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Carole Copeland Thomas: We want to first of all clap it up for the pastors Reverend.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Ray hammond and Reverend Gloria dwight hammond who, on Sunday we're return to Bethel for another year of servant leader ministry so yep give it up.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you so much, so glad that they are with us and will be with us for another conference year, that is absolutely a blessing want to thank all of you for coming tonight, yes, we have a lot to talk about we've already started the conversation we needed to just sort of backup and.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: began from a formal perspective Reverend hammond Reverend Ray hammond will introduce our guest speaker tonight.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: But we like to have we'd like to have sister Joyce Marshall open us up in prayer she and give it up for sister Marshall because she has been so faithful.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: To Bible study for years and years and years, and we are just delighted that she continues to serve in her very quiet and efficient way, so sister Joyce marcia, would you please open us up in prayer.

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Joyce Marshall: We are, as always thankful to be able to have this time to study your word to focus on you to learn how to be better disciples we just pray that you open our hearts our minds, help us to learn what we need to learn.

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Joyce Marshall: Whatever we need to take away from this Bible study help that just sink into our memories, so that we can bring it up

later and meditate on it, we just thank you for this opportunity to be able to.

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Joyce Marshall: Learn from people from learning people who love you and our obedience to your will we thank you for sister tanya and we just pray for for you to just speak through her this evening we ask this in Jesus name amen.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: amen Thank you so much sister Marshall Thank you alrighty i'd love for you to go on and use the chat room to first of all, if you have any prayer requests, please put that in the chat room.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Again, we are so glad the sister lily curzon is here with the five deaths that have occurred in her family over the last couple of.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: months we continue to pray for her please add to your prayer list Reverend Abraham and Reverend Sarah panini and their daughter beverly.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: They are our dear friends in Chennai India and sadly have contracted Colvin.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: They are at home, please an extra prayer for Reverend Abraham to see if we can pray his fever away he's had a fever.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: For six days and i'm not sure if you're following the news, the situation in India in terms of covert has escalated dramatically, so, in some cases they are short on oxygen.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: There are doubling up on beds and they're putting people in ambulances, because they run out of beds So these

are the circumstances that the buddies find themselves in.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Along with other things, so please keep them in your prayers and others in this country and elsewhere.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: We want to escalate the vaccination numbers that apparently are a little slower than they should be, and I know our President is going to rapid fire that up our own.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Reverend Gloria white hammond is working diligently and lots of locations, along with the reggie Lewis Center administering.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: The Pfizer vaccine so keep her prayed up and all those who are working in healthcare and in these areas and and elsewhere, but in the chat room i'd love to just hear your thoughts about what happened yesterday with the shogun case.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: being convicted on all three counts are pastor put out a statement earlier today, there are other organizations that are putting out statements so we'd love to hear what your thoughts are and we know that.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Now we have to keep on watch care of the family that's been affected by the young teenage girl in Columbus Ohio who was sadly killed by the police and the gentleman in Elizabeth city North Carolina.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Who was killed by the police sometime today, so all of these cases are mounting up and it means that we have a need for prayer more than ever before.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: So we'd love to hear your thoughts in the chat room and with that i'm going to turn it over to our pastor of many,

many years, the founder and continued pastor co-pastor of Bethel a me church Reverend Ray hammond Bevin hammond.

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Ray Hammond: Is the Lord great to be here with everyone, and thank you so much for for both your presence here and for.

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Ray Hammond: The opportunity for all of us to really search the word.

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Ray Hammond: and try to really understand better what that word is saying to us and how we apply it today in our lives, where we live in the middle of in the midst of all that were involved with and.

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Ray Hammond: This is a pretty.

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Ray Hammond: for lack of a better term while time I don't know what else to call it, as if you've heard me say over and over again over the past year we've experienced kind of for absolutely historic crises piled on top of each other.

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Ray Hammond: Once in a once in a century pandemic last time anything close to this Kurt.

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Ray Hammond: The kind of economic impacts that we haven't seen since the Great Depression that's 80 years ago talk about.

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Ray Hammond: Businesses being white people's income Thank God we approached it very differently, our government intervene very differently so we haven't seen the huge bread lines that we watch people literally lining up in cars to get food in a trunk.

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Ray Hammond: So you you add the economic crisis on to a health places, and then a racial justice crisis, the first phase of which we saw kind

of dealt with yesterday.

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Ray Hammond: We still haven't tried the killers of a modern over it still haven't brought to real justice what happened with Briana Taylor, and that will kind of be the three cases that were the tipping point for Racial justice discussion the likes of which we haven't seen since the 1960s.

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Ray Hammond: And then you know, then we're all we're not talking about the whole lack of you don't want to think about, but the complete chaos and craziness of the past four years politically.

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Ray Hammond: accommodate in January six so so I haven't heard a lot of discussion about that can I get it keeps I got enough for my plate I can't handle all of this, but the blessing is the limit by God's grace we're seeing I think pathways through this.

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Ray Hammond: And coming to really understand that, indeed, the challenge is.

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Ray Hammond: For us, in the midst of it all to trust that God is very much engaged God hasn't forgotten about us, we are not alone in this, so I if you get a minute take a look at them, the piece that I sent out to the entire church and in the meantime, let me quickly introduce.

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Ray Hammond: Our speaker for tonight and our teacher for tonight normally go fix my Green screen here I just realized.

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Ray Hammond: This is the Tower rising.

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Ray Hammond: Thought I get it all squared away, but in any case, I just want to say a word of thanks to this to Tonya Williams.

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Ray Hammond: Miller i'm sorry, who is here today.

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Ray Hammond: and has really been a blessing to the Bethel family in so many facets of our ministry I started going through all the things time has been involved in the praise and worship team.

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Ray Hammond: I dance ministry I children's dance ministry, the work that she's doing with i'm middle schoolers the work that she does with that college students.

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Ray Hammond: The fact that she has been literally the recipient of a special grant that we received from Gordon conwell to expand deepen what we're doing with young people.

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Ray Hammond: And, and all of that, on top of the fact that she is a.

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Ray Hammond: full time social worker in one of the most challenging areas of public service and Ministry.

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Ray Hammond: is very much involved in the work of.

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Ray Hammond: About department of children and families, the some of the most challenging issues, not just because of the problems that are faced.

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Ray Hammond: But the number of families that they're asked to intervene with and the load that they have to carry so on so many levels.

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Ray Hammond: See, and someone who has really given full proof of her

ministry, not just in the realm of preaching and teaching, but actually putting that ministry into practice on the ground.

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Ray Hammond: Transforming lives being there as people are trying to really grow and become disciples of Christ and trying to become a hole in what's often a very broken society.

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Ray Hammond: So, mindful of all of that, I just wanted to say thank you to her for standing in the gap this week and next week.

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Ray Hammond: And we're really looking forward to what she has to share with us tonight, so can we take a moment just to give God the praise you give a little reaction here put our hands together for a beloved sister and friend and partner in the ministry there's a tiny Miller.

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TANYA MILLER: Thank you for that introduction pastor hammond.

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TANYA MILLER: It is my pleasure and.

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TANYA MILLER: My desire to serve God wherever I go so.

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TANYA MILLER: i'm grateful to be able to serve here at Bethel as we start.

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TANYA MILLER: This evening.

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TANYA MILLER: sister Carol asked me to share a little bit about myself and my mom and my sister are here on the line I had an ex my mom with a comb to to go to Bible study with my dad who's who was also leaving Bible study but I got her to come tonight so.

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TANYA MILLER: Thank you um but I was going to start off by saying that you know i've.

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TANYA MILLER: been raised in.

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TANYA MILLER: A loving and a cherished.

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TANYA MILLER: Faith faithful household households and i'm so grateful for having to stellar parents who have nurtured me.

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TANYA MILLER: In the knowledge of Christ, so that I can sit before you and, and you know serve the Lord, I cannot do it without them.

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TANYA MILLER: Without their encouragement and without the love and the guidance that they pour into me, so I do want to give give honor to my parents and to thank God for giving me such precious parents.

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TANYA MILLER: And I want to thank God for our wonderful pastors.

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TANYA MILLER: pastor rain Gloria hammond and i'm grateful that they are here again and that they're staying I.

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TANYA MILLER: Every i've been a lot of places so i've been raised in the church and from a very early age, I started singing and.

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TANYA MILLER: My parents took me to a lot of different churches and so i've been in a lot of different places and I have.

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TANYA MILLER: This is the place where I know wholeheartedly that I can



trust my pastors that I can go to them with anything that I know that they are Honorable men and women, and so i'm grateful to serve under such stellar leadership, so thank you pastor me and pastor Gloria.

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TANYA MILLER: i've been a lot of places i'm just grateful that i've found the place where I I wholeheartedly trust my pastors and I also want to shout out before I get started, I just want to shout out my significant women group who are on the line lily and Felipe the and candace.

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TANYA MILLER: We early on early on, when I came to backbone I started.

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TANYA MILLER: A Bible study that changed it shifted into the significant woman's group and the friendship that i've made with those women have seen me through some.

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TANYA MILLER: crazy tots and we've been there for each other and we've walked out what it means to be the community of God, and so I want to give a shout out to them as well.

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TANYA MILLER: And then, tonight we have to hold some space, I saw your comment sister janell and I do want to acknowledge that this is a really it's a really hard time for society right, I know pastor hammond just spoke a little bit about it but yesterday, I went from.

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TANYA MILLER: letting my mom know that the verdict was guilty on all all three charges and her family, she was like Oh, I can go watch it now, because you know just living.

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TANYA MILLER: In in this reality we've all had to take times and break from watching TV and and being consumed by media, so my mom was taking a break, and I was able to help her.

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TANYA MILLER: be okay with with with turning on the news and and

receiving all that was going on um, then I went to preparing and planning for tonight.

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TANYA MILLER: and continuing what I was studying and when I was done at the end of the night I heard about MCI.

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TANYA MILLER: And my heart breaks from MCI because as pastor haven't says, I work in a social service field and I work in youth ministry and you all know that I love young people.

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TANYA MILLER: So, to hear that a young girl who was in crisis.

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TANYA MILLER: Life was taking it it hurt me because that's what my my agency shows up to work with children and families that have behavioral and mental health concerns.

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TANYA MILLER: I have gone to homes when parents and families are in crisis we've had to call the police and the police have come because they're the means by which these families get.

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TANYA MILLER: transported to the hospital to be assessed to see if there's any situation anything going on with men in regards to mental health concerns and to know that they were called for that, and they responded in fear and and took the life of the child.

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TANYA MILLER: It broke my heart, today I just thought about all the young woman i've mentored.

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TANYA MILLER: and walk with either in the church setting or to my job.

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TANYA MILLER: And it's just been it's been a lot.

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TANYA MILLER: To think that and I was talking earlier today with phillippi about how you know, a friend of mine.

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TANYA MILLER: Last week I found out that she was she's gonna have a baby and a moment I took a moment and stop because she's a black woman and I said.

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TANYA MILLER: You know, bringing a baby into this reality right now.

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TANYA MILLER: Just seems like a revolutionary act to live right now is a revolutionary act to hope right now is a revolutionary act to breathe is a revolutionary act.

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TANYA MILLER: So I did want to give some space I don't know if anybody wanted to just share how they're feeling in this moment, if you need to just.

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TANYA MILLER: Give them.

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TANYA MILLER: It was tough.

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Jonell Johnson: I appreciate the fact that you're allowing us this time to do that, because sometimes we just go on with business as usual and.

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Jonell Johnson: there's been some so much people are under so much stress and pressure and.

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Jonell Johnson: You know, I just want to follow my knees and pray for lily and follow my knees and pray for Ohio follow my knees and still

pray for the.

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Jonell Johnson: Ahmad every family that still grieves and loses you know and every time I talked to my nephew who's in DC and he would go out to be a part of all that was going on, I just pray Lord don't, let us be the next family, because nobody knows what's going to be next and it just hasn't stopped.

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Jonell Johnson: And I feel like this is the sacred place that coming literally coming to Bible study on Wednesday night is a sacred place because.

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Jonell Johnson: I know, everybody on this line we're family, this is what we're This is our church family and we love one another and we support one another and sometimes you don't know what to say, but we know that when we come together we love them support it.

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TANYA MILLER: I really do want to encourage us to be revolutionary in this time and to hold on to our hope.

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TANYA MILLER: I know that it would seem like.

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TANYA MILLER: The pandemic and even within our church community from week to week we hear of concern after concern.

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TANYA MILLER: One of my very first.

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TANYA MILLER: Like counseling or therapy sessions, with a family, I met with a woman who her children were having difficulties in school, they were not able to feel supported by the school environment they actually thought this school environment was.

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TANYA MILLER: intentionally.

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TANYA MILLER: making it difficult for her child, and you know in counseling we were we're looking at.

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TANYA MILLER: How to how to identify strengths in the moment and she couldn't identify any strength, the mother at that time, and so I started to identify some strengths and she said to me, you are the one who comes in here with hope and I need you to hold on to that hope for me.

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TANYA MILLER: That statement that she may transformed my work going forward because I realized that in situations where you walk into and others are feeling overwhelmed and it's very easy for them not to be able to identify.

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TANYA MILLER: This the good in the moment or the other things that are just that just are right that the fact that the sun has shine that they have breath in their lungs, you know.

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TANYA MILLER: The fact that they are still together as a family, the fact that the that we were able to move go into the school and start having these conversations.

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TANYA MILLER: With the leadership and identify where the areas, the school was spot bailing her daughter.

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TANYA MILLER: All those the fact that she was able to get the testing that she needs, I was able to call out all those things in this moment I don't know what you may need to call out but i'm I really want to just challenge you to hold on to hope.

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TANYA MILLER: If someone else gives you a seed of hope you grab that seed of hope and you plant it and you just.

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TANYA MILLER: You just continue to collect them until you see you see your garden start to grow okay.

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TANYA MILLER: I want us to to kind of move in if there's, no, no one else has anything to say someone else i'd.

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Jonell Johnson: like to say one more thing.

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Jonell Johnson: And a waiting to see if somebody else did.

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Jonell Johnson: I just wait very long but.

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Jonell Johnson: One of one of the things that really it just troubles my spirit.

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Jonell Johnson: For so many families who are having so many struggles most I don't run into many families that have a base in the church or base in God.

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Jonell Johnson: they're kind of dealing with life as it comes, but without a spiritual peace and so whenever I I when whenever any of us come into a situation.

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Jonell Johnson: Where we're dealing don't be afraid to ask somebody to pray don't worry about your job in any of that now because whenever I do people want to grab Ahold of that.

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Jonell Johnson: Because there's a whole spirit in them that hasn't been fed and we're obligated as men and women of God, because we are

literally sitting in the mountain top.

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Jonell Johnson: And we go back to work, we go back down into the valley and we have to take the Lord there with us, and we really have to.

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Jonell Johnson: End very loving and tend to always speak about the god in our lives or speak about the blessings of the Lord and do it, you can you can you can do it in such genuine ways, without having to you know quote one script each and every chapter of the Bible.

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TANYA MILLER: Right i've had a few.

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Jonell Johnson: People there.

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TANYA MILLER: yeah yeah I would I would definitely agree with what you're saying you know it's it's always good to say hey you know I.

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TANYA MILLER: I do believe, and if you don't mind, I would like to take this to prayer for you, you know, to offer that to to the individuals you're talking to so that they have the chance to say.

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TANYA MILLER: You know how they feel about that.

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TANYA MILLER: I I see sister beverly has her hand and I also see that sister cassie has a hand, I want to give you guys like one minute each and that I want to transition into what we're going to talk about tonight.

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TANYA MILLER: So i'll let sister beverly go quickly actually sister cassie you were talking to, so I will let you go quickly and then we'll transition to sister beverly and I want to get started by 732

so.

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TANYA MILLER: move us along.

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Cassie Quinlan: On my side, I know, part of, and I always feel a little bit a little bit of hope, as much as to me before it was not that things were better is that they were just totally invisible and people pay no attention to them.

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Cassie Quinlan: And so from that particular standpoint that's always been a bit of reassurance to me because you know I know traveling in various white worlds and just seeing you know.

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Cassie Quinlan: No interest at all or let's not talk about that because there's so many reasons, oh let's never mentioned that or let's not be divisive we're trying to do something else here.

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Cassie Quinlan: You know, to live in that kind of world and see it out place, in addition, in which I just think that that they.

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Cassie Quinlan: Because of this particular incident i'm just grateful that I know it's a terrible thing that happened, but the way it happened in the length of time there was no kind of quick.

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Cassie Quinlan: quick reaction right I got there was no reaction that was nine minutes and everybody got that and because of that they kind of people are really looking people that never looked at before.

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Cassie Quinlan: are looking at and particularly also the military training of police is just nuts, you know that you know, half of their training they spend more training on how to use a garden and how to you know.

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Cassie Quinlan: How to act like the military what's crazy, because then they go out in the world and the first thing they see the same thing different is like you know it's crazy they're shooting for today.

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Cassie Quinlan: So i'm glad that this this thing has come up highlighting the many people who, and so I have hope for that, because I think that once you can name things and once people can talk about things things.

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Cassie Quinlan: things change a little bit they don't change anywhere near that they agree that they should have an overreach stuff for over 70 years, but they do change and anywhere, I do have some more hope because.

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Cassie Quinlan: After you know i'm old enough to remember that ignorance, in the past, maybe it's more peaceful in some ways is better, but it.

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00:24:39.360 --> 00:24:40.560

Cassie Quinlan: Sure, a lot of ignorance.

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00:24:41.490 --> 00:24:50.490

TANYA MILLER: Thank you for that sister Kathy you are spot on we definitely need to get the police trained and more de escalation and you're right, we are.

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00:24:51.930 --> 00:25:04.050

TANYA MILLER: The blinders have been taking off of people's eyes and more people are engaged in this fight, right now, and so there was hoping that sister beverly did you want to say something quickly before we.

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Beverly Williams: Transition yeah i'm looking at the time, and so i'm always here and and I think that we can move on to the Bible study.

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00:25:12.210 --> 00:25:15.000

TANYA MILLER: Okay, thank you sister beverly I appreciate that.

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00:25:15.630 --> 00:25:18.300

TANYA MILLER: um what's a night I.

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00:25:19.770 --> 00:25:22.140

TANYA MILLER: was in preparing for tonight.

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00:25:23.880 --> 00:25:35.760

TANYA MILLER: I initially I was coming from a place where we were hearing a lot about the violence that was being directed towards our Asian brother and sisters.

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00:25:37.080 --> 00:25:40.710

TANYA MILLER: And at the same time, I was.

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00:25:42.990 --> 00:25:49.620

TANYA MILLER: engaged and watching I don't know you guys don't know this about me but i'm kind of a marvel nerd.

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TANYA MILLER: become a marvel nerd over the last couple of years I love marvel movies and i've been watching them and I don't know if you know, but of those of us who have this the plus have.

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TANYA MILLER: they've been showing some series, and all those series they're going behind the scenes to tell us about the different marvel characters.

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TANYA MILLER: And so, because I was consumed by the marvel characters and the the plot in the movies, I began to realize that.

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00:26:23.190 --> 00:26:25.650

TANYA MILLER: Everything shifted around what do we do.

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00:26:25.770 --> 00:26:37.920

TANYA MILLER: With aliens right, what do we do with superhuman powers, what do we do with individuals that differ from what we see is no

right.

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TANYA MILLER: And the wild marvel in the different movies there a lot of times, if someone has a superhero power or if they're seen as an alien, we have to test.

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00:26:50.520 --> 00:27:05.400

TANYA MILLER: And to decide if they are going to use their powers for good or for evil, should we lock them up, are they a threat to the way we want to do life and if they are a threat, should they even exist.

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TANYA MILLER: And that got me to thinking that that.

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TANYA MILLER: idea of what is what is alien what is weird what is threatening what is alarming is kind of what we deal with it's a direct parallel to what we deal with in regards to race and culture, here in the United States of America, and it also made allowed me to make the jump to.

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00:27:37.770 --> 00:27:49.200

TANYA MILLER: When I was growing up, and I was reading the Bible, especially reading the King James version use the word alien oh what what do they mean.

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00:27:50.100 --> 00:28:11.880

TANYA MILLER: And I decided, I would go and dig a little deeper and look at that and, in particular, I came across the verse that i'm going to utilize to kind of ground our study tonight, which is exodus 23 nine and reading from the English standard version, the.

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TANYA MILLER: It reads you shall not oppress a sojourner you know the heart of the sojourner for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt, now, as I said.

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00:28:27.960 --> 00:28:33.810

TANYA MILLER: growing up when I read that verse I believe that the King James version different versions use different.

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00:28:35.730 --> 00:28:40.710

TANYA MILLER: adjectives there they use alien they make us immigrant they may use foreigner.

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TANYA MILLER: They made us stranger.

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00:28:44.370 --> 00:29:05.070

TANYA MILLER: And so I wanted to know why do we use all these different terms and what do they what does this word actually mean so sister Carol we can begin the slides the PowerPoint slides that i've prepared and today we're just going to spend some time.

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TANYA MILLER: Warner immigrant.

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TANYA MILLER: Immigrant stranger or neighbor.

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TANYA MILLER: foreigner immigrants stranger or neighbor to begin our time together, I would like to hear from you how do we define foreigner alien stranger are they the same or are they different, how do you look at those terms.

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TANYA MILLER: And when you encounter these adjectives what are your first thoughts.

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TANYA MILLER: You can put it in the chat or you can unmute yourself and speak aloud.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: For me, the first thing that comes to mind is stranger danger which you teach children.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: How to approach strangers, how to stay away from strangers somebody who approaches, a young child a parent or a

teacher will say Oh, you know you'll use the language stranger danger in a negative way so it's protective, but it is definitely not one to embrace.

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TANYA MILLER: All right, um.

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that's definitely.

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TANYA MILLER: True.

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James Williams: I would say.

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00:30:26.160 --> 00:30:38.640

James Williams: Go ahead, I would say that the foreigner if somebody from another place like if somebody came speaking the language outside of your your sphere, your town.

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00:30:39.150 --> 00:30:40.380

James Williams: Right alien.

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James Williams: alien if I don't know.

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00:30:49.320 --> 00:30:53.790

James Williams: This world in a stranger if somebody from your community that you see the rabbit you don't know them.

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00:30:57.180 --> 00:31:14.760

TANYA MILLER: yeah my my sister is also on the line, and she put outsider in in the text in the chat Hannah wrote, those are supposed to be someone not like us someone, not a part of the dominant culture cans and smoke.

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00:31:16.710 --> 00:31:21.510

TANYA MILLER: There are many different ways go ahead, did I hear someone else I can't sorry.

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00:31:21.690 --> 00:31:25.410

Cassie Quinlan: I I could have written it the chat i'd say what's for now that's like me.

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Cassie Quinlan: For me it's a little bit anyway, but I understand a certain stranger and an alien.

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TANYA MILLER: Right, sometimes we may say that we are a foreigner, we are a stranger.

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TANYA MILLER: um.

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TANYA MILLER: All of these all of these definitions that you've shared are correct, and I do like how sister Carol you began saying that sometimes, these are given a negative connotation.

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TANYA MILLER: Right, so when we define someone as a stranger we tell our children danger.

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TANYA MILLER: and

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TANYA MILLER: And, as I was sharing about.

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TANYA MILLER: My time watching marvel movies, if we clear someone's a alien we've been wanting to determine should I look out for myself if there's some reason to protect that which I own something that we did not touch on is that foreigners, the word foreigner means that.

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TANYA MILLER: New guys have said outside, but in.

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TANYA MILLER: In the 16th century, the word foreigner began to be associated with sovereign right so someone who is sovereign has supreme authority over us significant area, a foreigner has no claim.

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TANYA MILLER: To any area.

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TANYA MILLER: They are they are outside they don't have access to a declared sphere of influence, if you will.

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TANYA MILLER: All right, um since the fleet via.

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Felicia Wiltz: I think the term alien and particularly us more in more recent years to.

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Felicia Wiltz: label immigrants is is a.

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Felicia Wiltz: tactic to demonize immigrants by using a term like alien rather than.

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Felicia Wiltz: calling them immigrants or migrants or something like that, but that has been a strong way for.

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Felicia Wiltz: Certain people to demonize this group.

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TANYA MILLER: Absolutely, it brings me back to what candace wrote in the chat that these words are also utilize the find someone, that is not a part of the dominant culture.

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TANYA MILLER: Someone.

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TANYA MILLER: Who is not a part of the dominant culture, so at times to facilities point, these are used as tactics to create distance between people groups of people.

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TANYA MILLER: So we can move on to the next slide.

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TANYA MILLER: I also wanted to share I forgot to share this, but sometimes.

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TANYA MILLER: The the term alien or foreigner.

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TANYA MILLER: is so strong that is suggest that we need to reject or be repelled by someone is it gives the connotation that relate the relationship is erection irreconcilable.

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TANYA MILLER: At times.

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TANYA MILLER: again.

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TANYA MILLER: that's why we say stranger danger right, so we have to be aware of this now in the Old Testament.

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TANYA MILLER: When we begin to read about the people.

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TANYA MILLER: We recognize that there are four different people groups native strangers immigrants and foreigners and sometimes different differentiating from these groups of people can be very difficult, depending on which translation of the Bible that you are reading.



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TANYA MILLER: And we're in the text, it is situated.

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You can go to the next slide.

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TANYA MILLER: So I did some research and I will actually provide the slides for you guys later on, because there's a link to the actual article from which I took this.

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TANYA MILLER: But the native sometimes is translated as homeboy those are people born to one of the 12 tribes of Israel, so when you come across the Hebrew word.

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TANYA MILLER: as well, which means the come up or come out of Israel, that means it is it, they are one of the 12 tribes, they are originating from one of the 12 tribes of Israel now a stranger means to be separated out.

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TANYA MILLER: This word is frequently used in the Torah for someone who is not from one's own tribe, so this would be if you're from a tribe of Israel, you would utilize the Hebrew word.

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TANYA MILLER: To be separated out, which means stranger for someone who's not of the 12 tribes, we can move to the next slide This is just some information for you guys to have as we look.

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TANYA MILLER: At the text the Hebrew word for immigrant often translated as strangers so jonah is derived from the word, the word to dwell with or to dwell among so actually.

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TANYA MILLER: Even though that person is not a native of Israel, they live with the people of Israel, they dwell with and they dwell among

that person, and so, when you see in the Asp or the ESP translation exodus 1249 if we jump to exodus 1249.

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TANYA MILLER: Specifically, there we are looking at the scripture where it is the Passover and they are leaving Israel, I mean they're leaving Egypt and in that group of people that are leaving Egypt, it is more than just.

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TANYA MILLER: The Israelites there are people that are dwelling amongst them that are not native to the tribes of Israel.

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TANYA MILLER: And in four and 1249 it says there shall be one law for the native.

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TANYA MILLER: And footage stranger who sojourns with you.

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TANYA MILLER: Right and this law, they were talking about was how they were to eat the Passover meal when they were preparing to leave Egypt alright, so in this.

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TANYA MILLER: definition of stranger it isn't really stranger danger here, this is a person who has decided to be a part of the Community to dwell with the Community of Israel.

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TANYA MILLER: We can move to the next slide.

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TANYA MILLER: um and now, this one is to share with us that a foreigner, unlike an immigrant is not bound to the customer and the laws of the native.

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TANYA MILLER: Or the immigrant so in regards to how they were receiving the Passover meal, if you were a foreigner living amongst

the Israelites you would not need to follow the Lord you weren't even.

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TANYA MILLER: At sometimes invited to buy kind of sharing that meal in the same way, you might actually eat something different all right.

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TANYA MILLER: This is also used in deuteronomy 2320 so I just wanted to give you a little background that when we come across these terms in the Bible, we have to think about is this referring to someone who is choosing to dwell among the Israelites or is this a person who.

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TANYA MILLER: Is is just recognized reckon visible because their culture is very different than lifestyle is very different from the customs of the Israelites.

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TANYA MILLER: You can move to the next slide so I want us to date, a little bit deeper to see what does the scriptures share, about foreigners um.

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TANYA MILLER: I see that there's something.

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TANYA MILLER: going on in the in the in the chat yes, we will provide you with the slides afterwards, so that you guys can look into the.

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TANYA MILLER: into the article that I pulled this from alright, so I would like, for us to pull out someone to read genesis chapter 23 verse four I need someone to find exodus 20 1238 and 49.

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TANYA MILLER: someone's to five x's.

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TANYA MILLER: leviticus 1918 and then we're going to look at the Vegas 2322, so there are five different scriptures i'm actually looking at this in a slideshow mode i'm going to pull out of this view, so that

we can find someone to read each of those scriptures.

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it's.

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TANYA MILLER: not allowing me to see you guys in a slump in us.

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TANYA MILLER: Oh, I have to go standard, I think.

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Felicia Wiltz: I can do exodus 23 nine.

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TANYA MILLER: Thank you.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And sister Mr Miller, you can go up to the top and change your view to either speaker or gallery to access everybody who is in Bible study.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you, and I also want to say that when I upload the replay today the slide deck will be a PDF file that will be hyperlinked so you'll be able to access the links through the slide deck.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: i'm putting it in the chat also.

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TANYA MILLER: Thank you.

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TANYA MILLER: So we have a volunteer to read genesis 23.

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TANYA MILLER: Four, yes, thank you.

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I can do that.

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TANYA MILLER: Thank you.

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TANYA MILLER: Can I okay um do we have anyone who can read exodus 1238 and 49.

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Jonell Johnson: i'll do it.

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TANYA MILLER: Thank you all right we'll start with genesis 23 four.

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Angelene Thompson: Okay i'm reading the ESB Thank you, I am a i'm a sojourner and foreigner among you give me property among you for a barrier in place that I may bury my dead out of my sight.

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TANYA MILLER: Are right now in genesis 23 first floor we are hearing from Abraham Sarah has died and Abraham is amongst the.

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TANYA MILLER: The hittites and he is looking for a place to bury Sarah so from the beginning of.

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TANYA MILLER: The Abraham story, we know that he leaves his land and he is given the word by God that he will have a land of his own at this time, he does not.

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TANYA MILLER: And so, he is amongst the hittites and as a foreigner or a sojourner someone who is not of the cultural.

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TANYA MILLER: practices of the hittites he is respecting their culture and asking them to find a place where he can bury his wife.

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TANYA MILLER: So a lot of times when we read the scriptures we overlook that the fact that this is where it begins, where, when we go back to genesis I mean to exodus.

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TANYA MILLER: 23 nine the scripture says, for you yourselves were sojourners and right here is the beginning.

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TANYA MILLER: Of the people of Israel.

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TANYA MILLER: So journey and going out into the land to the Abraham story and Abraham starts by respecting the culture of the hittites and looking for a place to bury his wife.

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TANYA MILLER: let's move to exodus 1238 and 49 we just came from exodus 12 That was where we are looking at.

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TANYA MILLER: well.

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TANYA MILLER: But let's go ahead and read that we have someone reading exodus 1238.

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TANYA MILLER: And 3930 to 49.

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Jonell Johnson: And the new American standard.

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Jonell Johnson: 12 verse 38.

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Jonell Johnson: And a mixed multitude also went up with them along with flocks and herds, a very large number of livestock.

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Jonell Johnson: In exodus 12:49.

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Jonell Johnson: The same law shall apply to the native as to the stranger who sojourns among us.

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TANYA MILLER: So this scripture a couple of weeks back, well, it was right before Easter, I believe we were talking with the young people about the Passover meal.

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TANYA MILLER: And one of the young person, one of the young people asked you know, and it was a challenging question but.

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TANYA MILLER: Why would God.

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TANYA MILLER: Allow the killing of the first ones now that's a tough question and young people, they never shy away from asking the tough question, and in that moment, when we were making meaning of it, it seemed to the young person that God was only looking out for his people.

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TANYA MILLER: And then I looked at the scripture further and when it's when I saw that it said a mixed multitude.

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TANYA MILLER: It dawned on me that we had spent during.

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TANYA MILLER: The place we'd spent 12 plates were where Moses is is

going to pharaoh and he's asking pharaoh to let my people go.

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TANYA MILLER: And Pharaohs magicians are able to kind of mimic or to do what seems.

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TANYA MILLER: Like what God is doing right.

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TANYA MILLER: But the people are seeing that it is God was calling it into these clinics and I said we made meaning of it in that moment, by saying there were people that dwelled amongst them that we're seeing the works of God.

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TANYA MILLER: And then seeing the works of God, they said, you know what.

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TANYA MILLER: We gotta stick with your folks we don't stick with your God your God is all powerful your God is mighty and so a lot of times we read the story, and we think it's only the Israelites who came out of Egypt.

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TANYA MILLER: But the scripture says, there was a mixed multitude so when lets us know that there were sojourners people that were not native.

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Jonell Johnson: To the.

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TANYA MILLER: Israel tribes that were amongst the mix that left Egypt.

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TANYA MILLER: And right there God goes on to let those people know their Shell and to let his people know there shall be one law for native and for the stranger who is among you what that says to me is that God is inviting them in.



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TANYA MILLER: let's go to exodus 23 nine, that is, our focus scripture.

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Felicia Wiltz: I think this is the new revised standard version.

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00:48:19.710 --> 00:48:28.770

Felicia Wiltz: You shall not oppress the resident alien you know the heart of an alien for you were aliens in the land of Egypt.

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TANYA MILLER: Thank you so that scripture is also saying you know it's using two words there resident.

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TANYA MILLER: alien alien.

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TANYA MILLER: What does it mean to have someone reside with you.

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TANYA MILLER: When someone resides with you, they decided to walk with you to understand your ways to learn about you.

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TANYA MILLER: How, then, do we respond to someone who is decided to come in from the outside, if if if foreigner is to mean someone from the outside, when they choose to come in, how then do we respond, since the beverly.

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00:49:19.500 --> 00:49:35.460

Beverly Williams: You know is that it's clear, that is a do not oppress them suppress them, and so you have to be welcoming I understand the one law in no, but I also understand that these people are also come in with.

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00:49:39.150 --> 00:49:41.100

Beverly Williams: Their coming with some things.

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00:49:42.180 --> 00:49:52.380

Beverly Williams: Also in and i'm bringing it up to date, because this is a big argument and it kind of brings me to the whole mentality around master and slave thing.

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Beverly Williams: You know, and how people could take advantage of that and misuse that and i'm saying here and I was saying it's so easy to miss use this and to and to treat immigrants poorly.

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00:50:09.660 --> 00:50:24.810

Beverly Williams: And I, and I just cannot stop bacon of the parallel between those two and compared to what's happening actually now, so you do not suppress them, yes, I could understand that they realize, we all have to abide by.

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00:50:26.370 --> 00:50:34.860

Beverly Williams: But the hateful things that people do today to immigrants, you know, do not use your language I don't know if it gets that explicit in the Bible.

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00:50:35.340 --> 00:50:44.310

Beverly Williams: While you're here, and you should be speaking in your native language and you should be doing this and you should be doing that and then online from for me.

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00:50:46.470 --> 00:50:50.010

TANYA MILLER: Thank you for raising that sister beverly because.

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Cammie Browne: me i'm i'm sorry I cut you off tanya.

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Cammie Browne: When I hear the word resident an.

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Cammie Browne: alien together in the same sentence I think of you know, those of us who have come from abroad, and we have our resident alien cards right.

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Camie Browne: We get where you are a resident status, we can do everything, the only thing two things we cannot do is one to vote and reap the benefits of our social security, but we have to abide by the laws here.

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00:51:19.980 --> 00:51:23.520

Camie Browne: Your resident alien the green card of it actually officially given to us.

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00:51:24.330 --> 00:51:25.200

TANYA MILLER: Right right.

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00:51:26.220 --> 00:51:26.730

TANYA MILLER: um.

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00:51:28.440 --> 00:51:34.680

TANYA MILLER: Thank you for sharing that sister tammy and for letting us know about that, and thank you for raising that point beverly.

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00:51:35.880 --> 00:51:42.810

TANYA MILLER: Because that is the question that we're always going to wrestle with when we are bringing.

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00:51:43.710 --> 00:51:45.240

TANYA MILLER: Different people together.

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00:51:46.020 --> 00:51:47.520

TANYA MILLER: Right who.

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00:51:49.320 --> 00:51:52.860

TANYA MILLER: decides what is going to be the standard.

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00:51:54.660 --> 00:51:58.800

TANYA MILLER: Who decides which way which culture is this kind of like.

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00:51:59.910 --> 00:52:13.290

TANYA MILLER: When I remember when I was in school, and I was studying

i'm that Mariya you guys are married, you will understand this to a different degree, but when you're bringing two families together you're creating a new way of being.

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00:52:13.830 --> 00:52:25.110

TANYA MILLER: And so, each party has to come to a place where they recognize that their old way of beating being some of it is going to shift, so that they can make way.

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00:52:25.710 --> 00:52:38.460

TANYA MILLER: For a new way, a new pattern is going to emerge by bringing two different lifestyles together now in terms of the biblical story, there was a lot.

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00:52:40.200 --> 00:52:54.900

TANYA MILLER: Where the people of God, are reminded that their God is the one true God and there's certain ways of being in and cultural practices that as people of God, they should not practice right, but for those.

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00:52:55.950 --> 00:52:59.430

TANYA MILLER: Who are coming to dwell with them, they are instructed.

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00:53:00.510 --> 00:53:05.820

TANYA MILLER: Not to oppress them, and when I read that I look at what.

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00:53:07.110 --> 00:53:22.110

TANYA MILLER: They were oppressed in Egypt because they weren't allowed to worship their God, they were oppressed in Egypt because pharaoh made things difficult for them, he took away if we remember the story of one day we're.

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00:53:24.150 --> 00:53:26.070

TANYA MILLER: Building breaks and and and.

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00:53:27.540 --> 00:53:34.260

TANYA MILLER: Moses went to pharaoh and he said, let them go and he decided we talked about this a couple of weeks ago.

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00:53:34.980 --> 00:53:44.790

TANYA MILLER: that he was going to make it more difficult for them by having the same they had to fulfill the same code of bricks but they would have to go and find the materials on their own.

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00:53:45.360 --> 00:54:05.430

TANYA MILLER: So he he made it much more difficult for them to do the task that they had right, and so, when I look at the word of press i'm looking at the i'm considering are we making it difficult for people to do what they need to do.

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00:54:06.480 --> 00:54:10.200

TANYA MILLER: Are we making it hard for them to still.

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00:54:11.730 --> 00:54:14.070

TANYA MILLER: worship and to and to seek God.

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TANYA MILLER: So we have to consider.

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00:54:18.510 --> 00:54:31.290

TANYA MILLER: Whether the ways that we are treating those that are different than others is stifling their worship is it making it hard for them to fulfill the task that they have on for their day to day.

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00:54:32.820 --> 00:54:40.080

TANYA MILLER: we're going to move to leviticus 1980 that I have a volunteer for that.

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00:54:40.860 --> 00:54:41.460

Candis Hilton: I have.

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00:54:41.910 --> 00:54:42.990

TANYA MILLER: Thank you sister Kansas.

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00:54:46.380 --> 00:54:48.390

Candis Hilton: This is from the nav version.

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00:54:50.070 --> 00:55:01.380

Candis Hilton: That is chapter 19 verses 18 do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor

as yourself, I am the Lord.

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00:55:05.640 --> 00:55:09.480

TANYA MILLER: Excellent excellent so, can you read that for us, one more time.

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00:55:12.960 --> 00:55:21.690

Candis Hilton: Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself, I am the Lord.

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00:55:22.740 --> 00:55:35.580

TANYA MILLER: Okay, so first the first half of the scripture is actually talking about people from within right from your route right don't don't hold grudges don't treat them bad right.

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00:55:37.590 --> 00:55:39.570

TANYA MILLER: But then it moves to.

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00:55:40.950 --> 00:55:57.360

TANYA MILLER: The stranger to the immigrants to the foreigner, and it saying love them that's different than not treating someone back right that is actually a higher calling for the person who was outside of you, then, for the person that sent from within.

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00:55:58.530 --> 00:56:05.880

TANYA MILLER: As sometimes we read it, as if it's the same but it's it's actually different, and I wonder.

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00:56:07.980 --> 00:56:10.740

TANYA MILLER: Think about my family, and I think about.

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00:56:11.760 --> 00:56:21.510

TANYA MILLER: How easy it is to be a little bit grudge be graduated my sister or my brother or it's I get into a little fight with them right but.

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00:56:22.320 --> 00:56:35.730

TANYA MILLER: there's something about that fight underneath that fight, there is love, so I can actually go there, we can actually get into the rump the rubble, if you will, because there is a foundation.

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00:56:36.780 --> 00:56:48.030

TANYA MILLER: But God is, I believe that that scripture is asking us to build the Foundation, with the stranger before we even consider getting into the rupal that's just my thought.

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00:56:49.410 --> 00:56:53.040

TANYA MILLER: i'm moving on to leviticus 2322.

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Felicia Wiltz: I have it.

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Felicia Wiltz: This is the wii version, when you reap the harvest of your land do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest leave them for the poor and for the foreigner residing among you, I am the Lord your God.

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00:57:14.370 --> 00:57:21.540

TANYA MILLER: Thank you now the scripture is telling us to go out of our way to ensure that.

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00:57:21.600 --> 00:57:22.200

TANYA MILLER: there.

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00:57:23.070 --> 00:57:30.150

TANYA MILLER: is provision for those that are months us that may not be from our same tribe.

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00:57:31.650 --> 00:57:57.720

TANYA MILLER: So we've started from genesis 2324 with Abraham showing us that you know as you come into another culture you're respecting that culture right and then in exodus 12 God is allowing others to join with the people of Israel, even as they are becoming free from the oppression of pharaoh.

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00:57:58.950 --> 00:58:12.360

TANYA MILLER: exodus 23 nine we see that we are X don't become like pharaoh don't make it difficult for those who are dwelling amongst you to worship God.

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00:58:12.990 --> 00:58:25.200

TANYA MILLER: don't make it difficult for them to be able to do their day to day tasks and then God, and then we go to leviticus 1918 and we're acts to love them.

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00:58:25.860 --> 00:58:37.380

TANYA MILLER: And then leviticus 2322 and I didn't even realize this guys i'm actually just saying this now it's all coming to me now but leviticus 2322 is putting your love in action.

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00:58:40.950 --> 00:58:49.830

TANYA MILLER: So it's it's a build up from the beginning to the end from respect to having folks well amongst us.

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00:58:51.120 --> 00:59:00.090

TANYA MILLER: To to make sure we don't oppressed them to them loving them and putting that love into action, we can move to the next slide.

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TANYA MILLER: So this is something that i've actually came across in my research and I thought that it was absolutely amazing.

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TANYA MILLER: And i'll just read the slide I don't know I know you're not supposed to read your slides, but this is oops what did I just do oh there, I think I did something, but I can see the slide all right, it says, over and over the Levis sources EP empty now when you're doing a biblical study.

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TANYA MILLER: I have to make sure that i'm saying this right because pastor hammond gave me a little less than last night, and so I don't want to get it wrong.

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TANYA MILLER: There is documentary i'm.

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TANYA MILLER: hypothesis is the way that biblical Scotto scholars explain the composition of the tour of the first five books of the Bible, and they agree that.



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TANYA MILLER: The Torah is not written by a unified a single author, but instead it's made up of various sources right and so their sources call ya'll with Elvis and i'm.

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TANYA MILLER: deuteronomy as well as Priestly so this poll is saying that the elbow with sources, the Priestly sources and deuteronomy sources.

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TANYA MILLER: That they all command that one must not mistreat an alien why because we were aliens in Egypt and this this this quote is also saying that the first occurrence of the word Torah.

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01:00:42.540 --> 01:01:01.500

TANYA MILLER: In the Torah is actually in the scripture that we read earlier exodus 1249 the first time that the word Torah is actually used in the Torah is an exodus 1249 where it says there shall be one law for the citizen and for the alien who resides among you.

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01:01:02.580 --> 01:01:13.860

TANYA MILLER: In the three lead light sources, the command to treat aliens fairly or foreigners or stranger or immigrants comes up 52 times.

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TANYA MILLER: 52 times.

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TANYA MILLER: And how many times in a non white source J none, but the commentary on exits makes a strong case on the.

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TANYA MILLER: etymology of the word lead by so Levi, is the root word, of course, for the Levis to those who are in the temple and who are given the Priestly duties right.

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01:01:39.630 --> 01:01:54.660

TANYA MILLER: That is the the word lead by most probable meaning is an attached person in the sense of a resident alien so that makes sense,

right in the Levis sources sources, which is a pmt.

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01:01:58.320 --> 01:02:06.450

TANYA MILLER: They are saying that we must treat aliens fairly 52 times because they themselves.

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01:02:07.260 --> 01:02:24.870

TANYA MILLER: The priests that God has given the law to make sure that the temple and the ways in which they live out their faith are themselves resident aliens and we know that that makes sense because they are living outside of Egypt.

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01:02:26.130 --> 01:02:29.910

TANYA MILLER: At this point, because the Passover has happened.

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01:02:31.260 --> 01:02:42.000

TANYA MILLER: i'm sorry not the Passover but they have been led out of Egypt from Moses, and I don't know what screen, I am in so i'm going to try to get back to you guys give me one second here.

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01:02:43.380 --> 01:02:44.310

TANYA MILLER: What is happening.

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01:02:45.660 --> 01:02:48.780

Carole Copeland Thomas: Can you can, if you can find we can see you fine.

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01:02:49.170 --> 01:02:55.320

Carole Copeland Thomas: If you can go down to the bottom and find your zoom icon and click on that you'll get back to us.

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01:02:56.640 --> 01:02:58.620

TANYA MILLER: Okay switch.

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01:02:58.650 --> 01:03:00.300

Carole Copeland Thomas: On the bottom of your screen.

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01:03:00.930 --> 01:03:01.590

TANYA MILLER: On the bottom or.

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01:03:01.710 --> 01:03:12.990

Carole Copeland Thomas: i'm sorry the bottom of yet a bottom of your device wherever your zoom icon it's probably lined up with your other Apps on your device okay.

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01:03:13.080 --> 01:03:21.330

TANYA MILLER: I think I need to here we go exit full scroll all right there we go I got it i'm sorry folks we can move to the next slide.

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01:03:22.080 --> 01:03:39.930

TANYA MILLER: I got a little lost in there Okay, so the question is that I would like to share with us the scripture says in exodus 23 nine you shall not oppress a sojourner you know the heart of a sojourner my question for you is what is the heart of a jeweler.

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01:03:41.730 --> 01:03:45.360

TANYA MILLER: let's just start there, what do you believe is the heart of a sojourner.

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01:03:48.630 --> 01:03:50.940

TANYA MILLER: And you could unmute yourself, or you can write in the chat.

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01:03:51.510 --> 01:04:06.660

Jonell Johnson: and the first thing that comes to my mind, is a person that wants to be accepted, so if I came to Bethel and I was new to beth and I didn't know anybody there, maybe, and I looked different maybe i'm white.

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Jonell Johnson: and

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Jonell Johnson: But I want to come from, so I want to be accepted and if somebody said hi to me and started talking to me that will be a process of be accepted, even though I look different from everybody.

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01:04:26.520 --> 01:04:40.800

TANYA MILLER: I thank you sister to know anyone else I see in the chat that someone seeking a home or Community someone seeking a better life for themselves and their families.

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anyone else.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: i'm just reading this passage of scripture and.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: asking this question and going back to what pastor hammond had said, as he introduced you, it is the opposite of what we had between 2016 and 2020 where there was an absolute.

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01:05:10.770 --> 01:05:34.380

Carole Copeland Thomas: Non tolerance of the foreigner the immigrant the person who came here, particularly if you were Brown and they were not only separated from their families, but they were treated as less than human beings, which is the opposite of what you were talking about tonight Minister tanya.

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TANYA MILLER: you're right we have lived in.

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01:05:39.540 --> 01:05:45.360

TANYA MILLER: A society for the last several years, where we have been.

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01:05:47.010 --> 01:05:51.270

TANYA MILLER: acts to see people as a threat.

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01:05:53.220 --> 01:05:56.250

TANYA MILLER: Where we have been pitted against one another.

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01:05:58.080 --> 01:06:07.950

TANYA MILLER: Where groups of people who are seeking a better life for themselves for their families have been.

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01:06:09.510 --> 01:06:14.310

TANYA MILLER: labeled in derogatory and unkind terms.

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01:06:16.080 --> 01:06:22.530

TANYA MILLER: And this message is right at its centers right in my heart.

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01:06:24.060 --> 01:06:31.170

TANYA MILLER: They have been yes fully do they have been criminalized they have been seen as outsiders to the point.

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01:06:33.000 --> 01:06:49.620

TANYA MILLER: That we have seen an increase in crimes towards different people groups, whether that is our Asian American brothers our Latin American brothers are black men and women.

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TANYA MILLER: Our African and Caribbean sisters, there has not been.

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01:06:56.970 --> 01:07:05.520

TANYA MILLER: A group of people who haven't our Jewish brothers, at times, who haven't been demonized.

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TANYA MILLER: And, as a result.

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01:07:11.700 --> 01:07:17.280

TANYA MILLER: It has been harder for us to sit and listen to one another.

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01:07:19.290 --> 01:07:21.120

TANYA MILLER: I don't know about you, but.

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01:07:22.680 --> 01:07:31.470

TANYA MILLER: Given all that i've seen on the media at times in my heart, it has been I confess, it has been hard.

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TANYA MILLER: To see.

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01:07:35.070 --> 01:07:39.060

TANYA MILLER: My co workers as people that I can trust.

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01:07:40.140 --> 01:07:43.500

TANYA MILLER: or be vulnerable with because I.

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01:07:45.690 --> 01:07:48.330

TANYA MILLER: was afraid of how they might see me.

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01:07:50.670 --> 01:07:51.270

TANYA MILLER: um.

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01:07:52.740 --> 01:08:02.700

TANYA MILLER: I was going to say that this this sits at the heart of who tanya milla is i'm a i'm a first generation American.

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TANYA MILLER: My parents were born outside of this country their grandparents.

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01:08:11.760 --> 01:08:14.880

TANYA MILLER: were born outside of the country where they were born.

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01:08:17.820 --> 01:08:31.140

TANYA MILLER: I am a sojourner i'm a first generation American but in preparing this lesson I spent time talking to my family over at 815 i'm so sorry folks I didn't even see the time.

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01:08:32.370 --> 01:08:39.870

TANYA MILLER: We will, I was spent time talking out and on this I spent time talking with my family and and hearing.

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01:08:40.890 --> 01:09:00.750

TANYA MILLER: What it's like to be in a new place in a new situation and to how do you how do they feel do they feel accepted do they feel love where they they feel fearful and in talking to my uncle he was one of the last persons that I talked to last night I realized that the.

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TANYA MILLER: sum of the lack of acceptance or the feeling that you are not a part of the Community was even I felt that growing up, I

felt distance, I felt lonely I felt lonely at times and I was born here in the United States of America raised this is the only home that I know.

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TANYA MILLER: And so I said to myself how does this translate to the word of God and.

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TANYA MILLER: I spent some time talking with path, I spent a lot of times with different people and just trying to make sense of all this and i'll end on this um.

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01:09:40.710 --> 01:09:48.750

TANYA MILLER: I believe that the story of the Israelites coming out of Egypt and given.

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TANYA MILLER: The word that they would go and possess the land.

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TANYA MILLER: They needed to also know that when they went out to possess the land they'd be some people that they'd had to they would encounter and that God wasn't leaving those people out.

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01:10:08.100 --> 01:10:22.410

TANYA MILLER: So they themselves, even though they were foreigners, even though they were sojourners would have to make room for more sojourners and I said to myself, I wonder if we are really making room.

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01:10:23.550 --> 01:10:24.420

TANYA MILLER: For others.

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01:10:25.650 --> 01:10:28.140

TANYA MILLER: To come alongside us in this journey of faith.

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TANYA MILLER: um and I want to win next week we'll continue on this and we'll we'll look at at a little bit more.

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TANYA MILLER: of how I made meaning of some of this I didn't even get into the crux of it all, and I know we have to go.

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TANYA MILLER: I didn't even realize the time but thank you for spending time with me tonight, and we will continue on this very same topic next week.

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TANYA MILLER: And my my challenge for you as you go out and as we, as you think about next week we when you come back again we're going to be thinking about When did we feel strange are out of place, like a foreigner and how.

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01:11:07.830 --> 01:11:09.300

TANYA MILLER: Are we making room.

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TANYA MILLER: Because wherever we go we're going to be some other people and we're going to have to bring them along the journey.

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01:11:20.640 --> 01:11:24.960

TANYA MILLER: Do we have any prayer requests word as we close out tonight.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: So just.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: just say.

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01:11:30.900 --> 01:11:39.870

Carole Copeland Thomas: A powerful message and definitely keep Reverend Carrington more in your prayers as he and his beloved get married on Saturday.

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01:11:40.200 --> 01:11:40.830

Yes.



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01:11:43.410 --> 01:11:44.370

Lillie Cousin: hi everyone.

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Lillie Cousin: I would like to say to continue to have the Maya sibley she's my cousin's best friend that was in a hospital that was in a car with them.

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Lillie Cousin: She has affected stone broken bones and ribs of faces messed up the transporter her yesterday to children's hospital.

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Lillie Cousin: Her mother went there yesterday, she responded and she was able to squeeze her hand she faced have would have twin she has a twin.

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Lillie Cousin: She pays out what our 2014 was smiling and recognizing him so which is purple and playing it all the surgical procedures and go continue the healer and be there with her, because she heals she's going to have the time now how about spring is no longer here.

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01:12:37.230 --> 01:12:46.980

TANYA MILLER: we're praying for you sister Lillian for this family can you do, you have access to chat to write the name in the chat well someone asks what is her name or I can write it for you.

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01:12:47.040 --> 01:12:53.310

Lillie Cousin: Yes, I put in the chat really the manga D E m a sibling as being a wine.

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So.

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Lillie Cousin: Yes, and I put in earlier.

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01:12:57.870 --> 01:12:59.490

Ray Hammond: Thank you, you also.

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Ray Hammond: All all the family member names and people who have been left, including a mother husband and brother in the listserv email that went out a couple of days ago, so you can find all the names there that should be lifted up in prayer absolutely.

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Ray Hammond: Before we add other a prayer request to let me just take a moment to thank Mr time because, as any of you have taught a class no it's not an easy thing the.

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Ray Hammond: Standard before group of people and try to explain your thoughts and do it in a way that's really helpful to them going with deeply and.

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Ray Hammond: This certainly is a an important subject, right now, this is not theory, this is relevant for all the reasons we've talked about it's relevant because of the rise.

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Ray Hammond: In hate crimes against immigrants are descendants of immigrants in our country.

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Jonell Johnson: yeah.

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Ray Hammond: it's relevant because of the tone that we've seen in the last four years, which, sadly, is much more normal in America than it is the exception, the fear of the immigrant.

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Ray Hammond: Is a long standing show which is ironic in a nation of immigrants, the only person who can say we've been here for a long time or native American everybody else, either in voluntarily or voluntarily showed up on these shores.

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Ray Hammond: it's also relevant as we're maybe as a nation literally going to sit down and talk about immigration policy, and if there's anything that's clear again from the scriptures that that Minister Tony brought out is that when, God says, I want you to treat them well, what I want you to.

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Ray Hammond: be kind so god's very specific God says that means something legally in terms of how you apply the law God says that needs something economically.

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Ray Hammond: In terms of how you make things available for those who may not be able to get a foothold right away, who may be struggling because they are here.

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Ray Hammond: So it has all these vodka and God sends.

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Ray Hammond: You more than anyone should understand this, because you are the descendants of immigrants, you know what it's like to be treated, you know what it's like to be stepped on and taken advantage of.

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Ray Hammond: So you have no excuse for turning around and doing the same thing to others, so this is rooted very clearly.

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Ray Hammond: Both in the history of the people, and so on, and and you're going to continue to see this all throughout the scriptures even in the New Testament.

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Ray Hammond: God chooses the interaction of a foreigner and alien a Samaritan with someone in need when he wants to define what it means to look like what it means to be a neighbor so again, this is a very long standing.

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Ray Hammond: theme throughout the scriptures and again, not surprisingly it's a theme that the Christian nation of America constantly forget, and sadly Christians are often at the front of the pack bathing in some ways for the blood and the mistreatment of those who are immigrants and lungs.

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TANYA MILLER: So thank you pass I have my we're definitely going to continue to look at all of these things.

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TANYA MILLER: Next week, since it is beyond our time let's let's close in prayer, thank you for hanging with me.

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TANYA MILLER: God.

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TANYA MILLER: We hear you.

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TANYA MILLER: We hear your call to love.

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TANYA MILLER: To support to look after.

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TANYA MILLER: one another in these trying and difficult days.

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TANYA MILLER: We are asking God that you go on a walk alongside send your Holy Spirit said comfort.

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TANYA MILLER: The mothers and fathers, the cousins and brothers, of all those who have lost their lives, whether it is in regard to police brutality, to the coronavirus to.

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TANYA MILLER: Tragic such situations we lift up the cousin family we lift up the sibley family tonight, Lord God, and we ask that you get sent out you're ministering angels, so that these families know that they are not alone.

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TANYA MILLER: know that they are cared for God, we are asking that you would show us how to put our love in action so that we are opening the doors to Community for everyone.

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TANYA MILLER: That you've you've called us to go out.

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TANYA MILLER: And to possess the land you've given us.

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TANYA MILLER: The keys to your kingdom and that comes with responsibility.

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TANYA MILLER: Therefore, we must treat our neighbors.

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01:18:38.220 --> 01:18:42.300

TANYA MILLER: The way we wish to be treated on our best days.

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TANYA MILLER: So God tomorrow as we awake I am asking that every one of us would be granted a new hope.

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TANYA MILLER: New vigor.

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TANYA MILLER: A new sense of purpose as we live out your word.

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TANYA MILLER: And our day to day lives we thank you for each person on

this call, tonight we thank you for our Community where we can discuss the difficult and the hard things and we ask that you would just continue to keep us as we go from this place, it is in your name, we pray and give thanks amen.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: amen and beautiful.

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01:19:34.260 --> 01:19:34.830

Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you all.

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Lillie Cousin: Thank you, thank you, you did an awesome job tonight thank.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: You.

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Felicia Wiltz: doing good.

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Felecia Cain: Like I said I listen to you all night long.

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TANYA MILLER: Oh, thank you.

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Felecia Cain: Thank you all night long.

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Felecia Cain: Thank you, thank you so much.

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Felecia Cain: Take care.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: bye bye everyone.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: bye bye good night everybody great.

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All right, goodbye.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: bye bye.