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Carl Racine: For a word of prayer for.

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Carl Racine: For the class as a whole, as we start Lord God we bless you for this day we bless you that we're able to resume again.

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Carl Racine: In our discussions of your word and we lift up the Members of this class with the people who are here today, as well as those who couldn't be with us for for various reasons, especially jack who is on a mission of mercy and Honduras today.

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Carl Racine: We pray that you continue to bless him keep him safe, thank you, he was able to get vaccinated over the summer.

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Carl Racine: and

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Carl Racine: We simply pray that you would continue to give him health and strength to Minister to the really desperately poor people that he.

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Carl Racine: So loves and cares for.

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Carl Racine: We let us sister Gloria she's continuing to mourn the loss of her son and deal with that tragedy in her life, as she started a new job and, as she is.

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Carl Racine: sort of trying to think through and work through PR Plan B with this Charter school Lord that you would give her strength that you would comfort her and that you would give her clarity of vision for how to go about.

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Carl Racine: The planning of this new school, which again we so desperately need we pray for sister Marie for the for the racial relations there on the Cape Lord knows we need them everywhere.

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Carl Racine: that she would be a light and her son would be a light.

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Carl Racine: In in that place of.

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Carl Racine: Racial cooperation and the need we have for one another, the pastor talked about in his sermon today, we thank you for bill Hughes determination to get healthy and the persistence that he's been able to develop pray that you would continue to.

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Carl Racine: guide him as he's starting this new job.

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Carl Racine: and give him a vision for what he specifically needs to be doing in this job we thank you for susan's work with her patients and and the tests that she's about to have to take that you would give her piece, that you would give her rest and allow her to do her best on that test.

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Carl Racine: Every Carol and all of the things that she does We thank you, Lord for her facilitation of this class.

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Carl Racine: For the last year and a half and pray that you would also continue to bless the multicultural conferences, the conversations, the very important conversations that are taking place globally.

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Carl Racine: In these conferences and the people would come alongside and and really be transformed and really catch a vision for how to do new things, with reference to racial justice, both here and around the world.

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Carl Racine: As we begin now Lord we pray that you would guide our thoughts or discussion.

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Carl Racine: and be with us throughout the week in christ's name amen yeah.

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Carl Racine: i'm just a couple of business things we're we're going with this 1045 time slot because pastors well the pastor the whoever the administrator people of Bethel decided on this primarily I think for the for the young people as pastor said this morning.

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Carl Racine: If you, for some reason can't attend church, either in person or look at the eight o'clock service online we're we're obviously conflicting with the 11 o'clock service, we will try to be done at noon every day and.

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Carl Racine: So, theoretically, you can go to the coffee hour even but the service itself is still available.

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Carl Racine: As pastor said till Jesus comes assuming YouTube last that long.

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Carl Racine: The service itself is available if, for some reason you're not able to get to the service or look at the eight o'clock when you can look at it at four o'clock in the afternoon Sunday, you can look at it at three in the morning on Monday morning.

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Carl Racine: it's it's there available for you, so you don't have to miss out on the on the Sunday service there's more options for that.

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Carl Racine: If we really find that this is a problem, I guess, we

have the option of changing the time but for now i'm going to go with this time slot and next week, the the in person service will begin.

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Carl Racine: 9am so there will be plenty of time for you to go in person and get home unless maybe you live in lakewood or in Tegucigalpa.

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Carl Racine: lakeville not like i'm.

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Carl Racine: Using so you should also be able to get to that service as well.

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Carl Racine: I wanted to we don't have any new people here today, but I, I still wanted to kind of take an overview of where we've been.

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Carl Racine: A little bit for people, and I want people to you know, give me some feedback on what we've done and you're thinking about it over the over the course of this fall because.

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Carl Racine: We probably will finish the material that I have prepared by Christmas time or shortly after and then I don't have a plan for where we go after that but we'll be in conversation about that as the as the week's go on.

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Carl Racine: But I had a recent conversation I wanted to bring up.

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Carl Racine: A recent conversation at Bethel with Jacqueline maloney.

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Carl Racine: After church and she was telling me that she lives in this senior housing building and about half of people there are Jewish and that she goes sometimes to services with them, and so that she'd been to some of the high holy day services and they express surprise

to her.

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Carl Racine: that she was so interested in Judaism and knew something about it, and she said to them will, of course, I do Jesus was a Jew, and he observed all those religious festivals as well.

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Carl Racine: And she told me that she was really grateful for me kind of laying that out explain that, in the Wednesday night Bible studies that that she had been involved in this really helped her connection with the Jewish people that she lives with and I took away two things from that conversation.

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Carl Racine: First, the central importance of what we're doing of trying to understand Jesus as a faithful practicing Jew, who didn't come to overthrow the law, but to fulfill it.

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Carl Racine: We in the church we've sort of made Jesus into our own image as a Gentile Christian, but he was neither.

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Carl Racine: And for decades i've been trying to help people understand who Jesus was a first century do who indeed celebrated all those religious festivals that most of us know very little bit of that little about and i've been trying to help us understand some of those things.

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Carl Racine: And as part of this cooperation that we've we've had with temple Israel this year.

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Carl Racine: In September during the high holy days Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur some of us from Bethel went for the Friday nights shabbat service at temple Israel.

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Carl Racine: And as part of that service, the rabbi rabbi zucker blew the shofar the ram's Horn, which is blown multiple times during the

New Year celebrations as an announcement of the arrival of the new year.

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Carl Racine: But it, not only does that and only is it is a kind of trumpet blast and new us here celebrate it's a calling of people to repentance and a new life, which is the central theme of the high holy days in Judaism.

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Carl Racine: So the sound of that Horn what they what they say is that the sound of that Horn is supposed to remain in your ears as a reminder all year long of that call to repentance and to living a new life.

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Carl Racine: And it struck me that 2000 years ago Jesus would have attended services where he heard the ram's Horn blown for exactly the same reason.

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Carl Racine: So at temple Israel last month we Bethel lights were able to experience, probably for all of us, certainly, for me, for the first time a piece of Jesus religious life that we simply never think about.

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Carl Racine: And this was not just.

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Carl Racine: Religious festival religious ritual that was peripheral was marginal to who Jesus really was.

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Carl Racine: Jesus made that Jewish call to repentance and a new way of life, the Center of his teaching and his ministry, the heart of his Gospel message, if you look at mark 114 and 15, for example, or the other Gospels.

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Carl Racine: Jesus comes proclaiming repent turn your lives around the Kingdom of God is at hand that new years call is the heart of what

Jesus messages and it was something Jesus.

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Carl Racine: had heard every year as part of being a good Jew so recognizing the essential jewishness of Jesus and his mission is crucial as a foundation for our understanding of the New Testament.

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Carl Racine: The second thing I took away from my conversation with sister Jacqueline is that more often than not, for the past 2000 years Christians have lived in isolation from or even open hostility towards the Jewish people.

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Carl Racine: The word ghetto that we're very familiar with it's actually an Italian word that was first used in Venice.

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Carl Racine: Italy in.

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Carl Racine: To describe a segregated area of the city where Jews were required by law to live.

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Carl Racine: And that's where the word ghetto comes from and this practice of isolating Jews from the rest of the so called Christian population became widespread in Europe and ghetto Jewish ghettos.

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Carl Racine: sprung up all over Europe after this, this is a 1500s and they continued to exist well into the 20th century, certainly until the end of World War Two.

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Carl Racine: So I so so Jews were separated segregated from Christian and live largely separate lives, so I hope that, by helping people have a better understanding of Judaism both ancient and modern.

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Carl Racine: and have our deep connection to it through Jesus, that we

will begin to overcome some of that separation and open doors to new cooperative relationships, such as the one that.

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Carl Racine: sister Jacqueline has in the place that she lives, such as the one that Bethel has with temple Israel and i'm more convinced than ever of the importance of this project and what we're doing in this class.

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Carl Racine: As an aside sort of a humorous suicide, but it's touching to me as well, I i've enjoyed our collaboration with temple Israel this summer and and one of the things that particularly delights me is that some of the members of temple Israel talk about us as congregation beth El.

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Carl Racine: pronouncing it like the original Hebrew phrase devil is of course beth El the House of God and in Hebrew it's two words and we'd be pronounced, with the accent on the second syllable.

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Carl Racine: And I just got an email this week from one of their members who actually wrote it that way, separating the two words as if we were a Jewish synagogue kill up beth El.

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Carl Racine: So our church has a Jewish name and a Jewish.

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Carl Racine: And we are the the email from this person Bethel death temple Israel.

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Carl Racine: Was.

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Carl Racine: about starting to plan a work day a joint temple Israel beth El work day at habitat for humanity there and.

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Carl Racine: mission hill sometime in the near future, and this came out of the the Sunday that the temple Israel people visited Bethel this summer, this fall September.

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Carl Racine: And we had a conversation after church about it and.

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Carl Racine: So we're hoping to get that going and you'll hear more about this once we actually have some plans finalized.

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Carl Racine: Anyway, that conversation with sister Jacqueline just was a small example but important example to me of for me, the importance of what we're doing and, of course, what i've been doing.

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Carl Racine: In my biblical studies and teaching are there comments or questions about that.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Well, I noticed the Bethel when they when they.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: said, like that I, I think.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: I think the experience has been very good more from them learning about us than us learning about them, I think we have.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: A general sense of Judaism obviously this class helps us to to hone in on our skill sets and educate us from that point of view, but even from.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: The daily 10 day campaign, which I thought was wonderful to be a part of and the session that Janet hamdi and I forget the other very popular organ was Michelle other

organizer from.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: tipple israel's perspective, even the way we pray versus the way they pray is very different, and the expectations.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Were we pray directly to God we don't really need a minister to pray you have a problem he's up there you pray or he's everywhere, obviously.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: And there's more of an intermediate process, from what I understand in Judaism that facilitates their prayers more so than the more direct access that we have as Christians per se and Protestants in particular um that's one aspect number two is there.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: I hope that they've deepen their understanding of.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: ethnicity and and and what it's like to be an African American, in particular in this society.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: That they may have stereotype otherwise without a more direct contact association, so I think for a lot of reasons clearly it's been very beneficial for us out participate because of that, but I think it's even been more so from their point of view, because they have the.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: necessity because of historical persecution, but the financial protection of being insular and just viewing the world from their perspective.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Where they don't have to go outside they've got the resources inside to just navigate through

life, whereas, certainly from an African American we don't have that luxury at all, but Those were my observations.

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Carl Racine: And I, and I, and I think that probably the.

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Carl Racine: The the primary purpose of that 10 days 10 ways project was, as you say, for them to learn more from.

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Carl Racine: African Americans about racial justice they've been doing it on their own, and they do have some black members at temple Israel.

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Carl Racine: But they they reached out to us intentionally precisely to facilitate that learning process, I think, and part of what i'm praying about in terms of where we go from here with this.

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Carl Racine: relationship is how how we can have both.

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Carl Racine: You know movement in both directions kind of thing and one of the thing one of the very exciting ideas that kind of came up again in that Sunday just almost offhand after the service was the woman that woman lauren the pot.

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Carl Racine: said to me, I think it would be wonderful you know, the relationship with Bethel started out as the red tent it was a book study essentially a.

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conversation.

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Carl Racine: She said I think it'd be wonderful if we would start a conversation group based on sermons that we would take a Bethel sermon and a temple Israel sermon and look at them together and talk about our reactions to them talk about how we hear them talk about what we

do with them.

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Carl Racine: That, I think, would just be an utterly fascinating way of interacting and learning from each other.

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Carl Racine: So perhaps we we you know down the line, will be able to do something like that again we're we're limited a little we can't just go to somebody's house and sit around the table very easily.

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Carl Racine: Especially now that the weather's getting there, but that that that idea, really, really is attractive to me.

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Marie Doubleday: I know down here with the.

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Marie Doubleday: vineyard Hebrew Center.

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Marie Doubleday: So rabbi brightman.

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Marie Doubleday: Female actually knows the hammonds from Harvard okay when they when they were.

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Marie Doubleday: Managing one of the dorms or something she was in school there and arm and mlk day the past few years has been Reverend mariama does come down to preach but.

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Marie Doubleday: In going to the service there in some of the services of the it's I think rabbi brightman.

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Marie Doubleday: does a good job at least around mlk you're talking more frequently of, who was a rabbi that work with Dr King I forget

his name.

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Marie Doubleday: yeah she brings in rabbi heschel.

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Marie Doubleday: into the service and she also does a mix of i'm.

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Marie Doubleday: Hebrew.

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Marie Doubleday: I don't know how to frame it spiritual songs and African American spiritual songs done in the tradition that would be appropriate for a synagogue.

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Marie Doubleday: And arm they has worked up, I wish the work that was more interaction in the past, I wish there was more currently um you know, but we have, and she also did the opening prayer for the mlk membership bomb in January.

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Marie Doubleday: So there is interaction, but probably there should be more, such as on the level that what you're talking about.

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Carl Racine: All right, well in the time remaining I just want to look briefly at where we've come from because we've covered a lot of material and.

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Carl Racine: It you know, and I look back at it over the summer it's almost overwhelming.

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Carl Racine: because it reflects years of thought and work on my part, as well as the work the class is done.

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Carl Racine: But I want to look just briefly because this whole thing really started for me with a kind of offhand conversation I had about 10 years ago with pastor hammond.

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Carl Racine: about the Book of Hebrews and I just made the comment off the top my head I didn't like Hebrews very much and he asked why and and.

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Carl Racine: You know I couldn't give a very coherent answer at the time, but it made me go back to that part of the scripture that basically been ignoring.

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Carl Racine: And discovered what I disliked about the Book of Hebrews was how had been used to attack Jews and Judaism had been part of 2000 years of anti Semitic bigotry and hatred.

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Carl Racine: So I looked again at that book and and I had been avoiding it, but I asked a question i've been asking all my classes, can we read the New Testament and the Bible as a whole in such a way that it is not anti Jewish.

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Carl Racine: seems like a reasonable question but it's not when they get to ask very often.

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Carl Racine: And one of the ways i've been trying to do that was by reading biblical commentators who were Jewish.

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Carl Racine: And those commentaries led me to the rabbi's and for me that is kind of reenergize my my thinking, give me new ways of thinking about the scriptures.

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Carl Racine: And in richton large greatly my understanding of the stories about Jesus the letters of Paul it's led me to looking at parts of scripture that i'd never looked very.

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Carl Racine: carefully at before thought very deeply about before like the Book of leviticus.

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Carl Racine: And, and when I look back at my notes and I actually went back and looked at all this, I was surprised to see that that class I taught a class for a year Bethel on the Book of Hebrews that class began in the fall of 2013.

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Carl Racine: Eight years ago right yeah years ago um and we spent the whole year starting off looking at Christian anti Judaism and how it's affected our reading of scripture and then in January of 2019 we picked up this theme of Christian anti Judaism, again, there was a kind of.

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Carl Racine: gap where we did some other stuff for various reasons.

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Carl Racine: But in 2019 we picked up this theme of Christianity, Judaism and look more broadly at the whole New Testament rather than just the Book of Hebrews and then that fall of 2019.

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Carl Racine: We moved into this discussion of our Jewish roots and the rabbi's and and so, for the past two years now we have been looking at some of the most important teachings of the scriptures.

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Carl Racine: With the help of those Jewish rabbis both ancient ones and modern ones, and I think they've given us some fresh perspectives and helped us really think in new ways about.

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Carl Racine: The scriptures and sister Carol if you could show the slide number one, please, I just want to show us show you where we started and how what where we've come some of this will be familiar to you here hold on one second.

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Carl Racine: Great.

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Carl Racine: So this was the first year.

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Carl Racine: You know, we started out with just introduction about the rabbi's themselves who they were what they wrote and then why we why I thought it was important to to look at them.

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Carl Racine: And then I I started with some larger themes what I call the big picture and Torah and we focus primarily on Torah we have all along, because that's the foundation for everything else.

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Carl Racine: And it's certainly the foundation for Judaism, but i'm also arguing as a foundation for how we understand the New Testament so we looked at.

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Carl Racine: The five books of Torah the law of Moses genesis exodus leviticus numbers and deuteronomy and we looked at the story that they tell the big picture of that narrative because it's a story.

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Carl Racine: it's not it's not simply a bunch of laws we call it the law but it's not really the law it's more story than law.

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Carl Racine: The story, starting with creation and and moving through the call of Abraham and all the complications with the children of Abraham up to the exodus in the formation of the Israelites in the wilderness and move towards the promised land.

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Carl Racine: And we talked about that narrative we talked about that story as a revolutionary one as one word God upsets the political apple cart where God liberates a group of.

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Carl Racine: immigrants.

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Carl Racine: Poor enslaved immigrants from the power of the most impressive empire, the world had ever seen the Egyptian.

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Carl Racine: And that's the God of the Bible, and first and foremost, the story the Bible tells is a revolutionary God who overturns the political structures and the social structures of this world and creates a community that will be an alternative community that will be different from.

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Carl Racine: The Egyptian empire, the Babylonian empire, the Roman Empire, the American empire.

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Carl Racine: And then we looked at this theme that I got from rabbi sacks of god's faith in us he says more than we have faith in God God has faith in us now that's a way we've never I imagined certainly way, I never thought about God before.

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Carl Racine: But his point is that, from the very beginning, from genesis one on.

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Carl Racine: God places his faith in humanity he gives us an assignment he gives us a role in this world, he gives us a leadership role he gives us a ruling role he gives us work to do.

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Carl Racine: God doesn't do all the work himself God, in fact, places his faith in humanity and even when they fail, even when they let God down even when, God feels like just destroying everybody and starting over God doesn't give up on us.

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Carl Racine: God continues to place his faith in us and that should

motivate us when we.

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Carl Racine: have children or when we.

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Carl Racine: supervise a sports team, or when we supervise some other group of people doing stuff the leadership it's very important for the leadership to show that they have faith in the people.

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Carl Racine: That they're supervising you can do this it's one of the things that habitat that I have to do as a supervisor when we get volunteers, the people come they've never worked on a construction site before.

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Carl Racine: they're a little bit nervous about it and.

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Carl Racine: You have to make clear to them, yes, you can do this, I can show you how, and you will actually be able to accomplish something you'll be able to do something you never thought you could do before.

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Carl Racine: god's faith in us should give us a sense of faith in ourselves give us a sense that God trust us to do stuff and with god's help, not all by ourselves with god's help we can get some things done in this world.

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Carl Racine: So those are sort of the big picture, the big narratives that we talk about and then.

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Carl Racine: We look much more closely at individual issues and i'm not going to go through all of these you can go back and look at the notes for them if you're interested in, but we went through this long list of topics.

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Carl Racine: and looked at them as a way of understanding, not only the Old Testament but the new and such okay if we could go then to slide to.

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Carl Racine: So that was the first year, the second year we basically picked up where we left off, we reviewed the major themes we did take a kind of detour because I thought it was important.

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Carl Racine: To talk about the relationship between rabbi heschel and Reverend King to talk about rabbi herschel's idea of the god who suffers and how that's in some ways a very Christian doctrine.

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Carl Racine: Certainly, central to our faith and yet it's something that that a Jewish rabbi finds in his scriptures as well, and that that this led to a cooperation between the two men working together.

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Carl Racine: Jew and Gentile.

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Carl Racine: For racial justice in our world and in our country.

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Carl Racine: And then we continued the closer look at specific aspects of the law of Moses, the Sabbath keeping kosher.

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Carl Racine: And then we talked about arguments for the sake of heaven.

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Carl Racine: And then we moved into talking about crime and punishment and the whole issue we started with the woman taken in adultery and we talked about capital punishment and then we moved on to talk about eternal punishment and god's judgment.

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Carl Racine: And that finally led us to the topic of the fear of the Lord which we started at the end of this last session back in the spring and are kind of in the middle of and where we'll pick up next week.

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Carl Racine: And we talked about the fear of the Lord in a couple of different ways and we're going to continue to talk about that because we haven't finished with that and then, once we finished with the fear of the Lord.

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Carl Racine: we're going to move on and talk about the hut some concluding thoughts that I have looking back at everything that we've talked about, and maybe also trying to look ahead to where we might go next, and so the four topics that I have here are aware, are the hittites.

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Carl Racine: which should be intriguing to you sibling rivalry, which is.

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Carl Racine: One of the most important themes in the whole of the scriptures.

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Carl Racine: Life before death.

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Carl Racine: And then the unfinished symphony so that's where we've come from and that's.

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Carl Racine: Where we're going are there questions about that.

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Carl Racine: Anybody have any.

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Marie Doubleday: sounds good.

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Okay.

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Carl Racine: um.

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Carl Racine: One of the reasons we i'm just gonna make some concluding remarks here and then we'll we'll pick up with the fear of the Lord next week.

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Carl Racine: One of the things we've largely focused on Torah is because, as I said, their foundational for everything else but it's also because the Church is largely either ignored it or been hostile to it.

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Carl Racine: Or has spiritual eyes it.

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Carl Racine: has taken the kind of flesh and bones that exists tour or the very practical down to earth discussions that are there that we've talked about at length and spiritual eyes all of it.

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Carl Racine: And so we we've misunderstood the New Testament as well because of that and i've argued over and over again that the New Testament simply cannot stand on its own.

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Carl Racine: That it's built on the Old Testament and it takes for granted, many of his teachings that plenty of the things that the Old Testament doesn't talk about the.

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Carl Racine: play things that the Old Testament talks about are not talked about in the New Testament.

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Carl Racine: And creation care is example number one and yet it's a hugely important topic it's become important again for us in our time but it's something Christians should have always been concerned about because it's their in their scriptures.

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Carl Racine: So we've cut ourselves off from our Jewish roots and from the LIFE giving nourishment that the parcel passes that they provide, and we in this class have talked about passages that rarely, if ever get talked about in the Church.

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Carl Racine: And we've wrestled with some of the implications for our lives, why are they there, why do we consider this scripture, why does Paul called these these books.

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Carl Racine: instruction in righteousness say they're profitable for us for teaching and doctrine and training and righteousness we've explored topics like animal sacrifices.

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Carl Racine: atonement for sin holiness kosher laws, the Sabbath ritual purity creation care economic justice that whole outline that you saw.

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Carl Racine: Those are very all very, very important topics and they help us rethink how we understand the New Testament, especially the Gospel so i've really pushed us to reconsider.

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Carl Racine: And wrestle with parts of the Bible we generally avoid, and I think.

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Carl Racine: we'll go we'll stop here now but I think this idea of the fear of the Lord isn't something that you hear about in church very often anymore it it it's a disturbing part of the scriptures even though it's a.

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Carl Racine: Part of the scriptures that's that goes from beginning to end, and so we need to look at these things and think about them and perhaps rethink about them and see what God has for us.

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Carl Racine: In these teachings in the scriptures so with that, I think, will say.

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Carl Racine: we'll put a heart to the discussion today and say goodbye to everybody.

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Carl Racine: and start up again next week with the fear of the Lord part two.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: I want to thank you for just the amazing completeness than the academic thoroughness that you have prepared for what is a very small number of people I.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: I to me the gratitude shouldn't be unrecognized because you put a lot of time into this and i'm hoping, you know from my point of view.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: i've done some cleaning in my house and I pulled some notes that I had from a class You ran in like 2009 so I keep all of that and.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: I guess one thing, the last between last September, and this September that has made an impression on me was the significance of rest.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: And really honoring the Sabbath which we spent a fair amount of time on not that i've done, I have changed my behavior.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Because of that, but I certainly have a new appreciation on the importance of really worshiping and having that worship in your spirit before you go back to your regular activities so that's that's been much appreciated and i'm still in the processing mode of it.

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Carl Racine: yeah and it, you know, in terms of this discussion i've been having just in the last week with this woman from temple Israel about doing the habitat project.

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Carl Racine: Probably the biggest sticking point or or or issue that we have to deal with or we're trying to deal with is the fact that they're not real comfortable with coming to work on a Saturday.

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Carl Racine: Because it's chabad.

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Carl Racine: And I completely.

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Carl Racine: wholeheartedly approve of that reservation.

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Carl Racine: That is something even though they are a reformed temple and they're not nearly as.

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Carl Racine: sticklers for following all the rules, you know precisely.

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Carl Racine: That is so fundamental to their understanding of how God created the world and how God wants us to live our lives that they're reluctant to do something even like habitat on a Saturday.

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Carl Racine: And so we're trying to figure out if we can do it on a weekday is certainly possible to do it on a weekday whether whether people are available to do it on a weekday but i'm also in conversation with the habitat leadership seeing whether we can work on a Sunday.

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Carl Racine: Because, contrary to what Christians say Sunday is not the Sabbath and I would view it as a field trip for a class or people who wanted to come along if we did this would be completely in the spirit of our class for us to spend a day building, you know, building a habitat house.

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Carl Racine: But I also really, really appreciate the fact.

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Carl Racine: That the Jewish community that we're in conversation with has raised that issue that matters, and this is one reason, when we it's helpful to be in conversation with our Jewish brothers and sisters, because it teaches us something about what our own scriptures tell us.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: i'd love to.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Go on the site, I have a very dear friend who is living in her habitat home, now that she helped to build in North Carolina so I understand the process and we create great.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Training and exploration for for me, so I enjoy that, but let me ask you, since we have we have now focused heavily on the Jewish traditions, do you have any thoughts or plans of preparing information about other religious groups such as Islam or.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Judaism or Hinduism or maybe some kind of comparative i'd love to be a part of a comparative religious.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Discussion that would be very evil with my work that would be very helpful for me.

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Carl Racine: um I don't and.

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Carl Racine: probably more than anything.

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Carl Racine: thing because I just don't feel competent to do such a thing I have very little.

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Carl Racine: knowledge or understanding of those groups I don't I had very little interaction with.

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People from those kinds of groups.

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Carl Racine: And I am.

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Carl Racine: You see that in you've commented on how well prepared I am but i'm not comfortable not being well prepared.

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Carl Racine: i'm not comfortable just winging it or reading a Wikipedia article and.

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Carl Racine: Oh yeah I read, I read about Buddhism on Wikipedia so here's here's here's what it's all about.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: What about inviting in humans other religious scholars into this discussion where you were obviously

you are not becoming the expert but you're becoming more of the facilitator, or the host of the discussion.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: yeah my work and that to me that's fascinating because, again, as we are learning more about Judaism and the understanding of that just what you said, we have very little knowledge real knowledge of other.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: religious groups, we talk against them, we talk about them without knowing much about them.

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Carl Racine: yeah I mean I.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: just that.

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Carl Racine: No, no, no it's a very good thought the the Judaism piece, for me, though, is unique.

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Carl Racine: Compared to all the rest of us, this is not the put down the idea at all, but, for me, we have a connection as Christians to Judaism that we don't have to Islam or to buddha's.

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Carl Racine: The those connections have to do with the fact that we live in a city and a world where where those people exist, and when we as Christians should be loving to them and to be loving to someone, you have to at least understand something about them.

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Carl Racine: So.

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Carl Racine: What you're saying is important and valuable.

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Carl Racine: But for me.

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Carl Racine: What we're doing in this class is is is a way of rethinking who we are, which is not to say that we we couldn't take insights from other.

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Carl Racine: Groups, I went on a study tour of the of Israel about.

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Carl Racine: seven or eight years ago now, you know nine years ago.

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Carl Racine: called abraham's children, and it was a study group organized by a Catholic seminary in in Chicago but we had Christians.

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Carl Racine: Jews and Muslims, we had a rabbi we had the mom and we had a priest, giving us lectures on Israel and on religious matters from their perspectives all as being children of Abraham tracing our religious descent to Abraham and it was fascinating it was just and I learned a lot about Islam.

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Carl Racine: That I knew virtually nothing about.

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Carl Racine: From from this mom and we traveled around a little bit we're mostly in Jerusalem.

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Carl Racine: But we.

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Carl Racine: heard this varying perspectives and it was.

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Carl Racine: You know, it was an amazing way of not only seeing the

Holy Land, but of kind of connecting with with those three groups.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: You just triggered something brother Carl in my mind just talking about this adventure that you had we already have we're so blessed to be in Boston because we have so many world.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Resources right in our fingertips, and we have gbi oh and beverly Williams, is part of our class so reaching out to the different religions, would be a phone call away and would be so easy, I would even say collaborating with her on this kind of class I think would be exciting.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Because then.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: All those other religious groups are in gbi oh that's true.

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Carl Racine: Well let's honor our time coming on Could somebody close us out in prayer please.

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Marie Doubleday: Can I just ask you a question.

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Marie Doubleday: Please give me a heads up.

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Marie Doubleday: The volunteer day and i'll see if I can get off island and get out of wall deer and the other thing is, I found out this year.

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Marie Doubleday: That i'm growing up in malden I got but I found it out this year that actually malden had one of the largest Jewish American and immigrant populations back in the day, which is interesting though.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Again Massachusetts a lot, a lot of resources here now.

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Susan Racine: i'll pray.

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Okay.

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Susan Racine: Thank you, Lord God for this time together, thank you for so much material for us to ingest and meditate on and.

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Susan Racine: change your thought patterns, thank you for.

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Susan Racine: carl's devotion to the class, thank you for all the devoted students who who make time for this, please.

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Susan Racine: Help us to continue to learn more about you learn more about our savior Jesus and learn more about our brothers and sisters in the Jewish tradition, the Jewish faith.

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Susan Racine: And please give us insight and wisdom as to where to go from here, in the name of your son our savior Jesus Christ amen amen.

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

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: ready and Susan keep studying.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Everybody take care, thank you
bye bye now.

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bye.