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Carl Racine: So we started before because next week, unfortunately, again, I will not be, we will be having classes i'll be away flying mask for you to to the lovely state of Florida, where I guess things have been masked free for all for two years.

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Carl Racine: So we're really looking forward to that, but I wanted to finish this thing I started, because it, and this, I think it has more of an interest for Christians, maybe because it's it's it's.

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Carl Racine: To my mind, arguing a slightly different way of looking at one of the major figures one meter writers in Christianity, the New Testament writer Paul.

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Carl Racine: But the topic is of interest to me because of what we're doing in this course and and i've been arguing this course that we have we have something of a flawed theology or my.

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Carl Racine: sense of it in Christianity, because.

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Carl Racine: We sort of distorted the way we relate to God and and and understand who we are, as a people because we've let the story of Israel, out of our story from the way we read the New Testament and a few weeks ago in class I gave.

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Carl Racine: An example of this from a versus regularly misused in the church verse that talks about god's promises and all god's promises are yes in Christ and sister, we can see the first slide of the Jerusalem offering package, please.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Okay, thank you, I want to see which one.

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Carl Racine: yeah I don't i'm hoping to just finish this one I don't think we'll get to the other one this week we'll start that in two weeks.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: got it.

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Carl Racine: But I just want to have those available.

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Carl Racine: pauses all god's promises are yes in Christ and.

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Carl Racine: Once you sort of leave the story of Israel, out of that, then you can kind of understand that in any way that you feel like you want to interpret it in some sort of personal way.

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Carl Racine: Which is which i've heard over and over again on the church and that's not what Paul is talking about, and so we misunderstand what he saw that so I was arguing there that when Paul referring.

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Carl Racine: To the first slide.

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Carl Racine: The very first one.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: The first slide.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Was blank um.

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Carl Racine: I don't know my screen.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: This one okay all right, maybe, maybe the slides that you just sent me there, the first one was blank and hopefully yeah I think it's okay.

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Carl Racine: Okay sorry about that later.

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Okay.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: All right.

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Carl Racine: So it's really clear from Paul's letters to pass a number of passages, including one that we're going to see later today.

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Carl Racine: When Paul talks about God's.

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Carl Racine: promises, but what he's talking about is God promises to.

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Carl Racine: Abraham and so when policy about God's promises he's thinking of the story of Israel, the Covenant that God made with.

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Carl Racine: Abraham and.

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Carl Racine: And with Abraham's descendants to bless them and to make them a blessing to the.

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Carl Racine: whole world, one of the foundational verses in the whole scripture.

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Carl Racine: genesis 12 when the three, and so I was making this point in class and after class Susan asked me.

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Carl Racine: she'd been looking at the passage where he makes a statement there in second Corinthians one, and she says there's all this stuff right there about his travel plans and what does this have to do with god's promises, so if we could go to the fourth slide.

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Carl Racine: And so, when she said that it sort of I recall.

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Carl Racine: This whole little story that you kind of find in paul's letters of the purpose of these travels plans and they're not just random information, the Paul has a very specific purpose in mind.

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Carl Racine: And that purpose is directly connected in his mind to god's promises to Abraham and he doesn't make that clear in second Corinthians one, but he does make it he doesn't make it more clear later on in the in that.

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Carl Racine: letter in the eighth and ninth chapters, he has a long discussion of the purpose of these travel plans, which is to take up an offering.

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Carl Racine: From the different churches in the whole region there that you can see, in what Asia Minor what we now call Turkey and in Macedonia and a kale which we now call Greece.

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Carl Racine: From the different churches there and take it back to Jerusalem to the judean churches that have always had something of a financial struggle.

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Carl Racine: For a number of reasons and aren't entirely clear but, but one of them is just regular famines in those days in in in the time of the Caesar claudius, in particular in the 40s and 50s.

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Carl Racine: Regular famines in Judea that just left everybody kind of struggling, and so the the judean churches are poor economically poor and Paul wants to take them a gift of financial gift to help them out and to demonstrate support.

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Carl Racine: But for part of this is not simply an act of charity it's actually connected to his whole vision of the connection between the churches story, the story of Israel.

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Carl Racine: And to some of the issues that we've been talking about in this class so we're kind of in the middle of discussing that and the reasons for it.

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Carl Racine: And we'll try to finish that up today Paul in in second Corinthians goes on to argue.

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Carl Racine: Very.

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Carl Racine: at length about why they should give and why they should give generously they have all they already seem to have promised a gift.

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Carl Racine: Based on his first letter to them, where he asked, he said he was trying to raise this money but he's wanting to encourage them to have that money ready and so he tells them a number of reasons why.

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Carl Racine: This gift is important and why their generosity is important, and if we could go to slide number seven, please.

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Carl Racine: One of the reasons he gives is that this offering is not simply supplying the needs of the lord's people but also it's overflowing with expressions of thanks to God it's an act of worship.

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Carl Racine: God has been generous with us and we respond and thanksgiving.

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Carl Racine: Not by just holding a praise and worship service but giving of our resources to other people who are in need such giving such acts of charity our acts of thankful worship.

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Carl Racine: And we'll see you shortly, when we look at the final passage in the book of Romans that Paul talks about this offering in terms of the language of Priestly sacrifice that this is a is an act of worship.

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Carl Racine: Even though it's not kind of confined to the narrow limits of us have a service or a formal service that we think of but it's actually an act of service service to other people.

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Carl Racine: That god's blessings to us are not simply for our own benefit, but they are just to help be a blessing to other people, which again is part of that mission statement in.

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Carl Racine: In genesis 12 to eBay.

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Carl Racine: And then the last reason Paul gifts to the Corinthians in second Corinthians about this offering is if we can go to the next slide number eight, please.

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Carl Racine: In verses, eight and nine of Chapter nine.

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Carl Racine: And I don't get these verses backwards, but he he he he quotes psalm 112 nine.

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Carl Racine: which speaks of god's blessing on those who are generous to the poor so.

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Carl Racine: The sama says he has distributed freely and it's talking about the human being a generous human being, he has given to the poor his righteousness endures forever praising people.

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Carl Racine: who give generously to the poor and speaking of them as righteous and righteousness here as we've seen before, is defined by what you do with your money and in this whole passage in in second Corinthians nine pause language about grace and good works and righteousness.

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Carl Racine: And obedience all runs counter to the traditional Protestant theology to the traditional way, we have a reading Paul which separates those two things.

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Carl Racine: For Paul faith and obedience grace and works are not opposites are two separate things there one in the same reality.

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Carl Racine: confessing the Gospel in verse 13 proclaiming the good news of Jesus means doing good works and specifically sharing one's possessions, with all of those in need.

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Carl Racine: that's precisely what it means to be filled with god's grace and it's bringing about this obedience of faith among the gentiles.

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Carl Racine: Which is a phrase that Paul opens and closes the letter to the Romans pauses that's the goal of his ministry so here is in many other places, Paul is clearly teaching what Christians scornfully call works righteousness.

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Carl Racine: Questions comments.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Is there a parallel in Judaism and I would wonder.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Would there also be a parallel in Islam.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: i'm thinking about.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: What are they Agha Khan Muslims begin friends in Kenya and their premise is to.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Live righteous but also to give.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: To the poor and to give abundantly so.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: That.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Could that be more of a universal.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: up.

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00:10:37.140 --> 00:10:39.630  
Carole Copeland Thomas: demand of humans.

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Carl Racine: Well sure, but it's it it's something that both Paul.

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Carl Racine: And as long got from the Hebrew scriptures maura we when we talk when we talked about.

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Carl Racine: righteousness Seneca.

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Carl Racine: In Hebrew we saw that and by the time you get to the rabbi's that word which, in the Bible is just a sort of general word that means righteousness actually refers to charity to giving money to others, and they have.

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Carl Racine: And Jewish members of the class can can chime in but we had I showed a picture of of a little box that has that word on it that's.

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Carl Racine: that's a box that you collect money and for the poor so Islam has that same.

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Carl Racine: kind of tradition as well, I don't know exactly what it's called, but when I studied Islam, a while ago we learned about it that.

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Carl Racine: That that also is a significant part of their teaching, so this yes it's it's something that all three of our faiths have in common i'm just pointing out here that it's here in central to paul's theology, in a way that Christians have often simply ignore.

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Carl Racine: That clear enough, I mean it should be clear.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Yes, it is thank you should be really clear and the fact that.

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Carl Racine: There are large segments of people in America who call themselves Bible believing Christians who simply either ignore this stuff or deny its reality.

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Carl Racine: On the basis of their theology is what's frustrating to me, which is why i'm arguing sports.

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Carl Racine: All right, Paul has two practical points that I want to highlight in again in this long passage in second Corinthians eight nine about this offering that I think is is important for us to understand first if we could go to the next slide please.

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Carl Racine: And the next slide is a good illustration of how there are minefields on on.

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Carl Racine: On the Internet people make slides people make these things, and they have errors.

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Carl Racine: So this should be second Corinthians 8:13 to 15 that's where the quote comes from, but I, like the slide I like the picture and I thought i'll just live with the fact that whoever made the slide got the number, but this is second Corinthians eight.

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Carl Racine: Paul says, our desire about Paul Paul argues that the Corinthians should give in proportion to what they have so that there should be an economic equality among the saints among the people of God, he says, our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are suffering.

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Carl Racine: But that there might be a quality, in other words, Paul wants people to give in accordance to what they actually have at the present time, your abundance so at the time they have some extra at the present time, your abundance will supply their need so that, in turn, they.

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Carl Racine: then turn their need was somehow definition so then turn there plenty will supply what you need okay.

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Carl Racine: I left out plenty.

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Carl Racine: Of.

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Carl Racine: The goal, he says is equality.

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Carl Racine: As it is written.

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Carl Racine: And I want you to think about where this verse might come from what the context of this verses and in Torah The goal is equality as it is written, the one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered Little did not have too little.

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Can anybody.

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Carl Racine: guess where that verse comes from what what the content not not that not the name of the book necessarily But just what the context of that versus.

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Susan Racine: manna.

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Carl Racine: There you go, who said that.

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Susan Racine: your wife has driving I shouldn't be on this, but anyway.

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Carl Racine: Okay.

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Carl Racine: Okay yeah it's the story of the manna.

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Carl Racine: And Paul uses that story of you remember the story that people are supposed to gather what they need for each day and.

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Carl Racine: If they have extra leftover it spoils is no good to them so they take too much it's wasted and even the people who were only able to gather a little bit were able to satisfy their needs, so the goal Paul says here is equality is a fair.

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Carl Racine: Balance right now the judean are in need of your surplus maybe in the.

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Carl Racine: Future when you were a need, they might be able to provide for you there's that kind of sense of mutual commitment to one another.

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Carl Racine: And to one another's need because nobody in the Community should go wanting, while others have more than they need.

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Carl Racine: He doesn't want this offering to be a burden or a hardship on them, but he does recognize it from time to time we all are blessed with something extra that we can share with others that are less fortunate.

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Carl Racine: And that story about the manor illustrates the principle that he has in mind that God supplies abundantly and people's needs are met, but they shouldn't take more than they need.

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Carl Racine: Comments questions.

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Carol Targum: I forgot exactly where in the Torah but there's also.

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Carol Targum: You leave the corners of your field for the widow, and the orphan.

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Carol Targum: You gather your harvest you're entitled to what you worked for but you also leave some for those who are less fortunate.

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Carl Racine: Right.

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Carol Targum: i've mentioned several times in the Torah and I can't quote verse at the moment.

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Carl Racine: I can give you a verse I know it's in Las Vegas but you're right it's it's that's a radical economic principle that, basically, is telling businesses part of your profits need to go to the poor.

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Carl Racine: And that's not something that Bible believing Christians in America necessarily want to see happen.

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Right.

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Carl Racine: Right.

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and

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Carl Racine: And yeah that you know that's very, very clear in Torah we talked about that a long time ago.

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Carl Racine: You don't harvest every last bit of grain from your field you leave some of the surplus for people who are in need, and who come through and and the story of Ruth actually is a an illustration of that principle in action Ruth as a foreigner as a motorbike.

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Carl Racine: comes to Judea comes to Bethlehem and is allowed to go through the fields of a wealthy man and take enough grain for her and her mother in law, because they don't have anyone else to support them.

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James Williams: And certainly goes.

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James Williams: goes against the whole concept of capitalism, because capitalism certainly is about that, but back in the.

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James Williams: In the old days before.

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James Williams: The Reformation seems like the.

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James Williams: The Church how there was like guilt money you know you do some there and then you would add.

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James Williams: Those some money to the Church is a you know the money to the church way and ensure to tell you, will you send the resolve my son go and and do what you do you know if.

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James Williams: This is, you know the concept is, it is a good concept, and it makes such good sense, but it seems like we always bear to the right or to the left with that whole concept.

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Bill Hughes: well.

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Carl Racine: I you know, again I work with habitat and.

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Carl Racine: You know, there are plenty of people who don't see things this way, but there are people who do and habitat is dependent upon businesses who are willing to not only give money to us to help support the work that we do, but also send people.

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Carl Racine: To work as volunteers, so we get volunteer groups from.

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Carl Racine: All different kinds of businesses law firms and architectural firms and investment firms and technology firms and all of that who come for a day.

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Carl Racine: The businesses essentially pay them to come work for us, so there are everyone, I was working as a translator for pro bono lawyers who are representing people seeking political asylum.

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Carl Racine: Those pro bono and lower years were also part of fancy law firms downtown who dedicated a certain amount of their.

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Carl Racine: Work to pro bono work to helping people for free, so this

does happen in businesses in America and elsewhere elsewhere it's not an unheard of thing but it's something that the businesses voluntarily do.

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Carl Racine: It or not.

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Bill Hughes: Carla and I think.

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Bill Hughes: James mentioned, you know it's sort of.

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Bill Hughes: Capitalism this isn't what capitalism is about, and I think that we're living in a version of capitalism that's perverted.

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Bill Hughes: um there is.

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Bill Hughes: You know capitalism is part of is a system, but the goals of capitalism, for example, just to be very to lean into what everybody, you know, to the system that we're in.

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Bill Hughes: If they are around sustainability.

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Bill Hughes: The goal is sustainability and not just profit, then you end up with very different outcomes and there was a study done called limits to growth in the 70s.

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Bill Hughes: That was originally driven by the ecology movement, and then they did another version of it and they they basically we modeled.

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Bill Hughes: out what how the planet will function over time given



different policies and strategies and behaviors that that nations and policymakers.

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Bill Hughes: Making what they realized was at the end of the day, the golden rule is the only way the planet survives, which is mathematically and they figured this out of MIT interestingly, without the Bible but.

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Bill Hughes: mathematically they proved that the only sustainable.

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Bill Hughes: set of policies for the for the planet is a balance between local maximisation and global maximization, which is to say, and regular terms you know you you, you can look out for yourself and do for yourself, but only to the extent that it's balanced with a concern for for the global.

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Bill Hughes: The broader context that you're in and if you're able to balance those two things that's, the only way to have a sustainable, you know life on earth.

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Bill Hughes: And if you become too self absorbed and to say profit taking at the expense of others, then that leads to instability in the system and even the thing that you're trying to protect starts to collapse.

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Bill Hughes: which I think is a very interesting way that even you know the wisdom of the wise has.

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Bill Hughes: has led them back to.

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Bill Hughes: To god's word and god's truth.

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Carl Racine: The comments.

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Carl Racine: All right, well then, the second practical point here, the first point is there needs to be a certain quality that the the you know people shouldn't have too much too little.

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Carl Racine: As opposed to be, we will have too much shouldn't just end by walking up to the second, the second point, if we go to the next slide number 10 please.

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Carl Racine: Paul.

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Carl Racine: there's he's sort of two minds in this in this.

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00:24:01.410 --> 00:24:12.180

Carl Racine: decision about this his travel plans at first, he said in first Corinthians he wasn't good he was to send a send representatives with the money and then he changes his mind by here he's going to go as well.

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00:24:13.440 --> 00:24:18.990

Carl Racine: But he's taking along representatives of the church and not simply taking it himself.

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00:24:20.220 --> 00:24:21.780

Carl Racine: For a number of reason.

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00:24:23.400 --> 00:24:24.060

Carl Racine: and

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00:24:25.440 --> 00:24:33.750

Carl Racine: I think they're instructive first he I think he wants to avoid any appearance of impropriety in the handling of the fun.

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00:24:36.000 --> 00:24:51.060

Carl Racine: And he says, this is the first is here versus eight

Chapter eight verses 20 and 21 we want to avoid a criticism of the way we administer this liberal gift this money retain pains to do is write only eyes the Lord, but in the eyes of human beings.

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00:24:52.410 --> 00:25:06.360

Carl Racine: He he doesn't want anyone to accuse him of kind of siphoning off money for these funds, so he wants to kind of keep it at arm's length, a little he has other people involved.

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00:25:07.380 --> 00:25:26.610

Carl Racine: And he wants people to see that, when they give the money will be going for its intended purpose and not just the line the pockets of the people that are asking for the money Second, I think, and this is maybe even more important, the gift is personal it's not just churches writing checks.

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00:25:28.410 --> 00:25:38.580

Carl Racine: years and years and years ago when Susan and I were looking this was long before we came to Bethel looking for a new church.

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00:25:39.060 --> 00:25:53.520

Carl Racine: We went to one wealthy church and I would go and talk to the pastors of the churches and find out more about the churches and one of the things I wanted to find out was their involvement with the Community involvement with people who weren't wealthy and.

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00:25:54.990 --> 00:26:07.650

Carl Racine: This church in a pretty wealthy part of town, I talked to the to the pastor and when I got to that question, he was surprisingly blunt with me, he said.

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00:26:09.480 --> 00:26:13.920

Carl Racine: The only thing we do is write checks and that's not bad.

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00:26:15.180 --> 00:26:24.840

Carl Racine: But I wanted to see, and so I made the process church offer, but I wanted to see more of a personal involvement and the verse verse five here that you see on your.

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00:26:25.230 --> 00:26:37.440

Carl Racine: screen, they did not do as we expected Paul saying about

the Macedonian churches, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with guys, will they give of themselves not just money.

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00:26:37.950 --> 00:26:51.780

Carl Racine: it's more than a financial gift and Paul wants to establish a personal connection between the disparate groups in the church so he's taking people with him, not just a bag of cash.

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00:26:52.290 --> 00:27:11.610

Carl Racine: And I remember, years ago, when we first came to Bethel and Bethel was involved hazard glory, especially was involved with my sister's keeper stuff in the Sudan and they were making trips to the Sudan, which of course we're took a lot of time and energy and money.

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00:27:12.750 --> 00:27:14.430

Carl Racine: And yet.

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00:27:15.510 --> 00:27:36.570

Carl Racine: It established a personal connection that was much greater than just sending a check the people's needs are more than financial and the fact that you show up the fact that you are there, personally, is as much a gift as.

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00:27:38.250 --> 00:27:51.000

Carl Racine: Whatever financial contribution you make so Paul wants this gift to have a very personal face to it, I think that's something that's important that we remember when we are.

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00:27:53.040 --> 00:28:04.350

Carl Racine: helping out other people I had an experience years ago that is always kind of been in the back of my mind, I was in China town downtown Boston one very.

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Carl Racine: cold rainy what rock fall day October November kind of day.

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00:28:10.620 --> 00:28:23.460

Carl Racine: And I had had lunch, and I was doing some shopping and I walked By this I walked by this one restaurant that had all those rows meets the ducks in the ribs and all that hanging in the window.

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00:28:24.030 --> 00:28:32.760

Carl Racine: And there was this street person that guy with a kind of blanket around his shoulders kind of huddled at the window just looking at all this meat.

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00:28:34.590 --> 00:28:35.370

Carl Racine: And I want.

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00:28:36.930 --> 00:28:40.440

Carl Racine: I want by him and went into a store and buy some stuff and I walked by.

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00:28:40.500 --> 00:28:42.270

Carl Racine: back and he was still there.

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00:28:42.870 --> 00:28:43.860

Carl Racine: And I thought.

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00:28:45.270 --> 00:28:56.910

Carl Racine: I can't just walk by this guy so I stopped, and I said to him, are you hungry, would you like something to eat and he he his face lit up and he said yes.

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00:28:57.450 --> 00:29:11.520

Carl Racine: So I took him in to this restaurant now the owner of the restaurant was clearly displeased that I was bringing this fellow into his restaurant, but he couldn't really deny us a seat there.

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00:29:12.540 --> 00:29:19.800

Carl Racine: And so we sat down and I ordered some roast chicken and rice and vegetables for this guy.

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00:29:21.390 --> 00:29:29.280

Carl Racine: And then I made a choice because I was in a hurry and I had other things to do, I made sure he had a suit but then I left.

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00:29:32.220 --> 00:29:46.410

Carl Racine: And I always regretted leaving I always regretted not sitting there with him, while he a and having a conversation with him

not engaging with him personally, yes, it was nice that I gave him lunch.

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00:29:47.430 --> 00:29:57.690

Carl Racine: But that personal connection, I think, is as important for Paul here as the gift itself i'm sorry I gotta shut the door.

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00:29:59.100 --> 00:30:07.860

Lauren Lapat: So I have a story um you know it's interesting what will spark you remembering people, so my grandfather was really religious.

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Lauren Lapat: observant went from being an Orthodox Jew to reformed you because that's what my my grant my grandmother was and.

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Lauren Lapat: before he died about five years before he died he wasn't very mobile he would he couldn't really do all the things that he wanted to do but.

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00:30:27.630 --> 00:30:32.790

Lauren Lapat: My mom got crazy because he got one of these electric scooters right to get around.

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Lauren Lapat: And she would worry about him and how he chose to use his time late in his life and it's kind of fitting for earth, you know the Earth Day environmental.

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Lauren Lapat: conversation is is that he would go around and he would collect cans and it would make my mother insane she would just be like I can't believe he's out on the scooter collecting cans.

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00:30:54.060 --> 00:31:03.690

Lauren Lapat: But he had this sense of purpose and then he would recycle them and then he would take all that money and he would donate it and it was his way of being.

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00:31:04.470 --> 00:31:25.380

Lauren Lapat: And I didn't think about it till this conversation about

why it was personal there was very little he could do at that moment in time and sedaka was super important to him, and this was his way of doing something that had meaning, so my mom's annoyance was actually his purpose.

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00:31:26.940 --> 00:31:31.170

Lauren Lapat: So anyway that sort of sparked that memory, he died in 95.

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Lauren Lapat: But it's one of those I think it was really grounded in his his face this is what you do.

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Lauren Lapat: it's personal.

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00:31:40.980 --> 00:31:41.910

Carl Racine: And it's personal.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And i'm.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: i'm thinking that that's a great story lauren and brother Carla instead of beating yourself up about you could have stayed longer I be grateful that you stopped went back in.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: allowed this gentleman to have a meal, you did sit down for a while and you fed one person for a day that's a gift.

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Carl Racine: You know i'm not going to beat myself up it just you know, later on, I thought you know this guy's.

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Carl Racine: It it was a lesson to me this man has had his maybe his immediate need was some food, but he's a human being, he has other needs besides just food.

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Carl Racine: And he hasn't the need of human want and God knows, somebody like that gets precious little of it, he certainly wouldn't have gotten it if you had someone if someone just given him money and he walked into that restaurant, he would not have gotten anything from the from the.

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00:32:49.380 --> 00:32:58.410

Carl Racine: Guy that was running the restaurant, at least I enabled him to sit down out of the wet out of the cold and have a warm place to eat lunch.

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00:32:59.880 --> 00:33:20.670

Carl Racine: so sure yeah I understand that, but i'm just saying that that that personal connection is is maybe more important than we sometimes give it credit for, and here, Paul, I think, demonstrates that, because he understands this is about people, and not just mine.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: With the me Church and other denominations and other faiths I credit, the missionary society.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: its origins and where it is now i'm taking out all the political stuff not talking about that.

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00:33:36.540 --> 00:33:47.220

Carole Copeland Thomas: But just the purpose of the missionaries is to do just that is to serve God through people and meeting people at their needs, helping them with their needs.

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00:33:47.790 --> 00:34:00.120

Carole Copeland Thomas: Our missionary society is notorious for reaching out to people in an anonymous way, helping to pay bills or taking food here or there, or quietly.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: helping out our sick and shut in members and doing it in the spirit of love, so you know, that is, I think, a very good thing that's built into our connection to church and other churches to us i'm not just saying we have monopoly on it, but it follows that same premise.



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Bill Hughes: You know I wonder Carol as you're describing that, as I appreciate that as well, when I was thinking about Carl's example of habitat, the thing I find interesting about habitat is they've explicitly created an organization that creates.

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Bill Hughes: an opera that creates opportunity and in an accessible way i'm in a sustainable way for people to to engage in this practice and I wonder, you know.

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Bill Hughes: To what degree, we would be able to.

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Bill Hughes: You know catalyze greater mobilization even within the church if we thought about whether it's you know with the missionary society or or even more generally, if we thought about what are ways, given the Members that we have.

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Bill Hughes: To help.

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Bill Hughes: connect them into you know into these kind of works of giving or or or maybe also equipping us as a church to open doors for others who who are not in a Community like ours in the same way that habitat does.

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Bill Hughes: To really activate the broader Community So those are some things that I think about for us.

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Carl Racine: And one of the great one of the most interesting parts about habitat, to me, and one of the great pleasures of habitat for me, one of the requirements for the Homeowners is that they.

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Carl Racine: Work 300 hours as part of their contribution to the project that's essentially their down payment on home.

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Carl Racine: So, but that also means that the homeowner is on the work site from time to time, and you get to work with someone who's going to be living in that House so.

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Carl Racine: The the the work that I do when those people are there, takes on a personal nature that it wouldn't have if I was just coming donating my time at doing the work i'm not simply doing a project.

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Carl Racine: I am doing something for justine and her two daughters and her mother for Abdi and his wife and his four children.

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Carl Racine: I have a human face, too, and a human connection to the people who are going to be living in those homes and, and so it, it has a completely different feel from just doing a project and it's it's it's one of the things I really love about happy.

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Lauren Lapat: girl what's your sense about like i'm probably getting this wrong, but maybe Carol you can help me my manatees sort of level of sort of being.

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Lauren Lapat: don't donating or thinking about other people and kind of like the highest level they're all these different phases, is when sort of nobody knows you're doing it.

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Carl Racine: Right and.

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Lauren Lapat: juxtaposes this conversation a little bit.

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Carl Racine: right that.

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Carl Racine: That.

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Carl Racine: is an interesting way of thinking about and a helpful way of thinking about it that you.

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Carl Racine: know that that there's a sort of greater level of virtue, or something and doing it anonymously, so that you don't get the credit for it.

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Carl Racine: And that is a helpful thing, and you know.

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Carl Racine: to remember this isn't about you.

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00:38:31.710 --> 00:38:38.040

Carl Racine: My monitor he's the highest level of his golden ladder and there's there's 10 levels.

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Carl Racine: The highest level is doing something to help someone.

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Carl Racine: have either giving them a job or helping them find employment, so they won't be dependent anymore on charity.

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Lauren Lapat: Like teaching, a man to fish.

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Carl Racine: kind of exactly and that's.

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00:38:57.480 --> 00:39:10.350

Carl Racine: that's one of habitats purposes is is helping people achieve homeownership so that they will be better off economically.

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Carl Racine: But.

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Carl Racine: So I don't think it takes anything away from his idea of you know kind of not expecting like credit you're not supposed to be.

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Carl Racine: Getting the credit, but also his his way of thinking about it is is more the the way of writing the check kind of thing.

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Carl Racine: And you do that anonymously, and hopefully you do it, so that the other person.

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Carl Racine: isn't seem to be receiving charity as well, because you don't want to shame them in the eyes of the rest of the Community and so all of those are sort of ways of thinking about.

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Carl Racine: relational stuff within the Community, but the point that i'm arguing here is that people's needs are more than just financial.

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Carl Racine: And that that personal connection is, at least at times is important that you know sister Carol talked about the the.

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Carl Racine: missionaries in the missionary service in the the me church where they didn't take food to shut ins let's say, well, people who are shot in need food.

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Carl Racine: But they're desperately in need of human companionship and human you know conversation, and so, if you can spend some time with them that's as valuable that gift as simply putting a basket of food on their doorstep and there's no way of doing that anonymously.

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Carl Racine: So this just adds another dimension to my manatees.

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Carl Racine: kind of way of thinking about it recognizes that people's needs go beyond material thing.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I should add that, in addition to the food peace, our society and again i'm just using us as as an example it, you can replicate it to whatever church you want, but we've worked with one of the local.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: shelters for women who are pretty much escaping domestic violence or whatever, and we i've been one of those trainers i've gone in and run classes for the moms as they are living there.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Some of them are lifestyle classes, some are enrichment classes, but it's a way to give and stay connected and giving of service to those in need, but from a relational perspective and they've been very rewarding to we've done that a couple of times not recently, but in past years.

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Carl Racine: Alright well we're kind of running out of time, and I have one other one point to make, which I think that maybe don't leave till.

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Carl Racine: till next time but.

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Carl Racine: Let me think.

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Carl Racine: Well, let me, let me just give this introductory stuff to my final point with relationships business see this this connects and more directly to concerns in this class and then we'll come back to this in two weeks.

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Carl Racine: The final passage in Paul's letters, where he addresses this is near the end of the letter to the Romans if we can go to the slide number 11.

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Carl Racine: Which is considered by most Christians to be sort of major statement of Paul's theology.

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Carl Racine: And near the end of the letter to the Romans chapter 15 we finally find Paul once again discussing his travel plans.

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Carl Racine: And for many years he's been working with churches in Asia Minor and what we call Greece, including the church at Corinth.

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Carl Racine: But now he has new plans, he hopes to be able to move westward visiting Rome, for the first time it's never been there and ultimately reaching as far as Spain.

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Carl Racine: So he tells he's telling the Romans he's basically right and wrong was introduced himself and saying look I got some travel plans I've got some things I want to do first, but my eventual goal is to come to Rome and eventually make my way as far west as Spain.

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Carl Racine: But right now I've got to go to Jerusalem, because I have this offering to share with the poor among the saints in Jerusalem and when I finished doing that.

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Carl Racine: Taking this slight detour of several thousand.

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Carl Racine: I'm coming to Rome.

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Carl Racine: In fact, Paul will only make it to Rome as a prisoner of

CS but he doesn't know that when he's writing this letter.

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Carl Racine: So, by the time he's writing this letter he's he's actually in Corinth and he has finished collecting the funds for Jerusalem and he simply waiting in Corinth it's wintertime and he's waiting there during the winter.

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Carl Racine: In order to be able to catch a ship back to Judea with the offering because see travel during the wintertime in the Mediterranean was especially hazardous it was always somewhat hazardous, but the winter storms were more significant and most of the sea travel.

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Carl Racine: In the wintertime stopped.

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Carl Racine: So he basically is spending a couple of months in Corinth that he writes this letter to the Romans is one of the things he does what he's there.

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Carl Racine: And so he's not trying to raise money from the Romans themselves he's already got the collection he's not coming to Rome to take any money.

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Carl Racine: But he does mention it there, and he ends up talking about it at some length in Chapter 15.

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Carl Racine: Because the collection is part of what he sees as his larger purposes god's servant, and he wants the Romans to understand this he's introducing himself to the Romans he's telling him who he is.

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Carl Racine: And what his purpose is, and this is part of his vision of what the church should be and it connects very directly to issues that he addresses in the letter to the Romans.

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Carl Racine: The first part of Chapter 15 summarizes what has been Paul's central issue in that letter how the Gospel is for Jews and gentiles not how he gets saved, which is how Christians, usually read.

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Carl Racine: Romans they leave out the issue, Jews and gentiles all together and that's fundamentally misunderstand the Book of Romans, and this is especially true they said.

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Carl Racine: which has skewed our Protestant theology entirely so Paul anguishes in that letter over the growing divisions in the church between Jewish members in the Gentile Members, and especially the gentiles who seem to be in the majority, certainly are in the majority who aren't sort of.

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Carl Racine: Looking down their noses at the Jews, especially for like following all those laws and regulations.

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Carl Racine: Paul wants them to be able to live together in unity and love, despite their differences, but we don't care about this issue very much anymore, even though we should and we miss how important it is for Paul.

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Carl Racine: In the letter to the Romans and I have argued and other Bible studies.

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Carl Racine: That to properly understand the Book of Romans you need to read it backwards and we actually did this on a Wednesday night Bible study several years ago.

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Carl Racine: We started with Chapter 16 and move backwards, because if you don't see what Paul talks about at the end of that letter what's really on his mind that's practical concerns.



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Carl Racine: you'll misunderstand the theology that's packed into the beginning of the letter and most patients have only read the first eight.

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Carl Racine: chapters of that letter and misread them because they haven't paid attention to what he says in the rest of the letter is real concerns in writing to the Roman Christians have to do precisely be.

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Carl Racine: precisely about the issue of the relationship between Jews and gentiles.

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Carl Racine: And how the Gospel can can speak to both groups of people and how both groups of people need to be able to get along in the Church.

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Carl Racine: And that is his whole reason for taking this argument from words the Gentile churches back to the largest Jewish church in Jerusalem.

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Carl Racine: So he ends up talking about this offering to the Romans because it addresses directly the issues that are on his mind in the letter to the Book of the room and i'm going to leave.

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Carl Racine: Leave that with you to ponder for the next week and a half, two weeks.

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Carl Racine: And then we'll come back and look at the specifics about how Paul understands this offering and what he says to the Romans about.

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Carl Racine: Any last minute questions about that.

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Carl Racine: All right, I think we will.

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Bill Hughes: Oh, Carl.

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Bill Hughes: yeah, I just wanted to share.

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Bill Hughes: For our Jewish friends.

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Bill Hughes: One of the subtext of the book of Romans and why it's so important, I don't know if you if you don't if you haven't studied the.

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Bill Hughes: evangelistic.

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Bill Hughes: Strategies or approaches of the Church, it is at the core of that.

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Bill Hughes: So the misunderstandings.

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Bill Hughes: The crowd was talking about.

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Bill Hughes: are a lot at the heart of.

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Bill Hughes: The maybe the.

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Bill Hughes: challenges with.

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Bill Hughes: With people misunderstanding because there's their study there many people who are starting off on the wrong foot basically.

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Carl Racine: Right.

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Carl Racine: Once once you take the story of Israel, out of the picture.

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Carl Racine: and read the New Testament.

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Carl Racine: Then it becomes just this general theological discussion that has nothing to do with that it's not connected to it, and then it, and it goes off in a completely different way and ultimately turns the Book of Romans into an Anti Jewish document.

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Carl Racine: As well as the rest of the test, but Romans, in particular, which is what happened, especially in the reformation Protestant Reformation.

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Carl Racine: And i'm trying to argue that we've misread it because we haven't paid attention to this issue that matters deeply to Paul is writing this lead because he's a Jew.

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Carl Racine: So this is, you know i'm i'm attacking essentially one of the sort of fundamental.

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Carl Racine: belief, so the whole Protestant traditions in Christianity, where i'm going way out beyond safe man here, but when we get to my next to my final reflect sensitive reflections.

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Carl Racine: Okay let's let's leave that for people to mow over at will come back to it next week and you'll I think to in two weeks and you'll see I think more clearly what i'm talking about when we look through the rest of 15.

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00:51:15.180 --> 00:51:28.770

Carl Racine: Lord God we bless you for this day, and for this Earth Day, as we were reminded that we are indeed partners with you as the rabbi said partners with you and creation and we have a responsibility to take care of the creation.

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Carl Racine: of God given responsibility to all of humanity that started in genesis Chapter two.

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Carl Racine: That this goes back to the foundation of our scriptures of both Jewish scriptures and Christian scriptures and that we cannot ignore that responsibility any longer, as the Earth is crying out to us for attention to the assets, you would direct us in ways that we can.

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Carl Racine: Be more faithful servants more faithful stewards of the gifts that you have given us give to this creation.

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Carl Racine: And please or be with people this week coming weeks.

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Carl Racine: Until we meet again in the name of Jesus amen.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: amen all right God bless everybody will see you on mother's day.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: If you are available.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Some of you may be out for dinner, but if your your husband spouse whomever will be cooking for you, then please join us on mother's day lauren God bless you in that walk i've been on I have i've actually been on that walk in years past it's wonderful way that's the Louis St.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Louis the pronoun peace walk and it's a wonderful encounter so I know it'll be well served, but for the rest of us will either See you in two weeks or in three weeks God bless.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: bye all.