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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Hello everybody we're in class now and we are starting off before we talk about sibling rivalry, we are talking about the wonderful whoopi goldberg and how she stepped in it brother Carl take it away.

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Carl Racine: So i'm lauren the pat sent out sent me an article this week that I passed on, I hope, people ever look at.

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Carl Racine: From very interesting perspective, not only a Jewish perspective, but a perspective of a of a man who is at least.

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Carl Racine: Partly Hispanic in his.

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Carl Racine: And grew up in Texas in being categorized in a third category he wasn't Why did he wasn't black us to cano.

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Carl Racine: I.

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Carl Racine: couldn't imagine that an educated intelligent person in 2022 wouldn't understand pretty clearly that the Nazis were all about race.

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Carl Racine: that's been something we've talked about in this class I had never felt like I needed to make it as a specific point I just took it for granted and we've talked about it in various sorts of ways, so I just wanted to leave it open for if anyone wanted had any other reflections on.

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Carl Racine: On that situation I don't want to get into specifically how whoopi goldberg was treated, I agree with the guy that she

probably was overreaction to fire from.

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Carl Racine: her position and she recognized that what she said was was not accurate, but so if anybody has any thoughts or reflections on that i'm happy to leave it open for that.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: i'll start off I I looked at the clip you know I heard it at first I didn't watch the show, but I did watch the.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: replay of the show, and then I watched the steward what's his name Jon Stewart show that was done that night with her reaction and her acknowledgement that she you know clearly had.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: created quite a stir and she was in her own way apologizing I think her fundamental mistake was not getting out of her black head that she was looking at this completely from an 2022 African American perspective never ever thinking about wait a minute.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: This all of this was created by an Austrian, German madman who hated Jewish people, and that was the perspective that she should have looked at, but but, like so many people I just you know sat through my daughter's.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Town meeting Board of education meeting really finally erase the native American names, but even with that.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: People were looking at it from their own perspective and not taking into consideration in this case that the impact to indigenous people, but good getting back to whoopee.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: She was only looking at it from a black from a black female perspective, and she failed to think about the the perpetrators who were white.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: And had an area mentality and did those catastrophic things from that perspective and to me that's where she failed to understand the dynamics of what she said, and how erroneous they were.

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Bill Hughes: yeah Caroline bill, I think you nailed it um, the only thing I would add, is.

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Bill Hughes: The hurt that that causes um I think I understand more now after taking this class.

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Bill Hughes: That you know you've got millennials.

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Bill Hughes: of racism against Jews that have been perpetrated and.

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Bill Hughes: and Jews, for a long time i've been gas lit, especially in the 20th century lot you know, been gas lit around.

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Bill Hughes: The racism against Jews.

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Bill Hughes: Often by Christians like you're not you know nothing's really happening to you this is not about.

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Bill Hughes: You know it's not about a hatred of your race.

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Bill Hughes: And if it is then Christians, often you know, so the modern Christians have hidden hidden you know our own culpability there.

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Bill Hughes: And when people come out and say it's not racist I think it's triggering for a lot of Jews.

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Carl Racine: And to sort of emphasize bills point several years ago pre code when we could do these things, I went to a lecture up at BC by amy Jo levine and.

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Carl Racine: Who we've talked about in this class and the she started out for lecture.

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Carl Racine: commenting on the recent charlottesville March and all of that.

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Carl Racine: And she said she literally monitors sermons by Christian pastors just out of her own interest in what they're saying about a wide variety of topics.

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Carl Racine: And after the marshy said they were uniform in condemning the racism of the March, none of them mentioned the anti semitism that was visibly on display in that same March.

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Carl Racine: And she felt like this was a sort of troubling blind spot is bill says the anti Semitism has been gas lit it has and we've we've sort of seen even in the January six insurrection the kind of linking of.

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Carl Racine: Racism, based on the color of somebody's skin with anti semitism and this goes back to the racial theories that were developed.

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Carl Racine: Or the racist theories that were developed in the 19th century that the Nazis based their ideas on that saw Jewish people as an inferior race and that was made very clear sister Carol said.

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Carl Racine: The Aryan race, the people that look a lot, like me and Joshua blond hair blue eyes all of that fair skin.

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Carl Racine: It wasn't so much skin color, but it was simply Jews Jews were thought of as a separate race as an inferior race.

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Carl Racine: And the Nazis did not want them intermingling and corrupting the purity of the Aryan nation.

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Carl Racine: And so the difference, historically, even though we kind of look back and see how Jews were treated in terms of our understanding of racism.

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Carl Racine: Those ideas didn't really come together until more recent history, so, for example, when the Jews were being discriminated against and persecuted in Spain and medieval times.

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Carl Racine: One of the ways they could get out from that persecution, was to convert was to become Christians.

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Carl Racine: And in Nazi thinking that didn't make them any less Jewish because it was thought of as a biological or genetic.

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Carl Racine: flaw and simply changing your religion wouldn't work, so what we think of as racism directly applies to the Nazis it's only it's not quite the same thing when you think of Christian persecution of Jews in 14th century 15th century Spain.

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Carl Racine: But it's very, very clear from from the Nazi literature that this was about what we call race.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: You know, and also when you don't study or understand the build up in the dynamics of what happened to World War Two so funny my brother and I sort of debate going back as we both know we don't we have a keen interest in this part of history.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: and have books on it, he has he has tons of books on it, but as brother Carl had said, you have to understand the build up to it and the ideology that that.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: That Hitler and his ilk had toward this group of people, so much so that clearly what.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: What he was saying was was so wrong, she said well you know they're they're all white, how could you tell what they could tell.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: They could tell by names, they could tell by neighborhoods they could sometimes tell by facial features.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: So much so that some Jewish people who were in hiding in certain areas would blonde they would have they would color their hair.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: They would change their facial features as much as possible, to quote blend in so that's where she needs to be educated to understand the dynamics within that spectrum of people that not all alike.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: But when you when you're stuck in your own head in this case of black woman stuck in our own head not stepping out and looking at things differently than you will make a gross error like she did.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Now she's making more money than all of us put together, but still, you know her influence is significant and that's what scares me is that there's so many other people who think like her.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Who are black who say who don't realize you've got to step out of your own experience and and look at it from this perspective and it's extremely insidious extremely so i've watched enough movies read books written papers and college taken German it's extremely insidious.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: i'd love to hear Meryl perspective, since Meryl is Jewish.

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James Williams: Clearly, clearly will be was wrong and stating what she says, but.

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James Williams: Not so much in her Defense because you know I don't want to try to defend it, but you know I remember and reading.

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James Williams: The book about a white fragility and it talked about the micro aggressions that happen and sometimes it's unreal it's.

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James Williams: annoying.

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James Williams: Like sometimes things are said or done and they really don't know that they're being offensive.

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James Williams: mm hmm and I think you know, especially in a position she is in his sensitive as as the sound bites are.

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James Williams: That, if she had known if she had thought she had done the research like one of the things that we're doing here in this Bible study.

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James Williams: Is is is is coming out with some truths, as opposed to this program way of thinking that we've had about both these things about the whole you know the the Jewish and Christian community, so I just think she was unwittingly, because you know over the in the past it has always been.

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James Williams: All right, there's evil that happens out there, but if you're black, it was a different kind of thing it's like an automatic kind of thing it was like this, this this.

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James Williams: This thing that that we kind of believe to be the case, and I think what he was his victim to that that you know that, well, it was all white people there, so you know it wasn't about.

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James Williams: race, it was more just about evil, I mean it was the wrong statement without question, I think it was the ignorance, not knowing what this thing is what the truth is that we're talking about here.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: No excuse now for somebody like her sorry.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: But I think we are, I think one of the issues is that.

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Peter Barrant: We we fail to recognize that race is a social

construct.

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Peter Barrant: So when you take black and white Okay, you can look at the color of the skin, but there is nothing intrinsic except for the you know the DNA that causes your skin, to be a certain color that makes that any more of.

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Peter Barrant: A characteristic that you can call a race, because, as I mean, I think, as the essays That said, you know and in Texas Hispanic is a race.

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Peter Barrant: race is just a social construct, there is nothing there there's some biology, I mean so there's there are some things, for example, there are some you know with ashkenazi Jews, there are certain genetic stuff that.

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Peter Barrant: That that can happen, but it is mostly it's mostly social and that's what we keep forgetting.

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True.

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Meryl Lieberman: come in here I grew up with a grandmother with numbers on her arm who lived in an apartment behind closed chance draperies all day long and said.

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Meryl Lieberman: they're going to come and they're going to take us away so that's what I grew up with, and first of all I want to say I don't believe in censorship and it's she did make a mistake, but she stands in her mistake and I think that she's being targeted unnecessarily.

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Meryl Lieberman: I, this is really important to me, even though I grew up Jewish I know that I pass as white and so when I introduce myself in any group.

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Meryl Lieberman: I say that i'm a Jewish lesbian 75 years old, who lives with an invisible disability, because I think it's important that I don't pass and so that's what I want to contribute to this conversation, thank you for inviting me.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: who tell us more about your grandmother he can't leave us hanging like that.

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Meryl Lieberman: um well I knew at 12 years old, that I was going to become a psychologist because she spent a lot of her life and mental hospitals and so.

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Meryl Lieberman: My you know it definitely broke her mind and she became schizophrenia, and maybe she would have any way we'll never know but I devoted my life to keeping people out of mental hospitals, because of my experience with her.

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Meryl Lieberman: wow thanks.

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Bill Hughes: Well, thank you, Mary that does a kind of a tangent about a complimentary issue, I just want to flag as part of this and Mel kind of touched on it in terms of.

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Bill Hughes: You know this cancel culture.

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Bill Hughes: thing and I just I was thinking about this a lot that cancel cultures basically boycotts run a muck and people have you know I think people who are who had no power, a very little power realized some some of their power through the model of the boycott.

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Bill Hughes: And you know, it was a a tool to bring about social

change, but it's been co opted now in this modern era, and I was thinking, why is it, why is it almost an epidemic.

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Bill Hughes: That every single time we see something that we don't like.

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Bill Hughes: We end up that we don't have you know that we we can't feel like we have to cancel and I think it's a failure of leadership that we're lacking leadership.

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Bill Hughes: You know you don't have to cancel.

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Bill Hughes: A lot of things when there's leadership that is standing in the breach.

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Bill Hughes: To kind of.

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Bill Hughes: honorably hold things together, and I think because of the failures and leadership that almost systemic failures and leadership people don't have confidence anymore, that they can entrust their future to.

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Bill Hughes: two representatives.

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Bill Hughes: of their point of view, to work through issues with reason.

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Bill Hughes: So when you don't have that you basically you know, try to self empower and with the Internet and the narrative that everybody is a publisher everybody's got a voice, you know.

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Bill Hughes: cancer and everybody can create a Community instantly canceling is kind of this new technology, as it were, that's been invented to fill the gap and I just I don't know what the answer is, but I think we have to pray as a people, people who care about you know.

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Bill Hughes: About.

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Bill Hughes: You know the social the social social well being I don't want to say social order because it's not simply around control the people to but.

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Bill Hughes: When it was socially infirm socially sick right now, and I think we have to pray for social healing and maybe Carl some of what God has laid out for the for the Jewish people.

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Bill Hughes: You know, in the word about how to how to govern oneself as a people gives us some guidance there, but I know I don't think cancel culture comes from the word.

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Bill Hughes: I think God has a different model for for this.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: I what what concerns me about whoopi is you know again her in particular is that that show was started by Barbara walters a Jewish woman.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: who invited.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: will be to be a part of the show So for me there there there there's an extra bit of shock and horror.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Because of her last name goldberg and and and her relationship with the show, and obviously the original founder of the show, and what i'm hoping, she will now do this is just My hope is that she will deeply.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: learn more about that particular error and that particular horrific time period so that her influence will then be shared with other people who know even less than she knows.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: As my concern is is what people don't know and how that lack of knowledge than fuels their discussion or their discovery.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: or people who will say Oh well, World War Two that happened along that's happened 70 years ago, you know that was way back then.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: without realizing that charlottesville which was very recent is an offshoot of all of those Nazi demonstrations that took place in the 30s and leading up to 1939 when the war started in Poland.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: So i'm just hoping that she will become a beacon of education, now a knowledge based everybody makes mistakes we all make everybody everybody makes mistakes.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: And she'll use her platform for deeper knowledge personally and that knowledge, she can pass on to people who just don't know anything about World War Two.

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Marie Doubleday: It goes a lot deeper than World War Two as you and I both know i'm i'm involved with the school system here with an organization called black print.

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Marie Doubleday: And it works with school systems throughout the Commonwealth, then no let me try not let me try to be polite not roll my eyes, you know it's about.

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Marie Doubleday: Making the curriculum inclusive, excuse me, what year is this 1922 and zero patience with that all right, because a no name school system by the name of balding back in the day.

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Marie Doubleday: and Italian teacher began a black history class and was taken over by a young African American history teacher, you know, so I.

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Marie Doubleday: But i'm getting back to black print what they have dies interesting is they've gone deep into the history of the European continent and discrimination upon how different Europeans walk.

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Marie Doubleday: And it, you know, we know that.

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Marie Doubleday: Most if not all, of discrimination was brought over to this continent by the Europeans and um it goes in even deeper as to the the arm.

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Marie Doubleday: How different groups of Europeans were discriminated for centuries, and you can see it over here, you can see it over here if you dig deep so it's it's just a comment.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Well, I know that that that's a that's a bigger platform Maria and you're correct because.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: The dynamics in Europe between those who are in England, France and how, in some instances they look down on people in Spain and Portugal.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: I mean, to this day how they're referred to so yo all Europeans are not alike, and you know Eastern Europeans versus those in the western part that the lots so again when you when you at least have a sense of what those dynamics are then you won't step in what would be stepped in.

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Marie Doubleday: yeah I mean like even in Italy, my adopted grandmother came over from Sicily, what when she was 14 and she was next door to us and, yes, she was our grandmother, but you knew coming up.

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Marie Doubleday: That the Italians looked down upon this resilience.

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Marie Doubleday: You know in in in.

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Marie Doubleday: And in the whole thing with you know my father was for my Yankee you're married into a Boston Irish Catholics ugly so I grew up in a mixed family and, although he he was very much love, because he decent guy um you know the whole Irish thing, which is extremely compliment.

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Marie Doubleday: difficult because when folks call over here from Ireland they didn't talk.

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Marie Doubleday: So it's not low hanging fruit, like the African American history is you know not being competitive but there's a whole piece of you know impacted Boston.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Well, think about Irish need not apply Hello.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: yeah.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: right here is all club.

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Bill Hughes: And they're just quickly, there was a class if you Google this and on the web, you probably find a class at Harvard that Stephen Jay Gould talk.

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Bill Hughes: It was tied like 3540 years ago so he's passed away, but I don't know if they they have archives of it, but it was talking about, there are a lot of different concepts of race.

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Bill Hughes: And we talked about, for example, in the early 20th century how.

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Bill Hughes: photographs when Dr to make Eastern Europeans and southern Europeans look more ironic and people would label them, you know, because there are trying to connect facial features, you know, I think.

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Bill Hughes: About Jewish people connect facial features to a ratio classification to you know some sort of determinations around intelligence and.

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Bill Hughes: There are, these are the pseudo sciences around you know measuring brain capacity is that what we're used against blacks but also we used against these other.

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Bill Hughes: than IQ test which were given an English to people who didn't speak English as their first language, for example, and put in the back of a very loud, you know gymnasium when they're taking the test they can't hear the questions and.

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Bill Hughes: Things like that that you know, are you know other parts of this whole race.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: yeah and it was only through the politics that the Irish group gain power in the United States, they became local officials, they were elected into office they became mayor's you know and that's their rise.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: into power but prior to that yeah they were they were thought of as a pariah when they came over with the potato famine and, as I said, there were signs up here in Boston Irish need not apply right and beacon hill.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Other areas.

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Marie Doubleday: it's funny as a kid I was like seven.

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Marie Doubleday: um we took a family trip up to Niagara falls and included with that was my great uncle and i'm on from the Irish side.

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Marie Doubleday: And I don't know because I wish people don't talk all right, but you know this was at the point when you went into Canada you didn't mean anything you just had to say where you were born.

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Marie Doubleday: And I remember my great uncle not really wanting to tell them we're an island, he was born, and the reason for that is, I believe he was not an Irish yeah so you get what i'm saying, and he was a nice guy.

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00:26:16.110 --> 00:26:17.340

Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: And he was not Catholic.

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00:26:18.090 --> 00:26:19.050

Marie Doubleday: yeah he was kept.

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00:26:19.080 --> 00:26:19.920

Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: He was Catholic.

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Marie Doubleday: It was Catholic you know, but it he didn't get involved with the one deal, there are infinite without made a decent guy but it's it's interesting because nothing is you don't know.

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00:26:36.510 --> 00:26:44.790

Marie Doubleday: Whereas on my father's side his younger sister married a white skin African American guy looks zillion.

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00:26:46.020 --> 00:26:49.650

Marie Doubleday: know, but we know because my father spoke about it.

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00:26:51.030 --> 00:26:51.510

And again.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: And again if will be did a little bit of research and history she'd know why it was so significant that john F Kennedy got elected he was the first Catholic.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: President of the US, I mean that was a.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Huge deal in 1960.

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Marie Doubleday: yeah I remember as a kid my mother pointed to places, this is where JFK eight and we were forced to sit down and watch his inauguration of five year old.

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00:27:21.240 --> 00:27:33.090

Marie Doubleday: Who wants to watch his inauguration he wasn't all that poem make guys laugh he wasn't all that popular with me because he Come on, and have his news conferences at five o'clock and take off

mighty mouse.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: First things very.

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Carl Racine: Well, anyway.

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00:27:48.960 --> 00:27:53.940

Carl Racine: We we understand the situation here we don't really need to.

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00:27:57.180 --> 00:27:58.380

Carl Racine: No on too much longer.

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00:27:58.440 --> 00:28:04.170

Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: i'll be back in three minutes, otherwise my my coffee pot will burn i'll be back.

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00:28:04.860 --> 00:28:13.350

Carl Racine: um I just want to say it makes me really sad to hear about sister merrill's grandmother.

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00:28:14.370 --> 00:28:15.810

Carl Racine: what's more.

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00:28:17.160 --> 00:28:18.780

Carl Racine: astonishing to me.

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00:28:19.920 --> 00:28:30.780

Carl Racine: is how many of the survivors of those camps didn't end up like maryland's grandmother that were able to.

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00:28:32.760 --> 00:28:33.360

Carl Racine: You know.

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00:28:34.470 --> 00:28:37.830

Carl Racine: establish themselves and and live.

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00:28:38.880 --> 00:28:44.820

Carl Racine: Without being institutionalized from the trauma and horrors that they'd experienced.

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00:28:46.590 --> 00:28:54.570

Carl Racine: The the resiliency of human beings is is a remarkable thing it's not something we can take for granted.

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00:28:56.190 --> 00:28:58.080

Carl Racine: But it is.

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00:28:59.400 --> 00:29:08.340

Carl Racine: There are still people today who are living who have those numbers on, there are a lot everybody had numbers on their heart, not all the camps did that but.

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00:29:09.990 --> 00:29:16.740

Carl Racine: There are still people who are living and who have survived that and and but anyway.

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00:29:17.970 --> 00:29:18.840

Carl Racine: We.

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00:29:22.680 --> 00:29:29.310

Carl Racine: I just finished reading this book today that I started a while ago that bill Hughes recommended called high conflict.

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Carl Racine: By amanda ripley and.

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00:29:34.440 --> 00:29:34.770

It.

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00:29:35.850 --> 00:29:52.800

Carl Racine: talks about some of these issues in very interesting ways and how we get into conflict and and ways that we can get out of it and the main way that she kind of talks about getting out of it is through what she calls him complicating the narrative.

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00:29:55.110 --> 00:30:00.330

Carl Racine: The high conflict that that the kinds of conflicts that lead to violence.

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00:30:02.640 --> 00:30:12.870

Carl Racine: Whether it's gangs on the streets of Chicago or right wing left wing guerrilla groups in in in in the jungles of Colombia.

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00:30:14.340 --> 00:30:14.880

Carl Racine: or.

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00:30:16.680 --> 00:30:18.330

Carl Racine: spouses who are divorcing.

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00:30:19.650 --> 00:30:30.330

Carl Racine: The the the and the political situation us that the kind of binary thinking that that ends up happening, the US versus them.

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00:30:31.110 --> 00:30:40.590

Carl Racine: division of things into you know the world into to I used to say there's two types of people in the world, the people who divide the world into two types of people in the world and the people who don't.

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00:30:41.730 --> 00:30:44.520

Carl Racine: But that kind of binary thinking is.

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00:30:46.020 --> 00:30:52.920

Carl Racine: To get away from the conflict that it produces it's important to complicate the narrative.

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00:30:53.640 --> 00:31:09.030

Carl Racine: To and I, and I when I read that chapters last chapter in a book, I thought you know that's that, even though I didn't have the language is sort of what i've been trying to do in this class and doing my classes for a long time is complicate the narrative.

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Carl Racine: which is both helpful but also disconcerting, at least to some people, because if you can't paint the world in black and white terms, as we say.

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00:31:26.520 --> 00:31:32.850

Carl Racine: It It means that you have to do more work in thinking about the world.

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Carl Racine: And so the question I wanted to ask people.

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Carl Racine: i'm very.

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00:31:44.940 --> 00:31:48.390

Carl Racine: aware and somewhat frustrated with the zoom.

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Carl Racine: platform, because it it throws me off from what i've been used to for decades, which is a classroom where you have a sense of the people and the all of the faces and all of the reactions and I don't get that nearly as much on zoom but last week it's class people were particularly.

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Carl Racine: Quiet not reacting to what I said and after class I kind of felt let down a little bit in the sense, as I didn't know how to take that reaction I didn't know people are just listening and nodding in agreement.

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00:32:27.270 --> 00:32:44.730

Carl Racine: If people were so kind of over if the if the stuff I was saying was so intense that it was kind of overwhelming for people who didn't know how to react, or if people were were were kind of disagreeing but didn't want to express their disagreement I didn't know.

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00:32:45.900 --> 00:33:02.850

Carl Racine: If people had things they wanted to say, the last week that they didn't have an opportunity to say in class, so I wanted before we move into what I have for today and I have at least one really interesting example that to start off with the.

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Carl Racine: sort of pertains to what we've been talking about at least give people that opportunity to give any further reflections or reactions to what we were talking about last week.

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Marie Doubleday: i'm brother cow.

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00:33:21.660 --> 00:33:35.580

Marie Doubleday: Well, to my thought is folks we're dealing with a blizzard it was kind of the tail end of it, but you know if you know okay brother, why it was talking about getting a snowblower out.

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Marie Doubleday: And there's.

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Marie Doubleday: No with Boston you got to clear your friend, or you you it's gone to jail pass and i'm just joking, I mean so maybe we could give folks a little bit in the past with that.

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00:33:48.480 --> 00:34:03.540

Carl Racine: Well, if people don't if people don't have things that they feel like they couldn't say heard or didn't say that's perfectly fine with me I just I didn't have a sense of the room last week very well, sometimes I have a better sense of that than others.

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Carl Racine: So, because we're on zoom, I just wanted to open i'm not castigating people if you're not talking if people are fine just listening that's fine with me some people never say much of anything and that's perfectly fine.

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Carl Racine: But I just wanted to open the opportunity for review before I moved on.

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Carl Racine: For anything if someone still had some leftovers they wanted to say.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Well, the Carl Can you give us an example of how you felt there was a level of silence, based on what you were talking about Can you give us maybe that'll trigger our.

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00:34:41.160 --> 00:34:43.200

Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Our heads and minds about.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: What what people were dealing with, in addition to the leftover blizzard.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: That is a valid point.

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Carl Racine: um well usually usually people are a little more talkative than they were last week.

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00:35:00.750 --> 00:35:12.750

Carl Racine: I was sort of going through this thing about the the sibling rivalry and specifically the point that God doesn't have just one blessing, and the God.

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Carl Racine: In the in the in the text in Torah God not only blesses Isaac but God also blesses Israel God not only blesses Jacob God blesses ISA the the.

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Carl Racine: That looking at the the stories in the Bible as simply good guys and bad guys doesn't doesn't really the Bible itself is more complex than that the Bible doesn't paint.

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Carl Racine: Jacob, who will be the answers will be named Israel, the ancestor of the Israelites the ancestor of the Jews.

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Carl Racine: Jacob doesn't come off as 100% good guy he's not a plaster St nor esau who who starts off kind of not looking so good, but at the end of the story, he saw looks a little better than Jacob

for a while.

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Carl Racine: And yet we know that the Covenant line the the the sort of main story is going to proceed through Jacob.

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Carl Racine: So I didn't know if that whole idea that God.

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Carl Racine: has more than one blessing was troublesome to people, or if it made sense and people were like great that's a good idea let's go on to what you have to say next.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: I i'm just going to self confessed that.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: i'm going to go and pick up on what bill had said earlier, for me, this class.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Is a reawakening and a.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: New level of awareness of our Jewish roots and the various characters in the Bible who we've known since childhood.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: And if I go back to that genealogical chart that you put up when we first put it up.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: It was whoo lot going on here a lot of people, but then, as I read more passages of the Bible and and and we have this very interesting conversation is Abraham Jewish and then carrying on from that that chart itself made more sense to me and understanding the difference, you know the.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: The rivalry that had gone on.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: know from Abraham to Isaac etc so it's it's in my old head just trying to capture new information that makes my knowledge base deeper, so I think for some of us being quiet is not a sense of not being.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: unengaged it's it's it perhaps can be even more engaged because you're admitting to yourself that I didn't know this earlier or I didn't.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: I didn't comprehend this the way I should have but now that i'm at the stage and again i'm taking this class there's a lot of relevance to it that that's just my thought I saw watch shake his head, so I think you may understand yeah it's you're learning you're really learning something.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: In a new way yeah.

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Wyatt: yeah i'll quickly.

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Wyatt: jump on that point.

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Wyatt: You do teach with so many different levels and layers as so many wonderful layers and levels to what you present.

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Wyatt: So.

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Wyatt: If we were taking this class and we had to write papers.

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Wyatt: On what you're saying.

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Wyatt: You would you would have a lot to read you would have a lot to read.

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Wyatt: And and that's a compliment to to the class.

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Wyatt: However, we're not it's not that kind of a thing, and so to system murray's point yep clearly last week, I was comatose thinking about what I had to do with that snow.

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Wyatt: But whenever I engage with you, Carl you know I you know you need to know this, because that we've had fellowships we've had all kinds of post coven fellowship i'm.

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Wyatt: Your your conversation is always engaging.

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Wyatt: And it's it always has.

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00:39:49.410 --> 00:39:58.530

Wyatt: It always matters it's important fun loving even over the food that you cook sometimes you don't just say Oh, this is some.

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Wyatt: Some fish that I was able to marinate and it's got the you talk about how you came up with the recipe, and you give a very contextual kind of thing, so I can keep I can keep going, but I think.

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00:40:12.780 --> 00:40:19.260

Wyatt: Most of the silence based off of what I can see is that people are taking in what you're saying and reflecting on it.

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00:40:21.570 --> 00:40:22.620
Okay, good.

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Susan Racine: is one of the people who did have things to say, last week the sun won't shut up um I think it was kind of mind blowing in a way, talking about.

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Susan Racine: esau and Jacob and Isaac giving a blessing to esau even though.

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Susan Racine: Jacob stole his blessing it just kind of wait a minute that's not what we learned in Sunday school and that business about does God only have one blessing and.

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Susan Racine: Considering.

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Susan Racine: Our Jewish brothers and sisters is the chosen people Christians have traditionally said.

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Susan Racine: That they forfeited that when they didn't accept Jesus, but I don't but that's not what you're teaching in this class, and I think that's a big mind.

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Susan Racine: And a very necessary.

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Susan Racine: Mind opening statement.

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Susan Racine: Because I do think.

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Susan Racine: Forgive me if i'm wrong but.

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Susan Racine: A mere all but I might, my understanding is that.

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Susan Racine: As Jews, you probably feel like the all the Christians are heretics and as Christians We grew up to thank.

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Susan Racine: Everybody who didn't accept Jesus is on the wrong road and carl's saying no God has more than one blessing look at Jacob and esau.

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Susan Racine: So I found that kind of mind blowing, and so I didn't know if other people were like silence, because of the enormity of that.

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Bill Hughes: plus one did that, for me, and it was also just um I think it's a good topic and was hard to weigh in, and I also did an experiment less because of what if I don't say anything.

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Bill Hughes: So if you take the fact that I speak twice as much as people who don't people and only 10 people in the class of 20% reduction in volume right there.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: yeah yeah yeah.

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Wyatt: No, I have to be honest, I.

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00:42:36.990 --> 00:42:41.010

Wyatt: have to be honest, I did think bills not saying anything.

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James Williams: I agree, though it was a lot to wrap your head around I mean what Susan was just saying about the chosen people I know i've

always been conflicted and and we've talked a little bit about there was a smorgasbord.

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James Williams: Of the Jews, but Moses was was was doing his thing back in the day, you know I believe you had Ethiopian white and and there were other ethnicities involved in that wasn't jess.

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James Williams: So, and that has always been this conflicting concept for me and we talked a little bit about that, and so, once we talk about it and you give the thoughts of different focus their thoughts.

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James Williams: Just kind of ruminates on it, you know you just kind of thinking about this this this concept and and what exactly.

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James Williams: What happened.

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Carl Racine: In in the last chapter of this book high conflict that is about the whole complicating the narrative thing.

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Carl Racine: The the the woman has an extensive story about a big synagogue in New York City upper West side synagogue of 2400 members.

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Carl Racine: Who engage, among other things in a an exchange with a group of correction officers prison workers prison guards from rural Michigan who, and this is after trump was elected first time.

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Carl Racine: Who.

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Susan Racine: He was only elected once Thank you.

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00:44:35.820 --> 00:44:36.570

Carl Racine: pick up on that.

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Carl Racine: They go, so a group of these New York tues go to Rome Michigan and stay in the homes of these largely Christian.

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Carl Racine: correction officers who were trump supporters.

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00:45:00.510 --> 00:45:12.210

Carl Racine: and have engage in dialogue and discussion and learn about each other, and then the Michigan people come to New York and stay in the homes of these Jewish.

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Carl Racine: synagogue members and they get to see New York for the first time and go eat kosher vegan food in chinatown and you know go to a service and.

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Carl Racine: One of the main Michigan characters in the story a guy who is very strongly Christian and his beliefs and he says, I didn't really know any Jews, but I have been brought up to believe that the Jews were god's chosen people.

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00:45:48.420 --> 00:45:56.400

Carl Racine: And he says what I couldn't understand was how they could be god's chosen people and be Liberals.

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Carl Racine: So the narrative was complicated for this guy by that.

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Carl Racine: More than anything else because it didn't fit with again the kind of binary world that he lived in the probably we all live in to something anyway that whole chapter that she.

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Carl Racine: She goes to a whole lot of other examples of stuff that synagogue did it was just a fascinating fascinating study in ways to kind of get through and get beyond the kinds of conflict situations

that we live with anyways.

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Bill Hughes: But.

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This one.

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Bill Hughes: i'm sorry this one important point around what you just said and that dichotomy which is my understanding, growing up in New York City around a lot of Jewish people.

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Bill Hughes: And then learning about Christian culture evangelical Christian culture and Stat evangelical Christians separate.

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Bill Hughes: Modern Jews from ancient Jews, with the Cross and they basically said yes, they were the god's chosen people, but you know, and I think that's a lot of what's inside of the problems that we're talking about in this class.

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Right.

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00:47:21.960 --> 00:47:28.680

Carl Racine: Alright, well, let me, let me just present this one thing here before we run out of time.

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Carl Racine: That, I think, will again leave you with some food for thought.

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Carl Racine: i'm sort of wrapping up this thing on sibling rivalry here at long last, but i've been using this topic of sibling rivalry in the Bible that.

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Carl Racine: is clearly there the Book of Genesis a major part of the Book of Genesis.

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Carl Racine: i've been using as a way of thinking about the historical relationship between Christians and Jews and i've been arguing that we are family when I, the first time I met rabbi zucker at temple Israel.

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Carl Racine: was at one of those gatherings after the the the shabbat service, where they have the food and everything and.

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Carl Racine: I went up to her and introduce myself to her.

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Carl Racine: And she did not immediately understand, for some reason or another, that I was a member of baffled.

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Carl Racine: So I said well you know we've been members of Bethel for however long, it was 10 years or something at that point Oh, she said you're a member of Bethel well, she said then you're a family.

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00:48:47.970 --> 00:49:01.560

Carl Racine: And that I can't tell you how good that made me feel but that's what I have been arguing here that we are family, however estranged however conflicted However much rivalry has existed for 2000 years.

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Carl Racine: And I use the biblical stories as a way of suggesting yes there's conflict yes there's.

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Carl Racine: disagreement, but there is also hope in, especially the note of hope that the Book of Genesis ends on with the reconciliation of the family with Joseph in Egypt and it reminds me of a very famous story about Pope john the 23rd the Pope that convene the.

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Carl Racine: Vatican two.

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Carl Racine: In 1960 Pope John who had just become Pope a year or two earlier he received a delegation of 130 Jews at the Vatican.

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Carl Racine: And he greeted the Assembly with revolutionary words memorable words he started off when he came into the room, he said, I am Joseph your brother.

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Carl Racine: and

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Carl Racine: You know the pope's they take a name when they become Pope, but his real name or his middle name actually was Giuseppe his real life name was Giuseppe which is Joseph.

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Carl Racine: So that was actually his middle name, but he was referring to that story and referring to that sense of.

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Carl Racine: reconciliation of brothers that occurs at the end of that story, and this meeting was the beginning of the pope's.

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Carl Racine: Efforts to condemn the anti semitism of the past and to begin to change the relationship between the Catholic Church and Jews and, interestingly before he was Pope during World War Two he was some sort of.

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Carl Racine: Vatican representative.

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Carl Racine: In Turkey, and he is remembered, to this day by Jewish people as a righteous Gentile because he had a role in saving some 24,000 Jewish lives in Turkey from being sent off to the death camps.

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Carl Racine: So he was serious about this reconciliation of brothers and, sadly, he died, I mean his efforts had some success, but he died, I think, before I think he would have had an even greater effect if he had lived and he died in 6465 but anyways.

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Carl Racine: But there it is, I am Joseph your brother and so that's where I want to ask the question about hope do can we have hope we we've seen the conflict we know the issues.

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Carl Racine: Are we simply don't to continue repeating this device of history that we've been part of, and I have three examples and i'll just give you one today.

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Carl Racine: And we'll look at the other two next week three examples, just to help us think about this a little bit and think about directions that we might be able to go.

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Carl Racine: The first example comes from rabbi sacks and he tells an interesting story about when he was a student in rabbinical school in the 1970s.

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Carl Racine: And this in Britain and the students were offered an unusual opportunity to engage in interfaith dialogue with a group of African bishops who wanted to understand more about Judaism, so they had reached out I don't know how to the seminary in Britain.

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Carl Racine: And the principal of the seminary was skeptical in general about Jewish, Christian dialogue.

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Carl Racine: Because of the widespread anti Semitism in the Church, but he felt at that time that African Christians were perhaps different.

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Carl Racine: Because he knew that they love the Hebrew scriptures and considered it to be the word of God and thought they might be open to understanding Judaism, on its own terms, so he agreed to have this interfaith dialogue.

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Carl Racine: And set rabbi Well he wasn't rabbi sacks Jonathan Sacks the student and other students from the senior class at the seminary off to a Chateau in Switzerland I don't know how they came up with that, for this engagement, maybe is neutral territory.

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Carl Racine: So the rabbinic students each day for part of the days studied the Talmud with other Swiss rabbinical students there and then, if we can see slide number 21 please sister Carol.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Okay, one second.

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Carl Racine: And i'll put the link to this in the chat I have a minute here.

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Carl Racine: You can you can see longer i'm summarizing some of this story for for our purposes here.

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Carl Racine: So for part of the day they studied the Talmud with other Swiss rabbinical students and then rabbi success for the rest of the time we had an unusual even transformative encounter with the African bishops.

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Carl Racine: ending with a classic hasidic style tish which is it sort of festive meal that also involves discussion of Torah during which we shared with the bishops our songs and stories and they taught us there's.

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Carl Racine: at three in the morning, we finished by dancing together.

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Carl Racine: We knew we were different, we knew that there were deep divides between our respective faiths, but we had become friends, perhaps that is all we should seek friends don't have to greet in order to stay friends and friendships can sometimes help to heal the world.

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Carl Racine: Now I wish I had a picture of that event didn't.

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Carl Racine: couldn't find any photos online of that because the image in my mind of Jewish seminary students dancing with African bishops just just as a great source of joy for me.

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Carl Racine: And such productive encounters between these strange siblings have been few and far between but they have existed and certainly this is a beginning point one way to come together.

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Carl Racine: And so i'm convinced it's not only important for Jews and Christians to build friendships which he talks about here, but we can also learn from each other and that's been part of the point of this class.

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Carl Racine: Certainly, the African bishops were seeking to learn from the Jewish students and and whether or not they intended it when they went, the students surely ended up learning from the bishops.

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Carl Racine: Both groups found their faith and rich and enlarged by this experience, and I think it led or laid the foundation, at least for rabbi saxes later openness.

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Carl Racine: To engaging with dialogue in dialogue with people of other faiths and speaking to people of other faiths and I found these two kind of wonderful pictures here, one where he is presenting a hanukkah menorah to Queen Elizabeth.

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Carl Racine: And the other where he is presenting a copy of the quran so Dewar the version of the Jewish prayer book that he translated and edited.

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Carl Racine: And he's presenting it to Pope Benedict and I also love it in this picture that all three of the men are wearing skullcaps the cardinal the Pope and the rabbi and the even in the picture he's with the Queen, he does not remove his kipper.

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Carl Racine: So I love this story, but I also want to issue a word of caution, before we go rushing off to quickly looking for kumbaya moments with Jews.

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Carl Racine: Because, as rabbi sacks indicates the history of Christian anti semitism that we have been studying and talking about in this classes.

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Carl Racine: has poisoned the relationship between Jews and Christians and most Jews are wary of Christians, precisely because of that history and understandably so.

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Carl Racine: And, and again the story from amy Jo levine when she told her family, she was working on a PhD on the gospel of Matthew.

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Carl Racine: One of our relatives said, why would you want to read such anti Semitic stuff and she responded Have you ever read it, and then relative said no, why would I want to read such anti Semitic stuff.

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Carl Racine: As Jacob approached his reunion with esau some 20 years later he's still very much worried that his brother continued to harbor a murderous intent and even though he said never actually harmed Jacob.

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Carl Racine: Jacob is still afraid Christians have repeatedly inflicted widespread violence on Jews and those memories are very difficult to overcome.

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Carl Racine: So we must first hear Jesus's words in Matthew 25 again a pivotal texts that we've talked about Jesus says, as you do, to the least of these my brothers you do to me, we must understand those first and foremost literally.

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Carl Racine: We must see not only the image of God, but the face of Jesus in our Jewish neighbors and we need to renounce the sinful history of anti semitism anti Judaism.

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Carl Racine: That our church has been a part of and acknowledge that most of those who killed the Jews during the show during the Holocaust were baptized Christians, even if the Nazis were not.

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Carl Racine: Christians should not be leveling the charge of Christ killers against Jews, but rather acknowledging that, throughout history, we have been guilty of crucifying Jesus over and over again so we'll come back and talk about this i'll leave last few minutes for people to comment.

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Carl Racine: But I think the idea of getting together to learn from one another.

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Carl Racine: And to dance together to eat together to celebrate together that image of rabbi sacks and a bunch of Jewish seminary students meeting with African bishops and having a party and talking about the scriptures is.

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Carl Racine: A helpful thing as one way through an hour or at least you know into a different way of relating to one another.

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Carl Racine: comments.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: You know.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: What comes to mind for me and i've been thinking about this hard deeply hard and fast of.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Having gone through elementary schools, through the rest of my life with Jewish people and having grown up my entire life in the amy church and having roots in the amy church from an am me perspective I can't really point to.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: A time a church experience, where there is this antagonistic alienation toward Jewish people now I may be wrong, because again i'm still learning, but from an AMA point of view.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: It has not it hasn't been a prominent topic now i'm not going to say that there's some pastors some.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: ministerial thinkers others who have come my way i'm just thinking about my grandfather.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Who was deeply embedded in the church and and a scholar in his own right there was not that.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: antagonistic viewpoint and i'm not gonna say you know we're colorblind i'm not going to say that, but i'm just talking about my own experience.

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Carl Racine: know and and and you may well be right that you know i'm not accusing people here of anti semitism I I that still exists it's still a problem, I think.

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Carl Racine: A lot of Christians have learned why it's a problem and have tried to move beyond that we'll talk about this more next week, but one of the.

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Carl Racine: One of the issues that I still think is a problem in the Church is not so much that people are.

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Carl Racine: mistreating Jews or or or having conflict personal conflict with Jews, but it's precisely this learning issue.

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Carl Racine: That the that the message that is delivered from the pulpit from Bible studies and whatever is fundamentally anti Jewish, not as a people, but as a theology.

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Carl Racine: That says that Judaism essentially a an inferior type of religion, or even a bad type of religion that Jesus came to liberate us from.

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Carl Racine: And we have had sermons recently in the pulpit in at Bethel that have worked with that assumption because that's what we have been taught growing up.

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Carl Racine: We don't think of it as anti Jewish we think we simply think about it, as the way we think.

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Carl Racine: And so I have spent a lot of time in the last few years trying to go through the scripture passage and show how they may be, can be understood slightly differently.

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Carl Racine: So that I think is where we still have to at least think about what we're saying, but I agree with you, I don't I don't think there's a kind of personally animosity, certainly not at Bethel.

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Carl Racine: towards the Jewish people as as people.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: or or any of my other churches that i've been a part of or join.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: In but i'm not.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Saying that what we're saying is not true, having talked to Merrill having talked to some of my other Jewish friends and them giving me personal examples of how they were called Christ killers it just.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: It blows my mind about that.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: But I was just speaking from a from a historical perspective and and also remembering that when you're talking about growing up in the civil rights error.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: And that very close alliance with with Jewish leaders that to me was was symbol, it was a symbol of the close alliance that blacks and Jews have chef shared for for generations now.

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Peter Barrant: Well it's not surprising to me that when he hears about animosity between Christians and Jews, because I, you know I grew up in a Baptist church.

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Peter Barrant: And I grew up hearing about how the Jews killed Jesus it's it was you know they rejected him and therefore essentially their God God basically customer side and and you know.

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Peter Barrant: embrace the Christians, I mean that's so i'm paraphrasing but that's kind of the theology that I remember hearing growing up, and you know there's a lot of song and dance around any scripture that refers to a new Jerusalem, I mean because you know it talks about.

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Peter Barrant: How, you know Christ or Christ is coming back for the people, so there's always this this I guess what trying to explain how that's possible without.

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Peter Barrant: While still thinking, the Jews are second class citizens at this point so it's I think it's very it's very pervasive in the in the Christian world.

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Bill Hughes: I would agree and.

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Bill Hughes: I think there's two things one is as far as the early church.

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Bill Hughes: Am yeah things are different from other kinds of black churches some other kinds especially evangelical black churches.

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Bill Hughes: And having come from an evangelical church, there was a little bit of looking down on me church.

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Bill Hughes: theologically because it was it's a racialized it's gotten racialized origins and a suffrage or a gym.

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Bill Hughes: which will lead to towards social justice, as opposed to some of these other things that actually are more part of the evangelical movement around, maybe even hyper spirituality and gifts of the spirit and all these other things.

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Bill Hughes: So I think that in itself is another interesting topic, but, but the one of the things I take away from what one of the last point you made Carl was.

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Bill Hughes: You can either look at the world win lose or win, win, and I think when when you look at sibling rivalry that's a way of looking at the gifts of the.

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01:06:26.820 --> 01:06:36.690

Bill Hughes: Of the you know the blessing as win lose I get it, or you get it, but if you look at the world as two sticks coming together to.

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01:06:37.230 --> 01:06:47.100

Bill Hughes: You know, to pieces being unified and that you know God brings all things together, all things together, all things together under Christ.

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Bill Hughes: that's that's a win, win and that has more to do with reaching people with how you know how connected, are they wish, with God, as opposed to you're in the right, you know box so you're out of the box and I think that's a lot of the psychology that comes to it.

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Peter Barrant: Well, I think you know there's there, I mean beyond you know, saying that the Jews killed Christ there a whole host of underlying things that I think Christians used to separate themselves so, for example, I was very.

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Peter Barrant: interested in, you know Carl's explanation of the Romans road to salvation because I think most of us have grown up hearing about the well, I know I grew up hearing about the Romans road to salvation and and, in the sense of Christian.

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Peter Barrant: I don't know I don't if I should say most or i'll just like many.

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Peter Barrant: Christian organizations lift to the.

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Peter Barrant: Life life hereafter and and therefore you know, since you're only coming going to get that life hereafter if you come through Jesus everybody else's out and that would include the the Jewish people and so there's a I think there's a lot of.

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Peter Barrant: Underpinning theology that tries to exclude and I think part of the.

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Peter Barrant: The part of this part of the class that I think is very important is bringing us back to earth, so to speak, in terms of.

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Peter Barrant: You know what is, you know we're here to be on earth and to work on earth towards.

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Peter Barrant: Making this place a better place, and I think a lot of Christianity has lost lost that if they had it in the beginning.

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Peter Barrant: And I think that is.

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Peter Barrant: That is a another part of the core element of Christianity that separate that people use to separate us from others.

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Carl Racine: Peter Peter has just summarized in two minutes what what I have 16 pages of text to say in the very next section that we're

going to start when we finished the sibling rivalry thing.

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Carl Racine: Absolutely no that's right.

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Carl Racine: about life before death and that then that to me just.

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Carl Racine: horrific.

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Carl Racine: Emphasis on life after death as being the heart of what our religion is about.

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01:09:31.500 --> 01:09:39.330

Carl Racine: Well, it it's it's 1206, so I think we'll we'll stop there every day we'll pick this up next week, but.

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Carl Racine: it's at least helpful to me the Christians are able, at least in some places to engage in dialogue and discussion with Jewish people about serious matters.

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Carl Racine: And Bethel has been one of those places so i'm not complaining about Bethel in particular at all.

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Carl Racine: It it's been a marvelous gift to me that we have this relationship with temple Israel so.

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Carl Racine: it's more a matter of thinking about.

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01:10:22.620 --> 01:10:44.070

Carl Racine: Where do we go from here, and what kinds of things, can we be involved in that will benefit all of us and complicating the narrative is is is part of that, so I think with that will will leave off for today and come back next week.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Before we end, I just want to invite everyone if you are interested in helping Murray me Sean to Christopher.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: lily cuse on and lauren green bowen build the virtual Bethel ministry team, we have an information session that's taking place at one o'clock the link is in the.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: chat we'd love to have you not a lot of heavy lifting just helping us out with our zoom programs and platforms and sessions that we now have, as part of the Bethel agenda, so the link is there, Marie I already check your email because I just sent it twice to you.

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Marie Doubleday: Thank you.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: It should be there, but thank you all and rich conversation and.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: i'm now thinking about the evangelicals looking down on the emmys, we will have to have a conversation about the bell.

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Carl Racine: I always thought the amy Church was looked upon as being sort of.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Intellectual of sorts just because you know.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Education was.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Paramount in our.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: has always been paramount and.

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01:12:03.750 --> 01:12:14.610

Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: From a Richard Allen perspective, you know, since it is founders month Richard Allen be great to have some comments about him, maybe I do you mind, maybe next week brother Carl if I talk about Richard Allen.

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Carl Racine: Know tomorrow's his birthday right.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: yeah yes that's 14 yes yeah.

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01:12:23.400 --> 01:12:26.460

Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: It was ahead of his time in terms of being global so i'll.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: bring a couple of things next week for maybe five minutes.

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Carl Racine: Sure that'd be great.

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01:12:34.710 --> 01:12:49.050

Carl Racine: Yes, all right, Lord God we bless you for this day and we bless you for this group, especially in the coming together to think about your word more deeply to complicate the narrative to think about our relationship with.

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01:12:50.550 --> 01:13:07.740

Carl Racine: Our Jewish brothers and sisters in particular, and with the world at large around us that you've put us in as brother Peter said so well, to be a blessing to, and to do something about and and we're reminded that there's a lot of work to be done and that even.

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01:13:08.820 --> 01:13:21.540

Carl Racine: People who you would expect, would understand certain basic things don't necessarily understand them and need to be educated apart for anything else so as we move forward into this week.

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Carl Racine: we're grateful for your presence with us in your ongoing love for each and every one of this each and every one of them, and for this group, in particular, having grateful in christ's name amen.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: amen Thank you all so much all right God bless.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: have a wonderful week.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Take care now alrighty Thank you Thank you brother Carl.

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01:13:46.860 --> 01:13:47.520

All right.