in accordance with their teaching.

149

00:25:06.960 --> 00:25:15.450

Carl Racine: Because they were kindly and modest because they studied not only their own rulings, but also those of bit shy my.

150

00:25:16.650 --> 00:25:21.930

Carl Racine: And because they taught the words a bit shy before their own.

151

00:25:23.970 --> 00:25:35.640

Carl Racine: In other words, it wasn't just what hillel said that mattered it was also his attitude of humility and kindness that gave force to his teaching.

152

00:25:36.960 --> 00:25:49.620

Carl Racine: And that attitude demonstrated itself, not only in his personal demeanor but also in his willingness to consider and think about and even teach opposing viewpoints.

153

00:25:51.420 --> 00:26:11.460

Carl Racine: And then, this passage ends with a general principle that they derive from this, this is to teach you that anyone who humbles himself the Holy one blessed be he exalts him and anyone who exalts himself the Holy one blessed be he humbles him.

154

00:26:13.020 --> 00:26:15.540

Carl Racine: And where we heard something like that, before.

155

00:26:17.040 --> 00:26:17.400

Carl Racine: Right.

156

00:26:19.590 --> 00:26:20.310

Carole Copeland Thomas: Jesus.

157

00:26:20.580 --> 00:26:21.660

Carl Racine: yeah exactly.

158

00:26:22.230 --> 00:26:23.430

Carl Racine: This is in the Talmud.

159

00:26:25.470 --> 00:26:32.700

Carl Racine: So we saw in an earlier quote from the pure K of last week, it says that the world stands on three things Torah.

160

00:26:33.120 --> 00:26:43.050

Carl Racine: divine worship or service and acts of loving kindness acts of has said this word that we've looked at before that sometimes translated steadfast love as well.

161

00:26:43.950 --> 00:26:58.140

Carl Racine: And rabbi Norman lamb says that these three things function as a kind of three legged stool supporting the world and, if one of the legs is weak, the stool won't hold.

162

00:26:59.100 --> 00:27:09.780

Carl Racine: So, has said steadfast love acts of loving kindness is an essential aspect of our service to God and our study of Torah.

163

00:27:10.470 --> 00:27:24.120

Carl Racine: debate and argument about the Bible are an important and necessary element in the Jewish community but rabbi lamb says that debate becomes corrupt and ineffective it if it is not done, with a healthy dose of has said.

164

00:27:24.810 --> 00:27:41.310

Carl Racine: And he cites a passage in the Talmud that comments on this first from proverbs 31:26 that you see on your screen, this is from the the famous passage in proverbs about the exemplary woman.

165

00:27:42.540 --> 00:27:57.360

Carl Racine: And one of the many things it says about her is she opens her mouth with wisdom and in her tongue is the law of kindness or literally the Torah of has said she has a Torah of hesitant on her tongue.

166

00:27:59.130 --> 00:28:08.100

Carl Racine: Love kindness teaching of kindness is fine as a translation, but the rabbi's take this literally an argue that if there's a Torah of kindness.

167

00:28:08.460 --> 00:28:25.320

Carl Racine: There can also be a Torah of unkindness a Torah that is without has said so, just as there can be selfish and destructive ways of studying and debating using Torah there can also be loving and constructive ways.

168

00:28:27.300 --> 00:28:30.330

Carl Racine: So there can be a Torah that is used in.

169

00:28:34.380 --> 00:28:35.010

Carl Racine: In.

170

00:28:36.030 --> 00:28:45.810

Carl Racine: can think of the word in unloving ways, you can use the Bible in very unloving ways, or you can use it in loving and constructive ways.

171

00:28:46.470 --> 00:29:05.070

Carl Racine: And the Talmud here in talking about house of hillel on house of shamma it says that the House of hillel prevailed, not simply by the force of its arguments because there's was a Torah of kindness a Torah of humility, a Torah of love.

172

00:29:06.570 --> 00:29:11.040

Carl Racine: And i'm going to pause again there and and have people make comments or ask questions.

173

00:29:23.790 --> 00:29:26.190

Carl Racine: You have to unmute yourself if you actually want to speak.

174

00:29:30.720 --> 00:29:38.910

Susan Racine: we've definitely seen how scripture can be used to oppress and shame people.

175

00:29:42.720 --> 00:29:45.060

Susan Racine: Maybe not Torah but maybe New Testament.

176

00:29:49.530 --> 00:29:52.680

car ol hovey: scriptures will be used to justify.

177

00:29:53.730 --> 00:29:56.040

car ol hovey: A lot good and bad.

178

00:29:58.500 --> 00:29:58.860

Carl Racine: Right.

179

00:30:09.960 --> 00:30:10.470

Carl Racine: Okay.

180

00:30:13.080 --> 00:30:14.160

Carl Racine: Well, maybe.

181

00:30:16.650 --> 00:30:21.000

Carl Racine: we'll move on, then maybe this is very clear to me it's clear but.

182

00:30:22.680 --> 00:30:23.940

Carl Racine: stuff we're thinking about.

183

00:30:25.740 --> 00:30:32.550

Carl Racine: And and, interestingly, in this debate, specifically in this debate between hillel and shama about divorce.

184

00:30:33.750 --> 00:30:38.640

Carl Racine: Although Hillary won the debate in the sense of the rabbi's tended to follow his ruling.

185

00:30:38.970 --> 00:30:47.670

Carl Racine: shama his words were not forgotten or ignored and, as time went on the rabbi's chipped away at the husband's absolute right to divorce and added more and more restrictions.

186

00:30:48.360 --> 00:31:01.800

Carl Racine: To what he might claim is grounds for divorce, because they recognize the sham is teaching wasn't was in some sense also god's word the divorce is not a good thing, and must not be practiced indiscriminately.

187

00:31:02.820 --> 00:31:17.400

Carl Racine: So they preserve the debate, not to say that hillel was right and sham, I was wrong, but rather to allow the words of both teachers to continue to stimulate thought and reflection on a very complex issue.

188

00:31:18.330 --> 00:31:32.700

Carl Racine: In order to hear and accept hills view, one has to also listen to sham eyes and think about why he argued the way he did, and that was because both teachers were arguing for the sake of heaven.

189

00:31:35.130 --> 00:31:37.200

Carl Racine: Now the personal note.

190

00:31:39.600 --> 00:31:46.140

Carl Racine: This is something I I have studied a lot, because when I was in seminary a long time ago.

191

00:31:49.980 --> 00:31:53.430

Carl Racine: 74 it would have been.

192

00:31:55.860 --> 00:32:06.300

Carl Racine: I was assigned the whole class was the New Testament classes assigned to write a research paper on this, this whole issue in the New Testament that to the passages in the New Testament it talks about divorce.

193

00:32:08.460 --> 00:32:14.100

Carl Racine: and come up with some sort of understanding of what the New Testament teaches about divorce.

194

00:32:15.630 --> 00:32:22.560

Carl Racine: So I had to study all of this and study all of these passages, and I was intrigued by a number of things.

195

00:32:23.580 --> 00:32:31.290

Carl Racine: When I when I did this study, first the Jesus didn't sound as liberal as many Christians were claiming him to be.

196

00:32:33.180 --> 00:32:38.730

Carl Racine: Jesus took a pretty hard line on the issue of divorce and on a lot of others that we will look at.

197

00:32:39.960 --> 00:32:42.420

Carl Racine: In the next section of this class.

198

00:32:43.980 --> 00:32:47.700

Carl Racine: Jesus didn't necessarily make the law easier for people to follow.

199

00:32:49.620 --> 00:33:00.750

Carl Racine: Second, I was fascinated to learn, and this is where I first learned about hillel and sham either Jewish rabbis in Jesus day were debating the issues and the issue in similar terms.

200

00:33:01.770 --> 00:33:14.430

Carl Racine: I had been taught to think of Jesus as unique bringing divine teaching from on high the challenge all of those misguided and hypocritical Jewish teachers around him and demonstrated how poorly they understood the scriptures.

201

00:33:14.940 --> 00:33:29.340

Carl Racine: But here's Jesus is agreeing with the House of shamma and like a good Jewish rabbi he argues his interpretation of one verse in Torah this verse from deuteronomy by quoting another verse in Torah genesis 224 that says, for this reason.

202

00:33:31.140 --> 00:33:38.400

Carl Racine: A man shall leave leave his his parents and cleave to his wife and the two shall become one flesh.

203

00:33:40.680 --> 00:33:53.700

Carl Racine: This is my first view of the Jesus that was completely different from the one I had been taught in church a Jewish Jesus, who was not at odds with Judaism, but very much a part of it.

204

00:33:56.040 --> 00:34:06.750

Carl Racine: And it also in thinking about the issue and and thinking about Jesus teaching and and thinking about hillel it puzzled me that such a well respected rabbi like hillel.

205

00:34:07.230 --> 00:34:23.100

Carl Racine: should be so loose when it came to the law, particularly because I had been led to believe that all those Jewish pharisees were strict legal lists How could a thoughtful rabbi be so casual in his attitude towards divorce, which, when I was growing up was a cardinal sin.

206

00:34:26.190 --> 00:34:39.390

Carl Racine: Most commentators looking at hillel comments put this down to the blatant sexism of a patriarchal society that gave a man free reign with respect to his wife, he could treat her as a piece of property.

207

00:34:40.590 --> 00:35:00.810

Carl Racine: And perhaps that was true I thought, but in my day the Catholic Church had always taking a hard line stance opposing any sort of divorce and their exam their leadership is not exactly is not exactly an example of woke egalitarianism.

208

00:35:03.660 --> 00:35:16.230

Carl Racine: So I was puzzled by it and and, more recently, as Susan indicated some people have even argue that hillel was trying to protect a woman's reputation by not branding a divorced woman automatically as an adulterous.

209

00:35:16.440 --> 00:35:22.980

Carl Racine: If adultery, is the only reason for divorce, then every divorced woman is going to walk around with the scarlet letter on her.

210

00:35:24.270 --> 00:35:25.020

Carl Racine: chest.

211

00:35:26.130 --> 00:35:36.000

Carl Racine: But as I said, amy look jovian thinks this is a modern rationalization trying to come to terms with a ruling on scriptures that is horrifying to us.

212

00:35:37.350 --> 00:35:50.760

Carl Racine: But as I said, we can't presume to know exactly what was in his mind on this issue, because we only have his words and in he may have been wrong, but the fact that those words were preserved in the context of a debate.

213

00:35:51.180 --> 00:36:04.950

Carl Racine: means that we're forced to look at both sides of the issue and, from time to time, we may see things in a whole new light because of the rabbi's insisting that both these, and those are the words of the living God.

214

00:36:07.260 --> 00:36:20.100

Carl Racine: And, as I discovered in this study in in the seminary class the Bible itself contains more than one perspective on divorce, and if we could move to slide 11 please.

215

00:36:25.050 --> 00:36:32.880

Carl Racine: Apart from this verse in deuteronomy, which is the only place where divorces mentioned specifically in the law of Moses.

216

00:36:35.280 --> 00:36:36.150

Carl Racine: Ezra.

217

00:36:37.500 --> 00:36:54.840

Carl Racine: In the Book of Ezra chapter 10 after the Jews, the DNS have returned from Babylonian exile, he forces the do DNS who have intermarried with non Jews to divorce their spouses he makes them get divorced.

218

00:36:56.100 --> 00:37:07.470

Carl Racine: and his rationale is that that the non Jewish spouse will lead them astray lead them into idolatry which had been a big problem before the exile.

219

00:37:08.970 --> 00:37:09.420

Carl Racine: So.

220

00:37:10.590 --> 00:37:20.880

Carl Racine: Despite the fact that there may have been some good reasons that that particular historical moment for this most people read that story and Ezra 10 as a pretty harsh thing to do.

221

00:37:21.630 --> 00:37:30.150

Carl Racine: and, interestingly enough, the Prophet Malik hi who is writing roughly at the same time that Ezra is doing this.

222

00:37:31.710 --> 00:37:43.470

Carl Racine: takes a completely different point of view on this, he says, I hate Divorce is the Lord the God of Israel to divorce your wife is to overwhelm her with cruelty says the Lord of heavens armies.

223

00:37:43.950 --> 00:37:54.990

Carl Racine: So guard your heart, do not be unfaithful to your wife and some scholars have even seen Malik is essentially commenting on what Ezra did.

224

00:37:58.950 --> 00:38:06.210

Carl Racine: In some of the Gospel passages Jesus seems to prohibit divorce entirely.

225

00:38:08.220 --> 00:38:09.600

Carl Racine: In mark 10.

226

00:38:13.290 --> 00:38:17.100

Carl Racine: God Jesus just says flat out no divorce.

227

00:38:18.210 --> 00:38:26.430

Carl Racine: But in other passages in Matthew 19 for example here in your screen Jesus allows for an exception.

228

00:38:28.980 --> 00:38:50.220

Carl Racine: The apostle Paul affirms a general principle in first Corinthians seven that Christians should not get divorced, but he continues on his own authority and he makes this clear, interestingly enough to the married I give this command not I, but the Lord, but then he goes on to say.

229

00:38:51.270 --> 00:39:02.190

Carl Racine: I give this command, not the Lord in the rest of the passage he allows an exception for a situation that's not considered by Jesus but that's closer to Ezra was.

230

00:39:02.640 --> 00:39:12.540

Carl Racine: situation, the marriage between a Christian and non Christian if and he's writing to Gentile so let's assume you have a married couple.

231

00:39:13.440 --> 00:39:25.200

Carl Racine: One of them becomes a Christian the Christianity produces friction in the marriage and the non Christian spouse wants to get a divorce or maybe even the Christian spouse.

232

00:39:26.580 --> 00:39:35.700

Carl Racine: Paul tells the Christian spouse to stay together that the spouses Christian faith actually makes the marriage holy and makes the the children holy.

233

00:39:36.420 --> 00:39:53.220

Carl Racine: But if it's simply not possible and the other spouse wants to leave pauses that's okay try to stay together, but this is an issue that if it breaks up the marriage that's an unfortunate thing, but he says that's okay.

234

00:39:54.990 --> 00:40:13.230

Carl Racine: So what we see here, and all these passes and I don't get along debate about divorce, but what we see is that neither the Bible nor its interpreters have been able to come up with a final definitive teaching about divorce, and that was sort of the conclusion in in in my class.

235

00:40:15.030 --> 00:40:24.780

Carl Racine: That the Bible just speaks with more than one divorce one one voice on the issue of divorce and that that debate continues into our day.

236

00:40:28.200 --> 00:40:36.270

Carl Racine: So, just like the rabbi's you have more than one teaching in the scripture itself comments questions.

237

00:40:38.880 --> 00:40:39.930

Carole Copeland Thomas: So.

238

00:40:42.330 --> 00:40:48.360

Carole Copeland Thomas: I know we have to think about this in terms of first century dynamics and socialization.

239

00:40:50.280 --> 00:41:01.650

Carole Copeland Thomas: Was there any consideration that perhaps the man was the guilty party and maybe that.

240

00:41:03.000 --> 00:41:12.540

Carole Copeland Thomas: is responsible for the different viewpoints or was it all one sided and the woman was always the guilty party.

241

00:41:17.430 --> 00:41:22.020

Carl Racine: Again, the only verse in the whole of Torah.

242

00:41:23.040 --> 00:41:27.690

Carl Racine: That speaks about Divorce is that one verse or there may be more than one verse.

243

00:41:27.720 --> 00:41:53.100

Carl Racine: That in in deuteronomy 24 and it, the purpose of that it's it's a very narrow law, it does not regulate divorce, it does not command divorce, it simply says a series of ifs, if this happens, and if this happens, and if this happens, so if a husband divorces, his wife, essentially, and then.

244

00:41:54.240 --> 00:42:10.050

Carl Racine: The wife goes and gets remarried and then she gets a divorce, she can't come back and marry her first husband again that's the only law about divorce and the whole of the law of Moses is prohibiting essentially a.

245

00:42:11.790 --> 00:42:29.640

Carl Racine: Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton scenario it's a very narrow thing it is not at all come up with a comprehensive understanding of divorce, but as far as we know, in the Old Testament period, a woman, a Jewish woman could not divorce her husband.

246

00:42:31.770 --> 00:42:35.790

Carl Racine: The husband could give you the wife, a divorce and the woman could make.

247

00:42:37.230 --> 00:42:38.250

Carl Racine: can make things.

248

00:42:39.330 --> 00:42:44.400

Carl Racine: uncomfortable enough for the husband that he might want to give her divorce, but she didn't have the legal right.

249

00:42:44.760 --> 00:43:05.250

Carl Racine: In Jesus day of the Roman Empire, a woman could divorce her husband and the gospel of mark actually reflects that understanding that that either spouse could divorce, the other end and Paul is certainly operating in the Gentile world on that same principle so at least by by Jesus day.

250

00:43:06.600 --> 00:43:07.920

Carl Racine: There was a different.

251

00:43:10.290 --> 00:43:15.000

Carl Racine: Culture it's not so much a matter of who's responsible.

252

00:43:16.320 --> 00:43:19.860

Carl Racine: But who has a right to initiate the divorce.

253

00:43:21.000 --> 00:43:27.960

Carole Copeland Thomas: Was there was there a level of polygamy in Judaism at that time or with early Christianity.

254

00:43:30.810 --> 00:43:35.220

Carl Racine: Well there's clearly polygamy in the Old Testament, and this is a very.

255

00:43:36.810 --> 00:43:39.300

Carl Racine: difficult subject for some Christians to accept.

256

00:43:41.400 --> 00:43:42.960

Carl Racine: And i've i've known.

257

00:43:44.430 --> 00:43:54.630

Carl Racine: People who, when they became i've known of people who, when they became Christians and were had more than one wife were

forced by Christian missionaries to to.

258

00:43:55.710 --> 00:44:00.630

Carl Racine: abandon one of their wives, which is not necessarily a loving thing to do.

259

00:44:04.620 --> 00:44:10.740

Carl Racine: The the sense that you get about it in the Old Testament is that it causes a lot of problems.

260

00:44:12.090 --> 00:44:31.890

Carl Racine: But since we know that there are plenty of problems in monogamous marriages that's not necessarily an argument against polygamy by Jesus day only wealthy people and, probably, in general, only wealthy people could afford to have more than one wife.

261

00:44:35.400 --> 00:44:50.310

Carl Racine: So you see rulers like Herod having multiple wives, but you don't see ordinary people having one wife and I don't know when the rabbi's I think the rabbi's at some point later on sort of say that.

262

00:44:52.560 --> 00:44:56.130

Carl Racine: monogamous marriages or the or the or the rule.

263

00:44:58.830 --> 00:44:59.280

Carl Racine: But.

264

00:45:00.300 --> 00:45:02.250

Carl Racine: polygamy was at least.

265

00:45:03.810 --> 00:45:10.440

Carl Racine: Legal in Jesus day but not widely practiced certainly not widely practiced in amongst Jews.

266

00:45:19.050 --> 00:45:20.910

car ol hovey: Looking at sister wives.

267

00:45:22.020 --> 00:45:26.670

car ol hovey: That shares a lot of light of the challenges of

polygamy.

268

00:45:31.530 --> 00:45:32.130

Carl Racine: mean it.

269

00:45:40.530 --> 00:45:44.880

Carl Racine: It can have a certain positive social function.

270

00:45:47.070 --> 00:45:47.820

Carl Racine: If.

271

00:45:49.920 --> 00:45:59.640

Carl Racine: You live in a society such as an ancient Israel, where there was virtually no place for an unmarried woman.

272

00:46:02.070 --> 00:46:06.780

Carl Racine: She had she economically she was on her own.

273

00:46:10.560 --> 00:46:19.980

Carl Racine: being married offered her level of protection of economic security, both for her and her children that she couldn't otherwise have.

274

00:46:23.370 --> 00:46:24.060

Carl Racine: and

275

00:46:25.860 --> 00:46:27.450

Carl Racine: When I was in Mexico.

276

00:46:28.890 --> 00:46:36.960

Carl Racine: We had this situation arise in our church on a bunch of occasions, not just a one off thing.

277

00:46:38.460 --> 00:46:44.040

Carl Racine: Where we had women in the Church, who were second wives.

278

00:46:47.130 --> 00:46:47.820

Carl Racine: To a man.

279

00:46:50.130 --> 00:47:06.810

Carl Racine: And that polygamy wasn't legal in Mexico, but what men would do was would simply be defined a friend who was a judge or who could pretend to be a judge and go through a fake marriage ceremony in front of the judge.

280

00:47:08.070 --> 00:47:11.310

Carl Racine: and have two separate families.

281

00:47:12.420 --> 00:47:14.070

Carl Racine: And I knew people.

282

00:47:15.240 --> 00:47:22.350

Carl Racine: Who were I knew one family in particular tree good friends with one family, in particular where.

283

00:47:23.460 --> 00:47:27.990

Carl Racine: The wife had three daughters yeah three daughters.

284

00:47:29.070 --> 00:47:38.040

Carl Racine: and her husband was at home with her and the family on weekends and he had a whole other family somewhere else, I never met him.

285

00:47:39.090 --> 00:47:41.850

Carl Racine: He had a whole other family somewhere else, and they all knew about it.

286

00:47:44.040 --> 00:47:47.790

Carl Racine: But the question for us in the Church was.

287

00:47:48.810 --> 00:47:54.930

Carl Racine: do so these women come and they become a member of our church and want to be baptized do we baptize them.

288

00:47:55.980 --> 00:48:02.520

Carl Racine: Or do we tell them they have to leave their their their husband before they can be baptized.

289

00:48:03.780 --> 00:48:10.950

Carl Racine: Because to tell them that would be to throw their families out on the street, they were being supported by this man.

290

00:48:12.780 --> 00:48:24.960

Carl Racine: And so again, this is where interpreting the law gets interesting and talking about a love casita love loving kindness, as opposed to a lot of brutality.

291

00:48:26.340 --> 00:48:35.220

Carl Racine: If you're going to say, well, technically you're committing adultery by living with this man you can't we can't baptize adulterers, or you say.

292

00:48:36.270 --> 00:48:38.640

Carl Racine: The loving thing to do is say.

293

00:48:40.440 --> 00:48:43.260

Carl Racine: Given the circumstances, you're stuck.

294

00:48:44.310 --> 00:48:48.930

Carl Racine: And yes, we want to baptize you and bring you into the arms of the Church.

295

00:48:50.070 --> 00:48:59.880

Carl Racine: Now I suppose there would be more than those options the church could say we will take you under our financial wing and allow you to leave your husband and will support you.

296

00:49:01.830 --> 00:49:02.460

Carl Racine: But.

297

00:49:03.570 --> 00:49:06.660

Carl Racine: What do you are you taking the children away from their father.

298

00:49:08.850 --> 00:49:24.630

Carl Racine: We had to wrestle with those issues and and nobody came up with a great solution to it, but we certainly weren't going to tell those people that they were evil sinners and couldn't be part of our church, they were simply stuck in a situation.

299

00:49:29.280 --> 00:49:37.320

Carl Racine: That you know wasn't ideal, but other considerations have to come into play when you're thinking about such things.

300

00:49:40.050 --> 00:49:53.670

Carole Copeland Thomas: it's interesting that in one way, if I were to look at the other side and the validation of polygamy, is at least, it would make a man more transparent.

301

00:49:54.750 --> 00:50:06.960

Carole Copeland Thomas: And someone who, at least commits to the other woman versus the rampant nature of adultery, where there is no commitment and hypocrisy.

302

00:50:10.530 --> 00:50:14.970

Carl Racine: yeah absolutely and and the the particular cultural.

303

00:50:18.450 --> 00:50:22.110

Carl Racine: set of cultural values that was at play there in Mexico.

304

00:50:24.060 --> 00:50:28.560

Carl Racine: It wasn't just about having a mistress it wasn't just about having a sexual.

305

00:50:28.560 --> 00:50:51.630

Carl Racine: partner, it was about having more children because the the macho culture, you know, having children was a sign of your virility so it, you know a lot of cultures sort of tolerate men having a mistress on the side who is simply a sexual playmate.

306

00:50:53.760 --> 00:50:57.930

Carl Racine: But these families that i'm talking about that we knew.

307

00:50:59.850 --> 00:51:20.160

Carl Racine: The the what was going on was the fact that the man actually wanted to have a family have children with these women not simply you know, a mistress on the side and once children are brought into play there's you've got a whole other set of issues.

308

00:51:22.260 --> 00:51:25.080

Carl Racine: of moral issues that the church just.

309

00:51:26.940 --> 00:51:36.990

Carl Racine: Even the even the Bible doesn't directly speak to and that you have to figure out what does it mean what's the loving thing to do in this situation.

310

00:51:40.020 --> 00:51:50.010

Carole Copeland Thomas: it's interesting i'm watching all these international movies on netflix and I just watched one about a Bedouin family in southern Israel they're Muslim.

311

00:51:50.520 --> 00:52:12.270

Carole Copeland Thomas: The actual movie was written by an Israeli woman, but part of the plot was a man second marriage, because the first wife, who had four girls could not produce a male heir yeah and that was the reason for him, Mary and again this was this was relatively a modern movie.

312

00:52:16.170 --> 00:52:16.530

Bill Hughes: and

313

00:52:16.890 --> 00:52:31.560

Teresa Lammey: Now, in the verse before America 16 the last part of the test so be on your guard and do not be unfaithful to the wife of your youth.

314

00:52:33.480 --> 00:52:34.350

Teresa Lammey: So it's.

315

00:52:37.500 --> 00:52:38.910

Teresa Lammey: it's on the men as well.

316

00:52:40.320 --> 00:52:40.800

Teresa Lammey: I think.

317

00:52:43.380 --> 00:52:46.740

Carl Racine: yeah absolutely and we're going to talk the next.

318

00:52:48.180 --> 00:52:54.480

Carl Racine: After we get done with this thing about arguments for the sake of heaven, we need to go on to another section that i've entitled crime and punishment.

319

00:52:54.810 --> 00:53:04.230

Carl Racine: And we're talking about the women taken in adultery and the whole issue of adultery and crime and punishment and other aspects of the law, the Jesus addresses.

320

00:53:05.340 --> 00:53:10.980

Carl Racine: But the law of Moses when it talks about adultery.

321

00:53:11.880 --> 00:53:13.260

Carl Racine: makes it clear.

322

00:53:13.620 --> 00:53:17.730

Carl Racine: That was primarily address to the husband to the man.

323

00:53:18.870 --> 00:53:26.610

Carl Racine: The end both partners in the adultery, the adulterous man and the adulterous woman are to be put to death.

324

00:53:29.640 --> 00:53:33.060

Carl Racine: So there's no letting the man off for.

325

00:53:34.320 --> 00:53:36.150

Carl Racine: Sexual infidelity in marriage.

326

00:53:38.370 --> 00:53:40.560

Carl Racine: they're both equally responsible.

327

00:53:42.150 --> 00:53:46.350

Carl Racine: The two partners in the adulterous relationship are both held equally responsible.

328

00:53:48.660 --> 00:53:48.810

or.

329

00:53:50.520 --> 00:53:50.820

Bill Hughes: there's.

330

00:53:52.440 --> 00:53:54.450

Bill Hughes: Something that kind of came across my.

331

00:53:57.960 --> 00:54:06.120

Bill Hughes: Situation in the last few days and it's it's I think related to what we're talking about but it's it's slightly different.

332

00:54:07.410 --> 00:54:09.510

Bill Hughes: it's less on the personal level and more on the.

333

00:54:11.250 --> 00:54:13.500

Bill Hughes: societal level has to do with.

334

00:54:17.460 --> 00:54:20.910

Bill Hughes: Let me just say what happened and how it connects so I was taught.

335

00:54:23.430 --> 00:54:24.600

Bill Hughes: Some interactions.

336

00:54:26.520 --> 00:54:30.780

Bill Hughes: with people who do sexuality.

337

00:54:32.940 --> 00:54:35.340

One was transgender person.

338

00:54:36.450 --> 00:54:37.350

Bill Hughes: And another one was.

339

00:54:38.100 --> 00:54:40.320

Teresa Lammey: I can't hear you oh.

340

00:54:40.650 --> 00:54:41.370

Bill Hughes: Let me, let me.

341

00:54:44.250 --> 00:54:45.090
Bill Hughes: Just connect them.

342
00:55:02.430 --> 00:55:03.360
Susan Racine: Coming back.

343
00:55:06.300 --> 00:55:09.330
Carole Copeland Thomas: I think he was adjusting is my honor.

344
00:55:09.480 --> 00:55:12.300
Bill Hughes: Yes, he's back i'm back now sorry about that.

345
00:55:13.110 --> 00:55:15.120
Bill Hughes: I think was a combination of being in between.

346
00:55:16.230 --> 00:55:20.370
Bill Hughes: zones, so I was talking to two people.

347
00:55:21.960 --> 00:55:22.740
Bill Hughes: One was.

348
00:55:23.910 --> 00:55:27.420
Bill Hughes: One was gay and one was transgender and the last few days.

349
00:55:28.740 --> 00:55:29.250
Bill Hughes: and

350
00:55:30.690 --> 00:55:33.150
Bill Hughes: The transgender person.

351
00:55:34.200 --> 00:55:35.340
Bill Hughes: had gone through.

352
00:55:37.380 --> 00:55:39.540
Bill Hughes: horrible bullying and exclusion.

353
00:55:41.340 --> 00:55:50.670

Bill Hughes: and trying to find themselves, and it was a tragic thing I you know where this person if they didn't find.

354

00:55:51.960 --> 00:55:55.770

Bill Hughes: a place for themselves, probably went take their own life.

355

00:55:57.330 --> 00:56:05.940

Bill Hughes: The other one had, who was a little bit more mature that she's she was gay and.

356

00:56:06.960 --> 00:56:08.460

Bill Hughes: So she had no interest in men.

357

00:56:10.440 --> 00:56:20.730

Bill Hughes: at all, and once you talked about it, it was not a physiological thing alone I don't think and It made me think in both of those cases, especially in the ladder.

358

00:56:21.810 --> 00:56:26.250

Bill Hughes: about the indictment on male.

359

00:56:27.270 --> 00:56:28.500

Bill Hughes: dominated culture.

360

00:56:30.270 --> 00:56:32.790

Bill Hughes: And what does it say about male dominated culture.

361

00:56:35.880 --> 00:56:36.570

Bill Hughes: That.

362

00:56:38.430 --> 00:56:48.720

Bill Hughes: There would be such damage that these two people would be experiencing as individuals that then rather odd doubt and choose a painful.

363

00:56:49.710 --> 00:57:02.100

Bill Hughes: more isolated existence, then to embrace that culture and you know I know we don't talk about it a lot, because you know when you talk to people who are supportive homosexuality, for example.

364

00:57:03.480 --> 00:57:27.660

Bill Hughes: Gender Equality there's a lot of discussion about nurture nature and so forth, and it doesn't speak at all to the issue of the responsibility and obligation of those who are you know, supporting say heterosexual culture and male roles in particular and how those male roles are are.

365

00:57:29.850 --> 00:57:30.510

Bill Hughes: worked out.

366

00:57:31.560 --> 00:57:40.230

Bill Hughes: And I I just wonder whether, in our in our era, you know we as Christians have often looked at kind of a moral decay.

367

00:57:42.030 --> 00:57:52.560

Bill Hughes: From the standpoint of people who don't embrace heterosexuality and I want i've been wondering to what degree, is this as much an indictment.

368

00:57:53.640 --> 00:57:55.650

Bill Hughes: On the morality or.

369

00:57:56.670 --> 00:57:57.750

Bill Hughes: lack thereof.

370

00:57:59.190 --> 00:58:01.530

Bill Hughes: Of those who practice.

371

00:58:03.000 --> 00:58:13.050

Bill Hughes: And kind of lead a male dominated culture, so I just wanted to I don't know if that you know if that connects directly but to me it seems to be.

372

00:58:14.850 --> 00:58:15.990

Bill Hughes: You know, parallel.

373

00:58:18.600 --> 00:58:19.140

Bill Hughes: feature.

374

00:58:21.030 --> 00:58:26.880

Carole Copeland Thomas: Well i'm just thinking about the conversation we are having now and the.

375

00:58:28.410 --> 00:58:38.040

Carole Copeland Thomas: Lack of specificity in either the Torah or the Bible here about marriage, divorce, which would then create.

376

00:58:40.470 --> 00:58:46.500

Carole Copeland Thomas: A fair amount of opportunity for man made legislation and guidelines about.

377

00:58:47.610 --> 00:58:53.400

Carole Copeland Thomas: Obviously marriage and divorce, but also a gay and lesbian issues.

378

00:58:54.840 --> 00:58:55.620

Carole Copeland Thomas: So.

379

00:58:57.270 --> 00:58:57.630

Carole Copeland Thomas: I mean.

380

00:58:58.890 --> 00:59:20.190

Carole Copeland Thomas: Again, because I think some many of our viewpoints are shaped by laws that are more manmade than biblically or Tara driven which creates clearly a lot of controversy and polarization between people.

381

00:59:24.180 --> 00:59:34.650

Carl Racine: Well, the business, not just about the laws which is we've seen aren't always exhaustively explicit and, and this is why I brought up this stuff about divorce in the in the in the Bible.

382

00:59:34.980 --> 00:59:45.510

Carl Racine: The Bible just doesn't speak with one voice and doesn't lay it all out as clearly as we would like it tour as clearly as a lot of people have a lot of Christians have have made it out to be over the years.

383

00:59:48.060 --> 00:59:58.560

Carl Racine: And the Bible, but the Bible also, in addition to things that we might look at as laws, and this is what we keep looking at in this class also have more general principles.

384

00:59:59.100 --> 01:00:09.120

Carl Racine: about how you apply those laws and that's again this issue of argument for the sake of heaven both these, and those are words of the living God, yet only one can be applied in a given situation.

385

01:00:13.440 --> 01:00:19.620

Carl Racine: You have to listen to all of the voices and we're going to talk about this a little bit more now but.

386

01:00:20.760 --> 01:00:31.800

Carl Racine: When we look at the woman taken in adultery Jesus is going to look like he's acting pretty casual about adultery which most Christians still consider a pretty major sin.

387

01:00:33.000 --> 01:00:37.140

Carl Racine: And, and the question is, why does Jesus act that way.

388

01:00:39.360 --> 01:00:44.910

Carl Racine: How you apply the laws and again we'll look at that when we come to the issue of adultery.

389

01:00:45.690 --> 01:01:00.720

Carl Racine: How you apply the laws is very different from how the laws are and we know this in the secular world we have judges who are assigned the actual responsibility of interpreting and applying laws and given situations and what those situations look like.

390

01:01:01.890 --> 01:01:12.150

Carl Racine: can't be predetermine there's no way, even though the rabbi's tried really hard there's no way you come up with a ruling that addresses every specific situation.

391

01:01:13.230 --> 01:01:23.310

Carl Racine: and specifically let's say with the issue of transgender people as far as I know, there's nothing directly in the Bible about transgender people wasn't considered.

392

01:01:24.090 --> 01:01:36.540

Carl Racine: So you have to decide what your understanding of the Bible is and how that applies in a situation that's not envisioned in the scriptures that's not applied there.

393

01:01:38.040 --> 01:01:39.000

Carl Racine: But even.

394

01:01:40.560 --> 01:01:41.640

Carl Racine: If you decide.

395

01:01:43.230 --> 01:01:58.500

Carl Racine: That homosexual behavior transgender is all wrong is not god's will for humanity that these people are going against what God wants but they're sinners and in that kind of classic formulation.

396

01:02:00.150 --> 01:02:05.940

Carl Racine: Then you have to ask the question how did Jesus tells his disciples to treat sinners.

397

01:02:11.130 --> 01:02:18.120

Carl Racine: And that again gets into the whole issue of crime and punishment was, I want to look at down the line.

398

01:02:20.250 --> 01:02:31.260

Carl Racine: How do you treat divorce, I remember growing up, as far as the Christian culture, I grew up in divorce was an unpardonable sin.

399

01:02:34.140 --> 01:02:35.430

Carl Racine: And we weren't Catholic.

400

01:02:37.200 --> 01:02:39.300

Carl Racine: Divorce was just unthinkable.

401

01:02:41.610 --> 01:02:42.630

Carl Racine: So.

402

01:02:43.980 --> 01:02:44.460

Susan Racine: I want it.

403

01:02:45.600 --> 01:02:47.100

Carl Racine: Oh yeah go ahead.

404

01:02:47.730 --> 01:03:09.180

Susan Racine: i'm just thinking about rabbi hillel and his even if you can get a divorce, even if someone brings your even if your wife burns your food and i'm thinking about the the the lack of options for a woman who's being treated badly in an unhappy relationship and and so maybe one of her.

405

01:03:10.230 --> 01:03:12.960

Susan Racine: One of her strategies, was to burn his food every night.

406

01:03:13.350 --> 01:03:25.140

Susan Racine: And finally, force him to ask her for a divorce and because she had so little other avenues for asserting her will or whatever.

407

01:03:25.950 --> 01:03:27.480

Carl Racine: Well, and and again this is.

408

01:03:28.170 --> 01:03:42.840

Carl Racine: You know you welcome to the back and look at this passage in in deuteronomy but the passenger around me isn't interested in setting out reasons for why people can get divorced it's simply saying, if a man, for whatever reason.

409

01:03:43.920 --> 01:03:47.550

Carl Racine: It doesn't matter to the to the issue if a man gets divorced.

410

01:03:49.350 --> 01:04:00.540

Carl Racine: divorces, his wife and the key part of that passage actually is what comes next is not simply decides to divorce, his wife, but gives her a bill of divorce gives her a document that says.

411

01:04:00.540 --> 01:04:01.710

Carl Racine: You were divorced.

412

01:04:02.040 --> 01:04:13.950

Carl Racine: And that became a really important thing in Judaism, if the wife didn't have that document that said she was divorced, then she was really in limbo, but if she did she could go ahead and get remarried.

413

01:04:15.630 --> 01:04:24.540

Carl Racine: So both of those things have to happen, but the line isn't really interested in regulating either one of those the laws simply interested in saying.

414

01:04:24.810 --> 01:04:38.970

Carl Racine: Once you've gotten divorced from somebody you can't remarry that same person that's the whole ruling of that specific law and that's the only law in Torah that even addresses divorce and then the only other parts of.

415

01:04:40.350 --> 01:04:50.310

Carl Racine: The Old Testament the talk about Divorce is this passage and Ezra where we just see as you're doing something that some people have thought was a good thing, and some people thought was a bad thing.

416

01:04:50.670 --> 01:05:06.150

Carl Racine: And then you have this verse out of Malika and that's it there's really no, you know comprehensive treatment of divorce in the Old Testament and the New Testament passages again, as we saw are a little bit mixed, so we have to decide.

417

01:05:07.470 --> 01:05:09.930

Carl Racine: On the basis of a whole lot of other things.

418

01:05:10.950 --> 01:05:22.890

Carl Racine: What to do with divorce, and I know for a fact that pastor Ray has counseled at least one couple that I know of.

419

01:05:24.330 --> 01:05:24.690

Carl Racine: That.

420

01:05:25.830 --> 01:05:29.040

Carl Racine: It would be in their best interest to get a divorce.

421

01:05:30.900 --> 01:05:41.850

Carl Racine: That the marriage has deteriorated, to the point where moving the only good thing to do, not the best thing, but the only good thing to do would be to get divorce.

422

01:05:42.480 --> 01:05:54.570

Carl Racine: Because we recognize in that specific situations, even if we have some general principle that Divorce is not a good thing in general, and I think most people who have gotten divorced would agree to that.

423

01:05:57.420 --> 01:06:20.250

Carl Racine: It may be the lesser of two evils in a situation and that we can't come up with, partly because the Bible doesn't come up with one strict law that regulates this thing entirely the Bible simply gives us some ways of thinking about it, that we then have to apply to a specific situation.

424

01:06:22.410 --> 01:06:25.740

Carl Racine: On the other hand, it does strike me.

425

01:06:26.790 --> 01:06:32.430

Carl Racine: Given the fact that the Bible seems to not think divorces, the most wonderful thing for humans to do.

426

01:06:32.880 --> 01:06:48.150

Carl Racine: That there's something fundamentally wrong with the fact that the divorce rate in the Bible belt in America amongst people who consider themselves Bible believing Christians is actually slightly higher than the national divorce rate.

427

01:06:50.610 --> 01:07:04.590

Carl Racine: There should be something about Christianity, that should at least less than the number of total divorces within the church body know, maybe that's an idealistic view of things, but.

428

01:07:05.280 --> 01:07:15.840

Carl Racine: If the Holy Spirit is at work in our lives, one would think the divorce rate wouldn't be higher amongst Bible believing Christians and the general pagan population.

429

01:07:16.800 --> 01:07:18.990

Susan Racine: One would think it wouldn't support trump either.

430

01:07:22.080 --> 01:07:23.340

Bill Hughes: I can understand why.

431

01:07:23.430 --> 01:07:33.690

Bill Hughes: Why, it would be higher, because there's really the only way that we have to help people deal with their sexual.

432

01:07:36.210 --> 01:07:40.890

Bill Hughes: Urges is married or abstinence.

433

01:07:42.390 --> 01:07:44.640

Bill Hughes: And that's going to increase the.

434

01:07:45.930 --> 01:07:48.960

Bill Hughes: rate of people marrying.

435

01:07:49.980 --> 01:07:51.180

Bill Hughes: In the general population.

436

01:07:55.830 --> 01:07:56.970

Carole Copeland Thomas: Not just thinking about what.

437

01:08:00.540 --> 01:08:05.790

Carole Copeland Thomas: popped up in my head when you were talking about this was newt Gingrich and.

438

01:08:07.020 --> 01:08:20.040

Carole Copeland Thomas: The I mean just he talked about hypocrisy on steroids, as he was lamb blasting and as they were impeaching Bill Clinton because of his indiscretions.

439

01:08:21.060 --> 01:08:26.460

Carole Copeland Thomas: newt Gingrich was divorcing his first wife, who was literally on her hospital bed.

440

01:08:26.730 --> 01:08:30.120

Carole Copeland Thomas: very ill I think she had cancer, to go to the second wife.

441

01:08:30.570 --> 01:08:51.900

Carole Copeland Thomas: And what I saw that as during that time because we'll bill weld was our Governor, I was serious I was an independent seriously thinking about becoming a republican until Gingrich came around with the compact on America and his background and I said absolutely not.

442

01:08:55.260 --> 01:08:59.640

Carole Copeland Thomas: Absolutely not so yeah their hypocrisy precedes.

443

01:09:00.930 --> 01:09:04.230

Carole Copeland Thomas: All else and they say one thing and do another.

444

01:09:07.920 --> 01:09:11.460

Carl Racine: I mean I hate to blame it on trump he's sort of easy.

445

01:09:12.630 --> 01:09:13.950

Carl Racine: easy target but.

446

01:09:16.080 --> 01:09:17.100

Carl Racine: It it.

447

01:09:18.660 --> 01:09:21.570

Carl Racine: will come back next week and talk about this more it.

448

01:09:23.670 --> 01:09:26.970

Carl Racine: It speaks to all of this to me speaks to.

449

01:09:28.260 --> 01:09:33.270

Carl Racine: The fact that we really have to read the scriptures carefully.

450

01:09:34.800 --> 01:09:39.540

Carl Racine: Not simply proof texting them, not simply.

451

01:09:41.670 --> 01:09:47.430

Carl Racine: coming up with one law that fits all situations.

452

01:09:50.250 --> 01:09:53.730

Carl Racine: And at the same time, we have to take seriously.

453

01:09:55.320 --> 01:10:02.310

Carl Racine: say the biblical commitment to marriage and in terms of bills question which I don't you don't really have a whole lot of time to deal with, but.

454

01:10:04.110 --> 01:10:04.890

Carl Racine: The scriptures.

455

01:10:05.970 --> 01:10:16.350

Carl Racine: The, the first thing God tells humanity to do in genesis Chapter one is is reproduce a multiply and fill the earth.

456

01:10:18.120 --> 01:10:29.970

Carl Racine: So part of the concern throughout the Old Testament particular about marriage is is to create a stable context in which that command can be carried out.

457

01:10:31.980 --> 01:10:33.870

Carl Racine: Because that was an important command.

458

01:10:35.730 --> 01:10:43.950

Carl Racine: We now live in a day and age, where filling the earth with more people might not be the most responsible thing to do.

459

01:10:46.560 --> 01:10:51.390

Carl Racine: And so, how we look at people who have.

460

01:10:52.650 --> 01:10:56.670

Carl Racine: forms of sexuality that are non reproductive, shall we say.

461

01:10:58.740 --> 01:11:10.380

Carl Racine: Might might have to adjust itself from a point of view in ancient Israel that looked at people who were engaged in homosexual behaviors doing.

462

01:11:12.420 --> 01:11:15.090

Carl Racine: You know, is sort of threatening this command kind of thing.

463

01:11:18.120 --> 01:11:25.290

Carl Racine: We no longer I don't think feel the urgency of the command to fill the earth with more people.

464

01:11:28.140 --> 01:11:29.010

Carl Racine: So.

465

01:11:30.900 --> 01:11:36.180

Carl Racine: That would be one in my mind that would be one starting place not the only starting place but.

466

01:11:36.210 --> 01:11:37.800

Bill Hughes: One starting place to.

467

01:11:37.980 --> 01:11:49.350

Carl Racine: Think about that whole issue, because I think it does directly relate to the the the ability or inability to reproduce the species.

468

01:11:50.940 --> 01:11:53.760

Bill Hughes: And just quickly carlin response that that has been.

469

01:11:55.050 --> 01:12:01.380

Bill Hughes: The type of thinking that i've been going down as well and related to that.

470

01:12:03.030 --> 01:12:04.410

Bill Hughes: It is this issue of.

471

01:12:05.580 --> 01:12:07.620

Bill Hughes: You know how quick, are we to judge.

472

01:12:08.670 --> 01:12:14.400

Bill Hughes: Until pull out the scriptures as a weapon in order to deal with things that are coming at us.

473

01:12:15.600 --> 01:12:16.170

Bill Hughes: and

474

01:12:17.700 --> 01:12:25.260

Bill Hughes: I think we're we've gotten used to, maybe even conditioned, to the point where we feel like we have to know the answer.

475

01:12:26.460 --> 01:12:28.830

Bill Hughes: When we see something that might even trouble us.

476

01:12:29.850 --> 01:12:30.360

Bill Hughes: and

477

01:12:31.950 --> 01:12:42.180

Bill Hughes: We have to understand the morality, I think we've been trained, at least in the United States to believe we have to understand the morality just on its face.

478

01:12:43.110 --> 01:12:55.560

Bill Hughes: And we keep coming up with examples where on its face is not good enough if you see a divorced woman, do you shine her, which is what a lot of people do.

479

01:12:57.810 --> 01:13:13.740

Bill Hughes: Or do you go deeper and try to understand and maybe be queued as to G Is there something going on here with what's what's happening spiritually I think that's always a good question but to come out with the judgment as quickly as we often do.

480

01:13:16.620 --> 01:13:21.450

Bill Hughes: I think is is a mindset that may be leading us into.

481

01:13:24.510 --> 01:13:26.640

Bill Hughes: You know into these problems.

482

01:13:29.430 --> 01:13:33.450

Carl Racine: yeah you know the the point that I made a little earlier today.

483

01:13:34.680 --> 01:13:45.150

Carl Racine: You can use the Bible, as you say, as a weapon as a club as something to beat people up with, or you can use the Bible as support.

484

01:13:46.980 --> 01:13:51.510

Carl Racine: For loving kindness acts of access steadfast love.

485

01:13:52.830 --> 01:13:57.120

Carl Racine: towards other people, and according to rabbi lamb if you.

486

01:13:58.140 --> 01:14:00.240

Carl Racine: If you lack that love.

487

01:14:01.290 --> 01:14:07.590

Carl Racine: One of the one of I love I love the illustration, one of the legs of that three legged stool.

488

01:14:08.820 --> 01:14:13.260

Carl Racine: fails, and you may have Torah you may have the Bible behind you.

489

01:14:14.670 --> 01:14:22.440

Carl Racine: And you may have all your pious acts of religious worship and devotion to God all in a line.

490

01:14:23.940 --> 01:14:37.860

Carl Racine: And if you have love, as you pass if you don't have love is apostle Paul says you're nothing now, you need those other two things you don't love in and of itself as rabbi sex isn't isn't enough but it's one of the three.

491

01:14:39.930 --> 01:14:47.790

Carl Racine: One of the three legs of that stool that are necessary for supporting the world and Jesus says the same sort of thing.

492

01:14:49.740 --> 01:14:58.890

Carl Racine: scripture and devotion personal relationship to God aren't enough, you need to have acts of loving kindness towards the people around you.

493

01:14:59.400 --> 01:15:15.480

Carl Racine: To support the world, so I think we'll leave it there for today and then this whole issue of uncertainty that the idea that both these, and those are words of the living God we're going to come back to and talk about with reference to the scripture as a whole.

494

01:15:17.340 --> 01:15:18.390

Carl Racine: And and.

495

01:15:18.840 --> 01:15:38.880

Carole Copeland Thomas: your brother Carl I think there's one thing is where we can marinate over this next week is the power of influence, I think most people are influenced by spiritual leaders, the Reverend Ike's or whatever the from the Reverend Hammonds to the Reverend X and use that.

496

01:15:40.350 --> 01:15:52.350

Carole Copeland Thomas: As their own ideology versus really coming to terms with with what their own individual thoughts are about certainly about these topics.

497

01:15:54.690 --> 01:15:54.990

Carl Racine: Okay.

498

01:15:55.410 --> 01:15:59.310

Peter Barrant: I think, also on on enough nother level, I mean, I think.

499

01:16:00.570 --> 01:16:04.740

Peter Barrant: A lot of folks think the Bible has to have all the answers to everything.

500

01:16:04.890 --> 01:16:09.870

Peter Barrant: Right and therefore they also come into.

501

01:16:10.980 --> 01:16:18.150

Peter Barrant: A narrow view of things and lead to which leads to I can believe I believe this and.

502

01:16:18.660 --> 01:16:34.020

Peter Barrant: Even though all these arguments around me are logical they're going to throw out all those arguments, because they believe that even if it's really not what the Bible says, but what they believe that the Bible says, and I think I see that sort of.

503

01:16:35.820 --> 01:16:47.820

Peter Barrant: System of living being easy to be corrupted by well I believe trump or I believe that trump is this, and no matter what all the other stuff around me says.

504

01:16:48.180 --> 01:17:05.910

Peter Barrant: I I believe this, therefore, that is true, and I think that sort of thinking on is how I can see how a lot of Christians can believe something that many of us think how can you be a Christian and believe that, but I think that that is part of the picture.

505

01:17:07.290 --> 01:17:07.560

yep.

506

01:17:10.470 --> 01:17:15.570

Carl Racine: All right, well it's Caribbean Afro Caribbean Sunday for those who aren't in church already.

507

01:17:15.660 --> 01:17:20.070

Carl Racine: It service, we have an Afro Caribbean Vice President and.

508

01:17:21.360 --> 01:17:26.370

Carl Racine: God bless her my adopted to make another is up there in heaven dancing.

509

01:17:29.190 --> 01:17:33.300

Carl Racine: So can someone close us out in prayer please we'll continue this discussion next week.

510

01:17:36.240 --> 01:17:55.560

Peter Barrant: heavenly Father we do, thank you for the ability to get

together and study your word and to gain insights into your word, and we thank you for the servant of yours, who you have broad brother Carl Racine to bring this enlightening and thoughtful.

511

01:17:57.330 --> 01:18:07.170

Peter Barrant: A teaching and discussion we pray that you would use each one of us, Lord to be your life in this world and to be the type of.

512

01:18:07.860 --> 01:18:15.120

Peter Barrant: Christian who you want us to be and to be your servants to be your mouth your hands your feet.

513

01:18:15.870 --> 01:18:35.610

Peter Barrant: In this world we pray their Lord that your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven and we ask that you would take us through this coming week and help us to do the the wise things the things that are reflective of you in Jesus name, we pray amen.

514

01:18:36.420 --> 01:18:37.860

Carole Copeland Thomas: amen all right.

515

01:18:38.310 --> 01:18:38.640

Carole Copeland Thomas: God why.

516

01:18:39.390 --> 01:18:41.100

Susan Racine: Why, if he was Thank you.

517

01:18:41.370 --> 01:18:42.660

Yes, why it yes.

518

01:18:45.330 --> 01:18:53.430

Carole Copeland Thomas: All the music everything very creative and festive so we'll see you at church God bless everybody take care.

519

01:18:55.050 --> 01:18:55.620

car ol hovey: Have a great little.