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Down there little.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Nice.

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Jack Melvin: And this is what I look out while i'm visiting you.

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Oh.

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Jack Melvin: Nice window.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Beautiful.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: brother jack we're going to ask you, brother jack because we're recording this tell us your.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Name where you are and why you have been living in beautiful Honduras, for many years.

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Jack Melvin: Okay well i'm in the goose egg alpha, which is the capital city of this country and i'm a missionary and an architect for the Episcopal church of Honduras.

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Jack Melvin: And right now i'm sort of transitioning I have a program a ministry that helps kids get an education and hopefully we can get them to the college or get them to have some sort of training when they're finished and so.

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Jack Melvin: that's what I do, and if you look out if you look out in the distance, you can see the mountains.

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Jack Melvin: The mountains all around this is sort of in a little valley here.

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Jack Melvin: And up in the mountains that's right though that's what I have most of the people live and that's where I do most of my work right now.

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Jack Melvin: So that's it.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Oh.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: The mountains, how far away, are they.

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Jack Melvin: Ah it's about half an hour drive oh it's.

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Jack Melvin: it's it's not that far it's.

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Jack Melvin: Well, where I got it usually takes me about an hour, because I not only I just go I go up the mountains, then I have to go down these you know these unpaved backroads and and I have, I have basically two communities, I did it with, as I have a lot of kids there.

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Jack Melvin: And then there's another one, where I was last week we did copilot arenas, but I have more kids yeah.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: wow what took you to Honduras, in the first place, because you're from Gloucester Massachusetts for those who are watching online Gloucester is north of Boston on the coast.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: So he's gone from an area that is great for fishing it's a great fishing industry, all the way down to Central America, so what took you there.

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Jack Melvin: Well, it was sort of.

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Jack Melvin: I guess I came down in my 60 of them and down here for 10 years now, so I was, I was sort of in transition, I had been an architect.

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Jack Melvin: And the the whole economy collapsed, if you remember, and I sort of I had been thinking about being a missionary my parents were missionaries.

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Jack Melvin: I was a missionary kid in Brazil, so I started off as a missionary and then I was thinking about doing that again and the time had come I had nothing to do because there was no work for architects, and so I made the leap, and why Honduras, well, I used to go to.

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Jack Melvin: Church of the Holy Spirit.

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Jack Melvin: rabbi Carl.

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Jack Melvin: I learned.

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Jack Melvin: I learned the week where I met bread kyle and Susan.

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Jack Melvin: and

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Jack Melvin: Alaska.

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Jack Melvin: and Canada.

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Jack Melvin: Not only well, it turns out, they had a connection with Honduras.

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Jack Melvin: i'm one of the.

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Jack Melvin: People they all respect.

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Jack Melvin: The bishops, the current bishops Sunday school teacher.

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Jack Melvin: When he was younger and and and also the bishops sister still goes there, and so, and he came up after Hurricane Mitch, which should have devastated the country, and they were in the process of.

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Jack Melvin: of thinking about trying to rebuild trying to rebuild the country and build houses and so he had a big project going, and since that was my current line of work being an architect, I also have been a builder so I hooked up with him I hooked up with sam's which is my sending.

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Jack Melvin: organization that that's the society Anglican missionaries and centers which started off with a mission to.

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Jack Melvin: Central America and South America, but now is worldwide

so that's how I got.

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Jack Melvin: It sort of.

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Jack Melvin: know who a little bit of know.

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00:04:50.010 --> 00:04:53.310

Jack Melvin: How pool, which is awesome how hundred is what.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: It is Sam a part of the Episcopal church.

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Jack Melvin: it's a it's a separate organization, you know there's sort of a big split in the Episcopal church Okay, the Anglican me in the United States, between the Anglicans and the aliens and and.

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Jack Melvin: So we represent both sides and we try to continue the original mission which is is well the original mission in the sense of sending people for us, you know to preach the word of God into assist the local church, we always work to the Church.

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Jack Melvin: We were not so that we don't go out there by ourselves.

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Jack Melvin: Too much some some people do, but for the most part we're supporting the church and its mission work and it's evangelism and helping the poor.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Are one more question i'm sure others have questions to are you are you responsible for raising your own salary or you paid through sam's How does that work.

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Jack Melvin: No, I have to raise my salary and then the money goes to

sams and and they do the accounting and and you know it's if they have bona fide accountants, to make sure that everything is in order.

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Jack Melvin: They also support me.

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Jack Melvin: Love just you know they have a lot of experience doing this, and so it's just nice to have you know backup you know when things get a little tight little frustrated down here, you can count on them to to be able to give you good advice.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: So we would be encouraged to support you, because supporting you would support the ministry in Honduras, but also help to support you to.

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Jack Melvin: That right, I may say that's why I have a website, and you can segment is two ways, you can support me one is.

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Jack Melvin: To support me directly, and the other way is to do a sponsor a kid.

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Jack Melvin: And, and we do have some kids who are looking for sponsors still you can see them on a website it's a it's \$38 a.

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Jack Melvin: month and that money goes to helping the kids.

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Jack Melvin: go to school and also if there's money left over, we also.

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Jack Melvin: Have a ministry to the to their family and and well usually it's medical needs or if it's an emergency there's like this, no food and then the.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: So so.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: So brother and i'm going to be quiet, but just one more thing.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: brother jack can you.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: put both ways, how we can support you directly, and by supporting a child, can you put that in the chat for us.

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Jack Melvin: yeah i'll put it up i'll give you the Internet connection.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you and and we see friendly faces here.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: brother girl.

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Carl Racine: A few years ago, this is one of the families up in the mountains, he.

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Carl Racine: He goes and works with so there's just a human face to the.

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Jack Melvin: Most of these kids are part of our program they've managed to get in.

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00:08:25.530 --> 00:08:26.970

Carole Copeland Thomas: My house long ago was that.

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Jack Melvin: That was three years ago yeah three years I think 303 almost.

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Jack Melvin: Or maybe.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: that's lovely that is lovely.

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Jack Melvin: and call your notice this time, when I showed you the horizon, you could actually see blue sky.

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Carl Racine: It wasn't so.

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Jack Melvin: What happened what happened here in the fall in the spring is they start burning down the underbrush for planting and and there's terrible smog and you can have ashes, you know this this big floating in from the mountains yeah.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: that's a bad for your lungs whoo.

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Jack Melvin: All it is and your eyes.

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00:09:12.360 --> 00:09:12.840

yeah.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: mm hmm kameez talking about she's been to she was in Honduras, a year ago lovely visit and she said best chocolate factory in Honduras.

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Jack Melvin: yeah and let me just say some another advertisement, but I just I was down in coupon arenas and I just bought some land.

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Jack Melvin: And i'm going to be putting up a house there with the purpose of having retreats and i'm building the House i'm separating all the rooms of like individual cabins.

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Jack Melvin: And so, people can come down and i'm going to be practicing Ministry of hospitality and with that in mind, everybody is invited down.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: that's great out the snow, let us know when.

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Jack Melvin: they're probably be next year by the time we.

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Jack Melvin: send this out.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: that's wonderful.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Any questions at all from from anybody.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: or comments to brother jack.

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Val .: I just want to say thank you so much.

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Val .: brother jack for sharing, can you hear me okay.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Yes, we're good.

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Val .: Okay, thank you and and yes um.

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Val .: When brother jack mentioned in terms of fundraising I was a missionary for three years and hundreds many, many years ago, through sam's as well and.

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Val .: And yes, we had to fundraise our own funds in order to live and to do the work that God called us to do.

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Val .: So it is really vital to get a lot of the support I know a lot of missionaries we don't like to ask for funding from me as well, I remember one time my priests mentioned it's not about you asking for funding it's for others to be a part of your journey and that allowed me to.

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Val .: Go to asking.

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Val .: and get support for friends family and church members, but it is very vital in order to survive and live, even though it's the cost of living is not as great as in Boston but every little counts in order for us to.

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Val .: continue to do the will of God and serve him So yes, I encourage everyone else who can support brother jack that would be greatly appreciated.

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Jack Melvin: awesome okay.

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00:11:35.250 --> 00:11:35.970

Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you, thank you.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you well i'm giving so that's why I want the information to go in the chat yes.

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James Williams: That is a good way to put it, that we can be a part of the journey to.

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James Williams: Right Oh, and also, I appreciate a jet putting a face on what's going on down there because we see jack every week, but I had no idea exactly what's going on, and I would I would love to be a.

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James Williams: blessing stay.

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Jack Melvin: awesome Thank you.

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Jack Melvin: Oh, one more, if I might say one more thing um I may be planning to come back to the US, may I usually go back once a year, but I haven't because of the pandemic and I would like to have a meeting i'd like to have a get together with you.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And carl's house and he cooks.

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Jack Melvin: Well, I.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Just let us know when.

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Jack Melvin: i'm thinking so it'll be nice and warm and you know, maybe we can sit outside and have a good chat and actually you know get to know each other, you know, beyond this electronic.

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Jack Melvin: In front of us.

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Jack Melvin: awesome.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I mean, I was very presumptuous, but I am serious we want brother girl.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: The event.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: plus one some of his famous cuisine.

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Carl Racine: that'd be great thing to do, and just to reiterate sister of Alaska was one of those Members at church the Holy Spirit who's actually from 100 and family.

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Carl Racine: There was a significant group of Hondurans who were members of that church it wasn't just the Bishop and.

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Carl Racine: So it introduced us to Honduras as well and.

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Carl Racine: So yeah and jack's been doing great work.

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Carl Racine: Great i'm.

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Val .: Carl didn't mention that after I missionary term we came I came back and.

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Val .: Myself and.

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Val .: Flowers brother jack mentioned her name, she was Bishop balance teacher and call and other folks we organize a short term mission trip, where we collaborated with church Holy Spirit and westwood.

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Val .: church to go down and do short term mission group as well, so how was a part of that and other Members as well, and that was really a memorable experience.

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Val .: awesome.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: that's awesome, we know that brother Joe and a sister Merrill are in Maryland and new Mexico so when we have our gets together when we'll make sure to zoom you in.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Time.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Be hybrid.

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Carl Racine: um The other thing I wanted to say, you mentioned the copley square hotel where they had the the reception after the funeral that copley square hotel has a significant place in our family history because it's where susan's mother and father first met.

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Carl Racine: Her mother's from Florida and her father's from North Carolina her mother was a student at wellesley college and her father was a student at Harvard Harvard Harvard law school.

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Carl Racine: wow and they were on a blind date with other people.

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Carl Racine: liking each other better and.

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Carl Racine: The there's a Boston connection and families in susan's.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: it's a great story.

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Carl Racine: The other thing I wanted to mention about darryl settles I just got a.

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Carl Racine: email, and some of you may have but.

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Carl Racine: For a while now.

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Carl Racine: brother bill banfield and RON dorsey Reverend Maria has has been, and maybe some other people i'm not quite sure who, but those two have been working on establishing a jazz CAFE in what used to be Dudley square now nubian RON returning nothing of this.

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But he thinks he might be.

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Okay well that's confusing.

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Carl Racine: anyway.

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Carl Racine: They that so they haven't been able they've got a location and they're working I think i'm getting things up and running, but in the meantime, is a kind of preview of coming attractions they've planned a series of.

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Carl Racine: Of performances jazz performances of the group called jazz urbane which is bill band fields latest group.

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Carl Racine: On Sunday nights for the next few months, supposedly starting tonight at 6pm at daryl.

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Carl Racine: daryl is place at the at the at the restaurant I haven't I haven't they'll find out if you need to have reservations, for at 6pm on a Sunday night i'm not sure what the deal is but.

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Carl Racine: If people it's something we want to support and according to the schedule.

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Carl Racine: Our own brother RON reed is the featured performer next Sunday at six but Susan just came in, to tell me, I guess she saw him at church this morning, and he knew nothing of.

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Carl Racine: That so that's a little bit confusing because they have this whole flyer that they sent out about but anyway i'll try to find out more about that, but if people are interested in supporting that venture, I think it would be a fun time and.

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Carl Racine: So anyway.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: it's great you let us keep us posted on that please.

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Carl Racine: The only, I just wanted to mention that has been mentioned that I read that book the warmth of other sons and I, so I I picked up her latest book called cast sister Carol did you actually read it wasn't clear from the from the.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I haven't read i've read the warmth of other sons I haven't read cast i'm gonna look for the information because she is having a book signing Oh, in the next week or so.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: i'll have to.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: dig that up and share with that with you later, but no, I have the book and have to read it haven't read it yet.

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Carl Racine: she's a wonderful writers.

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Carl Racine: from me, you know i've just plowed through these books, because they're so fascinating i've traveled I literally have trouble putting them down.

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Carl Racine: And I think it's important part of the conversation in general about what's going on in our country, but what particularly struck me about it.

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Carl Racine: I thought sister Carol as soon as I started reading it, because the the three sort of principal examples of cast that she talks about in the book are number one, of course, the situation America with African Americans.

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Carl Racine: Number two where the word is usually associated with the situation in India, which of course sister Carol has a direct connection to and then number three Nazi Germany.

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Carl Racine: So it's a very you know it's it's pertinent to what we're talking about in this class and it's certainly pertinent to a larger conversation America and I.

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Carl Racine: Highly i'm not quite done with it, but I highly recommend it and at some point, maybe we can have more of a conversation about it but it's.

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Carl Racine: Anyway, that's.

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Carl Racine: So let's um.

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Carl Racine: let's open in prayer Lord God we bless you for being with us this morning we bless you for bringing us together we bless you for the conversation you've already had for the example of tax faithful witness, and that of others in Honduras.

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Carl Racine: We lift up that country we lift up our own country, we lift up this class this morning, as we seek to understand better your word in the name of Jesus amen.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: amen brother Carl i'm going to run and get my cup of coffee i'll be back in two minutes, the slides are up and ready so i'll be right back Okay, thank you.

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Carl Racine: um.

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Carl Racine: I guess, I read a lot.

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Carl Racine: and

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Carl Racine: This this week I also began reading.

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Carl Racine: Another book that I just that just came from the library than waiting for for a while, called the politics of Jesus by obree em Hendrix and let me see if I can put this in the chat.

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Bill Hughes: All Barry that's my friend.

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Carl Racine: Right and so bill had recommended his more recent book.

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Carl Racine: Which is called Christians against Christianity, which is sort of about the current state of affairs with white evangelicals in America, this is an earlier book.

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Carl Racine: A more general and and you know I really liked the the other books, so I thought i'd get this one and it's a more general treatment I haven't I haven't read very foreign it but he's a seminary professor and he's an ordained a me elder.

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Carl Racine: And what he what we have been talking about in the last couple of weeks is exactly the issue he begins his discussion with on the first three pages of the book, which is which, which you know.

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00:21:23.310 --> 00:21:37.680

Carl Racine: struck me as important, which is why I mentioned, and I want to, I want to give some quotes from that book to sort of reinforce what i've been arguing, which is not necessarily something everybody agrees with.

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00:21:38.640 --> 00:21:58.260

Carl Racine: He says, I was raised on the bland Jesus of Sunday school the meek mild Jesus, who told us that we need not worry about our troubles just bring them to him, he was a gentle serene non threatening Jesus, who is only concern was getting believers into heaven.

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Carl Racine: and

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Carl Racine: Reverend Hendrix Dr Henry says that his parents, like most black Christians, where he lived growing up.

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Carl Racine: New only a long suffering Jesus, who was concerned with the things of heaven, with little thought for the matters of this world matters like social injustice racial and gender in the inequities or the systematic oppression of the poor.

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00:22:25.470 --> 00:22:31.590

Carl Racine: And he goes on to talk about his growing dissatisfaction with that image of Jesus, he says, I only knew.

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00:22:31.800 --> 00:22:42.390

Carl Racine: that there must be a Jesus who loves us so fully that he wants the same liberation from fear and oppression and exploitation for us on earth, as he promised awaits us in heaven.

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00:22:42.870 --> 00:22:55.920

Carl Racine: I just couldn't reconcile this growing realization with the fact that nowhere in the church did I hear this Jesus preached about a Jesus who cared not only about our souls, but about our earthly circumstances to.

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00:22:56.790 --> 00:23:04.200

Carl Racine: Finally, in my early teens I left the church altogether vowing never to return.

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00:23:05.820 --> 00:23:13.200

Carl Racine: Now, of course, he does eventually return, but with a radically different view of Jesus, which he presents in the rest of the book.

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Carl Racine: and his discussion, interestingly enough, on page five we actually That was the introduction, he starts, where we have started in this course, and again here's another quote.

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Carl Racine: To fully appreciate the politics of Jesus, we must begin with the most basic factor in his worldview and social identity his jewishness.

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Carl Racine: And overy insist that we have to understand Jesus as an observant Jew who's teaching quote was consistent with the tenants of traditional Judaism.

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00:23:44.550 --> 00:23:58.080

Carl Racine: He says that the foundational story of both Judaism and the entire judeo Christian faith tradition, the story that shaped Jesus life and ministry, he says his quote a political event.

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00:23:58.320 --> 00:24:17.100

Carl Racine: The liberation event that was the exodus and i've been arguing the same thing in this class and all of this obree says isn't elaboration of what Howard thurman argument is 1949 book Jesus and the disinherited which he credits as a major influence on his thinking.

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00:24:18.480 --> 00:24:19.320

Carl Racine: So, again.

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00:24:20.340 --> 00:24:20.850

Carl Racine: You know.

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00:24:22.140 --> 00:24:31.380

Carl Racine: I don't think i'm the only one who thinks this way, even if I might not be expressing a sort of majority viewpoint in the church right now but i've been.

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00:24:32.250 --> 00:24:40.620

Carl Racine: developing an argument in the last couple weeks along these same lines that Christianity has been too focused on life after death.

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Carl Racine: And it's not appreciated the old Testaments focus on this life.

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00:24:46.020 --> 00:25:01.320

Carl Racine: And, last week I raised the troublesome question about whether our faithfulness to God comes, primarily because of a hope for an eternal reward or fear of eternal punishment, neither of which motivated the faithfulness of the Old Testament saints.

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Carl Racine: So the whole question that that really sets up the framework for the discussion in the book of job is closely connected to this does job serve God only because God has been good for him good to him.

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00:25:16.500 --> 00:25:25.830

Carl Racine: Would job continue to be faithful if all of that was taken away is god's simply our big sugar Daddy in the sky.

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Carl Racine: So those are the issues I am.

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Carl Racine: Trying to raise in this section of my concluding discussion of this course.

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Carl Racine: And I was just very pleased that that brother ovary.

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Carl Racine: was thinking along very similar lines and i'm looking forward to finishing his book after I finished cast.

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Carl Racine: All right, um.

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Carl Racine: So one of my.

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00:25:59.460 --> 00:26:19.620

Carl Racine: beliefs, one of my gut feelings, is that this over emphasis on life after death in Christianity, to the detriment of life before death, the one of the sort of ways that came about was through a failure to be properly grounded in the scriptures of Israel.

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Carl Racine: Now, when I was growing up.

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Carl Racine: The Sunday school class that my parents attended at our Church was called the marines.

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Carl Racine: Does anybody know who the marines were or why you would name a Sunday school class after them.

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Bill Hughes: I think in the book of acts they were.

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Bill Hughes: known as those who had studied the scriptures.

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Bill Hughes: diligently.

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Carl Racine: Okay.

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and

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Carl Racine: that's that's a major part of it there's one other piece of it.

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Susan Racine: A win fact checked paul's preaching right.

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00:27:07.410 --> 00:27:13.620

Carl Racine: So sister Carol if you could, if we could see slide number seven, please.

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Carl Racine: All right, great.

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Carl Racine: Okay, so here's a map of the sort of area that's that's kind of in red to the West is is is Greece or was Greece and you sort of see Berea kind of right in the middle there and in kind of northern.

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Carl Racine: I guess the northern part of Greece, I don't know if it was technically a massive don't I guess it was Macedonia, it was it was in Macedonia.

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00:28:12.750 --> 00:28:31.020

Carl Racine: And, and in the book of Acts chapter 17 Paul preaches at a synagogue there and the synagogue members listened attentively and then were told that they searched the scriptures daily, day after day, to see if what Paul said was true.

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Carl Racine: Now the word scriptures here, of course, refers to what we call the Old Testament the one the prophets that Jesus pointed his his disciples and other people to when.

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Carl Racine: They asked him about eternal life so here, we see that Paul's sermons were evaluated on the basis of their faithfulness to Israel's scriptures and Paul later defends himself.

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Carl Racine: Before the Roman governor from charges that he's stirring up trouble among the Jews by saying I I confess to you I tell you.

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Carl Racine: That I serve or I worship the God of our ancestors believing everything which is in accordance with the law and written in the prophets.

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Carl Racine: And Paul's letters are full of quotations and references to the scriptures, as are the rest of the New Testament writings and in this class you've seen me evaluating Paul and the rest of the New

Testament on the basis of Israel scriptures This is where you have to begin.

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Carl Racine: In many ways the New Testament is really more a series of Christian footnotes to the Old Testament the New Testament confirms and builds on the perspective of the Old Testament and move the story forward.

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Carl Racine: But the New Testament cannot stand on its own, and it was never meant to.

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Carl Racine: And the problem for many Christians is that they read the New Testament as if it were the whole Bible, and in fact most people only select.

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Carl Racine: A few passages or favorite verses out of the New Testament to shape their thinking and ignore the rest my argument is that the New Testament should be our endpoint not the beginning, and if we could see the next slide please.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Share i'll be right there I need to I clicked on brother Peters screenshot and it took me to another screen.

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Though.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: So, give me a second and i'll.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: bring us right back.

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Peter Barrant: must be on a MAC as well cuz.

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Carl Racine: I quoted this.

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Carl Racine: Christian Old Testament scholar John Golden Gate who I really like last week and in his discussion of the massive three volume discussion of.

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Carl Racine: Old Testament theology he argues only when people have learned to take the Old Testament really seriously, can they be entrusted with the story of Jesus the churches reverse that argument and turn Christian faith into a faith that is itself truncated.

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Carl Racine: And I understand that we're truncated to have the sense of being abbreviated partial diminished watered down by our refusal to take seriously the teachings of the rest of scripture.

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Carl Racine: We simply waved our magic faith not works one to effortlessly do away with all that Jewish legalism, and so we fail to appreciate.

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Carl Racine: How all the scriptures are instruction with right in righteousness as Paul tells Timothy.

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Carl Racine: We failed to follow the example of the marines and evaluate even the writings of Paul on the basis of Israel scriptures and understand them on the basis of Israel's scriptures instead we've used a misreading of Paul to undermine and ignore Torah.

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Carl Racine: And going he goes on to point out some significant differences between the old and new Testaments ones that I've been emphasizing in this course he says, the old is more interested in creation.

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Carl Racine: In the world of the nation's and politics it is more

accepting of death and of the ambiguity is of human life.

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Carl Racine: It lacks a positive picture of life after death or a stress on the Messiah and understands human sinfulness differently.

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Carl Racine: It stresses reverence for God it sees us as free to complain to God and express doubt it emphasizes enjoyment of everyday family life and food and drink.

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Carl Racine: It values sacramental worship, that is, worship with objects it enjoins detailed outward obedience to divine commands.

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Carl Racine: And he says, my attitude to such differences is to see them, not as points where the New Testament surpasses the old.

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Carl Racine: But there are points where Christians are especially likely to have something to learn.

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Carl Racine: And that has been the whole point of this class and of my teaching for the past 30 years because the Church has not been firmly rooted in the Old Testament and so its understanding of the New Testament of God's purposes in the world has been shallow and incomplete.

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Carl Racine: Only when you've learned to take the Old Testament really seriously, can you move into the story of Jesus because Jesus and all his early followers took it really seriously.

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Carl Racine: that's one of the implications of the opening verses of the book of Matthew the first 17 verses, which is a long genealogy which we always skip over.

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Carl Racine: But until you understand what those verses are about you can't proceed with the rest of the story, why is the story of Abraham and his family, important for Matthew as a starting point for the story of Jesus.

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Carl Racine: Why from all the people in the scripture does Matthew single out for inclusion in Jesus family tree the stories of tmr the canaanite and Ruth the motorbike and uriah the hittites.

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Carl Racine: Or why does mark begin the story with Jesus with story of Jesus with quotes from Isaiah and Malika and why does john start off in the beginning.

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Carl Racine: As i've argued new Christians should not be given the Book of john to read and certainly not Romans that would be like starting to read a Shakespeare play with act, for they should be directed to genesis, which is the foundation for everything else.

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Carl Racine: Only when you've taken Torah seriously as god's word, can you move on to later matters.

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Carl Racine: And until you've wrestled with genesis one ones in the beginning, you cannot get your mind around john one one in the beginning, unless you've thought deeply about human beings created in god's image.

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Carl Racine: You can't consider what it means that Jesus is the image of God or why it's so important to love your neighbor.

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Carl Racine: Unless you fully grasp the fundamental importance of the Sabbath and Torah you will not understand Jesus affirmation of the Sabbath as a gift to humanity, nor what the Sabbath rest means in Hebrews.

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Carl Racine: Unless you're clear about the meaning and purpose of abraham's call you will not know what it means for gentiles to have the faith of Abraham.

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Carl Racine: Or the blessings that come through that faith to all people, or how being part of abraham's family is connected to our baptism collisions 326.

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Carl Racine: Unless you appreciate the corporate nature of god's called Israel, you will not see the importance of god's call to the church and what it means to be a Community whose values are radically different from the world's.

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Carl Racine: To understand Jesus and his teaching, you need to listen, first to Moses, and the prophets as Jesus himself insisted.

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Carl Racine: To understand what eternal life really means you have to follow Jesus instructions to look at the law of Moses.

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Carl Racine: Every time he's asked about eternal life, where Oddly enough there's nothing about life after death.

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Carl Racine: Until you embrace the weightier matters of the law Matthew 23:23 you won't know how to be a disciple of Jesus.

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Carl Racine: To understand redemption you need turn first to the Book of exodus to understand sacrifice, you need to explore the Book of leviticus to understand the Covenant you need to dig into deuteronomy.

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Carl Racine: before you start reading about the lawn Paul, you need to actually read and study Torah which Paul says is holy and justin good.

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Carl Racine: To understand the new covenant and Hebrews you need to work through Jeremiah and Ezekiel and to make any sense of the Book of Revelation you need a thorough grounding in the whole of tonight.

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Carl Racine: Take a breath astra comments questions.

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Susan Racine: That was a fire hose.

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James Williams: Or you can say is low.

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Bill Hughes: As you as you're talking through this one of the things that kind of struck me is you know, he said.

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Bill Hughes: We need to start at the beginning, and I was i'm grateful that the first reading that I had of the Bible started with Genesis and that someone told me that.

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Bill Hughes: Genesis meant beginnings, and it was like the beginning of all these different things, so if I wanted to understand the beginning, like where did music come from where did murder come from where did all these things that we understand come from.

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Bill Hughes: Our in our sensibilities about them.

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00:37:51.930 --> 00:37:57.750

Bill Hughes: Genesis would provide a lot of understanding and then also the history of the.

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Bill Hughes: You know the children of Abraham.

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Bill Hughes: And what I realized in my own life is that i'm i'm

somebody who is comfortable thinking.

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Bill Hughes: into into loads at one time, I mean that's my weird gift is that I could think about the present and the past, and the same time, I could think about the things that are real and not new, at the same time.

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Bill Hughes: Most people I have discovered don't want to do that it's it's an it's an uncomfortable experience and, especially, people who are younger.

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Bill Hughes: They like to you know but or people who are ambitious that trying to do something and everything else is a distraction, and what I realized is that it's not until you're old.

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00:38:47.370 --> 00:38:48.690

Bill Hughes: That you're forced.

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00:38:50.070 --> 00:39:02.280

Bill Hughes: To come to come to terms with what you're talking about and I think one of the power of the wisdom of older people is that more consistently yes older me right.

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00:39:03.900 --> 00:39:04.830

Bill Hughes: Older like me.

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Bill Hughes: Is that you, you you're forced to kind of confront these.

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Bill Hughes: You know these tensions in these dilemmas because you've lived your own life and then you see the realities of what you've experienced it and then you know what you believed in what you want to believe.

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Bill Hughes: And all those things have to your sort of forced to make sense of them and, and I think that's one reason why we really need to

listen to our elders is because.

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Bill Hughes: LIFE has kind of guided them to the point where they have to.

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Bill Hughes: have to make sense of the beginnings right and it changes you when you can look at your kindergarten photo book and see 60 year old people.

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Bill Hughes: When they were five.

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Bill Hughes: and understand the whole life Arc that they took and things like that it's it's like you can see time you know way when you're older that you can't see it.

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00:40:07.830 --> 00:40:09.270

Bill Hughes: When you're younger so anyway that's.

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00:40:10.620 --> 00:40:18.690

Bill Hughes: For me, that that actually you know it's connected with the struggle that we have to to do what you're asking us to do.

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James Williams: You know.

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James Williams: I can.

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James Williams: Go ahead.

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00:40:26.550 --> 00:40:27.990

Joe Murchison: No, you go ahead version.

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00:40:28.500 --> 00:40:32.100

James Williams: I will say that I remember, I was taking a course in.

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James Williams: It over Bu and the Professor hit it said something about the concept of the devil.

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James Williams: was not.

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James Williams: Not as we know it until the New Testament, and so I referenced the serpent in the Garden of Eden, and I referenced.

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00:40:53.730 --> 00:41:03.630

James Williams: See time in job, and she said well in the Garden of Eden, that was a serpent it wasn't the devil and then she said that.

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James Williams: With job it was say Tom who was part of the heavenly host and it could not understand what she was getting that because you know me being.

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00:41:16.740 --> 00:41:30.720

James Williams: Not as as season is she was obviously with my walk I you know i'm thinking, the devil's all up in there, but the beginning to the end and it's just interesting how there's a different kind of thrust in the Old Testament.

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James Williams: about this enemy, as opposed to the New Testament and this thing that you're referencing call it is is along that same line, it seems that.

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James Williams: there's a I don't know there's a process i'm sure as we get through this course, I mean this this the session here will better understand it, but is this process about what is being.

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James Williams: articulate what is being project, what is the emphasis of the focus, you know, in the Old Testament as opposed to the new

test.

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yeah exactly.

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Joe Murchison: um I was gonna say brother bill was talking about.

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Joe Murchison: You know you look at somebody photos when they were in first grade or kindergarten or something to really understand them, but I think you stand you you start by knowing them.

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Joe Murchison: at whatever point in life, you meet them and.

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Joe Murchison: I think, with with Christianity if if you're trying to tell somebody about Christianity used to tell them about Christ, first of all, you maybe.

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Joe Murchison: walk through the gospel of mark or whatever with them and then, and then you go back and explain.

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00:42:53.370 --> 00:42:59.070

Joe Murchison: So the long tradition that Jesus came out of and how he was.

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Joe Murchison: In Christian doctrine completing.

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Joe Murchison: What what the tonight taught and.

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Joe Murchison: So that's my thought.

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Joe Murchison: You you don't want to start somebody off in genesis if they're they want to know about Jesus.

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00:43:19.620 --> 00:43:20.580

James Williams: Right right.

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Peter Barrant: Right, one of the one of my.

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00:43:24.840 --> 00:43:39.180

Peter Barrant: queries is one of the challenges about understanding the old Testaments having been raised in a Christian Church is that everything seems to be.

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Peter Barrant: reinterpreted from a different standpoint, rather than necessarily how it was.

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Peter Barrant: Written and I think Carl has given some examples in this course, this morning I was thinking during pastor Gloria sermon.

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Peter Barrant: That you know there's a there's there's something in Psalms that gets quoted that same psalm 51 and where David says restore to me the joy of your salvation and in Christianity that salvation has one meaning but David couldn't have met that same thing that we have.

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Peter Barrant: That interpretation that we have now in Christianity and so that task of understanding the beginning the the Old Testament I think is made even harder because we're constantly putting certain interpretations on on things that may not have had the meaning that we think it does.

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Carl Racine: I mean traditional Christian theology has.

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Carl Racine: approached the Bible by using the New Testament and its

story, but of course it's story understood and is a very specific way.

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00:45:02.850 --> 00:45:12.180

Carl Racine: to interpret the Old Testament and i've been arguing for 35 years, so we need to reverse that and move in the other direction, we need to understand the New Testament in terms of the old.

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Carl Racine: Because, as psp just said words like salvation have a very different meaning and this quote again on your screen from jungle and gay sort of.

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00:45:24.870 --> 00:45:41.160

Carl Racine: points out some of the major ways in which that's true and part of the reason those meanings are different, is because the Church has has sort of forced to specific types of meaning on on on those words that that.

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Carl Racine: doesn't always make sense when you look at the whole of scripture, and so we have a whole lot to learn.

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00:45:48.840 --> 00:45:54.690

Carl Racine: From the Old Testament and all of that that Susan so that fire hose that I kind of sprayed at you.

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00:45:56.070 --> 00:46:11.340

Carl Racine: Are all topics that we've actually talked about in the last three years in this course and talked about it, some length, so all of you have been doing this kind of work it's not that you all at ground that starting point and having to move in that direction.

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00:46:12.510 --> 00:46:18.060

Carl Racine: To the extent that you've been following along we've been addressing precisely those.

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Bill Hughes: issues and looking at them.

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Carl Racine: Because I think they're.

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Carl Racine: they're overlooked and and again my main point is that the the the Christian understanding of God, and all of these other concepts has been diminished by our refusal to take the Old Testament seriously.

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Carl Racine: And so, even though, what i'm saying here sounds like a lot it it's it it's really important for our faith because, again, going back to the Book of acts or going back to the early church, whatever the first Christians were all.

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Carl Racine: Jews and their understanding of God and god's purposes in the world was shaped by Torah so.

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Carl Racine: They weren't just introduced to Jesus and then had to go back and find out this other stuff they already knew all that other stuff and understood Jesus in light in that way they understood Jesus as fulfilling those scriptures.

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Carl Racine: Continuing what God had started with Abraham non overturning it for something completely different and their spiritual lives were based on what we call the Old Testament.

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Carl Racine: and their sense of calling and mission in the world and their understanding of God came from that Bible, and when gentiles started coming to Christian assembly.

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Carl Racine: know what we later called churches, they would have immediately begun the process of studying education in those scriptures, just like the brewery, and so the brains were able to do that.

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Carl Racine: Because they already knew those scriptures and they were able to go back and look at them and say.

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Carl Racine: and evaluate Paul on the basis of those scriptures.

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Carl Racine: it's clear from the Book of acts that a lot of those gentiles that that started coming to Christian assemblies had already been attending synagogues in fact I would argue that the reason Paul always in the book of acts goes first to the synagogue when he comes to.

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Carl Racine: A specific city is that's the natural place for him to begin the one time that we see in the book of acts were Paul simply addresses a group of Greeks out in in in Athens and what it's called the Eric Eric s or or Mars hill.

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Carl Racine: If he doesn't he's not very successful because he's speaking language they don't understand he's talking about a resurrection that they that makes zero sense to them.

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Carl Racine: Whereas if Paul goes to a synagogue whether it's the Jews who are there in the synagogue or the gentiles who have been attending synagogues, and we know, there was a whole.

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Carl Racine: lot of gentiles who were attracted to Judaism and who regularly attended synagogues, even though they hadn't become Jews.

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Carl Racine: They were educated in the Jewish scriptures and could understand what Paul was talking about.

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Carl Racine: We see an Ethiopian court official the Ethiopian eunuch and X eight wrestling with a passage from Isaiah as he travels home from worshipping in Jerusalem.

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Carl Racine: And Paul can write letters, like the Book of Romans to a largely Gentile audience and assume they can follow deeply complicated arguments from Torah and the prophets and the Psalms.

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Carl Racine: And remember, nobody in Paul's day nobody in the churches Paul is writing to have their own personal copy of the scriptures we sort of take that for granted, because we've got more bibles I've got more bibles sitting here, then you can count.

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Carl Racine: But books didn't exist as such and the scriptures wouldn't have been in one volume, the way we have them, they would have been in a basket full of scrolls and books like Isaiah or Jeremiah would have taken up one whole scroll so you wouldn't had to go search through that and.

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Carl Racine: And yet, when Paul's letters were read aloud and Christian groups, they had to know those scriptures to understand his argument, and that means they had to know something about it already.

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Carl Racine: So the life and the growth of the Church was directly dependent on its foundation in the Old Testament and pocket take it for granted when he's writing his letters.

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Carl Racine: New people seeking to understand the Jesus movement would have been directed to Torah and, like the marines they looked to Israel scriptures to see if what the Christian preachers were saying was accurate.

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Carl Racine: Comments questions.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I just wanted to point to one question in the chat sister Hannah asked if Job was a Jew.

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Carl Racine: The the general scholarly consensus and I think even

among the older rabbis is the answer is no.

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Carl Racine: But it's not quite clear from the book, one way or the other.

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Carl Racine: Is that help or that confused.

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Carl Racine: I don't think we'd say a definite definitively one way or another, I think, in general, the thought is is not necessarily.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: sister Hannah said okay.

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Bill Hughes: yeah.

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Bill Hughes: carlson something else I realized from me.

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Bill Hughes: growing up, I had some i'm trying to understand where my thinking about.

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Bill Hughes: The Old Testament came from, and I think a lot of it was a combination of two or three things one is I was raised around mostly Jewish people.

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Bill Hughes: And I went to a camp summer camp was predominantly Jewish and even though I didn't attend, most of the time Saturday services, I did occasionally and and.

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Bill Hughes: It was very it was kind of performed Judaism so wasn't kind of you know orthodox but just the principles and the values and the tradition Nice.

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Bill Hughes: explicitly or implicitly we're kind of all through that So when I became and also I I was not raised a Christian my parents were.

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Bill Hughes: They fell away from it, and so my first real exposure to to the Church was as hypocritical.

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Bill Hughes: Right, so I knew that there were good Christians and I knew many more were not.

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Christians people that way all all days a week, except for Sunday morning until about 1130 or 12.

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Bill Hughes: So when I was introduced to Jesus, you know to joe's point he was making you know.

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Bill Hughes: I was first introduced to Christ, but the thing that was interesting to me was trying to uncover and discover what what was real and what was not.

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Bill Hughes: Because I mean, I know, maybe different from people who grow up in a Christian household kind of assume everything is the way that it's portrayed.

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Bill Hughes: That was the opposite, for me, I I basically knew that there were there were different worlds, there was a real world, and there was.

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Bill Hughes: An invitation world and I had to I had to discover what the real world was so I would find clues like Jesus saying you know i've said nothing on my home basically everything i've said and you've

heard before.

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Bill Hughes: you've heard it said that so so cheap Jesus was my window into the Old Testament.

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Bill Hughes: And my assumption was that everything that he didn't said was first of all, built upon the Old Testament and this course, is how you said that much greater depth, and also that he spoke to people who had no knowledge of descriptions in such a way that they could find the door to God.

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Bill Hughes: And that was the interest in duality of cheeses from me.

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Bill Hughes: I think some people take you know take that second door and throw first door out.

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Okay.

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Carl Racine: I don't see yeah anybody else want to say something just.

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Marie Doubleday: to marry um I just a couple comments i'm sorry I had to be away for a little bit past Gloria just called we got in coffee hour, so the upcoming coffee hour.

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Marie Doubleday: I.

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Marie Doubleday: You know I as as as a lot of folks know, I was raised Catholic, but in a mixed marriage, my father had to become Catholic in order to marry my mother, but I was raised by him, I of course relationship with them to respect all religions, and then I began to.

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Marie Doubleday: drift into the the AMA church probably my late teens
20 at that point Okay, but but um and I was also raised in malden
which.

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Marie Doubleday: Had I can't say now, a large Jewish community all
right, but when you look at Christians, if you include Catholics
within that circle, there is a wide variation of beliefs it why so
it's hard for me to call on Christians together.

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Marie Doubleday: You know, it really it says this you know and there's
something's i'm within.

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Marie Doubleday: Within within the you know how what I was raised,
having glad to parochial school, which I felt at that point didn't
have a real emphasis on the Bible more on quote unquote catechism.

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Marie Doubleday: And then in you going into the AMA Bible study, you
will have you know discussions quote unquote and then it gets each
word is translated into different languages, so this just is a now my.

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Marie Doubleday: The way I was raised, as you know, given the age and
all that stuff is yes, it was a respect of the Old Testament i'm in a
belief in the Old Testament but the arm.

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Marie Doubleday: we've Jesus as Messiah that things did change.

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Marie Doubleday: And i'm just putting you know you even go into tal
you even go into different Christian.

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Marie Doubleday: beliefs, to do Christian churches and there are
different um.

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Marie Doubleday: The weaves as to how you know the Catholic Scott purgatory and out and I began saying there were three House you know we won't go there, but you know but i'm, not that I believe it but, so let me in there, thank you for letting me speak.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I want to sort of pick up on what sister Marie has just talked about, because I mean we have just about every kind of denomination possible you know people who believe in Jesus Christ.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: That could include the AMA church and it can include the mormon church and nothing could be more radically different than those two.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Denominations that I say you know, and then you have extreme ideologies on both spectrums, but it makes our discussion even more interesting as we you know talk about his job, a Jew or.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: You know our our ideology and and starting with the New Testament when you sort of bring that into the fold when the Old Testament started the discussion at first, and not the New Testament so.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: yeah you you pull in the the ideologies and the the traditions of the different denominations that's um that's that's broad.

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Carl Racine: yeah obviously i'm not i'm not trying to argue for a specific sectarian Christian position, and especially what we've been talking about.

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Carl Racine: In the last couple weeks, I think, is pretty much universally true among Christians that central to their understanding of what religion is all about is some sort of afterlife whatever they believe about that, after life.

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Carl Racine: that's a key part of it and to be confronted with the fact that the Old Testament shows virtually no interest in that, and has no revelation about that.

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Carl Racine: I think is a challenging perspective because, again, the question I started this story with this unit with that both rabbi sacks raises and john golden gai.

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Carl Racine: Why why didn't if that's so important, why didn't God talk about it from the start, and why didn't God, make it clear to everybody and why do we have to wait until Jesus to hear about the afterlife.

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Carl Racine: In the Bible, and so what i'm trying to say is perhaps.

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Carl Racine: The end what both rabbi Sachs and john golden gai say in their own ways is God had good reasons for delaying it because Christians have gotten sidetracked by focusing on that to ignoring the needs of this world.

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Carl Racine: And even though that's a generality and there are plenty of Christians who are exceptions to that.

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Carl Racine: By and large Christian theology is pretty much focused on going to heaven when I die as the sort of major.

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Carl Racine: The Center of your religion and these other things, then, can become peripheral and what i'm trying to argue is those other things are at least as important, if not more important than going to heaven when I die.

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Carl Racine: And that is, as you know, you're all, seeing as an uphill argument I think in the church and i'm trying to kind of lay this out.

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Carl Racine: as carefully as I can.

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Carl Racine: And I realized, we were getting to the end of our time here, but in terms of our discussion today what i'm going to start with next week is the fact that even.

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Carl Racine: Understanding specific words and and Peter Barrow already brought this up about salvation but even understanding what the word God means.

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Carl Racine: In the New Testament can either be shaped by the Old Testament or it can be shaped by outside philosophies principally Greek.

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Carl Racine: The Greek philosophical tradition of Aristotle and Plato that has so influenced Western thinking and i'm arguing that you can't have both ideas of God, at the same time that they are that they.

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Carl Racine: They contradict one another and that the Greek idea of God, which is the one that we tend to work with has been read into the New Testament so we use that word that's what we mean by it and we don't mean the God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob Rebecca Leah and Rachel.

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Carl Racine: So we'll we'll sort of leave it there, for now, but part of it has to do with the very language itself when we talk about Jesus as the Christ, as the Messiah.

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Carl Racine: And then you go back and find that that word means something somewhat different in the Old Testament and then there's no universal hope for a Messiah in the Old Testament.

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Carl Racine: That.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Sure, so.

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Carl Racine: If you just stay with the New Testament or even if you just start with the New Testament you have there's a great danger of going seriously wrong.

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Carl Racine: At the outset right away and that danger didn't exist i'm already that danger didn't exist 2000 years ago when Paul was preaching and synagogues that danger exists because we have cut ourselves off from our Jewish roots.

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Carl Racine: So i'm going to kind of leave it there if anybody has any last questions or comments will.

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Carl Racine: pursue this next week.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: There there's a couple of comments in the in the chat and then I was just really rolling around in my head now is this Ukraine situation and.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: You know how does it fit in with our discussion, which you know, maybe we can talk about next week because it's just getting uglier and uglier each day but.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Murray says system reese's is that about the second resurrection of Christ of US unification with Jesus and then brother bill Hughes says, Carl should be with a see.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I would like to better understand the concept of life and eternity from the Old Testament genesis shows people living nearly 1000 years for a long time and then eventually God, reducing the time on earth to 120 years.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: He says oops.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: They look alike.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Okay, let me tell you the joke It started off in coffee hour.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: and

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Apparently somebody at our church, who is physically add baffled today, when we had live service.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: They were promoting our class and the comment was made in the classes being conducted by brother Carl read.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Well, brother Carl read, who is a wonderful masterful now chief diversity officer North Eastern he went away and was CEO of the united negro black engineers and has come back to Boston anyway, he spells his name with a K and he's black and brother Carl is white that's were laughing about.

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Marie Doubleday: It both good guys.

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that's right.

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Carl Racine: he's.

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Marie Doubleday: taller than anything.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Right.

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Susan Racine: His.

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wife was.

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Susan Racine: stuck in sabrina's make Reverend sabrina's mind me mentioning Sunday school class, but I asked, I asked the Andrew read for criticism was also teaching Jewish roots class.

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That would be your husband.

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Carl Racine: he's.

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Carl Racine: he's taller and better looking.

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Carl Racine: And I don't think i've been mistaken for him before, but I did I mentioned RON read and RON read years ago was in the the men's Sunday school class was part of and and at some point, afterwards, he asked me one day if.

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Carl Racine: If I spelled my last name, the same as he spelled his and I said.

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Carl Racine: He said aren't you Carl read.

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Carl Racine: He didn't know he had never met Carl read.

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Carl Racine: He had just heard his name and knew that he when he was when Carl read was at Bethel he was actually the same school superintendent he was head of the same school.

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Carl Racine: So he knew Carl read was connected to say school he knew, my name is Carl and an assumed I was Carl read, but he he had never physically seen Carl read and.

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Carl Racine: Really mistake me for him, he just assumed because of my name that's who I was.

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Carl Racine: And I also shared in coffee or I have been on more than one occasion congratulated after service at Bethel for my my good sermon now I have never actually preached, but it was on Sundays when john kiner was preaching.

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01:07:34.620 --> 01:07:35.430

Carl Racine: So.

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01:07:37.860 --> 01:07:52.650

Carole Copeland Thomas: i'm reposting brother Jackson formation, because if you entered into our discussion after the message was posted you're not going to see it so i'm just reposting what he said earlier about his ministry and how you can support support his Ministry.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Sorry sorry brother Carl with a seat.

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Carl Racine: yeah this is way off topic, but anyway.

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Carl Racine: and

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Carl Racine: there'd be no higher honor for me to be mistaken for Carl read like you know not just that what I look like, but but who I am I hold him and very, very high respect so.

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01:08:21.660 --> 01:08:24.000

Carl Racine: it's not it's not a.

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Good.

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01:08:28.080 --> 01:08:33.690

Carl Racine: All right, good someone close us in prayer please and we'll we'll take up this discussion again next week.

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01:08:38.730 --> 01:08:39.180

Susan Racine: I will.

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Susan Racine: Your God, we thank you for this class We thank you for all the contribution of all those who have joined that we thank you for all the hard work that carl's put in for teaching it we thank you.

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Susan Racine: That your revelation in your scripture is so in depth and so rich that we need multiple classes to understand it and unpack it and we thank you for.

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Susan Racine: giving us revelation in in terms of the prophets and the rabbis and theologians and we ask that you continue to open our minds and our hearts to your living word.

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Susan Racine: name of Jesus amen.

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01:09:27.840 --> 01:09:28.200
amen.

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01:09:29.910 --> 01:09:41.040

Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you, everybody God bless enjoy the rest of your day weekend and next week, be safe, God bless see you next week, thank you, thank you, brother Carl with a seat.

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01:09:44.490 --> 01:09:45.810

Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you, brother jack to.