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Carole Copeland Thomas: Okay, so we want to welcome all of our friends with our Bethel Sunday school class.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And our friends who are listening after the fact want to give you a couple of facts about hotels.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Now some of you may have heard is and keeping with black history month, some of you may have heard about the green book and the green book was a compilation.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: of places to stay or stop over as black people were traveling to and from in the United States, why was that needed.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Because, in most cases up until the 60s, they were not welcomed in hotels, because of discrimination.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And so, with That said, we have this is like an underground network of places where people could stop and go to the restroom.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: They could move on, they could stay if they were traveling from their home in Florida to New York, should I say, or if they were traveling.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: To Alabama or north or South Carolina and they were traveling north to Detroit or Chicago or wherever, so this was the way it was until the 16th.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: When discrimination finally put an end to that, so there i'm going to share with you two famous black hotels,

one in the north.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And one in the south, because discrimination took place across the country was just not in the south, there were hotels, you could not stay in in the north and so people created their own.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: One of the hotels, was the gotham hotel the hotel gotham in my hometown of Detroit, and this was originally a white hotel that then sort of moved and migrated.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And was you know finally accommodating and patronizing to black people, I want to do one thing I want to make sure that everybody will have an opportunity to come in, so let me just.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: turn off the waiting room okay great so black people would.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Would on Sunday, particularly on Sunday after church would get dressed up and go down to the gotham hotel for dinner for Sunday dinner that included my parents and I showed this to friends of mine in colleagues of mine that i'm working with with the US UK summit on race, and my.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: girlfriend best girlfriend growing up had our own stories about the gotham hotel where.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: her parents, they would all get dressed up and she remembers going to this hotel, this would have been in the 50s at that time the 1950s.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And the hotel also was the leading place where Jackie Robinson langston Hughes ella Fitzgerald Sammy Davis jr Billie

holiday all stayed there, so if they were performing in the city, then they would stay at the gotham hotel.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: When discrimination waned and when integrations doors opened up at hotels, like the hotel statler and Detroit and other hotels.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: It then put an end to the gotham hotel, which actually closed in 1962.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: But I remember my mother having long stories about the gotham hotel and going there and how exciting, it was when she was a young woman.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: and the like, and again my friend and Nice great felder remembers actually going there with her parents.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: So that's the gotham hotel in Detroit one of the grand dom's a black hotels in the US, the other hotel so that's the North and then the other hotel in the south, was passed skulls hotel.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: pascal's was owned and operated by two brothers, whose last name was pascal's and they operated this hotel, which was rather modern looking for its time in the 1960s 70s and 80s.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I have stayed in pascal's hotel and, just like the gotham in Detroit That was the go to place where people would come and stay.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Civil Rights leaders notoriety etc, and they had a wonderful dining room where i've eaten many, many times that their original location again where that was the gathering place where people.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: The hobnobs would come people would come, particularly on Sunday dressed in their finest gear after church with their hats on and you could be guaranteed a wonderful soul cooked meal.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: chicken was their mainstay fried fish etc collard Greens sweet potatoes macaroni and cheese all the good things that black people love to eat.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Well, because of changes modifications in that area, the hotel closed probably 20 years ago, I guess, but the restaurant lives on it's in another location.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And they also when you travel through Atlanta, and you are at hartsfield international airport I think it's maybe Maynard Jackson airport at this point.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: You can go and have food in the airport, because there is a pascal's concession in the airport so just wanted to give you a sense of those kind of hotels that existed.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: For our purposes, because of discrimination and they became famous in their own right and that's what I remember because black history is American history so with that I will turn it over to at least you have any questions at all turn it over to brother Carl was saying.

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Marie Doubleday: I just Carol i'm scared I just in just briefly adding to that as folks know I live in oak bluffs in Massachusetts, which is a historical African American resort community and.

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Marie Doubleday: i'm.

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Marie Doubleday: After World War Two I mean there's always been an African American presence, since the 60s early 1600s here on the island, but.

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Marie Doubleday: And and and African American folks came here and wave, so if we look after World War Two when a lot of African Americans did buy property it.

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Marie Doubleday: over by the park and by what I mean the park is we're full to play basketball but um there was segregation and Senator Brock owned two homes, I think his mother owns one on one, but he provided housing.

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Marie Doubleday: To African American visit is because they couldn't get lodging here, and he was one of many folks that we're able to do that and and i'll be brief um we do have.

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Marie Doubleday: In oak bluffs black owned lodging Okay, so please on there's a friend of ours, who owns the narragansett house and she just bought in in a beautiful in right on the water by the inkwell please if you come down.

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Marie Doubleday: Support Thank you cow.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: awesome Thank you very much, so yeah we could do a whole segment on open bluffs.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: On the importance of the Black community.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: But I also put Thank you very much pascal's Thank you Marie appreciate that bit of black history.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And I put the contact information about pascal's in the website so again if you're in the airport you want a good meal you definitely want to check it out at the airport, so it is there, and yes, it is in Atlanta very much so.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you, brother Carl another master chef.

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Carl Racine: yeah I just learned a interesting.

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Carl Racine: piece of this history, last night I was reading I started reading the warmth of other sons.

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Carl Racine: He and she's talking about the rise of the Jim crow laws.

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Carl Racine: But she makes an interesting point that the first segregated trains.

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Carl Racine: In the country were not in the south, I mean eventually we're all segregated but started right here in Massachusetts so.

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Carl Racine: Like the point.

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Carl Racine: to point fingers at the South.

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Marie Doubleday: That wow.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: yeah and and it was frequent I didn't experience it, but I thought about it, five, six years ago, five years

ago when.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: The abernathy his oldest son passed away and I went to the funeral I traveled by train and typically black people would have to travel to Washington DC.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: On by train get off that train and then you get on a segregated car going the rest of the way down to wherever your your destination happened to be that was the norm back in the day and as brother Carl was saying.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Massachusetts has to own up to some of that segregation, yes.

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Carl Racine: anyway.

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Carl Racine: let's let's open in prayer Lord God we bless you for this day we bless you for this group that's gathered here to discuss your word and to think more deeply about our faith.

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Carl Racine: Remember those as we are gathering, who are in other places, who are suffering, especially the hammonds a loss of pastor glory his sister.

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Carl Racine: For sister Linda Hughes, who is still undergoing treme is going to have to undergo more treatment for cancer.

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Carl Racine: For this cousin of.

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Carl Racine: sister George Murray, who, who was so viciously beaten high school young man and for the other high school young men Preston settles are we remember them we remember their families.

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Carl Racine: We ask that you would bring people around them to bring to bring them strength to bring them love to bring them compassion and concern as they all suffer through very difficult circumstances in their lives and may we be.

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Carl Racine: have our hearts open to others around us, who may be suffering and in christ's name, we ask all of this amen.

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Carl Racine: i'm.

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Carl Racine: All right, thank you sister Carol for that.

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Carl Racine: bit of African American history.

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Carl Racine: We We talked briefly last week and sister Carol mentioned an article that was in the globe about how their efforts being made across the country to suppress.

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Carl Racine: The education in this sort of thing and then both about anti semitism and about the kinds of horrors of inflicted upon Africans African Americans in this country and my one little thought about that was if society if our schools refused to do this, we in the church should.

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Wyatt Jackson: take up.

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Wyatt Jackson: responsibility.



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Carl Racine: For that education, we should make room for it.

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Carl Racine: and say this is vital, not just for black people, not just for Jews, but for everyone in the Church and the church could be a leading light.

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Carl Racine: In that.

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Carl Racine: whole effort if stuff is going to be suppressed.

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Carl Racine: In our country.

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Carl Racine: With reference to that something that has come up a couple of times that I just want to make sure people remember and understand the distinction that i've been making throughout this course.

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Carl Racine: Between.

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Carl Racine: Anti semitism and what I call anti Judaism.

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Carl Racine: I know there are some people that don't like making that distinction, I think, is a helpful one, especially in this course so i'm sticking with it.

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Carl Racine: I use the term anti semitism to refer to a racist ideology that sees Jews as as inferior people as a corrupt and corrupting influence on the rest of the world.

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Carl Racine: And in in one of the recent zoo and ours, I attended I couldn't find my notes, which one it was I just remember this woman, making this point that I thought was really powerful and really helpful she suggested, rather than the term anti Semitism which has become somewhat.

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Carl Racine: I mean we were used to hearing that phrase and it's it it's a little bit artificial in some ways, we should speak of Jew hatred.

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Carl Racine: And I think that's a exactly right I think that's what we're really talking about.

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Carl Racine: Technically, other people like the Arabs are Semites but.

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Carl Racine: Historically, that hatred of Jews.

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Carl Racine: What we call what we're calling anti Semitism has existed, both within and outside of the Church, but i'm using the other term anti Judaism, to refer specifically to a negative.

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Carl Racine: attitude within the church within the Christian community, although it may exist and other faith communities, but but but.

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Carl Racine: we're talking about the church a negative attitude towards Jewish beliefs and practices towards the Jewish.

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Carl Racine: faith and religion, Judaism, is seen as the wrong sort of religion as an inferior.

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Carl Racine: way of relating to God that's narrow minded and legalistic and obsessed without with rituals and works righteousness and all of that sort of stuff.

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Carl Racine: And Jesus is viewed as the one who came to save us and give us a new type of religion, a better type of religion that was all about love and grace and forgiveness.

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Carl Racine: And that's The anti Jewish model that we have been given by our Christian tradition and it continues to shape how we read the Bible, and in this course we've looked at numerous passages in the New Testament that I think are being misused and misread.

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Carl Racine: Because of those anti Jewish presuppositions and and so that anti Judaism concern continues in the church even amongst well meaning people who are not intentionally trying to slander Judaism.

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Carl Racine: And who have nothing but positive attitudes towards the Jewish people as people and who are not in in my sense of the word anti Semitic.

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Carl Racine: They don't hate Jews in the past few months we've had sermons of baffled by both Reverend canton and pastor Gloria not today sermon, by the way.

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Carl Racine: That reflected this tradition and i'm sure neither one of them is anti Semitic or harbors any sorts of any sort of ill will towards Jewish people but.

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Carl Racine: Their theology, their way of reading the scriptures has been shaped by a tradition that they are actually blind to that they're unconscious about because it's been handed to them as the way to understand the Bible.

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Carl Racine: And i'm trying to push us in a different direction, in a way that doesn't goes against that tradition.

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Carl Racine: Because my argument is not only that that sort of way of reading the Bible isn't accurate is wrong, but it's robbed us of many of the treasures that that exists in the Bible that exists, especially in the Old Testament.

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Carl Racine: And they keep it keeps us from appreciating just how deeply Jewish Jesus and his teachings were so I hope that distinction is is clear enough for people i'm not accusing people of do hatred of bad attitudes towards us I think we've moved beyond that, for the most part in the Church.

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Carl Racine: But we have traditions of understanding the scriptures that I think are detrimental to to our faith and to how we read the Bible.

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Carl Racine: All right, i've been.

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Carl Racine: In this long thing about sibling rivalry here and we're finally today going to come to the end of it.

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Carl Racine: I ended my meditations on this whole theme.

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Carl Racine: With with some examples of hope that I think exists and and that we can appropriate as well for overcoming that sibling rivalry between Christians and Jews, we saw this story the rabbi Sachs tells about.

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Carl Racine: Jewish seminary students coming together with African bishops who wanted to meet with them and learn more about Judaism and how that meeting.

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Carl Racine: ended in a in a festive meal with stories and songs and dancing and they became friends across the divides that still existed between their two faith tradition.

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Carl Racine: I gave the example of the friendship and love.

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Carl Racine: That was shown to amy Jo levine by her Christian friends and she was growing up, which which which acted as a counter.

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Carl Racine: To the anti semitism that she also experienced growing up from Christians and it allowed her to open the New Testament and read it and study it.

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Carl Racine: and give to the world of fresh understanding of the dude Jesus, those are both transformative experiences that help bridge the divide that that has existed, historically, and I just want to give one third example that actually has a kind of personal connection.

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Carl Racine: sister Carol if we could see slide number.

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Carl Racine: 23 Finally, the last slide on this deck.

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Carl Racine: So.

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Carl Racine: In this third example, one of the books that I read when I was working on this course, was this book you see here, called the Jewish the Jewish approach to repairing the world tikkun olam.

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Carl Racine: A brief introduction for Christians by rabbi Elliot dorf there's a there's a series of books like this and different.

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Carl Racine: brief helpful things about Judaism written specifically with Christians in mind, which is interesting.

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Carl Racine: So when I first opened this book and in the introduction, I was astonished to see that rabbi dorf dedicated the book to his good friend, Richard Mao who you also see here.

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Carl Racine: Who was the President of fuller theological seminary in pasadena California, which was.

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Carl Racine: Which is an evangelical Christian seminary comparable to Gordon conwell here in Massachusetts I almost I ended up going to go in and handle it almost went to fuller it was in my backyard I grew up my my home Church was in pasadena.

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Carl Racine: And in addition, my friend my parents were friends with Richard Mao.

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Carl Racine: And knew him and I i've heard them talk about him I think their friendship began after I left home and went away to college, but because I don't remember ever meeting him.

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Carl Racine: But he was friends with my parents and a week ago my niece just sent me a packet of of material of files and stuff lying to my parents.

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Carl Racine: that she has she found her house and in it was my mother's address book and she has Richard melon his wife's name and

address and phone number in there, so apart from being.

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Carl Racine: fascinated with with this 30 some year friendship between the rabbi and this evangelical Christian Professor.

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Carl Racine: It also has this kind of personal connection for me and and in the introduction it's interesting because rabbi dorf not only speaks of the of the warm and productive interfaith relationship that he's carried on with Richard now for over 30 years.

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Carl Racine: But he also calls him an intelligently committed Calvinist and other words Richard now is not some sort of flaming liberal.

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Carl Racine: Christian you know barely Christian kind of person he's he's deeply conservative theologically Calvinist Christian who had no problem, having a longtime friendship and discussion and working together relationship with with the Jewish rabbi.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: brother Carl can you explain what a Calvinist Christian is for me and others.

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Carl Racine: Well Calvinism you know the the two major figures of what's called the Protestant Reformation back in the 16th century were Martin Luther who we've talked about a lot and john Calvin who we have not talked about a lot in part because Calvin was much more.

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Carl Racine: open to to the Old Testament into Judaism than.

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Then Luther was.

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Carl Racine: But Calvinism is a.

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Carl Racine: has developed.

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Carl Racine: As a very specific set of Protestant theological principles.

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Carl Racine: That are pretty strong and and at least are controversial within the Christian world the belief, especially in predestination that God has chosen in advance who's going to be saved and who's going to be damned and you can't do a thing about it.

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Carl Racine: And so the the Calvinist tradition was brought to America by the pilgrims who.

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Carl Racine: who had fled in because they were in disagreement with the Church of England and they fled because of their theological Calvinism and they fled first to Geneva.

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Carl Racine: And to Holland and to Geneva, which was calvin's head quarters and then came here searching for religious freedom, so they could be calvinists.

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Carl Racine: And, of course, the first thing they did when they got here was turned around and discriminated against the Baptists.

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Carl Racine: And the quaker weren't calvinists so it's really a just one of the many forms of Protestant Christianity that have existed and continue to exist within the larger Christian world I don't know if that's.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: That was very helpful, thank you.



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Carl Racine: But notice Richard mouse book title adventure evangelical civility a lifelong quest for common ground here's a man who is, however, committed, he is to his own.

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Carl Racine: particular set of beliefs, is not so locked into that that he won't have relationships with other people and that's sort of what I want to point out.

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Carl Racine: It wasn't just the professor's intellectual gifts that attracted the rabbi to him it wasn't just that they were sparring partners in a debate about.

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Carl Racine: God and the Bible, and all of that, but rabbi dorff puts it this way in his introduction, he says, Richard managers to fix the world each and every day and many, many ways he's a true model of what we do is call a mench a human being, of real character, indeed, a model for us all.

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Carl Racine: Now that's a Jewish way of speaking about him valuing his commitment to tikkun olam to making the world a better place.

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Carl Racine: And so, although these two men could be theological sparring partners and certainly disagreed on a lot of things they found common ground in their shared commitment to the responsibility God has given all of us to care for this world.

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Carl Racine: This morning sermon I think made that point pretty powerfully we can, despite the painful past that has existed between Christians and Jews.

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Carl Racine: If if we can eat together and sing together and tell stories together and dance together and study Torah together.

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Carl Racine: Then we can also find ways to work together in a deeply divided and deeply divisive world and and be a light to that world so.

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Carl Racine: So my vision here the descendants of Jacob and esau can come together again in peace and embrace one another and bless one another and then decide not to go our separate ways.

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Carl Racine: As abraham's children, together, we can carry on the family legacy and abraham's calling to bring healing and blessing to the world and that, in a nutshell, is my vision of what it means to be a Christian.

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Carl Racine: and have.

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Carl Racine: sibling rivalry.

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Carl Racine: Questions comments.

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Marie Doubleday: um, I guess, I have a comment in I don't know how it will be Lucy I mean I was even though I went to a Catholic school, for the first six years arm my father had become Catholic in order to marry my mother, my father raised me to respect all religions all right, then he.

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Marie Doubleday: And plus it was during the age of.

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Marie Doubleday: ecumenicalism, then I finally and I am going to be honest, I escaped Catholic school and ended up in public school and.

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Marie Doubleday: malden had a large Jewish community has a historical African American Community arm i'm among other subcultures American

subcultures but one of the things that I think was helpful, is that we were invited by mid size fits.

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Marie Doubleday: All right, and wow malden high school had a huge music department and the co OPS was huge we went to different churches and and and and synagogues and at home, we were told to be respectful.

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Marie Doubleday: And I think that's important to be respectful if you're in another place of worship.

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Marie Doubleday: um and and I I.

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00:27:31.560 --> 00:27:52.710

Marie Doubleday: Plus, you also learning stuff you know, and my son went through the same thing with being invited to to by misfits and you learn different things, because the Hebrew as it's written and I might be saying this one, it goes backwards instead of.

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Marie Doubleday: read it backwards and said, you know so it's stuff that you weren't so it's it's I don't know.

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Carl Racine: I mean, he rules written from right to left Okay, so the letters go in.

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Carl Racine: The opposite direction.

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Carl Racine: that's East and the Hebrew alphabet seems to.

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00:28:14.340 --> 00:28:19.620

Carl Racine: be the earliest alphabet that exists, based on something from the.

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Carl Racine: From the Phoenician culture, and it was a revolution, historically, because it essentially enable the development of widespread literacy, now that didn't happen for a long time, but.

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Carl Racine: The previous forms of writing, such as the Egyptian Hieroglyphics or the cuneiform stuff in Babylon and in the Syria.

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Carl Racine: Had thousands of characters like Chinese.

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Carl Racine: Right and mastering those characters was 10 illiteracy tended to be limited to a to a cultured elite, but if you have 22 characters in your alphabet, which is the Hebrew alphabet.

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00:29:09.630 --> 00:29:14.610

Carl Racine: that's accessible to anyone to learn and relatively easy easily and then learning to read.

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00:29:15.060 --> 00:29:24.180

Carl Racine: The reason it was written right to left is that most people are right handed and that's the natural way to write you put your hand on the paper and you go right to left now we're not used to that.

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00:29:24.870 --> 00:29:30.210

Carl Racine: But that was the first way stuff was written was right to left the Greeks came along.

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Carl Racine: And they're actually agree they actually did things in three different ways, there are a Greek documents, where the first line of the text goes from left to right goes our way, and then they get to the end of the line.

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Carl Racine: And the second line goes right to left goes in the opposite direction, so you you go this way, and then you go back that way in this way and then back that way again which sort of makes sense if you're writing something.

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Carl Racine: So the idea that.

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00:30:00.540 --> 00:30:16.920

Carl Racine: You know it's like which side of the road, do you drive on which is the right way of doing it well it's different languages and he and Arabic is still written from right to left as well, and there may be other languages as well anyway that's a kind of historic footnote.

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Carl Racine: Other questions or comments.

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Bill Hughes: yeah I have a comment, going back to I think the last point room it to you when you said and that's when I have to say about that.

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Bill Hughes: I don't much.

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Bill Hughes: ascribe to.

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Bill Hughes: You know, increasingly in I grew up I grew up an agnostic which means I didn't have a name for it.

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00:30:50.610 --> 00:30:55.620

Bill Hughes: I accepted Jesus when I was 20 and it's been an interesting journey.

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Bill Hughes: To the various cultures of Christianity.

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Bill Hughes: and

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Bill Hughes: What I have come to understand is something that Jesus warned us about early on, he basically said.

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00:31:10.440 --> 00:31:13.500

Bill Hughes: You know they're going to be a lot of you who were surprised.

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00:31:14.610 --> 00:31:15.030

Bill Hughes: That.

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00:31:16.410 --> 00:31:18.090

Bill Hughes: You have nothing to do with me.

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00:31:19.830 --> 00:31:22.230

Bill Hughes: And they're going to be a lot of you who are surprised that.

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00:31:23.730 --> 00:31:24.330

Bill Hughes: you're going to.

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00:31:25.350 --> 00:31:31.200

Bill Hughes: realize, you know when you see me face to face that you are with me the whole time.

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00:31:32.490 --> 00:31:39.780

Bill Hughes: And the people who, I think, are going to be surprised in the positive direction of the people who make.

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00:31:40.980 --> 00:31:45.570

Bill Hughes: That commitment to humanity authentically.

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00:31:47.400 --> 00:31:54.150

Bill Hughes: Because I think that's what Jesus, you know is was doing in saving us.

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00:31:55.230 --> 00:31:57.270

Bill Hughes: Saving us collectively.

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00:31:59.340 --> 00:32:08.730

Bill Hughes: You know we're the only mammal that doesn't have you know I would say the degree to which are hard coded instincts you know don't drive our behavior.

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Bill Hughes: You know, we, the instincts that we have the ones that we generate in our minds and then our souls, and we have to choose which direction we're going to follow you don't see.

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00:32:21.630 --> 00:32:37.770

Bill Hughes: Animals killing each other on mass scale you don't see that this level of dysfunction in in kind of the natural order, but you see it in humanity because of sin, because we have choice that we can honor or betray.

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00:32:38.790 --> 00:32:39.870

Bill Hughes: Our own humanity.

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Bill Hughes: And I believe that the people who are with Jesus, are the ones who honor the humanity of themselves and others.

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Bill Hughes: And I don't care what you call them I don't care what they call themselves I don't care how they pray I don't care where they go on Sunday, I don't care if they.

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00:33:01.860 --> 00:33:14.580

Bill Hughes: drink and smoke and tell dirty jokes I think at the end of the day, you know those are not my habits, but I think that we have really lost our way because you know we have substituted.

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00:33:15.660 --> 00:33:36.720

Bill Hughes: You know the honoring authentic honoring of humanity with some some you know what's become clear to be in authentic papers and because of that we've lost collectively a sense of judgment as to what is God, you know really looking for.

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00:33:38.670 --> 00:33:39.510

Bill Hughes: In a Christian.

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00:33:41.520 --> 00:33:45.870

Bill Hughes: And if you decide not to drink or smoke and tell dirty jokes it ought to be because.

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Bill Hughes: it's your way of honoring.

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Bill Hughes: The humanity that God has given you and the humanity that God has given others and, for you know what when I.

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Bill Hughes: click on alarm, is that the.

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Bill Hughes: The the phrase.

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Bill Hughes: yeah for the for the betterment of others, I think you know I what I My hope is that, and I think we're living in a in a moment, where if it's not absolutely clear right now that that is what the world needs.

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Bill Hughes: Then it will never be clear then we're lost, you know we're literally at the risk of trading away on liberty.

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Bill Hughes: for something else that we haven't even clearly specified because of fear and anger and a lack of a willingness, the lack of humility and a bunch of other things I could name.

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Bill Hughes: And you know, and I think the church right now.

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Bill Hughes: Is of two minds the Church, I think, is one mind, I would say the white evangelical Church is totally missing an action.

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Bill Hughes: Those who were the moral majority and standing up for the rights that you know Jesus said i'm sure Jesus is like where you are now I need you now.

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Bill Hughes: And then I think there's the rest of the Church, which is what i'm hoping that I empire, which is this insurgent movement to bring dignity back to humanity to bring dignity back to all people to bring understanding and caring.

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Bill Hughes: and giving and i'm truly excited for this long kind of model and but i'm truly.

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Bill Hughes: grateful for this two years or more under you i'm training my own thinking to really transition to that and because I think that's what we need to do as a church and as a culture of a church and its culture of people who say they believe in God in Jesus in a higher power in.

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00:35:55.470 --> 00:35:59.670

Bill Hughes: And even in humanity so that's what I have to say about that.

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00:36:00.990 --> 00:36:02.910

Carl Racine: Okay, great i'm Joe.

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Joe Murchison: yeah I.

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Joe Murchison: wanted to follow up brother bills discussion about salvation with kind of the classic.

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Joe Murchison: evangelical issue, I had a close friend in high school, who is Jewish and he wants asked me with some pain, why did Christians, but why are they condense they need to.

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Joe Murchison: make us Christian why, why do they need to convert us and I said.

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Joe Murchison: I Christians believe that they are doing you an eternal good by turning you to Jesus, because the Bible says Jesus says in the Bible, I am the way the truth and the life, no one comes to the father, except through me.

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Joe Murchison: That proof proof text that you have to be a Christian if you're going to have eternal life.

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Joe Murchison: With God so.

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Joe Murchison: what's your response to that girl.

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Carl Racine: Let me address that at length in the next section.

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Joe Murchison: Okay well that's.

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Joe Murchison: The question.

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Carl Racine: But my my my first response is simply to point out what brother bill talked about.

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Carl Racine: You know, at the very beginning of what he said was that.

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Carl Racine: If you just take that one verse and make that your Gospel you're doing the Bible a great this disservice and you're ignoring all those other places where Jesus says this what bill.

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Carl Racine: was saying that you know, there could be a whole lot of people who are thea lot who who can saying Lord Lord.

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Carl Racine: We cast out demons in your name they're going to be a whole lot of people who are theologically Orthodox and charismatic Lee gifted and Jesus is going to say to them depart from me, I never knew you yeah.

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00:38:12.510 --> 00:38:19.770

Carl Racine: And it says in Matthew 25 there's gonna be people saying when the sheep and goats are separated.

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00:38:21.450 --> 00:38:39.450

Carl Racine: there's gonna be people saying wait wait a minute we didn't know you at all, how, how are we doing this to Jesus, how are we feeding and clothing and and Jesus says you didn't have to know me as Jesus to get in.

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Carl Racine: And the people who thought they knew me, so I just think things are going to be whole much more complicated that's the immediate answer to that the bigger answer that i'm going to talk about at length is.

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Carl Racine: The whole idea of Christianity, primarily as a system of future salvation to me, is deeply suspect and deeply problematic.

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00:39:05.970 --> 00:39:23.130

Carl Racine: When people talk about what matters that's what matters to them and, increasingly, and this is true, ever since my sister's death, I am increasingly uninterested in those questions, and I think that miss interprets much of what's in the scriptures.

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Carl Racine: The use of the phrase eternal life to refer to something in the.

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Carl Racine: Future is simply unbiblical.

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Carl Racine: The eternal life is something you have right now, according to Jesus it's not something we're waiting for.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Another.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: anyways after after after bill.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: responses and then the brother.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: William other James Williams.

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Bill Hughes: Show I just really.

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Bill Hughes: appreciate what you what.

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James Williams: i've shared.

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James Williams: I do I.

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Bill Hughes: Like to be my pencil.

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Bill Hughes: Oh, I was just gonna say Joe I really appreciate what you shared.

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Bill Hughes: I just think you need to sit on the question that you asked i'm a scripture that you read, and I think about what that actually means Jesus says, I am the way well, what is the way of Jesus.

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Bill Hughes: Is it, what is it is it by where did Jesus jacket, what did Jesus pin say that Jesus, you know salute or do I give my life in service to others to why.

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00:40:38.850 --> 00:40:55.980

Bill Hughes: Not lean on my own understanding, but acknowledge God and all my ways, so that he will direct my path as opposed to my own instincts, so I think we've lost sight of what is the way and we've characterized it in a way that has substituted.

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Bill Hughes: You know, things that are you know.

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Bill Hughes: best.

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Bill Hughes: You know, maybe useful and at worst incredibly problematic and alien so that we're undermining the very mission of going and reaching all people because we've put so many constraints and.

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Bill Hughes: Paul warned us about.

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Bill Hughes: This in deletions I mean there's there's a lot of different warnings about what we're talking about now, so I am interested but.

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Bill Hughes: Before we even get to the car what you're about to say would share in the future, which I definitely want to hear back about you know where where would I let it turn away.

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Bill Hughes: Because I think that will help, but I do think you know sitting on the things that we say and really considering what they mean that's what i've been doing the last couple years and I, and I appreciate, where you are.

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James Williams: brother James yeah yeah That was my turn pop man on the way you come in here.

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James Williams: But I appreciate what you're saying, though.

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James Williams: But in terms of the brother, to the book and he talks about this coming to Jesus, you know, sometimes I think we read the scriptures as you've been saying all along.

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James Williams: That we're not necessarily I didn't mean this and it's not exactly what it is that we see that, when it talks about there's no other way but to Jesus maybe it's talking.

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James Williams: To the thing that we talked about in class even talking about righteousness and justification and we're talking about we had talked about a little bit about how these.

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James Williams: Liberal right wing evangelicals we're not doing this thing, even though they are professing to be Jesus, but this thing that we all need to come through is to respond to.

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James Williams: God and to the people around us and Jesus did, and all the ministry, not so much that you have to say, like you know, over the years we've had to say.

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James Williams: That i'm a sinner I believe in Jesus Christ and and i'm going to walk through you know the you know that prayer of salvation well we've been saying that like that is like the goal.

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James Williams: Then thing and it's done now, I say that, and now i'm saying that everything will be okay well that's not.

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James Williams: How it work.

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James Williams: it's more about the rest of the story.

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James Williams: And so I think that we're that scripture specifically is going it's about us do this thing here this righteousness of justification this thing that the Jews were doing back in the Old Testament and that Jesus is talking about a new place.

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James Williams: And i'll bill I you know, I was just kidding with you about my time, but I do appreciate how you articulate it and put this concept into a little package like that.

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Bill Hughes: yeah, why should I let you go first, because you said it better than I did.

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00:43:56.700 --> 00:43:57.240

yeah.

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Wyatt Jackson: yeah I, I find this conversation and be absolutely on point for where we're going now in the future with all this been going on in the world, and I have a lot of questions I have a lot of questions about how we re enter.

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Wyatt Jackson: fellowship with each other in the conversations that we have about salvation and about.

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Wyatt Jackson: service and how we give of our time to others, those of us who are quote unquote fade, how do we now give to the people who need service who need help right.

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Wyatt Jackson: Because I am finding.

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Wyatt Jackson: That, if you have a whole bunch of answers.

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Wyatt Jackson: And you don't have a lot of questions, then you're doomed to just be an answer person.

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Wyatt Jackson: And I think the one and done thing that you're talking about.

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Wyatt Jackson: The say this prayer and then you're good.

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Wyatt Jackson: yeah that's the trap.

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Wyatt Jackson: And I think the question I have one question I really have is how do you actualize your faith.

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Wyatt Jackson: In today's climate.

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Wyatt Jackson: Where there's so much division so much fear so much uncertainty.

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Wyatt Jackson: How do you activate your faith in a way that.

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Wyatt Jackson: is connected to what Jesus really is talking about in scripture not the one and done i'm good and you're not and you need to come over here, but how do we do it in a way, where we go to others and serve, how do we do that.

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Carl Racine: And I you know we're gonna.

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Carl Racine: Some of this is going to come up again but.

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Carl Racine: The whole title of this course is our Jewish roots and that comes from Romans 11 and I think what I just said at the end of this last piece about the.

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Carl Racine: The descendants of Jacob and esau the Christians and the Jews coming together, as the two brothers did and then staying together, as the two brothers didn't in that story and working together.

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Carl Racine: is exactly what Paul is talking about in Romans 11 Paul makes it really clear and Romans 11 that gentiles, and that means all of us here it's a format.

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Carl Racine: will not be saved, apart from the salvation of Israel it's not that Christians are now going to be saved and Jews are not it's that the.

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Carl Racine: that the very foundation, the roots of our salvation as gentiles who have been graciously brought into abraham's family depends on that connection with Israel on that connection with Jews, and so, if we are going to work out our own salvation.

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Carl Racine: with fear and trembling we cannot as Christians do that ignoring Jews or turning our backs on Jews or or worse hating Jews, we need to do that in concert with Jews.

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Carl Racine: That is why I say this is my vision of what it means to be a Christian, I would argue this as a New Testament vision of what it means to be a Christian, not just my peculiar vision.

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Carl Racine: But it's a way I don't think i've ever heard anybody anywhere articulate before but it's a conclusion i've come to over the last 10 years, so this is where i'm going.

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Carl Racine: And maybe let's get started on the next thing because the next thing on the topic you're the next topic has to do with eternal life and salvation and all those wonderful things.

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Carl Racine: The next so so what we've been doing this year is what started out, I thought would be relatively short and has expanded dramatically.

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Carl Racine: was a number of reflections on topics that I thought were important more general things that came out of our discussion over the last several years in this class.

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Carl Racine: And the sibling rivalry thing was one the the the the miraculous survival of the Jews was the first thing we talked about, and that sense that God still is in covenant with Israel.

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Carl Racine: The third topic I want to talk about here at some length, because it's so important to us is that is a topic that i've i've titled life before death.

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Carl Racine: So, in August of 2021 August last year in the midst of surging coven cases and deaths, the Governor of Mississippi.

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Carl Racine: said that southerners are less scared of the virus, because they believe in eternal life in the Christian idea of eternal life and by eternal life, he was referring to the common misconception that eternal life means going to heaven when I die.

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Carl Racine: So, because southerners had had a stronger biblical faith in eternal life they weren't so worried about coven.

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Carl Racine: And he was using that statement to to justify essentially his refusal to impose any restrictions on people's behavior during the pandemic.

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Carl Racine: resulting in his State having the highest per capita rate of new corona virus cases and deaths in the US, followed by other so called Bible belt states Florida Tennessee South Carolina and Louisiana.

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00:49:40.620 --> 00:49:43.440

Carl Racine: there's something wrong here.

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00:49:46.200 --> 00:49:56.850

Carl Racine: Someone once told me they had a good way of trying to convince people to become Christians to witness he wanted to ask them if you were to die tonight, do you know what would happen to you.

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00:49:59.130 --> 00:50:05.100

Carl Racine: When I told him I didn't think that was the right way to begin with people that Jesus didn't present his good news, by asking such a question.

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Carl Racine: The person was puzzled and a bit frustrated because he liked most Christians just assumed this was the most important issue in a person's life and that you could provide a simple quick one sentence answer to that question.

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Carl Racine: In challenging both those assumptions I probably left him wondering if i'd completely lost my faith.

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Carl Racine: But for me this Christian focus on an obsession with the afterlife is a serious problem and the governor's comments are a clear illustration of that problem.

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Carl Racine: i'm a big fan of traditional old time Gospel music, but sometimes it bothers me to hear so many songs that are hoping to leave this world and go to heaven swing low sweet Chariot going up yonder highway to heaven and so on.

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00:50:56.190 --> 00:51:08.580

Carl Racine: We used to sing this old country Gospel tune, the world is not my home i'm just passing through my treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue the angels beckoned me from heavens open door and I can't feel at home in this world anymore.

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00:51:09.270 --> 00:51:14.490

Carl Racine: And there's an element of truth in that song but there's also something very wrong.

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00:51:15.570 --> 00:51:27.690

Carl Racine: biblically this world is our home and will always be our home we don't look forward to going to heaven heaven is god's home, our hope is for a new or renewed Earth.

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00:51:28.020 --> 00:51:41.490

Carl Racine: And as rabbi Sachs says, our goal is to make a home for God in this world, or as Jesus taught his disciples we are to seek for god's will to be done on earth we are not going anywhere.

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Carl Racine: But because we're not firmly rooted in Torah and because early Christianity was heavily influenced by Greek philosophy.

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Carl Racine: Christians have often viewed this world as the physical world is evil, and only the heavenly spiritual world is good.

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Carl Racine: And this is a fundamental denial a biblical truth and it's led to all sorts of confused thinking and behavior in the Church, not the least in our attitude towards sex.

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Carl Racine: When Christianity turned its back on its Jewish roots, it was able to come up with the non biblical idea that connected sexual intercourse with original sin.

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00:52:19.800 --> 00:52:31.290

Carl Racine: and valued celibacy as a higher spiritual state sexual passion and desire was viewed as sinful even in marriage and this goes back to St Agustin.

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00:52:31.890 --> 00:52:45.780

Carl Racine: So you have the development of a special category of holy people priests and monks and nuns who's sanctity who's Holiness, whose righteousness was higher righteousness was acquainted with their celibacy.

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00:52:46.320 --> 00:52:53.220

Carl Racine: This directly contradicts the foundational vision of creation that we are given in genesis one.

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Carl Racine: But because Christians were so fixated on the after life we've undermined the biblical focus on this life and in and on this world and too often, as in the case of the Mississippi governor.

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Carl Racine: That fixation has led to ignoring the needs of people in this life and a justification of the status quo.

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Carl Racine: And that's particularly true of a type of Christianity that says, all you have to do is believe a certain set of doctrines a certain group of ideas about God and Jesus and you're good.

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Carl Racine: So I am contending here that we've been so concerned about life after death that we have devalued life before death and that's why i'm titling this life before death.

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Carl Racine: Now let me give you the sort of the foundation for this in my thinking, the biblical foundation, because it connects to some extent with the sermon We heard this morning.

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Carl Racine: When we looked at the story that Torah tells.

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Carl Racine: We saw that at the Center of that story is the liberation of the Israelites from the oppressive power of the Egyptians and I argued that biblically salvation is first and foremost.

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00:54:11.790 --> 00:54:17.370

Carl Racine: A social and political reality that occurs in this life and in this world.

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Carl Racine: redemption is not simply being saved from my sins, but rather being rescued from the sins of others it's about corporate and social and political evil, not simply personal sins.

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Carl Racine: The story of Abraham and his family teaches us that god's saving purposes are focused on creating a new Community that will live as a light to the world, because it is radically different from that world.

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Carl Racine: Israel was not only liberated from Egypt, Israel was to be the antithesis of Egypt, the antithesis of a society that provided freedom and wealth for an elite few and poverty and oppression, for the rest.

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Carl Racine: The antithesis of a nation that enslaved for an immigrant says it's cheap Labor.

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Carl Racine: The antithesis of a world superpower, whose military

budget far surpassed anything it's spent on helping its own people.

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Carl Racine: The antithesis of a country where one man could rule with absolute authority and expect unquestioning allegiance, no matter what he said or do even if he killed somebody in the middle of time Square.

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Carl Racine: Now, most of us probably don't know a lot about ancient Egypt, but we all know one thing about ancient Egypt, what are we all fascinated with an ancient Egypt.

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Susan Racine: My knees.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And pyramids.

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Carl Racine: exactly right, so we know about Egypt sister Carol can we see slide number one and the new in the in the life after life before death.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: will do.

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Carl Racine: that's the most fascinating example of ancient Egyptian culture for us right, I mean it's just an amazing things.

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Carl Racine: thousands of years later, their pyramids and their mummies and the elaborate Sir coffee guy and the the Book of the dead, all of this built with slave Labor and an enormous expense.

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Carl Racine: All of this part of the major part of Egyptian culture.

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Carl Racine: bears witness to the central preoccupation of Egyptian culture life as an elaborate preparation for life after death.

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Carl Racine: And, in contrast to this Torah contains no reference to an afterlife or a heaven that awaits the faithful.

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Carl Racine: Some of the laws and Torah or, such as the prohibition of tattoos and other bodily disfigurement I really cautions to people to avoid pagan rituals for the dead or ancestor consultation.

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00:56:59.820 --> 00:57:10.290

Carl Racine: And we've seen we've talked about this already the Torah makes it clear anything associated with death must be must be kept separate from worship from the sanctuary from god's presence.

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Carl Racine: The god of the Bible is the God of the living as Jesus said, and the focus in Torah is squarely on this life, and this is true for the rest of the Hebrew scriptures as well.

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00:57:23.490 --> 00:57:31.710

Carl Racine: The book of job refuses to wipe away his concerns about the injustices of his life with a promise of a better life, beyond the grave.

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00:57:32.580 --> 00:57:42.720

Carl Racine: David does not pray in the Psalms for God to rapture him out of this world to a spiritual paradise he praises God will rescue him now from people who are threatening and oppressing him.

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00:57:43.770 --> 00:57:54.810

Carl Racine: Jeremiah doesn't comfort to do DNS in the midst of their horrific suffering by holding out to them, the idea that all things have some sort of spiritual purpose and that their slaying children are in a better place.

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Carl Racine: The book of laments simply big whales loudly and at length the horrors that of the fallen the Judy ends it ends by asking when, God will stop being angry with them and restore to them what they once had.

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Carl Racine: So if we could move to the next slide please.

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Carl Racine: So, also the author of Ecclesiastes he's a firm's that everyone has the same fate fate as the animals death and we don't know what happens after that.

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Carl Racine: All go to the same place, he says, all come from dust and to dust all return, who knows if the human spirit rises upward and the spirit of the animal goes down into the earth, so the author says enjoy whatever simple pleasures there are in this world without indulging to excess.

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00:58:47.370 --> 00:58:52.770

Carl Racine: The profits demand god's compassionate justice, here and now in this world in this life.

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Carl Racine: Judaism doesn't deny the afterlife but it focuses its energies on this life in this world, and even the rabbinic hope of Olam Haba which you see here the Hebrew phrase that means the world to come and you'll hear this.

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Carl Racine: In Jewish circles that typically refers to a redeemed world under the rule of the Messiah, which is exactly what the New Testament teaches.

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Carl Racine: And the well known passage in the Talmud that declares all Israel have a share in the world to come quotes as biblical support for this assertion Isaiah 60:21 your people all will be righteous and they will inherit the land forever.

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Carl Racine: And here, clearly the Prophet is talking about the land of Israel, although Hebrew could mean the earth and not some heavenly paradise, and this is one of the many scriptural passages that Jesus echoes when he promises that the humble or the meek will inherit the earth.

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Carl Racine: So.

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Carl Racine: The focus in the Old Testament the focus in Judaism is squarely on this world, not the world to come, even though they believe in that i'm going to pause here because we're at the end of near the end of time, but, but allow people a few more.

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Carl Racine: reflections or questions before we'll continue this next week.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I have a question brother Carl pardon my Green screen, I have to get that straightened out, but I have a question.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: about the timeline that you have in terms of your thinking about this and the sad unfortunate death of your sister, can you because some of our classmates are newer to this class than others, but can you sort of give us more explanation about that timeline.

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Carl Racine: my sister died at age 55 of ovarian cancer.

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Carl Racine: Not quite 10 years ago.

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Carl Racine: and

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Carl Racine: When.

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Carl Racine: When I was dealing with it, when I was dealing even before she died, but we knew, she was on her deathbed.

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Carl Racine: My prayer was God.

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Carl Racine: What do you want me to learn from this.

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Carl Racine: and

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Carl Racine: I feel that God answered that prayer in ways that I had not.

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Carl Racine: even been able to anticipate.

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Carl Racine: I learned a whole lot of things about.

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Carl Racine: How to respond to people who had just suffered loss death of a close friend or relative that I didn't know before.

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Carl Racine: And in the next couple of years, I had there were a significant number of people who died either people who were closely susan's father died shortly, you know within.

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Carl Racine: Nine months of my sister.

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Carl Racine: But.

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Carl Racine: Other friends and acquaintances had close people that are close to them that died.

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Carl Racine: And it radically changed my perspective on how to think about that how to respond to people what kinds of things to say what kinds of things, not to say all of that kind of stuff, but I think, at the same time.

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Carl Racine: The year that my sister was dying, I was doing a year long.

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Carl Racine: Bible staying pretty intense bios and Wednesday nights with the Wednesday night Bible study on the Book of job somebody coincidentally, but maybe.

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Carl Racine: coincidences are our God God at work anonymously is is.

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what's your name says, I can't think of who that is yeah.

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Carl Racine: So sort of wrestling with suffering in the world and injustice in the world, and all that was very much the point and and it was when I launched into this study of the book of Hebrews that led me into thinking about Judaism and as ended up with this class.

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Carl Racine: But what I discovered that through that whole experience was that I was surprisingly.

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Carl Racine: Maybe because of some of the platitudes that people.

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Carl Racine: Well, meaning people would say you know about oh she's in

a better place or she's not suffering now and my thought was you know but but we're not in a better place and we're still suffering, and it really doesn't do me any good to.

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Carl Racine: Personally, it didn't do me any good to even think about that kind of question, the question was what do we do here and now, and how How does this death affect us and has it affect her family and.

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Carl Racine: So it got me thinking about that and, and it really shifted my focus away from thinking about the afterlife and and all of that kind of question and very much thinking about So what do we do now, what does this mean for us now so.

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Carl Racine: I don't know that it's a personal.

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Carl Racine: thing, I suppose, but it's very much.

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Carl Racine: it's very much changed the direction of my thinking pretty radically here.

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Wyatt Jackson: And can I can I interject one thing.

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yeah.

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Wyatt Jackson: So what what brother Carl is also not telling you is that, at that time we were in a men's fellowship on Tuesday nights.

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Wyatt Jackson: And without breaking confidentiality of the sensitivity of what Carl came in, to talk about.

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Wyatt Jackson: I can save this much his questions there's that thing again just questions to us.

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Wyatt Jackson: Had us all paths, because he was the one who was experiencing the loss and he bought us into.

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Wyatt Jackson: That conversation, he was having with God and with himself, he bought us into it in a way.

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Wyatt Jackson: That minister to us about the very same thing.

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Wyatt Jackson: And our feedback to him was is just as transparent as his questions to us, I don't know if that makes any sense.

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Wyatt Jackson: But.

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Wyatt Jackson: It kept us focused like he said on the here and now it wasn't so much I don't think anybody in that group said well your sisters in a better place, and you know you'll be fine and she's fine it was like he dropped the MIC by saying look I don't want to talk about.

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Wyatt Jackson: The hair and the hereafter I want to talk about what's happening now and and that really wasn't very um.

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Wyatt Jackson: I don't want to say healing because that sounds like it was.

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Wyatt Jackson: It was all about just healing but it wasn't it was more about.

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01:06:29.730 --> 01:06:30.960

Wyatt Jackson: wrestling with.

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Wyatt Jackson: a really big set of questions.

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Wyatt Jackson: And we didn't leave going everything's gonna be alright, we left saying wow that's a.

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01:06:41.460 --> 01:06:44.820

Wyatt Jackson: Very different way to look at what's going on here so.

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Wyatt Jackson: I could go on, but i'll stop they're.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Both very helpful, thank you.

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Joe Murchison: I have a kind of a follow up I.

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Joe Murchison: I think that what I hear in Christian expression Christian thought is a lot of happy talk yeah like to call it.

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Joe Murchison: That really frustrates me it's so superficial at so devoid of thought and that one thing I really appreciate about your teaching carlin about this course is that.

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Joe Murchison: And the rabbi sex they really are investigating the complexities of life and say in a way that so many Christians today are just not well let's just skip over that to the happy thought of the happy talk.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I think I think what the larger piece of this

is that we as Christians have failed to recognize acknowledge and talk about death.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And so the easier thing to do is to skip over it, and talk about the afterlife and all the other things which as carla's saying i'll do a parallel comparison totally different set of circumstances I didn't necessarily want to hear that, when my.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: son was in in the funeral home and we were getting ready to bury him that was that that was that was not helpful to me.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: So, so I think the bigger thing is our inability to talk about death that a all of us are going to die.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Be we don't know when we're going to die see we don't know how much suffering there's going to be before you die or the suffering after the fact, when death occurs, we don't have those kind of granular conversations because it's easier to skip over and have as Joe said happy talk.

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Carl Racine: And one of the main things that I learned.

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Carl Racine: In that experience was that the was was not to try to avoid or cover up the pain.

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Carl Racine: That the pain is actually.

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Carl Racine: What it means part of what it means to love.

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01:09:23.880 --> 01:09:37.800

Carl Racine: That the that the pain of the of watching someone you love suffer and die that is part of what it means to love and so let's



not let's not try to.

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Carl Racine: ignore it or make it go away with the happy talk good phrase or or with platitudes.

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01:09:49.080 --> 01:09:58.710

Carl Racine: That, even if they're well meant, and even if they're true on some level as sister Carol said I don't want to hear that right now.

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Carl Racine: And so what I always say to people who, who have suffered a recent loss and are dealing with grief is it's okay to be sad it's okay to feel hurt it's okay to live with that pain, because that is a sign of the depth of your love now.

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Carl Racine: There are people in certain circumstances, who might need some professional help it's not something you want to try to go alone, or at least the the deep supportive friends, I can't imagine what it'd be like to lose a job I can't imagine what Darrell settles is going through right now.

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Carl Racine: Whatever i've gone through in my life I can't imagine what that's like So yes, you might need some help and even at one point, the men's group did say to me.

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Carl Racine: And it was probably a year or two later after my sister's death it wasn't right away.

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Carl Racine: You know.

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Carl Racine: In the midst of all of this it's clear you've got some anger about this that you haven't dealt with and it might be helpful to talk to.

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Carl Racine: A counselor about this, and they are they they mentioned somebody who was known to our group and who I went to for a while, as well, and it was helpful so it's not saying.

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01:11:34.200 --> 01:11:44.310

Carl Racine: You have to just let that pain overwhelm you, to the point that you can't function but that pain is part of love and shouldn't just be easy tried to.

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Carl Racine: sweep it away and certainly for other people who are going through, it don't try to sugarcoat the pill, or whatever just recognize that that is part of what it means to love.

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Marc Germain: Thank you for that I had a quick question um.

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Marc Germain: Is this sort of.

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Marc Germain: Treatment our approach to to death, is it part of.

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Marc Germain: The Western or American Christianity, as opposed to other Christian communities like you've talked about in Ethiopia or other parts of the world, I just wondered that because that's something which i've often thought about.

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Marc Germain: You know, in the discussion of death, and you know, I was recently at a funeral for a family member, you know and the pastor said something similar to that and I just wondered is that, where does that come from I don't think it's glib but just sort of like you know that conception.

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Marc Germain: In the faith it's like oh others, you know they're suffering is over, and now we're going to be, you know, in the by, and by so i'm just wondering about that.

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Jack Melvin: i'm if I might just say something as a Christian Minister missionary who.

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Jack Melvin: Often Councils, the death of a ministry to to.

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01:13:06.690 --> 01:13:17.310

Jack Melvin: dying and empty the family afterward I think that well there's there's two sides of it that's it for this, the oh here, let me just give you some background here.

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Jack Melvin: You know there's there's not much support when you get old and after 60 you can't get health insurance because well you're going to die so what's the point and and.

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Jack Melvin: People you know they go down to the public hospital and then they get a diagnosis and then they go back to their home, and then they can die, and I, I participated in directly and indirectly some very, very horrible death and.

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Jack Melvin: Sometimes i've gone up in and prayed with the with the people and and generally my approach is to.

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01:13:58.320 --> 01:14:16.620

Jack Melvin: I as well, I am a Christian, so I I look for the resurrection and the life after after and, and that is the whole I I offer the people i'm not inside of a glib fashion, but but we prayed for us for.

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Jack Melvin: You know that that that they might be healed and we expect that that might happen, but I don't want to mislead people everyone dies, and so the other part of it is that I tell them that that you know God has the best for you and and no matter what happens.

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01:14:37.410 --> 01:14:42.090

Jack Melvin: You know, God will give you the best and I tried to.

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01:14:43.980 --> 01:14:46.350

Jack Melvin: bring them to Jesus.

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Jack Melvin: In in their personal spiritual life so that they can go through death with fever, because he is this for us is the resurrection life everlasting.

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Jack Melvin: And so that's my that's what that's sort of in some what I try to tell people before they're dying and the family afterwards.

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Jack Melvin: My best thing about I think that the best thing in terms of counseling people who've lost somebody is just to listen to them.

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Jack Melvin: Often they want to talk about it often no one wants to mention anything about the best dying, so I asked him, you know what happened, how was it was it was it hard.

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Jack Melvin: You know, and they just they just started talking and then we talked about the person and and often that's just a you know a great relief the end we light a candle and we say a prayer and.

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Jack Melvin: When and and also the repeat with Pearl said you just don't you know you this happy, you know happy talk is not going to help you.

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Jack Melvin: I said, the only thing is going to heal you with time now, and even that you know i'd lost my mother two years afterwards i'm thinking about out.

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Jack Melvin: For, and you know the wound is still there and and really that's, the only thing that's going to heal and and and maybe they'll always be a little pain.

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Jack Melvin: The whole um, but I think it's impeller again I come back to Jesus and the resurrection and and the fact that we looked at death.

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Jack Melvin: We look well the image, I have is because i've been working in these mountains, you know the people living in adobe houses and i've had the image, I have is of adobe house and it's raining outside and the tremendous storm because it's actually once happened to me.

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Jack Melvin: And then, once you get to the door that the outside and approaching in the terrible storm is the death and dying part.

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Jack Melvin: And then you get to the door and we open the door and there's the family there's some light there's warmth and everything and that's the part we don't see we only see the storm.

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Jack Melvin: But we have to believe in the resurrection and the life ever after and I will say that this is a Jewish concept to.

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Jack Melvin: The life and the resurrection This is something that the pharisees began to develop, and I believe that that's part of you know what God has you know in mind, for us, so that that all might be saved.

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Carl Racine: yeah, and I mean i'm not denying any of that but.

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Carl Racine: You know, when I was a kid growing up, and you had to.

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Carl Racine: come to the same school and say a memory verse from the Bible, and sometimes the only memory verse and people could remember

was Jesus wept.

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Carl Racine: But.

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Carl Racine: The context right the shortest verse the context for that he's standing in front of Lazarus his grave.

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Carl Racine: And Jesus has a pretty good idea that God is going to raise Lazarus which God does almost immediately in the story.

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Carl Racine: And yet Jesus still.

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Carl Racine: weeps in the face of death Jesus still weeps with the two sisters who are weeping with the other people who have gathered to mourn the death of Lazarus Jesus does not override his weeping with.

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Carl Racine: A theological magic one that says everything's gonna be all right Jesus is perfectly content in the moment to weep with those who weep and that it seems to me as an image we should keep in terms of what brother mark said about different cultures lots of.

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Carl Racine: prob virtually every culture has some I imagine some sort of mourning process, however, official or unofficial Judaism, has a very set sort of way of mourning the death of somebody for seven days after they died, but that mourning process tends to be a limited time period.

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Carl Racine: And then everybody else goes back to their lives and the the people who are bereaved the people who are suffering the pain.

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Carl Racine: The pain doesn't just go away, and I think sometimes in that mourning process, however long or short, it is, and whatever

culture.

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Carl Racine: People want to use that time as a way of making the pain go away.

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Carl Racine: But as Jack said, two years later he's still got pain from his mother's death and he probably always will have it, to some extent because that's part of what it means to love his mother.

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Carl Racine: And so, recognizing the reality of that here and now, and not just trying to make it go away, I think is very much.

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Carl Racine: Part of the the kind of concerned for this world that that I'm trying to argue, we need as Christians to have.

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Carl Racine: And I know we've gone way over time here with a very important discussion, and this is only introductory material we're going to continue to think about this, and next week we're going to think about.

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Carl Racine: why it is that God didn't make all this stuff about the afterlife and the resurrection more clear from the start.

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Carl Racine: If this is such an important part of our faith, why is there, virtually no teaching about it in the Old Testament, why did God delay.

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Carl Racine: revealing the whole idea of an afterlife and we're gonna we're gonna unpack that question next week so stay to.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: The afterlife our Jewish roots did it all get hijacked.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: next two years.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: So at this point.

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Carl Racine: Anyway, thank you offer for your patience involvement here and.

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Carl Racine: You know we've we've started on another another adventure here that that I hope will will.

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Carl Racine: challenge and enlighten people can somebody closes a pair please.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Dear Lord in heaven I think we're all just sitting in having all these very rich quotes and comments made today marinate in our souls, and our minds as we.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Think about the love of a mother still burning their hearts, some two years later to those on life support 15 years old, with tubes everywhere.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: To are unanswered questions about sisters passing away years ago still troubling thoughts about her pain and suffering but her family left behind and little.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Priority and prioritization in terms of the afterlife This is why this class is so rich, because we have the opportunity, through our master teacher you Lord teaching through him and speaking through him talking about these very tough subjects these very difficult subjects.



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Carole Copeland Thomas: Jewish hatred anti semitism.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: The way we are indoctrinated as Christians to love some and not love all and all the many things that are left troubling in our hearts and our souls, and our minds and can't be dismissed by happy talk.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: We thank you, Lord for this space for this protected space for us being able to look at these issues from a pragmatic a possible and an impossible perspective.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Lord may we continue on as we are helped, not just for our sake, Lord, but so that we can help others.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: The connection the the corporate Christian perspective, Lord is the paramount piece, that we need to remember that all of this is not just for us.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: it's for how we share it with others, thank you, Lord, for all that you have done for everyone who is in the space for brother jack who makes us away from Honduras from system Merrill who makes her way from.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Santa fe new Mexico for sister Susan for system Murray brother mark brother Peter brother Joe brother James for the Wyatt sister Val.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And sister brother bill, and most of all, Lord, the reason why we're all connected through this class Lord brother Carl.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you for our families for what they are

enduring and going through, for all the prayers that had been uttered at the beginning of this class and for what you have in store for us today and beyond this, we ask in your precious name amen amen.

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Wyatt Jackson: amen.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: amen all right.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: everybody's week right.

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Marc Germain: we'll be done.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Right everybody God bless.