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Carl Racine: got it okay yeah I don't know about snow removal in the Old Testament already.

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Carl Racine: It does snow in Jerusalem.

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Carl Racine: Not a lot and I don't know how often but the trip that I took I don't know whenever it was nine years of eight nine years ago.

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Carl Racine: It had just snowed a day or two earlier in Jerusalem, they were tiny remnants of it on the ground, I mean it only snowed an inch or two.

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Carl Racine: So they don't have a big snow removal issue, but they they do occasionally get snow because Jerusalem is.

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Carl Racine: I want to say.

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Carl Racine: 4000 feet above sea level or something, and if you know the Bible always talks about we're going up to Jerusalem that's because it's kind of in the high point and any way you go to Jerusalem you go up to Jerusalem so.

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Carl Racine: Then I guess are more familiar with snow up in the north, especially in the mountains in the north, but.

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Carl Racine: I don't think they get a lot of snow.

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Carl Racine: I am.

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Carl Racine: wearing a sweater.

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Carl Racine: which you may be able to see.

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Carl Racine: That was given to me by my sister and i'm wearing it thinking of her her birthday was this past week, she would have turned 65.

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Carl Racine: But she died 10 years ago and.

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Carl Racine: Her death was probably one of the main.

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Carl Racine: influences that have experiences of my life that began my sort of seriously focused rethinking of Christian theology, of the kind of stuff that we tell people in the Church.

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Carl Racine: And it was right after her death, and it was in the year that she died, that I was doing a study on the Book of job in the Wednesday night Bible study and that.

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Carl Racine: Also, was helped kind of begin this process, and then the year, right after she died, I began the study of the book of Hebrews and anti Judaism and all of that so her death was a pivotal moment for me and a lot of ways.

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Carl Racine: And paradoxically it.

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Carl Racine: It got me thinking much.

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Carl Racine: See, I can say well we'll talk about this more in the next section, which is called life after death and life before death, but.

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Carl Racine: It it took away her death, interestingly enough took away a lot of my interest in the whole idea of life after death.

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Carl Racine: And we'll talk about that more in a few weeks.

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Carl Racine: But this morning we're going to return to the theme of sibling rivalry which we've been looking at for the for the past few weeks.

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Carl Racine: And let me open with a word of prayer.

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Carl Racine: God we bless you for.

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Carl Racine: bringing us together we bless you for the sunshine today we bless you for.

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Carl Racine: getting through the storm safely and without loss of power and we asked for your guidance in.

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Carl Racine: Our discussion this morning and christ's name amen.

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Carl Racine: um we we've been thinking about the stories of sibling rivalry in in the Book of Genesis which i've always felt were an important theme there a major part of that book.

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Carl Racine: And we've looked at how they're connected with the later.

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Carl Racine: history of Israel, both by the scriptures themselves and in the later rabbinic writings and we started with an rabbinic mid rash that connects the story of esau and his descendants, who are the termites.

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Carl Racine: make some kind of prototypes of all the peoples of the babylonians the Romans and then the Christians who opposed.

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Carl Racine: And stood up against and fought with the descendants of Jacob, who was he says brother and those descendants of course for the Jews and we saw that his in the sort of history of the discussion of.

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Carl Racine: The story that both Christians and Jews.

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Carl Racine: have seen themselves as heirs of Jacob, as part of the Covenant line as the true Israel and they've seen the other group represented by esau as the rejected family, the rejected brother.

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Carl Racine: And we're particularly interested me and all of this genealogical discussion is that in both Christian and Jewish understandings of these stories the family relationship persists even if it's strained even if it's.

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Carl Racine: full of conflict there's still a sense of a family relationship that's there and Christians and Jews have continued.

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Carl Racine: To view themselves in this way, as a strange siblings, even if they argue about who the favorite son really is but one way or another, I think we are all.

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Carl Racine: Jacob and esau twins who have been wrestling with each other, from the beginning and that's the sort of main point of this section of the class.

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Carl Racine: i'm sister Carol back with us.

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Yet.

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Carl Racine: Are there questions about that.

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Carl Racine: In just in general.

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Carl Racine: I have to go to one of the slides to.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: i'm back give me 30 seconds.

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Carl Racine: Okay that's fine.

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Carl Racine: I understand the need for a cup of coffee.

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Carl Racine: I actually have mine during the coffee hour to.

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Carl Racine: I can't wait til 1030 to have my gosh.

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Carl Racine: i'm.

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Carl Racine: So the story of Jacob and esau.

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Carl Racine: and their descendants, the Israelites and the termites who are in conflict in the later books in the Bible.

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Carl Racine: But whichever side you want to choose, if you feel like choosing sides in this whole debate.

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Carl Racine: Torah does have a word of warning and if we could see slide number 17 please.

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Okay.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: get my Green screen together and.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: pull up the slides.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Sorry, my machine is moving a little slowly today.

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Right.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: it's spinning, and here we go is that the slide.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: yep exactly.

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Carl Racine: So in deuteronomy 23 seven it says you shall not have horan EDA might.

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Carl Racine: A descendant of ISA, for he is your brother, and this is talking to the Israelites this is Moses talking to the Israelites.

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Carl Racine: Despite the conflict, despite the separation, despite the strained relationships you're still family.

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Carl Racine: And so.

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Carl Racine: That family connection remains and that's why the later prophets can condemn the EDA mites for not coming to the aid of your brother.

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Carl Racine: When Jerusalem was assaulted by the Babylonian the family connection is still there.

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Carl Racine: The way I read the story in genesis of Jacob and esau I don't see that the story itself favors one brother over the other.

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Carl Racine: Both of them are children of Abraham both of them are loved by Isaac.

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Carl Racine: And both of them receive a blessing from Isaac and we looked at this ambiguous prophecy in genesis genesis 25:23 the Elder the younger self serve which can be interpreted as either, meaning the other will serve the younger or the younger will serve the elder brother.

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Carl Racine: And I want to argue that that ambiguity suggests that the real goal, and all of this is mutual servant hood.

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Carl Racine: The brothers should be serving each other.

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Carl Racine: And Jacob realizes finally after 20 years or more on the run that he will never be free of his fears, he will never be free from having to wrestle with God and with humans.

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Carl Racine: until he adopts this attitude of servant hood towards ISA and we saw when we looked at that story that that's how it ends up in their reconciliation Jacob comes and says, I am your servant, and he brings him a whole.

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Carl Racine: Huge flock of animals as a gift and as a blessing, and he comes finally to bestow blessing on esau rather than to take it for himself and in so doing, I would argue Jacob finally.

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Carl Racine: acquires the blessing that God had for him all along the blessing that he'd been working really hard to get.

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Carl Racine: And he couldn't get it by himself he's able then after he deals with that and hit after he deals with his whole conflict with these.

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Carl Racine: ISA he's able then to step into his role as the Covenant bear as the one through whom God will continue to provide blessings for the rest of the world it's only by being a blessing.

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Carl Racine: That Jacob is finally blessed and I think that is the solid teaching of all of the scriptures you were only blessed by being a blessing, and if you try to hold on to what God gives you, you lose it.

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Carl Racine: The same thing is true in the parable of the prodigal son, which we size, sometimes being connected with the story of Jacob and esau.

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Carl Racine: The younger son the prodigal who goes off and has demanded his father's inheritance and goes off and spends it in wild living and when he finally comes to his senses he decides to return to his father's house and what does he say he decides to return as a servant.

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Carl Racine: Rather than as someone who had demanded his inheritance his blessing from his father.

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Carl Racine: Now Christians have historically tried to steal israel's blessing for themselves.

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Carl Racine: And arrogantly appropriated god's promises for themselves, and I say that is time for Christians to reverse how we have interpreted this whole ancient prophecy.

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Carl Racine: And the biblical story and to begin to see our role as being servants to our Jewish brothers and sisters, with whom our destiny and our salvation is inextricably bound.

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Carl Racine: Now servant hood is a very important theme and Christianity and you all know this, or you should know this Jesus.

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Carl Racine: Is is presented as a model of servant hood and he models that servant head for his disciples he washes their feet and all of the rest of that.

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Carl Racine: And Jesus has also been seen by Christians to embody the role of the suffering servant, that is outlined in the various passages in Isaiah and you see some of this on your screen.

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Carl Racine: there's a whole there's a number of passages in Isaiah principally in the in the chapters that are the 14th chapter 42-49.

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Carl Racine: about someone who is who is this called the servant or sometimes the suffering servant when you get into chapter 53.

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Carl Racine: And the whole issue of who is this servant is captured I think quite nicely.

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Carl Racine: In the in the book of acts with the Ethiopian eunuch who is reading the Book of Isaiah or the scroll of Isaiah as he's riding along and his Chariot heading back for Ethiopia and he asks Philip tell me please, who is the Prophet talking about himself or someone else who is this servant.

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Carl Racine: Now historically Jewish interpreters have read Isaiah as speaking about them about Israel as a people.

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Carl Racine: And some of the passages and Isaiah clearly indicate that Israel is the servant, and you can see here, there are several passages, but I put one on the screen from Isaiah 41, eight and nine.

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Carl Racine: You Israel my servant Jacob who I'm who I have chosen the seed of Abraham my friend, you who I have taken hold of from the ends of the earth and called you from the uttermost parts there of.

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Carl Racine: And said unto you, you are my servant, I have chosen you and will not forsake you okay that's pretty clear this is talking to Israel.

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Carl Racine: But other times, and this is where the question sometimes

comes up the servant seems more like an individual someone may be like the Prophet but someone who does things for Israel and the world, and you see this in the quote on your screen from Isaiah 49.

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Carl Racine: In the indeed God says it is too small a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved ones of Israel so here the servant is doing something for Israel.

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Carl Racine: And not only that mission, but I will also give you as a light to the gentiles to non Jewish nations that you shall be my salvation.

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Carl Racine: To the ends of the earth so here the servant has more of an individual character character, and this is especially true in the in, as I said in Chapter 53 which is talks about the suffering servant that very much seems like an individual.

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Carl Racine: But rabbi heschel.

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Carl Racine: who's booked on the prophets is is so amazing in so many ways, he has a profound reflection on these passages.

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Carl Racine: heschel insists that Israel as the Lord suffering servant, but he adds and here's the quote on your screen but Israel may be all or a few or one of its Members, and I think that brilliantly captures the complexity of Isaiah is prophecy Israel can refer to a people.

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Carl Racine: But it can also refer to an individual and we remember that Jacob, the individual Jacob was was first named Israel, the for the people of Israel came along.

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Carl Racine: So Christians can talk about Jesus call to servant hood

they can talk about Jesus as a servant in very general terms.

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Carl Racine: But I would like to suggest that if we really see Jesus as one of Israel's Members who in some way or another, embodies and fulfills Isaiah as prophecy, then we need to see that servant hood is directed above all towards Israel.

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Carl Racine: Isaiah servant, as we see here in verse and Chapter 49 verse six.

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Carl Racine: Isaiah servant cannot fulfill his responsibility to be a light to the nation's apart from his responsibility to Israel and Jesus understood that and insisted that he came first and foremost as a servant of the people of Israel, if we could go on to the next slide please.

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Carl Racine: Matthew.

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Carl Racine: I like the little picture I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the House of Israel, he tells a Gentile woman who wants him to heal his daughter.

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Carl Racine: Nothing ends up healing the daughter.

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Carl Racine: But.

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Carl Racine: he's clear about his primary mission.

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Carl Racine: And Jesus called his disciples to take up this role as well Matthew 10 six he sends them out and says go nowhere among the gentiles and enter not town of the Samaritans but go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel, first and foremost.

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00:18:15.060 --> 00:18:19.890

Carl Racine: Jesus mission and the mission of his disciples was to Israel.

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Carl Racine: So that understanding of Jesus I think has gotten lost, but we can only obtain god's blessing, the blessing God promised to the household of Abraham if we adopt this attitude of servant hood to the family of Abraham.

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Carl Racine: Otherwise, the churches historical arrogance and superiority attitude towards Jews puts us in grave danger.

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Carl Racine: When God calls Abraham and promises to bless him and his family and make them a blessing to the whole world God also says.

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Carl Racine: I will bless those who bless you and those who curse you I will curse genesis 12 three and we'll see this slide will see this on a later slide.

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Carl Racine: I will bless those who bless you and those who curse you I will curse and Paul certainly has this verse in mind in Romans 11 which you see on your screen.

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Carl Racine: When he wants his Gentile audience that their arrogance and pride, with respect to Israel, with respect to the Jews, will lead to God cutting them off from the Jewish tree of life that they have been grafted into.

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Carl Racine: And that is where the the title of this course comes from and that warning, both in genesis and Romans has simply not been heeded by Christian.

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Carl Racine: Questions comments.

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Susan Racine: I have a comment.

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Susan Racine: I love this and then the circular thing is that if Jesus is called to serve the Jewish is the lost sheep of Israel Jesus called to serve the House of Israel Christians imagine themselves, as the body of Christ, and so, then our calling is.

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Susan Racine: To do what Jesus would do there's all those hats, what would Jesus do, which is to do exactly what you're saying, sir.

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Susan Racine: sort of our Jewish brothers and sisters.

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Carl Racine: And it should be obvious it's just something that's been ignored and actually the Christians have acted in just the opposite ways to or lean towards Jews.

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Susan Racine: verse 20 and there's Romans 11 thing, do not be arrogant, but be afraid right if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either.

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Susan Racine: ouch.

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Carl Racine: And goes on consider, therefore, the kindness in service of God sternness to those who fail the kindness to you provided and he's talking to gentiles this is, you can go look at the content provided you continue in his kindness, otherwise you also will be cut off boom.

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Carl Racine: it's very, very, very, very clear and the Church has simply ignored this as we've run through other verses in Romans to

define what it means to be a Christian, but this is the heart of paul's are, this is why Paul has written the Book of Romans is chapter 11 not Chapter eight Chapter three.

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Carl Racine: that's my.

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Carl Racine: Well, let me do a little mid rash here of my own medress being a kind of way of approaching the scriptures and interpreting them so that they speak to.

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Carl Racine: You one's own time.

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Carl Racine: Not so much trying to find the original intent of the author, but to apply it to perhaps a very different situation.

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Carl Racine: there's these genesis stories of sibling rivalry that we've been looking at offer us, I think a variety of choices, a variety of possible futures.

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Carl Racine: The first is that of Cain and Abel.

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Carl Racine: envy that leads to violence and murder.

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Carl Racine: And I imagine Cain thinking God chose you over me God likes you best that makes me angry.

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Carl Racine: And so, he kills his brother.

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Carl Racine: The second possible future the possible choice of sibling relationship is that of Leah and Rachel the two sisters who live

together as wives of.

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Carl Racine: Jacob.

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Carl Racine: There, but they live together uneasily in an ongoing relationship of jealousy and competition and heartbreak and that story their story to me is almost unbearably sad.

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Carl Racine: Leah.

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Carl Racine: Has a sense that Jacob doesn't love her at least doesn't love her the way he loves Rachel.

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Carl Racine: And yet Rachel is not able to have children, whereas Leah starts having children.

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Carl Racine: And the first three children, the first three sons that are born to Leah she gives them names that indicate that she's hoping that, through the birth of this son her husband will finally love her.

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Carl Racine: And that doesn't happen and the fourth son Judah she gives up that hope and simply gives praise to God for giving her son, and then the competition continues.

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Carl Racine: Rachel gets her service woman to sleep with Jacob and have a couple because she can and then Leah response doing the same with her service women and finally Rachel has.

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Carl Racine: Joseph and Benjamin but it's just it's just heartbreaking to me to read their story.

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Carl Racine: The third story.

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Carl Racine: That gives us a possible future is that of Jacob and esau that we've looked at extensively coming together after an extended period of estrangement and hostility for a temporary reconciliation.

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Carl Racine: But then they go their separate ways still a little wary of one another, they do not live together, although esau wants to.

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Carl Racine: And, historically, I think all three of these patterns of characterize the relationship between Christians and Jews and various times in places the wrestling match that began between esau and Jacob in the womb, has not yet come to an end, but.

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Carl Racine: there's a fourth option, the one that genesis ends with the one that builds up to and the one that it devotes and the very, very large part of its narrative it's a very long story, the story of Joseph and his brothers.

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Carl Racine: Again, a story, where the brothers where where Joseph is being arrogant and think he's better than the rest of them and they get angry and want to kill him and end up instead selling him into slavery, the relationship is broken.

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Carl Racine: It looks hopeless for a long time for decades, Joseph is in living in Egypt and the brothers don't know anything about him, but the story finally ends with this recognition scene, where they embrace one another with mutual forgiveness and mutual blessing.

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Carl Racine: And that relationship being restored, not only is not only for their family, but also ends up being a blessing to the country the pagan country the non Jewish countries Egypt that they're living in.

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00:26:25.020 --> 00:26:27.030
Carl Racine: And that's a hopeful story.

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Carl Racine: God promises if we could go to the next slide please.

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00:26:34.230 --> 00:26:36.750
Carl Racine: God promises Abraham a family.

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00:26:38.280 --> 00:26:41.460
Carl Racine: And a family that will grow to become many nations.

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00:26:42.210 --> 00:26:51.840
Carl Racine: And that those nations will that failure will bring blessing to all the families of the earth, this is, this is one of the foundational passages.

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00:26:52.200 --> 00:27:02.730
Carl Racine: In Torah I will make you a great nation will bless you and make your name great and you will be a blessing that's the whole purpose for God blessing anyone is so that they will be a blessing.

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00:27:03.060 --> 00:27:09.720
Carl Racine: I will bless those who bless you whoever curses you I will curse and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.

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00:27:11.250 --> 00:27:21.570
Carl Racine: that's the the goal here and the Book of Genesis with this succession of stories of sibling rivalry the build up to the lengthy story of Joseph.

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00:27:21.990 --> 00:27:36.660
Carl Racine: and his brothers suggests that until the family conflicts are resolved and overcome Israel will never be in a position to become a great nation will never become the people that God wants him to be a people through whom God will bless the whole world.

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00:27:39.030 --> 00:27:49.530
Carole Copeland Thomas: Comments questions sister Hannah in the chat ask an important question she said Leah has the important tribes judah and Levi right.

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00:27:52.530 --> 00:27:58.680

Carl Racine: Yes, I mean judah ultimately will become the, the most important.

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00:28:00.060 --> 00:28:00.750

Carl Racine: But.

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00:28:02.130 --> 00:28:07.140

Carl Racine: Joseph sons airframe and and NASA.

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00:28:08.670 --> 00:28:11.040

Carl Racine: will be the most important.

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00:28:12.690 --> 00:28:22.860

Carl Racine: Of the northern tribes, and they will when that when when the country kind of splits into two they will they will be the dominant one in the north.

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and

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00:28:26.280 --> 00:28:29.310

Carl Racine: judah will become the dominant one in the south, yes.

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00:28:39.210 --> 00:28:41.070

Carl Racine: Any other thoughts or questions.

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00:28:43.590 --> 00:28:45.060

Susan Racine: I do think that in.

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00:28:46.170 --> 00:28:47.340

Susan Racine: today's world.

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00:28:49.080 --> 00:28:49.590

Susan Racine: That.

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00:28:50.610 --> 00:28:57.510

Susan Racine: Both Jews and Christians are being a blessing to others.

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00:28:58.560 --> 00:28:59.520

Susan Racine: In their.

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00:29:00.720 --> 00:29:08.490

Susan Racine: Social justice work and ministry to those who are less fortunate.

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00:29:11.010 --> 00:29:19.230

Susan Racine: We look at the rabbi's it took place in part in the civil rights movement, and we look at someone like Mother Teresa who took care of.

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00:29:20.370 --> 00:29:21.630

Susan Racine: dying Hindus.

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00:29:24.480 --> 00:29:25.560

Carl Racine: Absolutely.

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00:29:26.940 --> 00:29:28.050

Carl Racine: i've been reading a.

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00:29:29.220 --> 00:29:35.070

Carl Racine: Collection of writings of rabbi heschel that his daughter put together after his death and.

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00:29:36.240 --> 00:29:38.070

Carl Racine: there's some interviews in there with him.

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00:29:39.600 --> 00:29:40.950

Carl Racine: Where he's asked.

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00:29:41.190 --> 00:29:46.800

Carl Racine: Some pretty pointed questions about Jewish, Christian relations and one of the things that.

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00:29:48.420 --> 00:29:53.850

Carl Racine: pleases me and also surprised me a little bit in what he

said or his focus.

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Carl Racine: Was that he he felt that one of.

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00:30:01.560 --> 00:30:09.540

Carl Racine: One of god's purposes in in the Christian world in which he equates Christians with gentiles.

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00:30:10.860 --> 00:30:17.190

Carl Racine: is bringing the worship of the God of Abraham to the gentiles.

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00:30:19.470 --> 00:30:28.680

Carl Racine: And that that is one of the great blessings that in mind that Christians have brought to the world, which I thought was a very interesting perspective.

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00:30:33.930 --> 00:30:40.950

Carole Copeland Thomas: i'm just you know I understand this was more than 2000 years ago, but just the.

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00:30:42.210 --> 00:30:43.980

Carole Copeland Thomas: The limited roles of women.

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00:30:45.210 --> 00:30:45.630

Carole Copeland Thomas: That.

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00:30:47.430 --> 00:30:48.600

Carole Copeland Thomas: it's somewhat.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: comparison to today, but in this case, where two sisters trying to outdo each other.

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00:30:59.550 --> 00:31:09.720

Carole Copeland Thomas: And the way that they can do that a is to be married and be to bear a son, not a daughter, but a son.

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00:31:10.890 --> 00:31:12.480
Carole Copeland Thomas: And how that then.

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00:31:13.530 --> 00:31:25.080
Carole Copeland Thomas: confirms or affirms their value in society and again i'm i'm looking at that from 2022 eyes, so I understand the time and the.

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00:31:26.280 --> 00:31:32.430
Carole Copeland Thomas: The age that we're talking about in terms of being an ancient times, but that that just stands out for me.

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00:31:38.910 --> 00:31:41.850
Carl Racine: yeah I mean that's one of the things women can do that men can't do.

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00:31:46.350 --> 00:31:52.410
Carl Racine: You definitely these are other times and other expectations um.

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00:32:05.550 --> 00:32:11.460
Susan Racine: I also think it's interesting that to sort of reflect on how God has a timeline.

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00:32:12.780 --> 00:32:13.050
Susan Racine: That.

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00:32:14.850 --> 00:32:20.460
Susan Racine: Jesus is very clear, has some his ministry is not to the gentiles and yet.

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00:32:22.290 --> 00:32:28.710
Susan Racine: Paul is very clear that his ministry is is to the gentiles so that there's a.

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00:32:30.120 --> 00:32:33.120
Susan Racine: You know there's a change or broadening.

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00:32:34.140 --> 00:32:34.800
Susan Racine: mission.

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Susan Racine: mission creep if you have.

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Carl Racine: But yes and that's true but pause conviction, remember, I still want to argue that we need.

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Carl Racine: To be clear about the fact that Paul was a fantasy and he never stopped being a fear see.

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Carl Racine: paul's conviction about that was based precisely in the kinds of prophetic passages that we just look like in Isaiah that Israel.

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Carl Racine: god's servant Israel had a mission or role, a purpose to be a blessing to the whole world genesis 12 but in Isaiah to be a light to the gentiles to be a light to the nation's.

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00:33:26.730 --> 00:33:30.150

Carl Racine: That it was never god's purpose the.

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00:33:31.200 --> 00:33:37.740

Carl Racine: Israel simply keep god's blessings for itself.

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Carl Racine: And I think.

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Carl Racine: The world has not been overly receptive most of the time to that light, but I think in modern times that.

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Carl Racine: And again i'm sure there are plenty of other people i'm just one of the people, I know, but the rabbi's like heschel rabbis like rabbi sacks.

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Carl Racine: had a real clear sense that their purpose as a rabbi was not only to strengthen the faith and practice of Jews.

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Carl Racine: But to be a light to the world, and so they wrote books that were more addressed to the to a Jewish audience, but they also wrote books and spoke.

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Carl Racine: To a wider audience to a broader audience with the belief that if what they had was revealed truth than that truth was important for the world to know and not simply for for Israel to know.

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00:34:40.890 --> 00:34:49.110

Carl Racine: So the idea of a mission to the gentiles in Paul is not without clear scriptural Warren.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: sister Hannah also has a comment in the chat she says my mom believes ephraim and Vanessa are like Britain and the US.

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Carl Racine: yeah that comes from an old pretty discredited 19th century notion that's called British israelite tourism that sees the lost tribes of the northern tribes.

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Carl Racine: Actually became England and then by offshoot the US.

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Carl Racine: I don't know where your evidence would be for that, and I think it's just probably almost certainly something that that a British person came up with as a as a kind of.

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You know.

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00:35:51.240 --> 00:35:58.620

Carl Racine: we're better than other people, or what it whatever kind of thing but there, there have been groups that embrace that that doctrine.

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I don't think much of it.

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00:36:11.790 --> 00:36:12.600

Carl Racine: All right, well.

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Carl Racine: So i'm going to argue, then, that we should be asking the question that you see on your screen, the same question esau posed to Isaac after his brother Jacob has deceived Isaac into giving esau is blessing to Jacob.

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00:36:35.580 --> 00:36:47.400

Carl Racine: Isaac esau comes through his father in tears and says, do you have just one blessing, my father bless me even me also my.

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00:36:49.170 --> 00:37:02.940

Carl Racine: Do you have only one blessing for 2000 years Christians have assume that God was only blessing them that they were the favorite children that God had only one blessing.

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Carl Racine: And we've seen that historically Christians have tended to adopt the promise blessings in the Old Testament for the Church, while applying the curses to Israel.

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Carl Racine: But Isaac doesn't say no, I only have one blessing Isaac responds to he says tearful plea by giving him a blessing as well.

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Carl Racine: And when we encounter esau again in the story, we find indeed his prospered and done well and, most importantly, he has abandoned his enmity towards his brother both brothers are blessed.

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Carl Racine: And I here in this story, the story of Jacob and esau the

story of separated brothers and a jealous mother and a father struggling to love both sons, I hear echoes in that story of an earlier story in genesis the story of Abraham.

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Carl Racine: Twice and we remember Abraham had a son by our.

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Carl Racine: Name Ishmael that was abraham's firstborn and Isaac is born later twice God makes it clear to Abraham that the younger son.

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Carl Racine: Isaac will be the one to whom that covenant promises and blessings will be carried, and both times Abraham is upset by this and ask God to pronounce a blessing on Ishmael as well, and both times God does so God does not have only one blessing.

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Carl Racine: But.

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Carl Racine: The brothers Isaac and Ishmael are still separated God allows Sarah to send hagar and Ishmael a way out into the desert and the narrative continues with Isaac story alone.

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Carl Racine: or that's how it always read the story that's always how I imagine the story My guess is that if you know the story at all that's probably how you all have always imagined this story until I read rabbi sex.

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00:39:05.520 --> 00:39:13.200

Carl Racine: And rabbi sex points out a small but significant passage that we tend to overlook if we could go to the next slide please.

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Carl Racine: When Abraham dies, we were told this genesis 25 nine his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of MAC peeler.

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Carl Racine: In that you see a map here.

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Carl Racine: Of the area Abraham had brought bought this cave which was near have run.

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00:39:40.320 --> 00:39:44.760

Carl Racine: from some hittites as a tomb for Sarah in genesis 23.

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Carl Racine: And Ishmael his presence here at the burial of Abraham is surprising because we've just assumed that the brothers were separated and never saw each other again that they lived in complete isolation from one another and yet here they are again together without any explanation.

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00:40:08.700 --> 00:40:15.480

Carl Racine: There is, however, in the text, just a shadow of a clue that points to a hidden story.

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Carl Racine: we're told that after Abraham dies, and this is in the EU verse sits on the map God blessed Isaac after abraham's death and Isaac dwelt in the air law hi Roy and you can see where that is on your map.

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00:40:37.500 --> 00:40:40.500

Carl Racine: it's pretty far South in the in the Negev desert.

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00:40:41.550 --> 00:40:46.590

Carl Racine: Far South from where Abraham had been living in better shape.

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Carl Racine: So why did Isaac settle there so far from home, we see in genesis 2462 also on your screen that Isaac seems to have been in bear a high Roi for some time.

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00:41:03.390 --> 00:41:16.620

Carl Racine: Before abraham's death, why was he there, the text doesn't tell us, but that's where Isaac goes after his father almost kills him and his mother dies.

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Carl Racine: And the attentive reader of Genesis will remember that bear a high Roi has been mentioned earlier in genesis 16.

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Carl Racine: Where its associated with hagar and god's promise to her of the birth of a son ish Maya is where she goes when she's kicked out of abraham's house and the air means well there's a well there so she's able to get some water it's in the desert.

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Carl Racine: and

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00:41:53.130 --> 00:42:10.110

Carl Racine: So hagar is associated with the ariela hi really and I might imagine, one might imagine that Isaac after the trauma he's experienced with his father almost killing him and his mother dying.

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00:42:10.800 --> 00:42:21.990

Carl Racine: That maybe he doesn't want to go back to his father's house and then said he goes and seeks out his long lost brother in the air hi roolly.

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00:42:22.920 --> 00:42:41.490

Carl Racine: Now somehow they reconnect because here they are at the burial, and the most likely place is in with Bella hi Where are you where where where Isaac had been living it's only an educated guest guest, based on the faintest of hints in the text, but it does make sense of what we're told.

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00:42:43.050 --> 00:42:45.180

Carl Racine: So as a side note.

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Carl Racine: And you see the verse from genesis the verses from genesis 16 on your screen in genesis 16 for the first time we have a human giving a name to God hagar characterizes the Deity as the god who sees me l really.

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00:43:03.960 --> 00:43:06.870

Carl Racine: Because God has paid attention to her plight.

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00:43:08.370 --> 00:43:17.850

Carl Racine: God didn't abandon her even though she was kicked out of Abraham and sarah's house and that verb to see their role he.

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00:43:18.840 --> 00:43:27.000

Carl Racine: plays an important role, also in Chapter 22 of Genesis, which is the story of the sacrifice of Isaac.

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Carl Racine: And if you look at that chapter that the word to see repeat appears repeatedly there it's an important kind of literary effect in that chapter.

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00:43:38.700 --> 00:43:51.660

Carl Racine: And it's from that chapter that we get our mangled Hebrew phrase Jehovah gyro that has become a kind of monotonous mantra in the Church, but literally that phrase means the Lord will see.

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00:43:53.430 --> 00:44:01.830

Carl Racine: And the word Jehovah is not a real word it's a linguistic frankenstein's monster stick together from bits and pieces of various words.

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00:44:02.160 --> 00:44:15.900

Carl Racine: And that's one of the unfortunate legacies we've inherited from the King James Bible you won't find it in modern translations and it's Not a word, we should be using in the church it's not a real word, despite with the jehovah's witnesses want to claim.

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00:44:17.670 --> 00:44:26.520

Carl Racine: And further in Chapter 22 Abraham does not give that as a name for God, if you look at the chapter, even in the King James.

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00:44:27.060 --> 00:44:47.130

Carl Racine: Jehovah gyro is a place name it's what the Abraham names mount mariah where he's he's been almost sacrificing his son so Jehovah gyro is not a biblical name for God it's hagar not Abraham who names God the one who sees.

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00:44:49.470 --> 00:44:50.820

Carl Racine: Comments questions.

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James Williams: it's a lot to wrap your your your mind around, but it was interesting the three.

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James Williams: sibling rivalries that you had took me a long time to figure out that we were talking about is the Christians in in Jews.

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00:45:14.160 --> 00:45:27.810

James Williams: The siblings but now on the first one Cain and Abel that ended up in a tragedy and, of course, maybe that's the message for us if we don't get it together, as it will be a tragedy like that, and then the other ones.

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00:45:29.700 --> 00:45:35.760

James Williams: Jacob and esau as seems like there's so much drama and them coming.

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00:45:36.840 --> 00:45:55.830

James Williams: To the conclusions that God is blessing them both and then of course the Joseph in his brothers, we see that you know that there was some light at the end of the tunnel, I mean you know, at the end of all this conversation, are we to not assume.

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James Williams: I guess we're showing with shown the possibilities and we're supposed to choose wisely.

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Carl Racine: that's what I said i'm i'm viewing these various sibling rivalries as possibilities that's my sort of interpretive take on things for the topic we're talking about.

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00:46:17.160 --> 00:46:28.290

Carl Racine: We, and I think these have been different ways in which historically Jews and Christians have related and I am moving in the direction of what I think is some light at the end of the tunnel.

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00:46:30.930 --> 00:46:34.800

Carl Racine: As we all know, there's still a lot of darkness out there.

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Carl Racine: there's still a lot of Christian support for groups who are anti Semitic.

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Carl Racine: And so we have to be aware of that and sensitive to it.

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Carl Racine: So anyway, what whatever you want to do with with Isaac and Ishmael in terms of how they came together they did come together at some point and cooperate in their father's burial.

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00:47:11.880 --> 00:47:23.460

Carl Racine: And rabbi sex takes that little verse and and and goes on to find this overlook story in Torah and sees it as a hopeful message for our time he says.

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00:47:24.150 --> 00:47:38.070

Carl Racine: Jews and Muslims both tracer descended from Abraham juice through Isaac Muslims through Ishmael the fact that both sons stood together at their father's funeral tells us that they, too, were reunited.

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00:47:39.150 --> 00:47:52.050

Carl Racine: And the rabbit sex is sure the story is one of family conflict and separation, but that's not the end of the story Abraham he says love both his sons and was laid to rest by both there is hope for the future.

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00:47:52.650 --> 00:48:03.180

Carl Racine: In this story of the past, and I want to add that I think the story is actually even more complex than what rabbi sacks indicates here, because there are Christian Arabs.

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Carl Racine: Some of whom still live in the Holy Land who trace their connection to Abraham through their ancestor Ishmael.

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Carl Racine: So the family of abraham's no less complicated now than it was in genesis in that big genealogy that I gave you on on the slide earlier on.

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Carl Racine: But the god who blesses Isaac also blesses Ishmael and the god who blesses Jacob also blesses esau God does not have only one blessing.

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00:48:30.810 --> 00:48:38.730

Carl Racine: and, more importantly, as we saw god's whole purpose in choosing Abraham was that, through him and his descendants all the families of the earth would be blessed.

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00:48:39.180 --> 00:48:50.790

Carl Racine: And we saw that in trying to grab his father's blessing for himself Jacob actually short circuits what God had planned for him and has to spend years of his life in exile on the run.

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00:48:51.120 --> 00:48:57.270

Carl Racine: guilt ridden and afraid and then the famous story in genesis 32 the night, where he.

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00:48:57.630 --> 00:49:05.100

Carl Racine: The night before he is going to meet ISA and it's significant the location of the story, we read the story sometimes an isolation from one another.

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00:49:05.370 --> 00:49:17.220

Carl Racine: But the night before he is to meet ISA and he's really afraid of this meeting Jacob wrestles with this mysterious man, who seems to be either god's angel or a representative somehow.

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Carl Racine: Jacob and what does he want he's still trying to get God to bless him after all these years.

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Carl Racine: Right that's what he's wrestling with 20 years later,

give me a blessing he's desperate for because he never really got it despite his father's words 20 years earlier, and the story of the wrestling.

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00:49:40.710 --> 00:49:51.270

Carl Racine: match doesn't specifically say that God blesses him only that Jacob is given a new name Israel, which means someone who struggles with God and it suggests that.

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00:49:51.900 --> 00:50:01.620

Carl Racine: Okay Jacobs won the wrestling match, but you can't force God to bless you or try to steal god's blessing from someone else and Jacob has to come to that understanding.

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00:50:02.190 --> 00:50:13.080

Carl Racine: To understand that the only way he can be blessed is by being a blessing and that's the attitude the next day he goes out with as he goes to meet his estranged brother.

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00:50:13.530 --> 00:50:22.950

Carl Racine: The greatness of Jacob, as the bear of the Covenant only begins when he learns to be a servant when he learns to be an agent of blessing.

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Lauren Lapat: Well, I had a question, this is a lot i'm thinking about a lot of stuff but I had a question about Sarah.

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Lauren Lapat: In her not speaking after you know so she she finishes whatever Ishmael and and.

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Lauren Lapat: And and and has Isaac, and all this other stuff and so, in some ways, she separates she separates the brothers and there's this whole thing about her not speaking and the pain and her death and so i'm just curious what your thoughts are on her role in.

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00:51:00.300 --> 00:51:11.190

Lauren Lapat: sort of not allowing the the brothers, you know, fostering sibling rivalry and and separating and the pain that that causes.

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00:51:13.740 --> 00:51:15.210

Carl Racine: um I mean.

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00:51:16.830 --> 00:51:21.000

Carl Racine: There are a number of different ways, I suppose, to read the text because the text is so.

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Carl Racine: So sparse in details.

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Carl Racine: I personally don't read the story of Isaac I see it as a sort of Isaac conditional, I see the story of separation, but not conflict.

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Carl Racine: They are separated because of sarah's jealousy.

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00:51:47.730 --> 00:52:03.750

Carl Racine: But not because of their own, which is why they, which is why I think it makes sense that Isaac went to seek out his his his brother and and and is there than has has Ishmael there to bury Abraham later on.

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00:52:06.150 --> 00:52:08.070

Carl Racine: Sarah simply.

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Carl Racine: To me, the more puzzling part of the text.

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Carl Racine: sarah's sarah's behavior is is makes sense to me what makes less sense to me is god's behavior, why does God validate sarah's jealousy and say sure kick her out.

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00:52:30.930 --> 00:52:37.020

Carl Racine: send her away into the desert on her own without a support system and with the child.

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00:52:38.820 --> 00:52:44.340

Carl Racine: that's the bigger mystery to me in that story and I don't have an answer.

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Lauren Lapat: I guess i'm just curious about the part with her not speaking and then dying, you know what I mean the the that that part of it.

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00:52:57.660 --> 00:53:08.100

Lauren Lapat: I don't know, I have to look back, I have to look back, this is my son's Torah portion like in he's he's 19 so it's been a long time, but this is what he he talked about.

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00:53:08.520 --> 00:53:16.530

Lauren Lapat: You talked about Ishmael and he talked about he talked about Isaac i'm going to go back and read it and see what he thought way back in the day, and this was a.

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00:53:17.520 --> 00:53:34.320

Lauren Lapat: rabbi when when you know when you get go to her about or barna so you get a choice, so in our synagogue you get choice of like here's the week and here are the passages and and Sammy my son pick this one and rabbi Friedman, was like this is what we don't talk about.

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00:53:34.980 --> 00:53:38.640

Lauren Lapat: You know and and and you know you don't you don't kind of hear the story a whole lot.

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Lauren Lapat: And so I still go back and think about what he said in that moment in time, and just the interesting at all i'll share his story with you guys.

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00:53:47.010 --> 00:53:47.730

Carl Racine: Okay cuz I don't.

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00:53:48.600 --> 00:53:51.210

Carl Racine: Typically, the thing about Sarah not speaking, but.

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Susan Racine: She doesn't say she's after she's dry says, Dr out that slave and her son no son of that slave is going to share the inheritance with my son Isaac The next thing you don't you don't hear anything that she says until she dies.

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00:54:11.370 --> 00:54:12.630

Susan Racine: So i'm sure she spoke.

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Susan Racine: But it wasn't recorded.

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00:54:17.160 --> 00:54:20.910

Carl Racine: Okay, she doesn't have any more lines and.

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00:54:22.950 --> 00:54:31.920

Carl Racine: Even though God tells Abraham it's okay do with Sarah once God doesn't abandon hagar and Ishmael.

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00:54:33.240 --> 00:54:37.020

Carl Racine: And and that's the whole point of this of this well.

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00:54:38.490 --> 00:54:47.130

Carl Racine: That the God is the living one who sees me, which is what the name of that well literally means.

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Carl Racine: and

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00:54:50.820 --> 00:54:54.390

Carl Racine: The verb see there and I think it's probably true and.

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Carl Racine: In genesis 22 is just the normal verb for seeing something with your eyes, but it also kind of can carry the connotation of see to God will see to it.

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00:55:06.810 --> 00:55:19.230

Carl Racine: Which is what abraham's really telling Isaac and Chapter

22 where you know where's the lamb for the sacrifice or whatever, and God God will see to it, God will take care of it.

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Carl Racine: And and it's sort of in that same sense in in genesis 16 God is seeing to hagar not only noticing her but taking care of her and and and indeed blessing Ishmael so.

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00:55:39.570 --> 00:55:42.870

Carl Racine: God doesn't abandon them in the text does not.

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00:55:44.310 --> 00:55:49.500

Carl Racine: Simply champion Isaac over Ishmael in that sense.

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Bill Hughes: I think, to your last point, there is something about you know God not championing.

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00:56:04.920 --> 00:56:06.210

Bill Hughes: one over the other.

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00:56:07.980 --> 00:56:09.450

Bill Hughes: there's so many places in the world.

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00:56:10.680 --> 00:56:11.700

Bill Hughes: Where you see.

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00:56:14.790 --> 00:56:21.540

Bill Hughes: The greater and the lesser or you know both being dealt with both being.

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00:56:22.680 --> 00:56:25.380

Bill Hughes: You know, having an avenue to God even Cain and Abel.

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00:56:26.460 --> 00:56:33.690

Bill Hughes: You know, there are these they are these avenues made available there are these graces that are made available.

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00:56:38.970 --> 00:56:43.830

Carl Racine: Exactly and the the you know the part of the parable of the prodigal son.

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00:56:46.290 --> 00:56:48.660

Carl Racine: The the the father.

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00:56:49.830 --> 00:56:51.420

Carl Racine: loves both the sons.

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00:56:52.560 --> 00:57:04.050

Carl Racine: And is not choosing between the one the father is excited that the second son has come back home and those a big party.

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00:57:05.400 --> 00:57:05.820

Carl Racine: But.

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00:57:07.020 --> 00:57:10.980

Carl Racine: there's no sense that one of those sons is better than the other.

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00:57:12.270 --> 00:57:21.300

Carl Racine: In the eyes of the father, and I think that is the kind of mistake that you know Christians and Jews and lots of other people have argued about.

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00:57:22.020 --> 00:57:41.190

Carl Racine: Does God only have one blessing and that's the verse I want to leave people with today to think about because the answer in Torah and I would say in the rest of scripture is clear, no bad has lots of blessings God has certain purposes for certain people.

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Carl Racine: And god's purpose for Jacob wasn't the same as god's purpose for ISA god's purpose for Isaac wasn't the same as god's purpose for Ishmael.

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00:57:52.620 --> 00:57:53.070

Carl Racine: But.

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00:57:54.660 --> 00:57:56.160

Carl Racine: that's a different issue.

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00:58:04.980 --> 00:58:05.550

Carl Racine: So.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: This whole discussion brother Carl just about sibling rivalry, I mean it it's almost like you're you're you're mixing up the spiritual direction with the human emotions that get tangled up in spiritual guidance.

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00:58:30.210 --> 00:58:35.130

Carole Copeland Thomas: And, time and time again, have put people on different paths.

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00:58:37.740 --> 00:58:45.870

Carole Copeland Thomas: And what you're saying today in particular is that God doesn't have one blessing, he has many blessings for.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: All people all brothers all sisters, and that is what we have to remember, as our jealousy and envy can get out of hand.

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Carl Racine: Right.

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Carl Racine: If it becomes a zero sum game.

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00:59:07.890 --> 00:59:08.550

Carl Racine: Where.

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00:59:12.480 --> 00:59:24.570

Carl Racine: God only has a limited quantity of blessing, and if God blesses me, that means god's not blessing, you are there's less less there's less left for you.

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00:59:26.460 --> 00:59:38.850

Carl Racine: And that's how we've often looked at at things we we are

blessed by God, that means you're not but it's not a zero sum game
love doesn't work that way.

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Carl Racine: i'm only the son of one child.

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00:59:46.230 --> 00:59:50.400

Carl Racine: And i'm sure parents who have more than one child drug.

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00:59:51.690 --> 01:00:07.770

Carl Racine: i'm sorry i'm only the father family, the father ones
have i'm sure his parents his struggle with with you know when they
have more than one child, with with love and parental favoritism is
another major thing going on in the Book of Genesis.

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01:00:08.970 --> 01:00:09.450

Carl Racine: But.

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01:00:11.160 --> 01:00:12.960

Carl Racine: If you ask most parents.

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Carl Racine: They would be hard pressed to say oh I love this son
better than this daughter, or I love this daughter better than this
other daughter, or they might save my love is different for them,
because they're different people I don't know i'm speaking out of my
experience.

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01:00:33.330 --> 01:00:33.810

Carl Racine: But.

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01:00:35.490 --> 01:00:49.830

Carl Racine: to sort of see it as a zero sum game mama is like the
best at all smothers brothers routine right mom always like the best
and and then it's all kind of you know vying for the love of your
parents.

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01:00:51.300 --> 01:01:05.430

Carl Racine: It it just leads to a vicious cycle of envy and, and this
is this is Cain and Abel God, like you, better than me so i'm angry so
i'm going to kill you and then God will have to like me.

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01:01:07.410 --> 01:01:11.220

Carl Racine: And what's more astonishing to me about that story is that God doesn't.

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01:01:12.240 --> 01:01:20.820

Carl Racine: abandon Cain after he kills Abel God actually is fairly compassionate towards Cain.

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Carl Racine: God continues to.

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Carl Racine: can engage with Cain.

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Carl Racine: God doesn't have only one blessing.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I think, since I have more than one child, I think what you're talking about is the similar comparison between equality and equity.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And it is not accurate to say parents are equal, they they practice equality love they practice more.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: equitable love, based on the needs of the particular child and what they need versus what another child that you have which may be more self sufficient doesn't need as much of.

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01:02:09.480 --> 01:02:19.140

Carole Copeland Thomas: So it's more equity than equality but yeah it can get very messy and the thing is brother Carl sadly I see it in my family I.

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01:02:19.830 --> 01:02:36.510

Carole Copeland Thomas: see it played out, you know, again with my former sister in law, who just passed away, you see these rivalries

that last a lifetime that never go away and can be disruptive and somewhat harmful sometimes.

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01:02:37.710 --> 01:02:42.240

Carole Copeland Thomas: And here you're illustrating them with the examples in these biblical passages.

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01:02:45.990 --> 01:02:59.910

Carl Racine: yeah I mean the you know again in the parable of the prodigal son the older son who's remain home and been faithful and he all of a sudden, he gets jealous that his father does something for the other brother.

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01:03:01.380 --> 01:03:08.550

Carl Racine: and takes it as some sort of personal affront and that's simply wasn't the father's intent.

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01:03:10.080 --> 01:03:12.420

Carl Racine: The the older brother could not.

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01:03:13.680 --> 01:03:14.730

Carl Racine: rejoice.

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01:03:15.930 --> 01:03:20.070

Carl Racine: In the father's blessing of his brother.

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01:03:22.050 --> 01:03:30.660

Carl Racine: And so, he doesn't want to join the party he doesn't want to come in, he wants to stay outside and mope and salt can be angry at everybody.

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01:03:31.020 --> 01:03:35.490

Susan Racine: I get that God was, I mean the father is rewarding irresponsibility.

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01:03:39.630 --> 01:03:41.730

Susan Racine: i'm telling with the older brother on that.

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01:03:43.110 --> 01:04:06.150

Bill Hughes: yeah well I think that's that's part of the problem that

i've seen with my you know with my kid we we try to be equitable because they don't need the same thing, but then one kid will compare when they've gotten frustrated it's because they will look not at what they need and are receiving.

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01:04:07.380 --> 01:04:18.660

Bill Hughes: Like am I, you know, am I, being the my receiving love they'll they'll look at kind of a scorecard they got this, what do I get you know.

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01:04:18.960 --> 01:04:21.990

Carole Copeland Thomas: And that could look at the rest of their lives, trust me.

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01:04:23.610 --> 01:04:24.120

Carole Copeland Thomas: that's.

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01:04:24.180 --> 01:04:25.260

Carole Copeland Thomas: that's scorecard.

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01:04:26.550 --> 01:04:27.180

Marie Doubleday: I know.

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01:04:28.320 --> 01:04:31.470

Marie Doubleday: This is great it's it's interesting.

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01:04:33.450 --> 01:04:47.040

Marie Doubleday: As a lot of folks know when I was born, my father was already grandfather alright have a brother fought in World War Two so he was a widow, so he had a total of six kids, including one that was adopted.

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01:04:48.300 --> 01:04:48.870

Marie Doubleday: and

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01:04:50.820 --> 01:04:58.260

Marie Doubleday: He he I he became he was a good father, but everyone had different position.

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01:04:59.520 --> 01:05:02.730

Marie Doubleday: Okay, so he had his oldest son.

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01:05:03.930 --> 01:05:18.570

Marie Doubleday: He had his two youngest, which was a boy or girl, I was his baby girl, and I remember in my early 20s dad i'm not a baby anymore, you are my youngest girl, you will always be my baby girl well that made sense to me.

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01:05:19.080 --> 01:05:31.110

Marie Doubleday: Okay, I get it okay and yeah that was one of the sisters middle sister was his favorite but never know the difference, he probably just said that because there was no place else to.

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01:05:32.310 --> 01:05:43.650

Marie Doubleday: You know, but we all, we all kind of had different positions that weren't necessarily bad it was just the position.

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01:05:45.450 --> 01:05:47.730

Marie Doubleday: Work, what do you make it.

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01:05:50.610 --> 01:05:51.570

Marie Doubleday: good for you.

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01:05:53.400 --> 01:05:55.500

Marie Doubleday: I still have my dad's cookbook, by the way.

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01:05:57.990 --> 01:05:59.880

Marie Doubleday: So just a thought I mean any.

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Carl Racine: My dad.

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01:06:05.190 --> 01:06:06.840

Carl Racine: could make a bowl of cereal.

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01:06:08.040 --> 01:06:08.610

Carl Racine: knows it.

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01:06:09.900 --> 01:06:11.670

Marie Doubleday: Might my father could cook.

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01:06:14.130 --> 01:06:14.850

Marie Doubleday: Like bill.

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01:06:15.120 --> 01:06:18.810

Carl Racine: My mother's cookbooks and recipe cards, but nothing.

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01:06:23.010 --> 01:06:23.700

Bill Hughes: to survive.

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01:06:24.870 --> 01:06:27.330

Bill Hughes: Three or four things like that.

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01:06:28.200 --> 01:06:28.680

Although.

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01:06:30.240 --> 01:06:30.720

Carl Racine: i'm.

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01:06:30.750 --> 01:06:31.530

Bill Hughes: Just for me.

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01:06:33.690 --> 01:06:34.140

Carl Racine: When.

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01:06:37.440 --> 01:06:41.820

Carl Racine: When susan's father was thinking is 17.

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01:06:42.960 --> 01:06:43.860

Carl Racine: His wife.

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01:06:45.420 --> 01:06:51.420

Carl Racine: went down to Florida be with her, her ailing mother and left him alone.

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01:06:53.460 --> 01:06:56.670

Carl Racine: And, at one point he had to call a neighbor.

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01:06:57.990 --> 01:07:04.380

Carl Racine: and ask how to use the washing machine because he had some shirts and he didn't know he'd never used the washing machine for.

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01:07:07.140 --> 01:07:17.040

Carl Racine: So, and obviously he you know he's from a different generation so i'm thinking when I hear this or i'm thinking about her father, this is in North Carolina.

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Carl Racine: And the fact that her father went to princeton and I said and I was saying, when did I learn how to wash my own clothes on I went away to college, I had to I probably learned before then, but.

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01:07:29.970 --> 01:07:42.930

Carl Racine: And I said so, what did you do for four years of princeton he bundled up his dirty clothes and ship them home to his mother to wash and then she shipped them back to him.

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01:07:44.220 --> 01:07:49.920

Carl Racine: So sister Carol is talking about the role of women in 2000 years ago.

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01:07:53.040 --> 01:07:54.240

Carole Copeland Thomas: A couple of decades ago.

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Carl Racine: I was, I thought that they would have come right back still dirty.

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01:08:07.020 --> 01:08:07.620

Marie Doubleday: trash.

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Carl Racine: Anyway, that's a little bit.

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01:08:12.300 --> 01:08:22.710

Carl Racine: We probably should close for the day will come back next

week that I think, to finish this up and talk about a few hopefully examples of maybe how we can see some light at the end of the tunnel in this.

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01:08:24.630 --> 01:08:30.270

Carl Racine: sibling rivalry that we've been engaged in for 2000 years somebody please close us out in prayer.

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01:08:37.410 --> 01:08:37.890

Carl Racine: Anyone.

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01:08:39.030 --> 01:08:40.950

Carole Copeland Thomas: brother mark will you do the honors.

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01:08:41.010 --> 01:08:48.000

Marc Germain: yeah kids can unmute dear Lord We thank you for this time of fellowship and thank you for this time of learning.

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01:08:48.570 --> 01:08:56.940

Marc Germain: We thank you, Lord for brother Carl and for the lessons that he prepares and we thank you for this opportunity that we're able to exchange and learning to grow.

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Marc Germain: about your word and how it applies to our lives and really to think about this history and we pray the Lord as we come in this week we pray for safety and blessing for all our brothers and sisters around the world, until we meet again next week in Jesus name, we pray amen.

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01:09:13.860 --> 01:09:14.880

Carole Copeland Thomas: amen amen.

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01:09:14.970 --> 01:09:18.870

Carole Copeland Thomas: amen Thank you everybody all of our friends and warmer climates.

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01:09:18.960 --> 01:09:21.480

Carole Copeland Thomas: Stay warm take care.

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01:09:21.720 --> 01:09:22.530
Carole Copeland Thomas: Think most.

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01:09:22.980 --> 01:09:24.990
Marc Germain: People will keep the snow on the ground for you.

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01:09:28.530 --> 01:09:28.980
Carole Copeland Thomas: And for.

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01:09:31.080 --> 01:09:37.560
Carole Copeland Thomas: Those of us who were in frozen chosen hang in there, get better March is a common.

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01:09:40.860 --> 01:09:43.410
Carole Copeland Thomas: Everybody Thank you bye bye.

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01:09:44.760 --> 01:09:45.690
Carole Copeland Thomas: Sam and bill.

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01:09:50.430 --> 01:09:51.270
Marie Doubleday: What time.

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01:09:54.450 --> 01:09:55.410
Carole Copeland Thomas: Take care everybody.