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janet Humdy Morrison: Awesome. And why Nick and I thought that was, you know, right on.

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janet Humdy Morrison: Just right on time from what we've been studied. Yeah.

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Carl Racine: So speaking of which,

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Carl Racine: Next weekend the Martin Luther King weekend traditionally Bethel has had joint services with temple Israel in bed in Brookline, and

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Carl Racine: I send you the pastor's email about

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Carl Racine: The, the Shabbat sadek the the

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Carl Racine: Sabbath of Righteousness of Justice on Friday night this coming Friday night the 15th at six o'clock. Unfortunately on zoom. It's just not going to be the same as going there in person, but

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Carl Racine: It's better than nothing.

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Carl Racine: And then their Rabbi will be joining pastor AS SHE DID LAST LAST YEAR AT LEAST and I maybe in some other years they've certainly joined us on Sunday morning for services and they will be co preaching and I suspect

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Carl Racine: That this is probably unique in the AM each church and

fairly unusual in the Christian church in general in America to have a rabbi.

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Carl Racine: Preaching from your pulpit on Sunday morning. So I applaud Bethel for this.

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Carl Racine: This act of reaching out and of celebrating what we have in common. We Jews and Christians have differences. And I don't want to minimize those differences, but this course is

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Carl Racine: Is trying to look for the things that we have in common. And next weekend Bethel will be held looking at some of the things that we have in common. And one of the things, just as a reminder, not to bring up this horrible event.

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Carl Racine: This week, although

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Carl Racine: In my mind, though, there's at least one good one was Silver Linings what happened on Wednesday, and that is that it exposes clearly who these people are. And I think it exposed it clearly for a lot of the people.

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Carl Racine: Who were at least passively supporting Trump by not opposing him and and they now can see where this all has been leading to

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Carl Racine: That with reference to that one of the protesters slash rioters slash insurrection as depending on what you want to call them.

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Carl Racine: was wearing a hoodie emblazoned with the logo camp Auschwitz.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Yes.

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Carl Racine: I just want to remind people, as we've done before, as we talked about the Charlottesville.

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Carl Racine: White supremacist march that the white supremacists. Have the Jews as well as black people and brown people in their target, they are

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Carl Racine: anti semitic

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Carl Racine: Along with the white supremacist thing and so next weekend.

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Carl Racine: We should keep that in mind in our discussions with people at Temple Israel.

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Carl Racine: So I encourage you to participate in in that stuff. Next weekend because it's very much what we're doing in this class. Now I said I wanted to talk

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Carl Racine: At least briefly this morning. And if there's really no energy for it, we can move on.

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Carl Racine: To the next topic, but I wanted, at least to share some reflections on the possibility of a Christian Sabbath, and I want to show something that

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Carl Racine: I tend to read the newspaper. A week or two after it comes out. Susan quarantines them in the basement for several days and

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Carl Racine: But I've always done this. I don't. I feel like the the frantic nature of the news cycle is much, much more appreciated of what's actually going on. If you read the newspapers, a week or two later, where a lot of what you read is already

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Carl Racine: Irrelevant or out of date the hand wringing article that I read this week about

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Carl Racine: The difficulty that two women of color, we're going to have in in running for the mayor of Boston against Marty Walsh. Now this week.

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Carl Racine: We're going to have a woman of color as mayor of Boston very shortly. And Marty Walsh is out of the picture. And those other two women are in a much stronger position all the sudden

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Carl Racine: Anyway, so this was in the paper. This little headline was in the paper a couple of weeks ago and I don't know if you can see this. I don't know.

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Carl Racine: I don't know why.

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Carl Racine: I don't know why it does the thing backwards, can you can you

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Susan Racine: It's right for us, but it's backwards for you.

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Carl Racine: It's backwards for me. Okay.

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Carl Racine: No rest on the seventh day, it's a little article about DHL workers not wanting to have to work on Sunday.

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Carl Racine: Now Sunday is not the seventh day

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Carl Racine: And yet the globe headline writer doesn't know that

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Carl Racine: And it's it again. It just sort of goes to my point about the confusion that exists.

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Carl Racine: About the Sabbath the Sabbath is the seventh day, but the seventh day is Saturday.

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Carl Racine: And Christians kind of know this because we talk about the resurrection as being on the first day of the week. The Bible talks about it that way. So if you stop and think the Sabbath can't be the first day of the week because the resurrection is on Sunday.

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Carl Racine: But in any event, I'm not interested in

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Carl Racine: Arguing

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Carl Racine: For Saturday. As such, that's one of the things that would be interesting to consider. But I want to at least have us

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Carl Racine: I want to propose a thought question essentially for everyone to consider about the idea of observing a Christian Sabbath pastor asked us this morning in his sermon to think about vision.

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Carl Racine: And I'm success is suggesting that we consider this as a vision for the future, at least think about it. And I think I've made my case in in what I've

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Carl Racine: presented to you over the last few weeks that the Sabbath is not a burden, some law in the Bible. But it's a gift from God. It's to be a delight for all of humanity.

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Carl Racine: And we saw that Jesus himself affirmed this perspective on the Sabbath Jesus practiced acts of mercy and healing.

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Carl Racine: Acts of restoring people to wholeness on the Sabbath as a way of indicating what the Sabbath should be. And Jesus said, The Sabbath was made for humans.

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Carl Racine: So a Christian Sabbath would have to be gospel would have to be good news. And I've tried to emphasize in what I've talked about that. There are ways in which the Sabbath could be a real blessing for all of us.

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Carl Racine: The New Testament speaks about

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Carl Racine: The law of Christ.

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Carl Racine: Or perhaps more accurately the Torah of the Messiah.

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Carl Racine: And often this is simply reduced to a vague command to love your neighbor. But we've seen that Jesus has a much more robust and comprehensive understanding of Torah than that.

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Carl Racine: So I think we need to think more deeply about what it means that Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath and what it would mean to follow the Torah of the Messiah, which would include some sort of recognition that Jesus himself affirmed the value of the of the Sabbath for his followers

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Carl Racine: Now I'm not suggesting at all that we simply copy what Judaism has done with the Sabbath. This Judaism has developed its own ways of observing the Sabbath.

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Carl Racine: I have shared some of the aspects of the Jewish observance of the Sabbath partly just help us to understand Jewish people, but also ways in which I think are positive things that we can learn from the Jews.

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Carl Racine: About the Sabbath. I think if we were to fully consider this idea. We'd also benefit from looking at Christian sub attarian groups like the Seventh Day Adventist about whom I know very little.

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Carl Racine: And haven't really taken into account in this discussion, but there are Christians who observe a Saturday Sabbath. I'm not quite sure what they do with that, apart from going to church and as we've seen, going to church biblically is not what the Sabbath is all about.

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Carl Racine: Even though it's not a bad thing to do on the Sabbath.

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Carl Racine: Now I recognize that what I'm proposing here is a radical rethinking of what we do as Christians, I'm proposing that we change how we behave. We change the community itself. But I think the failure of the Church in America to be a counter cultural community warrants such radicalism.

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Carl Racine: The failure of the Church in America was demonstrated clearly this week.

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Carl Racine: In horrific ways

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Carl Racine: And I have been arguing for the past 10 years that Protestant Christian theology is fundamentally flawed and needs to be rethought in light of the scriptures and that's what I've been doing with my classes and we've seen that on display front and center in all of its horror

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Carl Racine: This week the emphasis on

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Carl Racine: My own personal salvation and my own personal individual relationship to God has led ultimately to this disaster in our country.

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Carl Racine: Now,

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Carl Racine: If the church is actually to be a countercultural community I'm arguing that the Sabbath would be one of the ways in which we would do that and that the idea of changing things radically

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Carl Racine: Actually has some value, even though it would be difficult, but discipline training is hard, but it's worth the effort. And as I said last week. I think this has to be done as a community.

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Carl Racine: People when we talk about this kind of stuff. People say, Well, you know, I can take some of these insights and try to get a little more rest and not work as much

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Carl Racine: But I think there's more to that than for the Sabbath and that kind of private individual salvation idea that that has gotten us into so much trouble.

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Carl Racine: I think it would be hard to do this on your own when everybody else is doing something different. I think that's part of what is needed and biblically.



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Carl Racine: The focus of the Sabbath, like the rest of the laws. God gives to Israel is to create a different kind of community a countercultural community one that functions as a light to the world. We could be a witness, not only to the world, but to the rest of the church.

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Carl Racine: And that might even be the starting place. So could we use our sanctified imaginations for just a moment.

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Carl Racine: And think about what it might look like for Christians to keep the Sabbath day holy to make space in our lives for a day that is separate unique

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Carl Racine: To really be freed from our attachment to the things of this world. One day in seven

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Carl Racine: What biblical principles would we want to highlight in such an observance and how could we do this at Bethel, as a community, is it a good idea to even try this or do we simply let the weight of centuries of human tradition overwhelm this biblical teaching

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Carl Racine: PASTOR SAID THAT stepping out in the sermon this morning, stepping out, not simply going along with the way we've always done things and tails risk.

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Carl Racine: So I just want to ask, what are we missing in our spiritual lives and in our lives as a community of faith by ignoring the Sabbath.

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Carl Racine: And I will leave that question for you to comment on

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Part of it is, I'm just thinking about my

upbringing.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Coming from an Amy family with me ministers and this was Sunday not Saturday. So I don't want to argue over the day but in in many ways.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: There was a a

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Carole Copeland Thomas: What's the right word. It was reverent to worship on Sunday. That's all he did. And in fact, you

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Either I we went to two services. So you had the morning. It's not yet in the Sunday school, you had the morning service you had dinner at church. Then you have the afternoon service. So you spent your now that was, um, that's a church experience. But still, that was a worship experience.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: But what I'm what I've been thinking about as you asked this question and reading over them. The all the meticulous notes that you taken brother Carl is what the ask is,

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Carole Copeland Thomas: A behavioral change because we had, you have to change your behavior in order to to worship and honor the Sabbath, the Shabbat, the way

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Carole Copeland Thomas: But what you're asking if we're going to do it in a Christian way. So that would be the removal of all of our devices are trinkets our toys all the things that have become our idol.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: For our weekend idols.

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Beverly Williams: Yeah.

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Beverly Williams: I want to pick back up and share in my childhood experience as far as the Sabbath day. It was on Sunday for us in my household, but what it looked like. It looked like family.

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Beverly Williams: We did go to Sunday worship service, but after that everybody left Sunday worship service and had it to my mother's house and there was so many of us, is she there was always a big meal.

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Beverly Williams: That he where we ate together. We used to take the island board and spread the chairs out space enough to put the island. Boy, this and we could get an extra

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Beverly Williams: extra couple of people to sit at the table, you had to be excused from the table. You didn't need and get up and walk away.

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Beverly Williams: You know, it was actually family time. And back then it did help because we did have the gold laws which we don't have now, but we could do everything family wise. The only thing that we couldn't do it was we could not play cards.

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Beverly Williams: I don't know what that is about, but we could not play cards on Sunday, but even to the point. My mother was the oldest of 10 kids, even to the point where some of my cousins call my mother big it was big, my little my

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Beverly Williams: And I just remembered that his family and it brings me to the Scripture. When you asked me what it will look I know our what scriptures. When we say love your neighbor as yourself.

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Beverly Williams: Like a lot of people can't do that because they don't love themselves like we taught to love each other during those family days we taught what was was was most valuable. You know, our

moral consciousness was developed around. You know those times together. So that's

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Beverly Williams: Share and and

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Beverly Williams: And, you know, it would be nice to get back to those days.

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Peter Barrant: No, I'm glad you brought up the not playing cards because I was going to bring that up when I was small, there was some rule about not playing cards on Sunday, and I don't. To this day, know what that is about

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Peter Barrant: But I do think that, you know, a to get to a stat a Sabbath.

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Peter Barrant: Would be a really, really today major change because if you think about what the weekend has become it's become a sports weekend kids.

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Peter Barrant: Tournaments happen and there Saturday, Sunday, the, you know, you've got, whether you're playing basketball, soccer, football, it doesn't really matter.

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Peter Barrant: If you've got a family, the weekends have really become the the time when parents take their kids to this back and and the other activity and to try and manage a day of rest a day where you're you're trying to regenerate would really take a lot of work and a lot of change and

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Peter Barrant: In that respect, I think it would it would require community because I remember when my son was playing soccer. There were a number of Jewish kids who, you know, in the fall. They went play soccer.

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Peter Barrant: soccer games on Saturdays. And so as a community that was accepted. And that was just the way it was. And I think if we were to get to the point where we

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Peter Barrant: Chose to rest on us on the Sabbath that it would be very hard just to do it as individuals or as a small group of three or four people. I think it really would entail.

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Peter Barrant: Figure starting something as a larger group.

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Lorita Williams: Yeah. And I just want to chime in a little bit. Beverly both of you. And Peter reminded me. I grew up as a Pentecostal church.

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Lorita Williams: And it was the same thing and the cards were associated with gambling, so you couldn't gamble on Sunday.

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Lorita Williams: Didn't matter what you were playing. So we had the same thing with the cards. It was considered devil worship being gambling can't do that. So these interesting things. But to your point, because the parents.

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Lorita Williams: Our parents worked so hard during the week, Sunday was the day where you came together as a family. And you're right, you either

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Lorita Williams: Either you went to someone's home when you rotate it.

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Lorita Williams: But all the kids played all the parents hanging out and it was just a day of community and we didn't have technology to get in the way. And for a lot of us. We didn't have televisions.

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Lorita Williams: So you didn't have to worry about that. So, you know, the distractions. Today we're didn't exist then. So you couple that with the blue laws.

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Lorita Williams: And there was nothing open on Sunday. You couldn't go to the grocery store. So you if you didn't have it at home. You weren't eating so everything was done and Sunday truly became a day of rest. So

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Lorita Williams: Culturally, I don't know how you rewind that clock, because even as a battle community we email each other. I mean, we use that technology with each other all throughout the week. So we would really have to

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Lorita Williams: Agree that there were some there are certain things that we just take for granted as part of communicating that we wouldn't do if we were talking about truly not using our tech toys and devices. So that's my thoughts.

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Carl Racine: But that so

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Carl Racine: Again I wanted, I want to

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Carl Racine: The not using

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Carl Racine: Computers and all that is is a decision that the Jewish community has made that wouldn't necessarily be one that we would have to make

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Carl Racine: Because

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Carl Racine: There's nothing to my mind, there's nothing inherently wrong.

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Carl Racine: About having communication. If you talk about emailing somebody or texting somebody on a on a Sabbath. So the fact that it's done electronically doesn't doesn't bother me. And I, again, this is where

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Carl Racine: Kind of thinking through the details what things actually contribute to the value of the day if communicating with other people contributes to the value of the day and you do that electronically, because you can't

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Carl Racine: You know, your mother lives in California and you live in Boston and you want to talk to her.

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Carl Racine: You can use the phone. I, I wouldn't, I wouldn't argue that we have to adopt all of the things that Jews have adopted the question is to think through what sort of things.

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Carl Racine: Fit the character of the day that we want to create and the community. We want to create and what sort of things don't so business emails would not

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Lorita Williams: That's what I was

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Carl Racine: attacks from your boss would not, but a phone call to your, to your art.

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Carl Racine: Who you can't go see would fit so you wouldn't ban all phone calls and all technology you would simply say, No, we're going to limit.

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Carl Racine: The scope of what we're doing the card playing thing is interesting. And you're right. I think it it does originally come from gambling, the tradition. I grew up in

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Carl Racine: Has a child.

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Carl Racine: It was it was considered wrong to play cards with regular

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Carl Racine: Playing cards that kind of have kings and queens and Jax.

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Carl Racine: But you could play cards with other kinds of games like uno or some of those other kinds of games that didn't use those traditional cards that were associated with gambling games. So some

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Carl Racine: Christian Rabbi somewhere made this hairsplitting decision about cards that that the the regular types of playing cards were bad for Christians, but the but playing cards in and of itself wasn't bad, which is the kind of ridiculous stuff that I don't want people to have to get into

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Carl Racine: Like I said my father wouldn't go to a professional football game on Sunday, because that in when I was growing up, they were only on Sundays. So I've never been to a professional football game.

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Carl Racine: The, the, the quest that the family time as we saw with with Judaism is central to what Judaism does with the Sabbath, and I think Christians did that we certainly did that we had not only family over on Sundays. In fact, not so much family we we we had people from



church.

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Carl Racine: And my mother would always cook a big dinner on Sunday after church and most of the time, there would be families from church that we would eat together with

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Carl Racine: So the community celebrating family and the kind of larger sense of the Community both your biological family and your Christian family.

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Carl Racine: Is certainly one of the most important parts, it seems to me that the true Sabbath would allow you to do one day a week and that's as you say that's hugely important.

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Carl Racine: The other element, though, that I just want to remind people have been thinking of the Christian Sabbath. We looked at how how there's all of these stories about Jesus healing on the Sabbath.

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Carl Racine: And and yet we saw that that doesn't seem to have been a big issue in the Judaism of its day. So why did the church preserve these stories of all the different stories that it told about Jesus. Why did the trick preserve those specific stories.

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Carl Racine: Over and over again, and all for the Gospels about Jesus healing people restoring people to wholeness on the Sabbath.

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Carl Racine: I think it's because they understood that this is something essential about the Sabbath that Jesus wanted to emphasize

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Carl Racine: Jesus could have waited till the next day to heal those people. But Jesus chose to heal people on the Sabbath to say

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Carl Racine: This is something that Christians should be My disciples should be involved with on the Sabbath.

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Carl Racine: So one of the questions I would want to ask about what a Christian Sabbath observance would look like is

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Carl Racine: What kinds of acts of mercy. What kinds of acts of healing. What kinds of acts of restoration to homeless, could we be involved in on the Sabbath. How could the Sabbath, be a day, specifically dedicated to what Jesus emphasized about the Sabbath.

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Carl Racine: All right, I'll let other people talk again.

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Beverly Williams: Yeah. So coming from that perspective, um,

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Beverly Williams: I don't

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Beverly Williams: I don't know if my take on that is going to be put out there, my take on that is why they emphasize it so much is because

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Beverly Williams: Our vast should not interfere with helping people. I don't know necessarily if you decide what, what can we do with homeless that that in itself does not become a job.

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Beverly Williams: Because that might take organization that may take schedule and that may take phone calls that may take getting a truck in and again

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Beverly Williams: Food and so I think we need to be careful around that and I think that he just emphasize, if somebody is out there. And with that.

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Beverly Williams: Right now immediate thing. Don't say oh today's my Sabbath. I'm not going to do that, but I don't want to also get caught up that all of a sudden, this becomes a church business thing.

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Carl Racine: Good point.

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Susan Racine: I don't celebrate the Sabbath, but I do miss the blue loss and I try not to do any shopping. That's not absolutely essential on Sundays just

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Susan Racine: I mean, it's just one person, but I thought if more of us did that, then people wouldn't necessarily have to work seven days a week.

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Lorita Williams: Actually, Susan. That was one of the, one of the things that I did. I took that back because I used to wait until the weekend to do the shopping and, you know, catch the sales and realize that, you know,

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Lorita Williams: That's forcing other people to have to work and I'm only one person, but I can do my part and and just starting to look at what things. Could I do

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Lorita Williams: That really wasn't about me but was about impacting others and spending more time.

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Lorita Williams: Not necessarily a Sabbath day, but using that time to reach out call my dad call. So when I said technology, Carl, I wasn't referencing communicating in that way. It was the work aspect, but it is the time that I will reach out and

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Lorita Williams: The sick and shut in people. I haven't talked to in a

while. I use it to do that for me, that's the reconnecting that I just don't have time to do and forcing myself to use that time to really think about other people and and reach out to them.

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Lorita Williams: Yeah.

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Bill Hughes: I was actually wondering whether in that spirit.

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Bill Hughes: Sub in some Sabbath day of the restoration

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Bill Hughes: As much as a day of resting like personal like leisure.

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Bill Hughes: And how we sort of think about that because restoration is is giving of oneself and it is reconnecting

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Bill Hughes: But it is work. Now it's not, it's

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Bill Hughes: And I think that that bumps up against the traditional notion of, you know, Sabbath of just, you know, not doing things and, you know, how should we understand Jesus, you know, introducing things like healing on the Sabbath.

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Bill Hughes: In that context,

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Beverly Williams: Necessarily look at rest is not doing anything.

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Carl Racine: Right.

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Beverly Williams: Or, you know, I just don't see this as not doing anything. I think it is engagement and be an intentional.

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Beverly Williams: What you're engaging with so you know if it's for yourself and you want to do yoga be intentional about that, you know, if it, if it means sitting down, watching a movie.

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Beverly Williams: Be intentional about that be intentional about what you're watching what you're feeding your spirit. I don't see it as doing nothing. I think that it still takes a consciousness to be able to the fail, relax.

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Beverly Williams: But not not do nothing.

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Bill Hughes: Right. Yeah, and I think you're I think you're right. So just to maybe take another crack at it.

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Bill Hughes: You know, what if it's about restoration of myself and others.

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Bill Hughes: Because that is different from that is different from rest i mean the the Jewish

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Bill Hughes: Tradition of Sabbath of shutting a lot of things down and stopping a lot of work.

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Bill Hughes: Suggests less activity.

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Bill Hughes: But what do you describe your family doesn't necessarily suggesting less activity.

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Bill Hughes: You suggest a redirection of those activities to do something more restorative

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Beverly Williams: Well, I think that if you're intentional about mass, it would include last activity.

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Beverly Williams: I mean, you, you know, it keeps your day busy and keeps you going and where you're really not getting the rest

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Beverly Williams: If you are intentional about it. I think that it is implicit that there is activity going on.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I think ultimately it's going to be in. It's going to be individualized in terms of how you interpret rest and

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Whether kamei brown so nicely put about her childhood in the chat room which involved a nap in the afternoon.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: As part of rest. So I think will ultimately if we were to pursue this every household every family group would interpret it differently. And for some, it would be taboo to play cards and for others, that wouldn't be a big deal.

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Carl Racine: And that's fine and and even individuals or individual families might not do the same thing every week.

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Carl Racine: So you might have family time one week. You might be taking food to a homeless shelter one week. You might be

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Carl Racine: Doing social stuff with other church members, you might be hanging out with your non Christian neighbors have a cookout

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Carl Racine: The, the, sort of, leaving behind work the stuff we do to

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Carl Racine: Make money and change the world kind of stuff.

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Carl Racine: Can can mean a lot of different things for a lot of different people. But if you need a day to to do a workout a physical workout, because that restores you physically and mentally, and spiritually, then you might be getting really sweaty on the Sabbath.

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Carl Racine: Right on the on the treadmill or on the exercise bike or jogging or whatever. But you wouldn't necessarily be violating the spirit of the Sabbath.

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Carl Racine: This is where the word work.

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Carl Racine: isn't always helpful.

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Carl Racine: It, it really depends, as you say, to some extent of who you are as an individual and but but you make those decisions together as a community, we're going to focus on these kinds of things we're going to have a different way of life.

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Carl Racine: One day a week, and we're going to have a way of life that honors God and that keeps God in mind. So worship is certainly a

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Carl Racine: Good thing to do. Bible studies, a good thing to do.

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Carl Racine: But

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Carl Racine: We maybe don't have to spend the whole day in church.

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Carl Racine: I mean we when I was growing up, we not only had Sunday school and morning service and evening service. We also had youth group in the afternoon. So we had lots of stuff going on on Sundays.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And my grandfather was the pastor, so

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Carole Copeland Thomas: That's well I had no choice.

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Carl Racine: But I think, you know, I think we can go on about this, but I think I just want to have people

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Carl Racine: Consider the fact that this is something that the Bible offers us as a gift and I don't really know what to do about it, how to how to how to proceed from here.

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Carl Racine: But I want people to to not simply dismiss it as something that Jews doing Christians don't do but recognize Jesus his own teaching about it.

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Carl Racine: Saying, a Gustin said famously that Jesus kept the whole of the law and that even in his death he rested from all his works on the Sabbath before God raised him to new life on the eighth day

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Carl Racine: And I think that's a sort of paradigm of what the Sabbath might bring us that it might be a day of resting from Allah works so that God would restore us to new life in on the eighth day on the first day of the week.

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Carl Racine: So I don't. Yeah, I wouldn't want it to become some sort of legal logistic burden, where you can't do this, and you can't do that.

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Carl Racine: But there would certainly be things that would be off bounds that would be. Now that doesn't really capture the spirit of the day. And of course, we saw that acts of healing.

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Carl Racine: And and all would mean that some people would actually have to work. Unfortunately, doctors and nurses would have to work that even in Judaism, they make an allowance for that because saving a life.

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Carl Racine: Is more important than following any of the other laws that are in, and Jesus simply affirm that by what he did on the Sabbath. So

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Carl Racine: Again, we would different people as sister CAROL SAYS might be doing slightly different things on the day

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Carl Racine: But I think the day itself apart from the fact that people go to church for an hour to the day itself has lost its special character. It's just like every other day of the week, even if you're talking about. It's being Sunday.

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Carl Racine: And I think we've lost something. And we, I think we've lost something valuable.

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Carl Racine: So as as just sort of conclusion to this, I wanted to offer that up as a thing that would kind of stay in your mind and maybe as a little irritant grain of sand and an oyster someday. Go ahead and and produce a pearl in the

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Carl Racine: In the minds and hearts of other people.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Yeah, I wanted to ask, I always I'm always interested in other countries, other cultures and here we have jack in Honduras. It is this conversation in any way relevant to the

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Weekend activities of the everyday Honduran

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I should say to resolve. So since that's your home country.

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Jack Melvin: Well,

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Jack Melvin: No, I don't really think so I think

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Jack Melvin: They follow here. The you know that the

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Jack Melvin: Well, if you're in our church. You know, discovered church we we have the trip service in the morning and

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Jack Melvin: And then in the afternoon. It's sometimes social life.

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Jack Melvin: In

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Jack Melvin: Some of the fam stuff.

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Jack Melvin: I mean, this is a

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Jack Melvin: Are you hearing me

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Yes.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: You're coming in and out, but we hear you.

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Jack Melvin: Yeah, so I mean I think we're Carl. Carl raises a very interesting question. You know, about what

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Jack Melvin: How we should respond to it. I mean,

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Jack Melvin: In the New Testament, Paul, you know, Paul sort of seems a little bit more casual. He says, you know, some people have

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Jack Melvin: Taken a day and other people don't have a sacred day I lived in Israel. And you know, I just sort of I sort of tried to. Well, when I was back when things were normal I try to slow down on Saturday and not to work on Saturday, sort of, you know, try to

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Jack Melvin: compose myself rest a little bit and now during cove ID, you know, when I was in Israel.

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Jack Melvin: The Shabbat begins on Friday night, and every Shabbat night they would cook a chicken and rice, which was a big, big stuff for them. That was kinda like, you know, really real real tree. So I've noticed that I every Sunday.

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Jack Melvin: After I finish this. I'll go to church with my church and and then I cook up some rice, chicken, and then I take the afternoon off and I so

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Jack Melvin: I guess I sort of did that in memory of how you know when I was in Israel. This was not like a religious cupboard. So they didn't really do anything. You couldn't go you couldn't

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Jack Melvin: Really do much. But, you know, observe the Sabbath, because the buses want running and people have art so you're pretty much at home with the family. Whether you liked it or not, you know, maybe if you didn't, you know you're an introvert you take a nap. If you're

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Jack Melvin: More of an extrovert you though you'd be chatting away with the family. But that's sort of how I was in Israel and

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Carole Copeland Thomas: You're not gonna invite us over for dinner today. Well, I would

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Jack Melvin: I would you all invited over. In fact, I make enough chicken tomorrow the cleaning lady for the house comes to clean the house and she's really flip person and

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Jack Melvin: When I first noticed this. She wasn't she worked all day without eating anything by customers like some of the chicken. I've saved for her tomorrow and then give it for lunch, know that that's and I'll sit it she has to sit out in the core and I sit in my living room.

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Jack Melvin: For the social

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Media that

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Jack Melvin: lets me get the vaccine everything

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Theresa, since you're since that's your home country. Does that sound familiar or

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Teresa Lammey: Um, no. No, really. My was so we went to the Episcopal Church in the morning.

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Teresa Lammey: And then in the afternoon.

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Teresa Lammey: When we came back home. My grandmother would have Sunday School for the community kids.

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Teresa Lammey: And the draw was

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Teresa Lammey: That she would make Koolaid. Right. It was a big deal and and everybody would come and we would all be sitting out on the grass and she would have Sunday school for us.

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Jack Melvin: Oh, that's cool.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Great black family in Honduras.

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Yes, yes.

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Teresa Lammey: Yes.

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Teresa Lammey: Was born in Tegucigalpa but um, my grandmother retired shortly after I was born. And one of my one of my uncle lost his wife, so she had about six of us that she took care of in Taylor.

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Jack Melvin: Taylor. Yeah.

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Jack Melvin: Yeah, that's where you went to the fiscal truck. So, yeah, yeah, yeah, you know what, you know, Bishop ballin

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Teresa Lamme: Oh yeah, I can't remember.

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Jack Melvin: Well, he's the best he's fun Kayla, that's why.

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Beverly Williams: You know i i also want to add that it is great to have a system support. But then, just like you. So salvation, it's dependent upon you the individual and I say that is because I know that there is a Jewish system.

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Beverly Williams: But because of my relationships that I have within GBI we have like about 16 Jewish synagogues and I know a lot of Jewish people. Now I'm and close enough to know that even though that their system is but it is a lot of Jews people that don't really hurtful.

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Beverly Williams: And So bottom line is, with a system in place with the system, not in place, we have to make a personal decision to get some best

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Peter Barrant: You know, in, you know, in keeping with the vision month

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Peter Barrant: In January, I was just thinking, you know, the song is sort of inspired me because he's actually been keeping a Sabbath.

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Peter Barrant: And I have not really in the last I don't know 20 years

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Peter Barrant: Of quietly the weekend, sometimes is the time for me to catch up on work, you know, work is so overwhelming sometimes during the week that okay Saturday. I'll sit down and catch up on sharks and

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Peter Barrant: And Sunday, I might be preparing for Monday and it's i i'm going to be challenging myself to actually take a day where I'm going to purposely tried to rest and reflect and not do any work and I think I'm going to try. I mean, you know, we'll see how it goes in 2021 but

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Peter Barrant: I guess that I've learned to take some inspiration from design and and try and make

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Peter Barrant: Some efforts to to maintain a Sabbath each week.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I i'm looking at Susan space. This is Susan's face boy she is by testifying what you're saying brother Peter and being both doctors and trying to catch up.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Maybe last week of the previous week what what got my interest with this subject is the ability and maybe this is just my personality.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: What you're asking for and what brother Carl is talking about is giving yourself permission to rest and maybe because I am an entrepreneur and I'm always concerned about keeping the lights on and paying the mortgage and you know just just basic stuff just to keep going. I

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Carole Copeland Thomas: haven't given myself permission to rest for a whole day. And that I think is a key element that

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Carole Copeland Thomas: In order for you to observe a Sabbath. There has to be an almost like an authorization, that this is, it's okay.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: To do this, and you're not going to. So what if you haven't finished, even as the notes as Carl was saying, brother, Carl, saying, even if you haven't even finished all your religious or your biblical duties, you put all that aside and you rest and that that's very comforting for me.

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Beverly Williams: Yeah and that and, you know, and that's a part also is that it's an exercise of faith. You know, it's just like the woman who didn't have much, but she pulled everything out of her alabaster jar. You know what's best buy it.

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Beverly Williams: It's just like the people that

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Beverly Williams: 10 kids. But yeah, they'll do an island in the project. So I saw this you know benefactor, you know, there's people who have 10 kids, but you can't pay your rent and they come through and pay your rent for you.

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Beverly Williams: You know, I, when we are in God's will.

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Beverly Williams: But when it comes from, well I know we're

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Beverly Williams: Now, but God will provide

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God will provide

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Bill Hughes: Well you know I there's I hear what you're saying.



Beverly and who Carol and um I think the challenge for me. I understand you're talking about as an entrepreneur.

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Bill Hughes: Because

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Bill Hughes: You know, there's

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Bill Hughes: There's a, there's a work that's done. If you're not an entrepreneur by others. So that God can provide in the modern society, you know, and whoever runs payroll and whoever makes sure that money's in the bank for payroll, make sure that everybody else's world is working.

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Bill Hughes: Financially, and if you're an entrepreneur you are that person.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Mm hmm.

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Bill Hughes: And that is a you know there. That's a reality that that

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Bill Hughes: That a lot of people don't have to face.

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Beverly Williams: So so so the

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Bill Hughes: More you gonna ask them.

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Beverly Williams: So isn't that why the do is community starts at sundown.

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Beverly Williams: So that those things that you were talking about can get done.

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Bill Hughes: Well, no. My point is that when you stop working, you know, it's like it's like if you stopped working if air Stopped. Stopped entering your house.

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Bill Hughes: How long before you suffocate.

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Bill Hughes: Right.

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Bill Hughes: Now everybody said, oh, yeah, you know, if we just stopped working in air just

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Bill Hughes: keeps going. But entrepreneur, the air just stops stops coming in and it started, you started. So, but I do remember in college. Maybe the closest analogy, where I did actually really do this with a strict discipline was. I didn't know homework on Sunday.

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Bill Hughes: You know, and that's maybe they close this analog and what I didn't notice is that I did better.

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Bill Hughes: That year that I got saved and i and i had that practice than any other time. So, I think, to your point, Beverly of the, the challenge for the entrepreneur and I'm asking myself about this is you know it's a walk of faith.

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Bill Hughes: To to put in front of God, here are the things that need to happen. God throughout the week and

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Bill Hughes: I need you. If I'm gonna if I'm going to give you this

day.

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Bill Hughes: This is, this is what has to happen.

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Bill Hughes: And I know I don't mean to putting in front of God as a bargain, or a threat or something like that. But it's but but that is what that is what the walk of faith for the entrepreneurs is basically well guy. I'm going to give you this time and

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Bill Hughes: From giving you this time, then you're going to give me what I need to the rest of the week.

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Bill Hughes: To make all these other things happen.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And I don't have this now because I'm more of a solo printer and I partner with people, but my very first business 33 years ago was a temporary employment agency. So I had an employee full time employee.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And countless temps. So every week. They had to get paid. And you know you got companies, you're working with, and they have variations in terms of how their pay cycles are when they paid me

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And so it was not just me taking care of myself, but also other people who I had to care for. And I remember

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Carole Copeland Thomas: One person one that I was working with him was working for me. Was it so Jordan marsh i think i think i hadn't working over there.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And he hurt himself he something the box fell

on them. So then my thought is going to workers compensation because I got to think about that too.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: So there were all these little boxes that would just go off, just in running that kind of business, which I'm no longer in but that was my first business and

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Carole Copeland Thomas: You know, there it was a it was a very heaven cash intensive business. So, you know, yeah, it just a lot a lot of factors to think about awful lot of factors.

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Carl Racine: And you know, we have to remember again that Israel was meant to be an alternative society, and specifically in Torah is contrasted with Egypt.

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Carl Racine: And in Egypt. They were slaves and slaves work seven days a week. So if you embrace a type of work that forces you to work seven days a week, you're in Egypt.

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Carl Racine: And God says, I am a God who liberates people from that I am a God who says, even the foreigners who are living in your midst. So those undocumented workers, even your servants your people that you hire and even your animals.

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Carl Racine: Have to rest one day a week. This is going to be a different way of doing things from the way he does business and you can choose. Do you want to live that kind of a life or do you want to go back to slavery in Egypt.

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Bill Hughes: Ouch.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Yeah.

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Carl Racine: But seriously, that's that is the contrast that's there in in the scriptures

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Susan Racine: And then we read it Sunday was punishable by death if you didn't observe the Sabbath at some point.

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Yeah.

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Carl Racine: Death or being cut off from the community.

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Carl Racine: I mean an effect working seven days a week is going to lead you to an early grave so

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Carl Racine: We're going to talk

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Carl Racine: At some point, a couple of topics down our list.

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Carl Racine: We're going to talk about the death penalty in the Bible.

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Carl Racine: And

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Carl Racine: It's very interesting with the rabbi's do with it, but the rabbi's essentially make it so hard for anyone to actually inflict the death penalty that they outlawed it without

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Carl Racine: They can't outlawed because it's in the Scriptures, but they they they put such a fence around the death penalty that there was no way a death penalty, you could be carried out under normal circumstances.

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Carl Racine: Well, I was gonna go on to the next section, but I don't think I want to start something this late in the game.

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Carl Racine: I do feel that, actually, I was gonna say we were talking about other countries and I lived in Mexico City for three years and this is in the late 70s. So I don't know if it's still that way Sunday afternoon was family time almost religiously.

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Carl Racine: All of the families who could get together as a family for a meal. And just to hang out together. And I used to hang out.

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Carl Racine: You know, sometimes with the missionaries that I lived with sometimes other people from the church.

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Carl Racine: But there was one family in particular lived across the street from us who went to our church who would often have me over on Sunday afternoons.

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Carl Racine: And I guess chicken was a common thing they had a guy that came on Saturday afternoons, a chicken farmer. He came in this little, little, little hatchback car.

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Carl Racine: And delivered fresh chickens. I mean, fresh off the farm.

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Carl Racine: And the fresh eggs and then Sunday we had barbecued chicken.

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Carl Racine: Every, every, every week and then never got tiring, because it was such good chicken and I've never had chicken like that any other time. So we'd have a cookout at his house and then we would walk around the neighborhood.

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Carl Racine: And all of the other families in the neighborhood were also getting together with family.

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Carl Racine: And we would stop and talk to these people and they would have time for us. And nobody was in a hurry to get anywhere or do anything.

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Carl Racine: And everybody on Sunday afternoon had time for other people had time for their families had time for their neighbors.

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Carl Racine: And it was it was it was one of the most memorable times of my life. Nobody said we're observing the Sabbath. As such, but that's an effect what they were doing. And it was a hugely important time for all of the people there as far as I could tell

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Carl Racine: And that kind of vision. I don't think we have to come up with just one thing. But that kind of vision of what kind of elements might a Sabbath. A Christian Sabbath contain is something that I think

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Carl Racine: We want to keep thinking about and pushing ourselves a little bit in that direction and pushing Bethel, a little bit in that direction Bethel is the most overachieving church. I've ever belong to

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Carl Racine: And people. People have 10,000 degrees.

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Carl Racine: And 10,000

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Carl Racine: committees and 10,000 groups that they're involved in right and they're just they're bouncing off the walls.

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Carl Racine: With stuff that they're involved in

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Carl Racine: And on the one hand, it's a it's a kind of wonderful thing.

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Carl Racine: That, that, you know,

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Carl Racine: People are so accomplished and have so much they're involved in

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Carl Racine: But somehow

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Carl Racine: That shouldn't take us back to Egypt.

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Carl Racine: And to enslavement.

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Carl Racine: To just doing stuff to not saying, yeah, one day a week.

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Carl Racine: We act as if all our work is done, even though we know it's not one day a week. We don't even have to do God's projects.

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Carl Racine: We just stopped construction on the tabernacle for one day a week one day a week we focus on the things as Rabbi sex as we we focus on the things that matter. The things that value, the value and have no cost. We focus on the things

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Carl Racine: That bring healing and restoration both to ourselves and to other people and as sister Carol so wonderfully said we give ourselves permission, because God has given us permission to do this.



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Carl Racine: So, if we see the Sabbath, not as this.

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Carl Racine: Command, you have to follow or else but as permission.

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Carl Racine: To live a completely type of life one day a week.

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Carl Racine: Then it can become as I said gospel a Christian Sabbath has to be good news, not a burden. Good news gospel health healing restoration wholeness, all of that sort of stuff and worship as well.

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Carl Racine: So I think

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Carl Racine: I will leave it there. I think we've had an interesting time of doing this little thought experiment, and I hope it

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Carl Racine: I hope it helps people understand

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Carl Racine: A little bit more some stuff in the Bible that Christians have just tended to overlook or have her turned into just a day of what you can't do

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Carl Racine: All right. God, we thank you for speaking to us this morning. We thank you for being with us this morning. We thank you for pastors challenge for us to

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Carl Racine: Develop a fresh vision and develop a vision that may be involved stepping out and doing some things that

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Carl Racine: Are difficult and that we might not have done otherwise. And I pray that as we continue to reflect on your Scriptures, you will guide us into your Sabbath rest into the life that you have for each one of us.

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Carl Racine: Following our master our Lord Jesus, who is the Lord of the Sabbath.

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Carl Racine: We thank you and we praise you, we ask your blessings on everyone here this week.

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Carl Racine: As we don't know what this week will bring

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Carl Racine: And for that, we only can trust in you in Christ's name. Amen.

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Amen.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: God bless.

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Carl Racine: We'll talk about eating kosher.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Get some rest.

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Carl Racine: Get some rest.