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Carl Racine: Welcome once again.

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Carl Racine: Lord God we bless you for this day we bless you for sunshine that at least makes things not quite as cold, we thank you for.

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Carl Racine: Being able to meet together at least virtually and I pray that you would guide us in our thoughts and in our discussion of your word this morning and how it applies to our lives in christ's name amen.

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amen.

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Carl Racine: Oh we've been.

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Carl Racine: Looking at the kosher laws and Torah and the Old Testament and i've argued.

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Carl Racine: That they're not just part of some sort of legal mystic.

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Carl Racine: program from Judaism, they actually have something important to teach us that they're part of the larger.

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Carl Racine: concern in Torah about the relationship between human beings and the rest of creation with both the animal kingdom and the earth itself and we looked at some of the other laws that are in Torah about.

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Carl Racine: The Non human parts of creation, so to speak, and and we saw that humans in the beginning, would given authority over the earth, but also responsibility for its cultivation and care and I argued very much.

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Carl Racine: In connection with the sermon topic this morning for those of you who are in church.

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Carl Racine: That humans are actually designated as servant leaders that they were supposed to serve the earth and take care of it, even though they were given authority and dominion over it, that servant leadership is not something new.

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Carl Racine: In the Gospels what's there in the first two chapters of Genesis.

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Carl Racine: I also think that Christians have largely ignored the theme of creation care and Torah in part because the New Testament really doesn't say anything about it, and also because we haven't really looked carefully at the kosher laws and their connection with these other laws.

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Carl Racine: we've just dismissed them as part of the oppressive Jewish legalism that Jesus came to set us free from and they don't have anything to do with us.

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Carl Racine: And i've been trying to show that, in fact, they have something valuable for us to learn as well, I want to, I want to move today into looking at the New Testament and to some of the passages in the New Testament that I think have been misunderstood because of this anti Jewish bias.

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Carl Racine: That has been very much a part of the Christian tradition.

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Carl Racine: And we've we've we've tended to understand a few of the passages in the New Testament as overturning or canceling the kosher laws, when I don't think that they actually do that and we're going to look at some of those passages a little bit this morning.

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Carl Racine: When I did a version of this class a couple of years ago.

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Carl Racine: We looked at length at mark Chapter seven, and if you have bibles that would be helpful for you to to open them to mark seven I don't I don't want to spend quite as much time as I did before, but I do want to look at that, because this has been the classic proof text.

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Carl Racine: Amongst Christians, for this anti Jewish point of view that sees Jesus is overturning the kosher laws and specifically verse 19 of Chapter seven.

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Carl Racine: In most of the modern translations that we have see Jesus is doing just that and I argued in class a couple of years ago that this was a misinterpretation misunderstanding, the passage for several reasons, and I want to review those arguments here.

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Carl Racine: Because a lot of people weren't in that class where you are, you probably don't remember what I had to say.

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Carl Racine: So.

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Carl Racine: Is your hair off, we can see slide number 12 please.

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Carl Racine: Okay, there we go.

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Carl Racine: The first thing that's important to do in this passage is figure out what the real issue is and there's a parallel passage where the same story is basically told by Matthew that if you read it you'll it's maybe a little bit more clear because mark.

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Carl Racine: mark's not always as well organized right or Matthew kind of cleans up some of what mark does in terms of stylistic stuff.

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Carl Racine: But what is clear, if you read this passage and compare it, especially with the passage in Matthew is that the issue here, has to do, not with what foods you eat, but in eating those foods with ritually unwashed hands and you see this in verses three to five of Marks seven.

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Carl Racine: So what's this all about the pharisees come to Jesus, and they say we see disciples who are eating, without washing their hands.

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Carl Racine: washing your hands here has nothing to do with personal hygiene that's again a modern concern it indicates for the pharisees, in particular, being in a state of ritual purity.

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Carl Racine: there's no commandment in Torah to wash your hands before a meal, even though most parents probably try to convince their children that in fact that's a biblical commandment.

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Carl Racine: But there's no commandment in Torah that says that you have to do that.

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Carl Racine: What the pharisees are doing is taking a commandment for the priests in exodus 30 the priests and the temple are instructed to wash their hands, as well as their feet.

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Carl Racine: Before they Minister at the altar before they offer sacrifices and, interestingly enough, that tradition has persisted in

the Christian church and he ministers still wash their hands before
Sir before communion right.

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Carl Racine: And in other today's Catholic churches episcopal churches
Lutheran churches that's a that's a common thing that reflects this
practice from exodus that was specifically said for the priests to do
in the temple.

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Carl Racine: Now the pharisees were la movement, they were not priests
and they were laying movement within Judaism, they were not
representative of all Jews, by any stretch of the imagination, but one
of the parts of the agenda of the pharisees.

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Carl Racine: was to.

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Carl Racine: insist that all of Israel, be a kingdom of priests and a
holy nation exodus 19 six and if Israel as a whole is a kingdom of
priests and a holy nation, then adopting, something that the priests
do.

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Carl Racine: would make us would make some sense as a sign that you
are a holy nation, and in fact this was a radically egalitarian idea
that sought.

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Carl Racine: to blur the distinction that we've seen between the
different levels of holiness that were ascribed to priests and to
ordinary Israelites we saw that.

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Carl Racine: priests have a special level of Holiness, they have to be
more concerned about certain things because of their closeness to the
altar of their closest to god's presence in the temple.

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Carl Racine: But the pharisees said, well, we need to apply this to
everyone, and so this is part of what mark seven five calls the

traditions of the elders.

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Carl Racine: notice that the pharisees don't say why don't you follow the law, they say why don't you follow the traditions of the elders, this is not a debate about the law of Moses, this is a debate about something else, this is a debate about something that the pharisees were interested in.

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Carl Racine: The pharisees wanted to extend the holiness of the temple into people's daily lives, so the hearth in the home, was to be an altar.

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Carl Racine: And daily food was to be an offering to God and therefore, as a sign of that you washed your hands, just like the priests and the temple this was a fair saying idea and it's not a bad idea.

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Carl Racine: it's just not one that was practiced by Jesus and his disciples or by most Jews at that time.

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Carl Racine: So the dispute here has nothing to do with the kosher laws if Jesus and his disciples were actually ignoring the kosher laws, the pharisees would have done more than just complain about them not washing their hands before they ate their ham sandwiches.

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Carl Racine: If Jesus and his disciples had said we don't need to follow the kosher laws anymore, the pharisees would have been the first people that complain about it, and so, with the rest of so with the rest of the Jews, but that's not the complaint here.

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Carl Racine: So throughout this whole passage, and this is really important to keep in mind, because, again, our anti Jewish traditions have taught us to read the Bible wrongly.

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Carl Racine: Throughout this whole passage both the pharisees and Jesus are talking about the same food the kosher food that they all eat and the in mark seven five have given you a literal translation of it here the pharisees literally say bread.

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Carl Racine: The pharisees and Jesus and his disciples are all on the same page with what food they're eating the debate here is simply about whether or not you wash your hands before.

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Carl Racine: And Jesus says eating kosher food with unwashed ritually and purified hands does not make a person common, that is not wholly.

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Carl Racine: But typically for Jesus he takes the discussion in a slightly different direction, and he speaks in this passage and you can read it.

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Carl Racine: at length there's a lot of stuff in this passage, but he speaks in this passage again as he usually does with the voice of a Hebrew prophet calling people to focus on the weightier matters of the law that are the heart of what it means to be a holy people.

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Carl Racine: So the issue has nothing to do with a kosher laws as such.

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Carl Racine: Second, and this is, this is where most of us have been let down by our tradition to get this anti Jewish interpretation of this passage translators, have had to add words to the text and verse 19 that aren't there and i've given you on the screen the King James version of verse 19 and.

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Carl Racine: The the new international version and IV, but most modern translations read something along the line of what the end IV does and aren't are nothing like what's in the King James the King James is fairly literal here.

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Carl Racine: And what you can see two things happen in this in this revised anti Jewish translation that we're stuck with if we're not reading the King James.

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Carl Racine: First they add words to the text in verse 19 that aren't there.

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Carl Racine: Okay, and second, they take a dependent participle clause purging all meats and turn it into an independent parents medical sentence in saying this Jesus declared all foods clean.

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Carl Racine: None of that is in the original text.

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Carl Racine: OK.

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Carl Racine: So.

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Carl Racine: The literal reading isn't particularly clear, which is why people have tried to.

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Carl Racine: understand exactly what.

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Carl Racine: Jesus is saying, but this anti Jewish understanding of this verse goes back to our old friends in the.

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Carl Racine: church fathers origin and john Chris asked them who are notoriously opposed to Judaism and all that it stood for and they came up with this bright idea and that's sort of taken hold in the Church.

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Carl Racine: What could Jesus mean by what's going on here and the King James version.

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Carl Racine: It seems to suggest that the digestive process somehow purifies the food.

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Carl Racine: Maybe that's what he's saying, maybe not perhaps I think more to the point that in bypassing the heart.

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Carl Racine: of food eating within sanctified hands does not affect a person's holiness and Jesus goes on to talk about the matters of the heart that do affect a person's Holiness, but even if somehow Jesus already be understood here is declaring all foods ritually clean.

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Carl Racine: In the context again he is talking about kosher food the kind of food, he and the disciples and the pharisees are eating.

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Carl Racine: There are a whole lot of foods in the world that you and I don't eat and that we don't consider to be food, even though there are small pockets of people somewhere who eat them for food.

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Carl Racine: The same is true here.

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Carl Racine: Jesus and in pharisees are on the same page they're talking about kosher food, the food that they're all eating.

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Carl Racine: And and Jesus is simply declaring that food is good, I don't think that's the right interpretation of what's going on in this passage but either way Jesus is not overturning the kosher laws here.

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Carl Racine: i'm going to pause here, and this may be a little bit.

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Carl Racine: say a little bit much for you all to digest but I don't know if that's the right metaphor, but if people have questions or comments on what i've said so far i'd be happy to address them.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: So brother Carl we caught your joke about ham sandwich we're talking about that.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Right in the in the chat room.

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Carl Racine: um.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: You mentioned ham sandwich.

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Carl Racine: Obviously, pork is not kosher.

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Carl Racine: Right, so if if Jesus and his disciples were eating non kosher food if they are eating ham sandwiches or shrimp cocktails or or whatever.

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Carl Racine: The pharisees wouldn't have been complaining about them not.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: washing their hands of.

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Carl Racine: The pharisees were been complaining about them breaking god's law.

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Carl Racine: And that's not the issue, the issue here is the tradition

of the elders not god's law and we've made it into an issue of god's well when in fact that's not what the passage is about.

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Carl Racine: Why doesn't yeah.

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Carl Racine: It wasn't a joke, but it was just.

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Carl Racine: Right washing your hands is relatively unimportant compared to eating poor for anyone in Jesus day.

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Bill Hughes: And and Carl you cut out for me way back just for a second when what was the actual ritual of the pharisees.

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Carl Racine: They would just.

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Carl Racine: ritually wash your hands, and this is, I think this is is still a thing in Judaism that you, you wash your hands.

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Carl Racine: Before a meal, not for hygienic person you say a blessing over that and all of that it's not for high gigantic PR purposes, but simply.

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Carl Racine: as a way of bringing the temple holiness into everyday lives and, of course, once the temple was destroyed that became a more important thing the the home the home really is an altar in certain ways in Judaism and.

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Carl Racine: Offering food or eating food is, it is an act of offering something to God.

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Carl Racine: that's.

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yeah.

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Bill Hughes: So is is what Jesus saying the broader point then that.

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Bill Hughes: rituals may be useful, but they're not the same as.

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Bill Hughes: As god's commands and.

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Bill Hughes: don't get caught up with the the dumb you know the man made commands that are there to help you keep god's commands.

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Bill Hughes: Is that is that the broader point that we should take from this.

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Carl Racine: yeah, I suppose, although.

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Carl Racine: Every time I hear Christians talk about rituals in a negative way, I want to stop and point out all the ways in which rituals matter very much.

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Carl Racine: To people they're a human thing they're not just a Jewish thing.

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Carl Racine: When joshua was little and I suggested that we not have birthday cake, for his birthday.

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Carl Racine: Susan thought that all of the rest of the parents would think that I was being a bad parent to not serve cake and a birthday party.

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Carl Racine: Because that ritual is so important in the minds of at least some people that if you leave it out, you are, you are somehow going to be damaging your child permanently okay.

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Carl Racine: We have rituals.

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Carl Racine: Look what happened in the nfl when people didn't follow the precise ritual during the singing of the national anthem.

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Carl Racine: It turned into a huge social.

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Carl Racine: debate.

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Carl Racine: Because that ritual matters to people.

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Carl Racine: We have rituals around the most important parts of our lives birth marriage death.

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Carl Racine: Not to mention religious rituals rituals are important.

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Carl Racine: And so I don't want to say that Jesus is.

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Carl Racine: undermining the importance of rituals as a whole, but what Jesus says in this passage if you kind of go through all of the other stuff there.

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Carl Racine: He sort of throws it back at the pharisees and says, why are you criticizing me when you using other human traditions that you've developed.

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Carl Racine: to undermine god's word and he gives other examples of that he said this particular ritual doesn't accomplish anything that that is necessarily important for us.

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Carl Racine: But so again Jesus takes the discussion to a different level.

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Carl Racine: But I don't want to end so yes there's ways in which rituals can can not be helpful, but rituals matter.

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Bill Hughes: that's helpful, thank you.

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Carl.

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Jack Melvin: I after demolishing the traditional interpretation of this Are you suggesting that Christians follow cash root.

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Carl Racine: um.

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Carl Racine: Well we're going to continue to talk about this, but the short answer is no.

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Jack Melvin: or no.

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Carl Racine: But the the bigger answer, is what I am suggesting is that Jesus never overturned the kosher laws.

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Carl Racine: And that, if a Christian were to decide.

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Carl Racine: To follow the kosher laws, there would be nothing inconsistent with that and that person's Christianity.

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Susan Racine: Peter overturned the kosher laws.

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Carl Racine: Well we're gonna get to Peter in a minute oh.

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janet Humdy Morrison: I was gonna ask so How did we get to where we are today where we're eating the things we're eating and still be considered Christians.

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Carl Racine: Again, the short answer is that in the New Testament as well as in Judaism gentiles are not expected to follow the kosher laws, those are laws given to Israel.

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Carl Racine: So Gentile Christians and we're going to look at all of this we're going to continue in the New Testament I just pause there to see if there's questions about this particular passage and in my reading of it.

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Carl Racine: But gentiles were never expected to follow the whole the whole law of Moses.

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Carl Racine: So.

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Carl Racine: For those of us gentiles we can still have our ribs and enjoy it.

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Carl Racine: lobster and lobster and whatever but okay well, so let me continue then.

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Carl Racine: i've given two reasons why I don't think this passage has anything to do with the kosher laws or overturning the kosher laws.

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Carl Racine: The bigger question that people been asking here has to do with the New Testament as a whole and the traditional understanding of this verse and of this passage and of Jesus.

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Carl Racine: ignores the fundamental fact that nowhere else in the whole rest of the New Testament is there any indication that Jesus taught his disciples that the kosher laws were no longer in effect.

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Carl Racine: There was, this is the only proof texts that people can even hold up in the Gospels about that.

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Carl Racine: And i'm just shown that it's a pretty weak proof text it's one that's been Jerry rigged by people who already had another agenda.

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Carl Racine: If we can move to slide number 14 please.

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Carl Racine: So nowhere does the rest of the New Testament indicate that Jesus taught his disciples.

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Carl Racine: That the kosher they never had that they no longer had to follow the kosher laws if Jesus had done that Peter would not have reacted so strongly to the angelic vision and acts 1014 what does

Peter say.

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Carl Racine: I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean
Peter has continued to keep kosher long after the resurrection.

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Carl Racine: And we need to sit with that point for a moment, because
this passage in acts has been another passage that people have turned
to to overturn the kosher laws.

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Carl Racine: But in fact it illustrates that Peter has been keeping
kosher.

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Carl Racine: And Peter himself doesn't understand the vision God gives
him as overturning the kosher laws now, this is a little bit of a
finer point.

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Carl Racine: It takes him a few tries God has to show them the vision
three times, but he comes to understand that what God is showing him
in the vision has to do with people not food and Peter says very
clearly a few verses later in verse 28 there.

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Carl Racine: I have come to understand God has shown me in this vision
what that I shouldn't keep kosher know that I should not call any
person common or unclean.

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Carl Racine: The vision is about people, not food.

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Carl Racine: Now there's a fascinating parallel between this story and
X, if you remember the story Peter.

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Carl Racine: is given this vision, because he's God wants to send him
to the home of a Gentile named cornelius.

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Carl Racine: And Peter is in the city of Java, which is on the sea coast in in the Mediterranean Sea coast it's new Tel Aviv modern day Tel Aviv and sister Rhea where cornelius's is up the coast of little ways.

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00:25:31.200 --> 00:25:33.540

Carl Racine: But there's an interesting parallel in this.

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00:25:34.710 --> 00:25:39.660

Carl Racine: With this story about Peter, I think, and the story of jonah.

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00:25:41.640 --> 00:25:46.020

Carl Racine: people remember what peter's real name is.

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00:25:47.790 --> 00:25:51.000

Carl Racine: peter's his nickname what's his hmm.

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00:25:51.270 --> 00:25:52.710

Carl Racine: Simon Simon what.

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00:25:53.880 --> 00:25:54.720

Susan Racine: Simon Peter.

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00:25:55.620 --> 00:25:57.180

Bill Hughes: knows all about jonah's.

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00:25:57.630 --> 00:26:01.020

Carl Racine: Simon bar jonah son of jonah.

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00:26:02.160 --> 00:26:20.100

Carl Racine: Now that's in Matthew the gospel of john says his father's name I mean it's a son his father's name was jonah the Gospel john says his father's name is john and you can see that john and jonah sound kind of like even in Hebrew or Greek.

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00:26:21.390 --> 00:26:29.370

Carl Racine: But so son of jonah may or may not be mean that his father's an actual name is jonah but but Simon is jonah like.

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00:26:30.090 --> 00:26:38.910

Carl Racine: We see this in the Bible a lot son of acts refers to what you're like so James and john are sons of thunder.

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00:26:39.390 --> 00:26:53.790

Carl Racine: And barnabas is the son of encouragement and we still in our modern rude parlance call people son of a and then fill in the blank which I won't fill in the blank that's not referring to anything literal that's characterizing the person.

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00:26:55.350 --> 00:27:11.160

Carl Racine: So i'm going to suggest it Simon is jonah like and that connection with jonah is underscored by the fact that he is he is staying in the city of Java now what's the connection with Java.

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00:27:14.970 --> 00:27:18.870

Carl Racine: what's what, how do you know about the city of Java, have you heard of it before.

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00:27:21.120 --> 00:27:22.350

Peter Barrant: God within and jonah.

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00:27:25.920 --> 00:27:29.640

Carl Racine: it's it's not where God was sending jonah.

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00:27:32.370 --> 00:27:35.340

Carl Racine: But it's in the story of jonah you're on the right track.

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00:27:35.670 --> 00:27:37.770

Susan Racine: Is that where the whale vomit jonah up.

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00:27:38.790 --> 00:27:39.510

Carl Racine: know.

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00:27:41.250 --> 00:27:44.610

Carl Racine: it's where jonah goes to to get the boat to flee.

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00:27:45.480 --> 00:27:46.170

Carl Racine: job is on the.

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00:27:46.410 --> 00:27:49.050

Carl Racine: On the coast it's a seaport town still is.

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00:27:50.250 --> 00:28:02.520

Carl Racine: And jonah goes there and gets the boat God sends them to Nineveh which is North East of where jonah is and jonna go south west and gets a boat and heads as Far West as he can go.

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00:28:04.140 --> 00:28:10.050

Carl Racine: So so Peters in the same city, interestingly enough, which is why i'm making this connection with jonah.

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00:28:10.470 --> 00:28:25.020

Carl Racine: And Peter is reluctant to go visit a Gentile cornelius who lives in a very Gentile city obsessive Korea South Korea was a Roman city that was built by Caesar.

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00:28:25.680 --> 00:28:46.410

Carl Racine: Hence the name on the coast there's actually two sets of three is in the New Testament says, three of Philip I, which is up North in what's now Syria, I think the accessory on the closed on the coast where cornelius is was a very Gentile city, this is where the Roman governor like pilot.

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00:28:48.150 --> 00:29:06.720

Carl Racine: lived because they didn't like living in the very Jewish city of Jerusalem, they only came there when they had to for official duties sesa Rio was a Gentile city largely there were Jews there but mostly gentiles and that's where it's cornelius is living and Peter doesn't want to go.

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00:29:08.400 --> 00:29:22.890

Carl Racine: So the reluctance of jonah to go to a Nineveh, which is a Gentile city and deal with gentiles is parallel by Peters reluctance to go to a Gentile city and visit a Gentile cornelius.

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00:29:23.700 --> 00:29:40.410

Carl Racine: jonah runs away Peter invents an excuse, and you see here

again in verse 28 of X 10 Peter says, you know it's unlawful for a Jew to associate with or to visit.

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00:29:41.640 --> 00:29:45.420

Carl Racine: Anyone have another nation to visit a Gentile.

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00:29:47.370 --> 00:29:47.730

Carl Racine: Now.

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00:29:48.840 --> 00:29:50.700

Carl Racine: There is no such law in Torah.

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00:29:51.960 --> 00:29:57.090

Carl Racine: You can't take Peter statement in the first part of this verse as factual.

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00:29:58.650 --> 00:30:04.080

Carl Racine: He either made it up somehow hoping people wouldn't notice.

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00:30:05.640 --> 00:30:09.780

Carl Racine: or he's living under a false understanding of the law.

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00:30:11.760 --> 00:30:13.440

Carl Racine: That might be true.

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00:30:14.640 --> 00:30:36.330

Carl Racine: But it's a little bit hard for me to imagine not impossible because Peter can be thick headed as can all of us, because Jesus himself associated with gentiles and when Jesus is invited to go to a Roman centurions house he shows no hesitance of getting up and going.

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00:30:40.710 --> 00:30:52.050

Carl Racine: So if Peter had learned that Jews aren't supposed to associate with gentiles number one he didn't get it from the law and number two he didn't get it from Jesus.

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00:30:53.160 --> 00:31:06.330

Carl Racine: where he got it from we don't know but it's simply wrong

to say that it is unlawful for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile and we know this, not only from the Gospels.

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00:31:06.660 --> 00:31:25.650

Carl Racine: But other non biblical sources from the time period, Jews and gentiles had regular dealings with each other, the Book of Ruth is about a Gentile woman who marries an israelite and becomes an ancestor to David in the New Testament timothy's mother was a Jew married to a Gentile.

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Carl Racine: gentiles were welcomed in the synagogue's throughout the Roman Empire and a Roman centurion even built a synagogue for the Jews in Israel Luke seven five.

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Carl Racine: The Jerusalem temple had a large courtyard area, specifically for gentiles to come and pray and worship Paul goes to the Gentile Greek marketplace in Athens and engages in a serious discussion about theological issues with other gentiles in Athens in acts 17.

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00:32:05.820 --> 00:32:16.650

Carl Racine: So know where the scriptures suggest that it's unlawful for Jews to associate with or have dealings with gentiles to the contrary, there regularly shown as doing just that.

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00:32:17.040 --> 00:32:22.050

Carl Racine: Peter has a lesson to learn here like jonah he has to learn a lesson about god's love.

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00:32:22.320 --> 00:32:39.120

Carl Racine: And grace and forgiveness that extends even to gentiles, and this is not a teaching that's new to the New Testament it's one that we have seen repeatedly in the law there even in Torah and certainly in many other places in the Old Testament, especially in the prophets.

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00:32:40.500 --> 00:32:57.480

Carl Racine: So Peters revelation here in acts 10 is not about who is about human relationships, not about the kosher laws we see as late as this quote from revelation 18 to that Christians continued to view some animals as unclean.

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00:33:01.320 --> 00:33:01.710

Carl Racine: All right.

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00:33:04.110 --> 00:33:11.250

Carl Racine: Again, if Jesus had clearly taught that all animals were clean that verse wouldn't exist in revelation 18.

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00:33:12.240 --> 00:33:20.280

Carl Racine: So it's only the anti Judaism of our tradition that has taught us to read the New Testament differently to read stuff into the New Testament that's not there.

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Carl Racine: To read stuff into the Bible that sat there and only in a later church that was largely made up of gentiles that had a growing hostility to Judaism.

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Carl Racine: Could these passages be understood as abolishing the law of Moses.

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Carl Racine: And ironically enough, then going back to mark seven in interpreting that passage where Jesus himself strongly rejects human traditions that have been unloving to others Christians have imposed their own unloving human tradition.

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00:33:54.450 --> 00:34:05.790

Carl Racine: And then, a passage in which Jesus strongly condemns the pharisees for setting aside god's commandments has been used to show the Jesus did just that.

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00:34:07.710 --> 00:34:11.700

Carl Racine: So now i'm going to pause again and let people ask questions and make comments.

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Susan Racine: Canada says.

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Peter Barrant: To me, that.

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00:34:18.870 --> 00:34:19.410

Susan Racine: Data Peter.

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00:34:20.880 --> 00:34:26.520

Peter Barrant: And i'm going to say it's interesting to me that this section has been used to.

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Peter Barrant: Our this this area of X has been used to argue that the kosher laws were being abolished, because it i've always read this.

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Peter Barrant: If you take the rest of this verse that Peter interprets the vision to say that I should not call any person common or unclean and i've always interpreted as That was the.

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Peter Barrant: What the vision meant because it seemed to me that's what the story was saying i'm so i'm i'm a little surprised that this story itself could have been used to say, this is where the kosher life God abolish.

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Carl Racine: yeah I mean it it.

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Carl Racine: Again, if you come to the Bible, with a particular idea in mind, you can probably find it there, you may have to do some hard work to find out which you can find it there.

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00:35:21.150 --> 00:35:22.440

Carl Racine: i'm simply arguing.

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00:35:25.230 --> 00:35:27.210

Carl Racine: That that's not what's going on here at all.

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00:35:34.350 --> 00:35:37.680

Carl Racine: So where do we get the idea that.

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Carl Racine: we're okay eating lobster and ham sandwiches.

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00:35:48.540 --> 00:35:51.870

Carl Racine: The early church did continue to wrestle.

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Carl Racine: With the obligations that Gentile believers had towards the law of Moses, precisely because they didn't have any clear teaching from Jesus on this matter.

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Carl Racine: This is an issue that's wrestled with in the book of acts and in acts 15 which is more to the point here in this discussion.

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Carl Racine: They they there's like there's a Council of Churches that meets in Jerusalem early on to try to decide what to do about the gentiles and the law of Moses, and they come to a kind of compromise position there, they did not impose all the kosher laws on Gentile Christians.

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Carl Racine: But they did insist on the blood prohibition, as well as the related Jewish practice of kosher slaughtering which will we're going to talk about in a minute, and you see this in acts 15 verse 20 in verse 29 they prohibit.

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Carl Racine: They prohibit for things.

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Carl Racine: They prohibit the verses vary a little bit in this first one food sacrificed to idols or things connected with idolatry.

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Carl Racine: The the biggest horror of all of the things that gentiles did wrong according to Jewish perception of things, the biggest horror was idolatry.

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00:37:19.830 --> 00:37:29.850

Carl Racine: You see, all the way through the Old Testament the struggle with Israel to keep itself, free from idolatry and they they finally got the message more or less.

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00:37:31.980 --> 00:37:33.990

Carl Racine: So over the time of the New Testament.

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Carl Racine: That was a major Jewish complaint against gentiles that they were completely polluted by the idolatry that existed in their culture and we now have.

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00:37:51.240 --> 00:38:05.040

Carl Racine: People well before the pandemic people paid good money to go on on tours of the Mediterranean of Greece, and even the Holy Land and and Rome and Italy and other parts of the Roman Empire.

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Carl Racine: To look at what we're essentially idols that we don't think of them That way we think of them as magnificent statues all those ancient Greek statues and and all of the rest, but from the Jewish perception, those were idols.

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Carl Racine: They were graven images and what we think of now is simply great art and it may well have been great art was also idolatrous.

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Carl Racine: Roman culture GRECO Roman culture was chock full of idols and idolatry and some of the idols were things that they don't show in museum, they were giant fallacies in some of the city's fertility idols.

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Carl Racine: That were carved and set up, so this concern for idolatry

was really important for.

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00:38:59.430 --> 00:39:10.140

Carl Racine: The early Christians if we're going to move out into Gentile culture, we want to make sure that the Gentile Christians keep themselves, free from idolatry.

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Carl Racine: But the rest and the sexual immorality thing is it's sort of odd one here too, but again I think it reflects the fact that, from a Jewish standpoint that was one of the great failings of Gentile culture.

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Carl Racine: That they were grossly immoral sexually they flaunted their sexual immorality both hetero and homosexual behavior.

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Carl Racine: Was not only rampant but public in GRECO Roman culture.

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Carl Racine: And, and that was important to Jewish religious sensibilities, so those things are mentioned, but the other two things are mentioned here is his blood and the meat of strangled animals, which is sort of connected idea.

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00:39:58.560 --> 00:40:12.660

Carl Racine: And we saw when we looked at the kosher laws that the blood prohibition is not simply part of the law of Moses given to Israel but it's actually a law that's given to Noah in genesis nine.

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Carl Racine: it's given to all of humanity, Jews and non Jews alike, so the early church keeps that part of the kosher laws.

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Carl Racine: As part of what it asks Gentile Christians to avoid.

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Carl Racine: i'm again i'm going to stop here for just a second and ask if people have questions about that.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: So, can you brother Carl can you explain the issue about blood and why that's to be abstained.

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Carl Racine: Well, we saw I don't know a couple of weeks ago week or two ago we saw in genesis nine that when, God first after the flood.

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Carl Racine: Which is occasion by human violence growing in the world, God kind of makes a concession to human beings, we saw that in the.

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Carl Racine: In the beginning.

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Carl Racine: God gives the plant matter the vegetables.

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Carl Racine: To human beings as foods that they're vegetarians but in in genesis nine God now for the first time permits human beings to eat meat, but he specifies that they are not to eat the blood.

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Carl Racine: That the blood is the life of the animal and that life belongs to God and, as a sign that essentially humans don't have a right to the life of that animal that this is simply a concession of god's grace.

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00:41:59.460 --> 00:42:02.760

Carl Racine: They are not to eat the blood, they are to to to.

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Carl Racine: Take and put that back on the altar essentially giving it back to God as a recognition that God is the giver of life and humans don't have a right to take that life.

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00:42:16.380 --> 00:42:18.750

Carl Racine: So not eating blood, and this is.

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00:42:20.280 --> 00:42:32.580

Carl Racine: This is where I first even started thinking about this issue decades ago in Mexico City when a missionary came to me and said, do you think we should be eating the blood sausages that people feed.

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00:42:32.580 --> 00:42:32.910

Carole Copeland Thomas: us now.

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00:42:33.570 --> 00:42:33.900

Right.

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00:42:35.670 --> 00:42:44.220

Carl Racine: And I never thought about it yeah we don't have to keep the kosher laws and he said well it's, not just in the Old Testament it's in acts 15.

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00:42:45.390 --> 00:42:47.790

Carl Racine: And I never thought about that, before i'm like women.

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00:42:48.660 --> 00:42:55.830

Carl Racine: Are you telling me that there are restrictions on what Christians can do didn't Jesus come to free us from all of this, legalistic nonsense, what kind of.

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Carl Racine: What kind of a he used to be a Daddy group of that this missionary I wasn't with a Baptist church, but he grew up the Baptists what kind of a Baptist are you.

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Carl Racine: Did you learn that lesson.

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Carl Racine: And it made me think, let me think what's The purpose of that law.

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00:43:15.870 --> 00:43:19.710

Carl Racine: It does bother me I have eaten blood sausages.

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Carl Racine: In other cultures i've eaten them in Ireland and Scotland.

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Carl Racine: And josh and I even tasted some some sort of concoction made out of blood at them some of the Chinese.

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00:43:34.500 --> 00:43:36.210

Carl Racine: restaurant Boston one time.

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00:43:37.170 --> 00:43:50.250

Carl Racine: But I have to say, reviewing this material I don't see anything in the New Testament that frees frees you from that obligation so it's something that's at least we're thinking about.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Well i'm even thinking about other cultures, were blood as a part of their.

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00:43:56.670 --> 00:43:57.720

Carole Copeland Thomas: Their life, I mean you.

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00:43:57.720 --> 00:43:58.200

Carole Copeland Thomas: have it.

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00:43:58.440 --> 00:44:10.500

Carole Copeland Thomas: I was in Kenya, and you know went to a couple of tribes and drinking blood is the mass I people drinking blood is part of their tradition, the blood of animals, then i'm saying.

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00:44:12.750 --> 00:44:17.190

Carl Racine: Right, no, no, no, I mean that people have to actually drink that and as a sense of.

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00:44:17.520 --> 00:44:18.750

Carole Copeland Thomas: think it drink it yes.

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Of.

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00:44:20.820 --> 00:44:21.330
Carl Racine: Of.

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00:44:22.800 --> 00:44:32.100
Carl Racine: being strengthened by the life of the animal the blood is the life so if you drink the blood of the animal that it's invigorates you right and.

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00:44:33.660 --> 00:44:48.120
Carl Racine: But the biblical teaching is is pretty clear on this, this life doesn't belong to you, and you have no right to and and, as a sign that you recognize God is the author of life is the one who who gives and takes life you return that blood.

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00:44:49.650 --> 00:44:50.250
Carl Racine: To God.

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00:44:51.540 --> 00:44:52.650
Carl Racine: And so.

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00:44:55.770 --> 00:45:01.230
Carl Racine: The the the early church and again it's not clear how how widespread this.

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00:45:02.310 --> 00:45:09.840
Carl Racine: decree that the X it's not clear how how much that actually affected the Church.

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00:45:10.950 --> 00:45:18.060
Carl Racine: In terms of the whole of the Roman Empire, or even what kind of authority, they had, but at least that principle is there.

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00:45:19.230 --> 00:45:20.220
Carl Racine: That says.

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00:45:23.340 --> 00:45:29.970
Carl Racine: We need to take this stuff seriously animal life matters

to God and we talked about that at length last week.

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Carl Racine: And again if Jesus had overturned the kosher laws, then this whole debate in acts 15 wouldn't have had to take place, it would have already been settled, but it wasn't settled so i'm using this mainly as a way of arguing that Jesus didn't.

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00:45:48.570 --> 00:45:50.430

Carl Racine: didn't overturn the kosher laws.

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Carl Racine: Somebody asks about in the chat what foods does not eating blood exclude What about a rare steak.

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Carl Racine: Again I don't want to get legalistic about this, nobody in Jesus Day, eight steaks rare that simply wasn't the thing our meats were cooked.

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Carl Racine: carefully and thoroughly so that wasn't an issue.

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Carl Racine: orthodox Jews.

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Carl Racine: And we'll talk about this more in maybe next week, but.

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Carl Racine: orthodox Jews have a way of addressing that issue and it's called kosher.

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00:46:37.230 --> 00:46:37.740

Carl Racine: meat.

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Carl Racine: before it can be eaten has to be salted and brined so kosher meat, if you buy kosher meat in the grocery store and you can buy it in some stores, you can buy some kosher meats at at trader

joe's I know and.

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Carl Racine: The case you see that other stores.

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Carl Racine: kosher meat has to be salted and brined to dry out any of the of the excess blood that's still in the meat.

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Carl Racine: So, as far as I know, a kosher Jew wouldn't have a problem with eating a medium rare steak I might be wrong about that, but I don't think so.

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Carl Racine: But in any event, they do something that at least acknowledges, even if it doesn't perfectly.

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00:47:34.200 --> 00:47:44.640

Carl Racine: Take out every last drop of blood from that meat, it does acknowledge that that is not there right to eat, that is not there right to consume.

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00:47:45.360 --> 00:47:53.760

Carl Racine: That there needs to be limits on what we do with god's creation and the need to be limits, especially on our taking of other life, including animal life.

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Carl Racine: Alright, and then, finally, just in terms of the New Testament.

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Carl Racine: Some people also misinterpret paul's discussion of dietary practices in the church it's interesting that in in several of paul's letters in Romans 14 and first Corinthians 10 and clashes to Paul discusses dietary issues, those are important to people.

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Carl Racine: And sometimes those passes is a red as as having to do with the kosher laws, but I don't think any of them does.

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Carl Racine: All of these letters of Paul that have those discussions in written to gentiles and we've seen here the gentiles are not really probably bound by the kosher laws.

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Carl Racine: But Paul is addressing other issues in those passages Romans 14, for example, if you look at verse two it clearly has to do with eating meat in general versus vegetarianism.

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Carl Racine: And and we'll talk about that in a second and then first Corinthians 10 has to do with eating meat that's been offered to idols in pagan temples, this is not an issue that's clearly addressed in Torah.

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Carl Racine: And this may well be part of the issue in Romans 14 as well that people.

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00:49:26.640 --> 00:49:42.390

Carl Racine: had decided Christians had decided to be vegetarian because of the dodgy nature of most meat in Rome and marketplaces most of the meat available for sale in a Roman marketplace.

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Carl Racine: had been offered was part of an animal that have been offered as a sacrifice to Roman gods That was the main source of meat, unless you raised, your own.

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Carl Racine: and Christians rightly had a reservation about this because, again there's a huge concern in the whole of the Old Testament about anything connected with idolatry to stay away from it and X.

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Carl Racine: reinforces that concern stay away from the pollution of idols stay away from anything connected with idolatry.

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Carl Racine: So Paul has to has to kind of deal with an issue that isn't there, and specifically in either the teaching of Jesus or in the Old Testament.

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Carl Racine: And he let me if you're interested in pursuing this we could talk about a little bit beyond the scope of what i'm trying to do, but he basically tries to kind of walk a middle ground between the two things and say, on the one hand.

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Carl Racine: The meat that's been offered to idols can't really hurt you, but on the other hand, some people think it does, and you shouldn't offend other Christians by eating it in front of them.

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Carl Racine: And then collections to we already looked at that passage is length policy again time of people who are restricting their diets who are adopting a vegetarian diet or.

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Carl Racine: or a told teetotal diet, based on human commandments and teachings and we saw that makes no sense of applied to the law Moses to Torah Paul maybe.

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Carl Racine: claimed by Protestants, but even paul's not that much of a Protestant.

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Carl Racine: Paul may not think the gentiles are required to keep the whole law, but he still holds the lawn high respect as god's word and as a Jew trained by.

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Carl Racine: rabbi rabbis Paul has no problem, imposing rules restricting what a Christian can eat mark 14 I mean Romans 14 will just the whole chapter, but verse two makes it clear that it's it's taught, is it verse two verse 21 of my my.

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Carl Racine: My notes wrong.

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Carl Racine: I mean, I think a lot of the chapter is dealing with this issue.

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Carl Racine: Again it it and, interestingly enough we'll talk about this next week, but interestingly enough, modern orthodox Jews, some of them have become vegetarians precisely because of the difficult difficulty and expensive getting kosher meat.

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Carl Racine: And I think in Romans 14 probably some of the early Christians were doing the same thing.

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Carl Racine: In in especially city dwellers who who weren't raising their own animals and whose only source of meat was was idle meat and they said we we really don't want to participate in that, as a sign of our differences, a sign of our commitment.

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Carl Racine: To the one true God we don't we don't really want to partake of meat that's been offered as a sacrifice to to false gods.

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Carl Racine: So pawleys and Paul, the main point that Paul makes in all of these passages.

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Carl Racine: Is not only so much not judging other people for what they eat but also not offending other people by what you eat.

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Carl Racine: And that argument cuts both ways if the freedom not to keep a kosher diet must be respected, it must also not be insisted upon and a fellow Christians freedom to keep kosher must be respected as well that's, the only way the Church was going to be able to get along.

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Carl Racine: They had Jews and gentiles in one body, and some people kept kosher and other people didn't and, as I said, there's no sign from Jesus.

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Carl Racine: Or the rest of the New Testament that that the kosher laws, no longer applied to members of the nation of Israel and that meant that Jewish Christians who continue to keep kosher were simply as.

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Carl Racine: Excuse me simply following biblical teaching and Gentile Christians who are not bound by those laws shouldn't be judgmental or try to try to convince those people that they really were just week or two that they shouldn't be flaunting their freedom.

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Carl Racine: In front of people who are serious about following god's teaching in the scriptures.

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Carl Racine: So that sets of a slightly more complicated standard for sin thinking about a whole lot of issues.

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Carl Racine: In the church then simply citing a law and saying yes, we have to follow this law or no, we don't have to follow this law, Paul ISM designing a church where people are both keeping kosher and not keeping kosher.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: So that sort of removes the self righteousness of some people, based on.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: What they're practicing in their food habits and what they don't is that consistent in what you're what we're presenting here today brother Carl.

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Carl Racine: Absolutely, and there are no more self righteous people

in my experience as a cook in the 21st century than people who observe certain types of food laws in our society, not for religious reasons, but for a whole host of other reasons.

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00:55:40.950 --> 00:55:46.140

Carl Racine: it's a nightmare cooking for people, these days, sometimes.

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Carl Racine: finding out what dietary restrictions, they have and i'm not talking about people who have allergies, I mean that's a whole other set of issues.

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Carl Racine: i'm talking about people who've made choices.

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Carl Racine: In in their diet.

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Carl Racine: and stick to those choices, as if it was a revealed word of God.

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Susan Racine: But I do remember one meal, you had to I asked you to cook for my residents and we had a Hindu so it had to be vegetarian, and we had a Muslim, so it had to be a Hello me and.

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Susan Racine: And so, by the end of the end of the time really just reasons did make the meal kind of restricted, I think we had some hell all meat for those who could eat meat, and then we had vegetarian options for the Hindu.

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Carl Racine: Right and i'm going to talk about this again at the end next week, but even with all of those kinds of.

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Carl Racine: hoops to jump through, we managed to do it.

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Carl Racine: I went down to a market and bought how i'll meet from.

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Carl Racine: You know, an Arab butcher in the haymarket and I made.

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Carl Racine: The vegetarian food that everybody could eat and then we had a couple of meat dishes on the side that those who chose to eat meat could eat and we all ate together and had a good time.

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Carl Racine: And the same thing happened.

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Carl Racine: In our sanctuary program at Bethel when we were when we when we had the guests staying in the rectory and we had people.

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Carl Racine: who came 24 seven and some of the people who participate in that program were orthodox Jews who kept kosher.

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Carl Racine: And from time to time, we would have a.

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Carl Racine: Community meal.

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Carl Racine: potluck where people would bring stuff.

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Carl Racine: And the people who kept kosher were able to participate, they simply ate the vegetarian dishes that were there and didn't eat the meat and then eat the shrimp and rice casserole that I made for our guests to it was his favorite thing and I apologize to the.

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00:58:11.910 --> 00:58:12.810

Carl Racine: Judge people there.

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00:58:13.050 --> 00:58:15.180

Carl Racine: I said I know this is not kosher.

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Carl Racine: But this is host way his favorite dish he doesn't get it and I made it specifically for him and I recognize i'm not trying to be offensive to anyone.

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Carl Racine: But I this you know this has shrimp in it, so if you don't eat shrimp just don't eat the rice dish there's plenty of other good food to eat and we got along and we ate together orthodox Jews.

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Carl Racine: Christians people of all stripes right.

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Carl Racine: So it can be done.

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00:58:49.830 --> 00:58:59.940

Carl Racine: But Paul in his letters of saying you got to work at this and you got to figure out what you you can't insist, one way or the other, on what you want.

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Carl Racine: As a barrier to fellowship you've got to figure out how this can work, but it can be done it's not always easy, but it can be done, and let me tell you, as someone who, for years, as man, the grill at the Bethel cookout dealing with people's dietary.

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Carl Racine: scruples can be a nightmare.

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Carl Racine: But somehow we managed to do it.

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Carl Racine: yeah most of the people leave without being.

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angry and upset.

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Wyatt J.: yeah I know we got I know we got to go in a couple of minutes but brother Carl i'm just wondering if maybe next week, we could talk a little bit about what happens after the meal.

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Wyatt J.: When you said that that when folks came by the House, we had a good time like to talk about what happens after the meal when people are relaxing with the food in them.

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Wyatt J.: I know in my upbringing.

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Wyatt J.: After you had a really good soul food meal.

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Wyatt J.: They will call it the itis they called it all kinds of things, but you would take a nap.

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Wyatt J.: You would rest.

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Wyatt J.: And then there's this people now who believe after a good vegetarian meal, you should have energy because it doesn't take as much blood to digest, so I would love to be able to talk a little bit about what happens when you get a good meal.

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Wyatt J.: Whether kosher or not and you're in Community and how people respond to a good meal.

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and

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Carl Racine: it's a it's a little bit of a side issue from this but, but as a biblical issue that's a hugely important issue this is when you see paul's letters.

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Carl Racine: He spends a lot of time talking about people eating meals together in his in the in the in the practical pastoral parts of his letter, where he's addressing people getting along.

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Carl Racine: It has to do, and this ultimately has to do with how people get along with one another because eating meals together is such a centrally important human activity.

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Carl Racine: That reinforces community that that reinforces personal connections with one another.

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Carl Racine: And this is why, even the pharisees in their own way, God bless them we're trying to say.

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Carl Racine: it's not simply the sacrificial meals that we eat in the temple that are holy, but we should bring that holiness into the home.

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Carl Racine: That the meals that we share with one another, we should recognize as as as it as an act of worship and as an act of fellowship.

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Carl Racine: And so, one of the ways we could do that is by following the example of the priests and washing our hands before the meal that's the positive take on what the pharisees are trying to do in mark seven.

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Carl Racine: But the the the when when Jesus is leaving his disciples.

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Carl Racine: and saying you're going to have to do the work now.

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Carl Racine: And you're going to have to do the work based on what i've done remembering what i've done and putting it into practice.

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Carl Racine: He didn't write out for them a list of instruction.

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Carl Racine: He didn't write out for them a systematic theology.

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Carl Racine: He didn't preach them a sermon.

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Carl Racine: He left them a meal.

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Carl Racine: Shall I say a ritual meal a meal that we continue in our own somewhat anemic way.

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Carl Racine: to perpetuate in the church it's often been my contention that one of the great.

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Carl Racine: failures of the Church is to see communion as a real meal as it was for Jesus and his disciples all we get is a little shot glass of.

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Carl Racine: juice and a cracker that.

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Carl Racine: I used to I used to tell people it's easier to believe that the communion elements are the real body and blood of Jesus than to believe that the little wafer is actually bread.

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Carl Racine: yeah meals, are important and what you do have the meal and what you do after the meal and how you're able to share a meal.

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Carl Racine: Is is hugely important and that's why this issue keeps coming up in the New Testament.

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Carl Racine: But recognizing certain limitations, is also a biblical principle of as we've seen.

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Carl Racine: And those limitations extend to the kinds of foods that you can eat.

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Carl Racine: And all i'm trying to do here is rehabilitate the kosher laws, a little bit as as i'm trying to rehabilitate other parts of the law of Moses that have been looked down upon by Christians.

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Carl Racine: as a way of saying there's something important here, this has meaning to us this has something to teach us.

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Carl Racine: So yes, I think it's time for church I don't want people to miss it if they haven't been already it's young people service today.

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Carl Racine: And they do a pretty amazing job so if someone could close us out in prayer will continue with this discussion next week.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Your Lord in heaven, we thank you so much for the just the blessing of being able to think about.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: issues that are just taken for granted, and

that is the food that we eat and how its prepared and.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: What is prohibited, and what is not, and what is biblical and what is not, and having a discussion about it, that is why this class is so rich.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And why our Jewish roots are a part of each and every one of us, we think of the young people who will be presenting and performing today for the youth service that is now in progress and.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: For the coffee hour that will start at 12 o'clock with the young people on board and Lord We thank the service that I in some are going to go on to.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: With Reverend Carla cooper's church in Kansas city Missouri featuring the buddies from India and all of the other expressions of love and gratitude that you are being.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Seen and what's going to be done on this Sunday, we thank you, Lord for bringing us through this pandemic some unscathed some not.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: We hope that going forward, we will continue to be protected as vaccinations are administered and as souls to Christ are coming forward, thank you, Lord for this gifted master teacher brother Carl is wonderful gifted talented.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Healthcare professionals sister Susan Reverend Dr Susan sisters, Dr Susan and Lord for our friends in Honduras and in other parts of the country Georgia Florida at times.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And here in Massachusetts Lord help us to remember our connection and our come to you, most of all help us to

live that kind of life we ask in your precious name amen.

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amen.

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01:06:46.890 --> 01:06:48.600

Carole Copeland Thomas: All right, God bless everybody.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: See you next brother Carl all right.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: God bless now watch what you eat.

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Beverly Williams: hi sister Carol, can I ask you a question.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: um yeah you can stay on.