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Carole Copeland Thomas: And again say thank you all so so much and sister Joyce Marshall is going to open us up in prayer tonight.

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Joyce Marshall: Lord we do, thank you for your word we thank you, that it strengthens us it informs us it helps us to be better disciples for you and we thank you for this opportunity to to learn from it to.

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Joyce Marshall: dissect it to just have a chance to talk about what your word means for us, and then we just pray that you will.

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Joyce Marshall: Open our hearts and minds, so that we hear what we need to hear from whatever is being taught today, and we thank you for.

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Joyce Marshall: sister tanya and pray that you will just give her the boldness that she needs to say what she needs to say, and that we will hear whatever you want us to hear this evening, so we thank you in Jesus name amen.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: amen amen Thank you so so much pastor Gloria white hammond.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Would you like to do the honors.

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Gloria White-Hammond: The honors of introducing our bibles.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Yes.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Yes, introducing sister tanya.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Okay, all right well sister tanya is certainly no stranger to any of us we've known her over the years we've known her as.

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Gloria White-Hammond: One of our praise and worship singers we've known her as one of our significant women leaders we've known her as one of our dances with the dance Ministry.

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Gloria White-Hammond: We known her in her role with young people, especially with our our junior high and our younger kids we've known her and her work of mentoring.

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Gloria White-Hammond: So many of our high school lose some from graduated long time ago they've graduated from college they finished graduate school which certifies that we also know her they know that she is old and.

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Gloria White-Hammond: And we've also she just did a spectacular job of doing ministry to a young adults who are.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Our current problem of college students so she is absolutely amazing and she's a gifted teacher and preacher and just a wonderful wonderful stalwart champion of the Lord that's it for tonight candy Emily Thank you sister Leslie fidget tiny.

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TANYA MILLER: Thank you pastor Gloria.

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TANYA MILLER: Thank you so much for that introduction again my mom is joining us and i'm so happy to have her.

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TANYA MILLER: She is my inspiration for service, along with my father.

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TANYA MILLER: And I think the pastor's for allowing me to grow.

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TANYA MILLER: And to have the space to Minister.

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TANYA MILLER: I just want to you know, make sure that everyone enjoys their.

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TANYA MILLER: Their Community I think that's that's at the essence of who I am is that making sure folks are living and loving well and enjoying community, especially within the body of Christ.

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TANYA MILLER: So with That said, let us jump into our Bible study last week we spent a good deal of time looking at the scriptures and understanding how and we're different phrases in regards to foreigner immigrants and.

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TANYA MILLER: i'm sorry to board foreigner immigrant an alien may show up in the biblical tax and we looked a little bit at.

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TANYA MILLER: Some of the Hebrew words regarding that but we pulled out a number of scriptures and we each read through them and just kind of started making meaning of them last week so sister carrie can start the Bible study i'm just going to go over the scriptures we looked at last week.

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TANYA MILLER: Because we've gotten to a good point I think we covered all that I wanted to do last week and we were just getting into the throes of discussing and.

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TANYA MILLER: pulling out for ourselves what we know about foreigner

immigrant stranger or neighbors so we look first at genesis 23 verse four it particularly was telling the story of how Abraham.

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TANYA MILLER: When Sarah died was looking for a space to bury his wife and he had left his home and was amongst the hittites and so he respected them by saying, give me a plot of land to bury my wife, I will pay for it and they.

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TANYA MILLER: responded by giving him respect because he showed it to them and allowed him to bury his wife.

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TANYA MILLER: And so that was, I think one of the first scriptures that I found, and it was in genesis, and so we can take from that scripture that if you respect the foreigner.

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TANYA MILLER: and respect respect the four of them respect will be given to you, we then moved into exodus 12 verses 38 and 49 where we saw the Israelites that was at the end of the plagues and the Israelites were being.

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TANYA MILLER: set to go and worship God on their own, and in that scripture we saw that they were part of the multitude they were mixed into the multitude and later on in verse 49.

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TANYA MILLER: The word was said that you have to extend the law to the foreigner that they would also have the same law, so we moved on from respecting the foreigner to their amongst us and the Lord that we are following applies to them as well in exodus 23 verse nine was our focus scripture.

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TANYA MILLER: And it talks about not making it difficult.

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TANYA MILLER: And it said, the reason why you shouldn't make it difficult, because you know, a bear hard you know the heart of a

stranger of a forerunner of immigrants.

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TANYA MILLER: And levticus 1918 we move on to the very commanded to love the foreigner.

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TANYA MILLER: And then in levticus 2322 there was an instruction that when you glean from your harvest that you would leave some at the edges.

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TANYA MILLER: For the poor and the foreigners amongst you so we move from respecting the foreigner in genesis 23 four to levticus 2322 putting love in action when we are working in our fields.

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TANYA MILLER: whatever that may be in that time it was harvesting, they were working they were asked to leave something behind for the foreigners and the poor amongst them.

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TANYA MILLER: We had gone through all the scriptures last week and we just got into the point where we were going to talk about you can move to the next slide the specific.

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TANYA MILLER: scripture 23 verse nine, where it says.

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TANYA MILLER: You know the heart of a sojourner for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt and I just gotten, to the point where I was asking all of us, what is the heart of a sojourner of a foreigner.

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TANYA MILLER: When I started to prepare for this Bible study I began making meaning of this because.

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TANYA MILLER: by looking into my history, because I am a first

generation American.

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TANYA MILLER: Both of my parents were not born here, but they came to this country in there.

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TANYA MILLER: I want to say.

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TANYA MILLER: junior high to high school age, they probably like 13 to 14 I believe so, they were pretty young but they.

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TANYA MILLER: had to learn and had to move in a new culture, and so in beginning to look at this and to.

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TANYA MILLER: figure out what the heart of a border was I started to ask questions of my family members, I will share with you what I learned from that experience, but first I would like, for us to.

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TANYA MILLER: i'm going to ask sister Carol Copeland Thomas to break us out into some groups, so we can discuss these questions, what is the heart of.

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TANYA MILLER: Of a foreigner, and then the second question, says when, if you are not a foreigner, if you are not first generation American like myself when did you feel.

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TANYA MILLER: Strange or out of place, like a foreigner so sister Carol would you allow us to spend some moments in the group, and I really want us to i'll give us about.

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TANYA MILLER: eight minutes, and then we will come back together, and I want us to share, about what does it mean because the scripture says.

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TANYA MILLER: You know the heart of a foreigner you yourselves were foreigners was, but do we really know what it feels to be left out to be strange or to not have access to land in the ways that.

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TANYA MILLER: Someone that's native born might have so I wanted us to discuss that in some smaller groups I also do not mind if we dig a little deeper and just talk about how this relates to our present culture so sister Carol if you would.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Please, and what i'll do Thank you Minister Tony what i'll do is I will broadcast the questions twice what you'll get question one question two so that you can then write them down and then have a discussion about them all right.

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TANYA MILLER: Small and one last small instruction.

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TANYA MILLER: Please allow.

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TANYA MILLER: The different members in your breakout group to speak so we'll give you about eight minutes so four minutes for one person and four minutes for another.

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TANYA MILLER: break it up as you see fit.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Mr tanya would you like to go into a breakout room or stay here.

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TANYA MILLER: um yeah that's a breakout room.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Okay, all right pastors hammond Would you also like to go into a breakout room or stay in the main room.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Sure breakout room all right pastor Gloria also.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: All right, here we go.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And you can just click on join for the Anthony sister Angelica sister Margaret just click on the join button and you will then disappear into your room.

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TANYA MILLER: In meaningful discussion as well.

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TANYA MILLER: What are some of the things that you.

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TANYA MILLER: In your in your groups learned about the heart of a foreigner i'm just going to put that question out there, you can unmute yourself and speak.

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Felicia Wiltz: Well, we we taught in our group, we talked a little bit about um.

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Felicia Wiltz: It depends on the circumstances under which the foreigner has come to the to the new land so.

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Felicia Wiltz: Like.

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Felicia Wiltz: Rosemary Miller was saying that she came as a child, so you know, there was no choice and there's no sort of thought about you know why you know parents tell you, you going you're going.

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Felicia Wiltz: But many are coming seeking a better life or.

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Felicia Wiltz: Maybe, coupled with whatever was going on in the home countries.

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Felicia Wiltz: But they're seeking something better and they're seeking to be a part of a community.

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TANYA MILLER: Thank you, anyone else, seeking to be a part of a community.

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Gloria White-Hammond: And we are group said some of the same thing so depends on the circumstances to bring you here if you're a refugee from.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Warsaw zone or from a place.

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Gloria White-Hammond: of insecurity, then you're you're looking for security to be safe and.

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TANYA MILLER: Safety shonda wrote opportunity.

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TANYA MILLER: yeah safety opportunity.

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TANYA MILLER: Anything else.

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TANYA MILLER: One more before we go back to us.

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Joyce Marshall: will come in and.

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Suzanne Ricco: out about wanting to people all in pretty love it be epic.

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TANYA MILLER: Wanting to belong to be accepted sister Joyce you were gonna say something.

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Joyce Marshall: Oh, she actually just said that.

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Joyce Marshall: She just exactly said what I was gonna say but another thing we were talking about was wanting.

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Joyce Marshall: Wanting to better ourselves.

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Joyce Marshall: In a new place and move forward and wanting to.

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Joyce Marshall: be accepted for us, you are not seen as less than the people that you're joining.

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TANYA MILLER: Thank you sister Joyce you got a little deeper right wanting to be accepted and and not to be seen as less than.

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TANYA MILLER: And these are all the things that the Israelites when

they were leaving Egypt, where we're looking for for themselves as well right opportunity, a better life for their for their children lot the oppression of pharaoh to move into someplace that they would be secure to.

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TANYA MILLER: gain access to the promises of God, and when we look at foreigners and immigrants that are looking for an opportunity.

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TANYA MILLER: That will bring them out of whatever their current situation is and there's something in our group that was really interesting that I think sister.

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TANYA MILLER: That I noticed that sister, can we touched on was that just wanting to have access to not only to opportunity, but to the same standards of the people that they are living amongst.

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TANYA MILLER: And so, when the scripture says, if we can go back to our slides sister Carol.

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TANYA MILLER: When the scripture says you shall not oppress us soldier.

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TANYA MILLER: that's looking at the fact that.

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TANYA MILLER: We can't put up barriers for other people right, we were once.

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TANYA MILLER: sojourners in the land of Egypt, and you know this is specifically talking to the Israelites and they they knew what it felt like to have barrel remove the resources that they had and still insist that they work and they.

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TANYA MILLER: I can't see anybody else, let me make sure Okay, here we go side by side gallery I just wanna make sure I can see your faces.

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TANYA MILLER: When.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: We see you, I know you do.

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TANYA MILLER: When they were in.

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TANYA MILLER: In Egypt, he removed the resources that they needed to fulfill the quota of their jobs right and so he made it increasingly difficult.

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TANYA MILLER: When when foreigners and sojourners and immigrants come into our myths, we have to ask ourselves.

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TANYA MILLER: Are the things that I am doing creating barriers for others to access opportunity to access a better life for their children.

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TANYA MILLER: That is an important question, we can move to the next slide.

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TANYA MILLER: Oh.

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TANYA MILLER: So when I was gathering information and I spoke to my family members, you guys touched on some of these.

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TANYA MILLER: Some of the feelings of a foreigners are ready, as you discussed it in your group, you know there's there's a feeling of

being unknown of not belonging of being looked up looked down on and not having access to to privilege.

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TANYA MILLER: You have to live places where other people don't want to live.

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TANYA MILLER: That is something that we don't often take into consideration.

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TANYA MILLER: When we have foreigners in our midst that sometimes they are living here when they don't want to live here to fully at this point if you're if they're a child they're brought here and they may want to go back home.

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TANYA MILLER: let's move to the next slide.

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TANYA MILLER: So the question that we have to ask ourselves as Christians, and I think at following the word of God is how do we move to becoming neighbors right, how do we move from seeing the foreigner as outside.

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TANYA MILLER: To inviting them in I remember when I was growing up.

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TANYA MILLER: One of the things that I loved I grew up on a on a block called vans have their place and on van de vere place, we had a block association.

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TANYA MILLER: And our block association with often get together and plan activities for the children and for just for everyone on the block, but one of the things I remember growing up about neighbors is that neighbors were someone I always wanted to share things with.

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TANYA MILLER: As a child i'm not sure my mother, would have liked it a lot of times but.

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TANYA MILLER: As a child, when you have neighbors you want something to eat you go inside your House and you break out what you have to eat, not only for yourself but to share amongst your friends.

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TANYA MILLER: And sometimes if they if it's too hot outside and it's cooler inside you invite them in so that they can be.

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TANYA MILLER: Out of out of the heat and in the shade right so as children, we know very well how to be neighbors we share.

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TANYA MILLER: We invite people in and we accept them as they are the one of the things we need to understand about foreigners immigrants and stranger is that in order for them to stop being on the outside, it is up to us to invite them in and to share life with them.

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TANYA MILLER: Like the scripture says, we must remember that we are all displaced people, one of the things that is very.

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TANYA MILLER: exciting to read about history is to know that the people have been moving across the earth for so many generations.

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TANYA MILLER: However, certain groups of people have gained access to power and have insisted that their way of living should inform this new place that they are are in.

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TANYA MILLER: And we've seen that and we know about the history of colonization and how it continues to displace people right.

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TANYA MILLER: And it continues to lead to to strip them from their

homeland and to have them trying to figure out where their next place would be and how they will fit in.

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TANYA MILLER: With knowing all of that, we have to acknowledge that to be a foreigner is a take a step of faith, it is to move into the unknown.

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TANYA MILLER: And to try and to build relationship with others, so that your children so that your family has the access to something that they they may not have had.

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TANYA MILLER: In your country of origin or to find safety for your family as a pastor Gloria was alluding to before um and so too, yes, it is also sacrifice.

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TANYA MILLER: As a foreigner you come into a new place and you sacrifice for the idea that there is something better, that you can build in a new space.

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TANYA MILLER: foreigners are builders, they are individuals that are making bridges from the past to the future.

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TANYA MILLER: And the future is something that they hope for that is not yet seen but they believe will come true, based on the measures of their based on their good work and their and their belief that this is.

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TANYA MILLER: This is a new way of life that they are called to.

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TANYA MILLER: So, to move from Florida immigrant stranger to neighbors, we have to genuinely want to engage with others.

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TANYA MILLER: You can pull down the this you can stop the slideshow sister Carol for a moment.

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TANYA MILLER: One of the things that I have been pondering as i've been preparing for this.

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TANYA MILLER: For this Bible study is that sometimes we don't recognize it but as Christians, we can create barriers and keep people outside.

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TANYA MILLER: We have a way that we think the world should operate, we have our ideals and we want to see our ideals fulfill and we pray and we pray and we try to create new ways of doing things.

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TANYA MILLER: and loving and being amongst people, however, the moment, sometimes I should not say this doesn't happen all the time how.

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TANYA MILLER: Sometimes, when people do not adhere to our ideal beliefs or the way we feel that the world should operate, which we because we try to make them a project.

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TANYA MILLER: And we try to bring salvation to them, and I believe i've been i've been praying about this and thinking about this a lot as i've been been looking at these scriptures that God is not asking us.

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TANYA MILLER: To.

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TANYA MILLER: make others a project, but to live life with them to get to know them and to let his glory shine through us why am I saying this, what are you getting at tonya make it plain.

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TANYA MILLER: I fully believe that sometimes in our financial Ben jellioe nature or I ideas of sharing the Gospel that we only make our interactions with people, based on the fact that we think that they need Jesus.

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TANYA MILLER: We just tried to create or two opportunities to share our faith that may seem forced.

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TANYA MILLER: That are that they don't take the person.

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TANYA MILLER: And who they are into consideration, they don't allow us to be curious to engage with people in a way that says, you are valuable whether or not.

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TANYA MILLER: You love God the way I love God or not that's what i'm trying to say so.

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TANYA MILLER: If we are to actually move from foreigners to neighbor I believe that we not, we need to question whether our evangelical aims are objectifying people.

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TANYA MILLER: Or if they are honestly, seeing them as individuals, that I have value, whether or not.

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TANYA MILLER: They love and serve and move the way that I do.

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TANYA MILLER: And I believe that that is the essence of bringing someone from a foreigner to a neighbor by being curious asking questions.

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TANYA MILLER: understanding what led them to take the steps of faith

to try something new.

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TANYA MILLER: And just sharing life with them allows us to move beyond our biases beyond our ideas of what should be and allows God to kind of show up without us even knowing.

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TANYA MILLER: i'm.

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TANYA MILLER: One of the stories that I love to share, about how this became real for me goes back to what I, my first.

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TANYA MILLER: encounters.

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TANYA MILLER: clarifying the idea that I wanted to work with young people, I grew up in a nazarene church and in that NASA in church of the nomination, we have what's called.

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TANYA MILLER: campgrounds and every summer we have youth camp and it could be.

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TANYA MILLER: there's different ages, of course, this family camp at the end of the summer, when you bring everybody back together, and you have revival services.

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TANYA MILLER: And everybody listens to the missionary and speakers that come throughout the day you break out, and you do different activities well one day at youth camp.

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TANYA MILLER: There was a young girl who did not could not get it follow the rules, the way that the camp wanted she actually unbeknownst to us was a sent from an Adoption Agency and did not have.

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TANYA MILLER: anything to do in the summer, so they sent her to camp and it wasn't a fit for her so in services, she would she would like.

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TANYA MILLER: speak out and say some things that people thought were mean she would actually kick the chair of a person in front of her, she had a habit of smoking brought cigarettes to camp and they were very frustrated with her.

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TANYA MILLER: And for some reason God moved on my heart, and I was able to walk with her and to talk with her when she didn't fit in to the services, the way that everybody else wanted her to, and in that opportunity I was able to learn so much about how her family had this had.

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TANYA MILLER: This deserted her how she got to smoking, why it became a habit and all of these different things, why she enjoyed personal I shouldn't trust people I walked with her every day, while we were having services because she didn't fit in the box like we wanted it too, and in that.

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TANYA MILLER: In that interaction, I was able to see that she was just a child that just really wanted someone to.

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TANYA MILLER: To accept her and not try to change her and in those moments of not trying to change it began a friendship that we would later become pen pals and she would write me she even later visited my home and she did actually.

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TANYA MILLER: become safe but it's a it was a while before that happen and I had to interact with her without putting pressures on her to fit in the way that we thought would be best so tonight I just really wanted to.

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TANYA MILLER: Just ask us to consider what are the ways that we are

creating barriers that are not a lot better not allowing for others to become our neighbors for others to feel comfortable coming in and sharing life with us.

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TANYA MILLER: We can go back to the slide.

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TANYA MILLER: As I was preparing and doing all of this, I kept going to my Bible APP and it was as if God was just.

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TANYA MILLER: We can move to the next slide it was as if God was just moving through the Bible APP and confirming my message, because I came across this this little scripture that says love one another, it was during a daily.

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TANYA MILLER: devotional on the Bible APP and if you move to the next to the final slide before we just kind of talk to one another.

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TANYA MILLER: That prayer that day said God, please help me to genuinely love others by looking out for their best interest, allow me to notice and encourage what is good and those around me today and everyday show me how to love, as you love me in Jesus name so.

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TANYA MILLER: that's what I have for you guys tonight um my question is, and I think it's a question that we each have to interrogate for ourselves how do we do we as individuals, create barriers.

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TANYA MILLER: That keep people feeling alone and isolated or is our life inviting them in so that they can experience the love of Christ without us objectifying, though.

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TANYA MILLER: That is my That is my thoughts for you tonight, and I, at this point, I just wanted us to kind of share I know it's been two weeks and.

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TANYA MILLER: that's what God put on my heart and I, I hope, it has been a blessing for you, but let's talk well.

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JONELL JOHNSON: i'm gonna i'd like to start, because I have to leave in a few minutes.

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JONELL JOHNSON: Sure, this is a beyond a blessing to me beyond beyond beyond beyond during.

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JONELL JOHNSON: During annual conference um I remember, Dr.

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JONELL JOHNSON: Ishmael Washington Ellis Ishmael Washington saying something about the fact that Christians are so tightly woven that they can't even tell you, maybe.

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JONELL JOHNSON: One or two friends, they have that aren't Christians like we're like a in a quick, you know, then like we're just always hang out together, yes praise the Lord sister yes reservoir.

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JONELL JOHNSON: and other people can come in and I don't and even if they wanted to get in you know what church, do you go to or you know how long you've been say all things that just turn people turn people off and.

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JONELL JOHNSON: It means so much because as we're opening up our church family and coming back into the sanctuary pastor at some point in 2022.

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JONELL JOHNSON: People are going to come to our church that we don't know at all.

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JONELL JOHNSON: um because they found us on the web and we have to reach out to people, you have to be able to walk up to somebody that you don't know right in the church and they just showed up because they.

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JONELL JOHNSON: They heard about how wonderful the hammonds are you know and they don't know nothing about the Bible nothing about Jesus don't carry a Bible don't know the devil off.

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JONELL JOHNSON: But we have to find a way to reach into people's lives and I life will shine as a witness to this so in in US was shine out to us, without ever having to quote one scripture for maybe chapter every book of the Bible.

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TANYA MILLER: So it's.

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JONELL JOHNSON: very relevant conversation for us as Christians to be having.

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TANYA MILLER: Thank you so much, just the generic I wanted to I forgot to mention one thing one of the individuals that in our church that i've noticed that.

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TANYA MILLER: is always able to invite others in and I had to have a conversation after our last Bible study with sister Carol.

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TANYA MILLER: And I asked her like what uh How does she continued to be open to accepting or being receptive to others to creating a welcoming atmosphere and one of the things that we were able to pull out of her story was that she recognized one her origin story of not always.

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TANYA MILLER: of her of her father living in Africa for some years,

and being being a you know, a foreigner someplace else right and and having access to all these stories of.

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TANYA MILLER: different cultures at a very young age, and to as an entrepreneur, one of the things that you that says account looks to do is expand her network, and so I took those two things that I said I hope that we can utilize this as we.

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TANYA MILLER: are trying to to make space for the immigrant for the fourth one is that we recognize our origin story, which is why I asked you guys to separate and to think about when have we felt like a stranger.

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TANYA MILLER: Or what is the heart of a Florida, because we all have access to that heart if we think about it and to and once once you stay.

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TANYA MILLER: Once you stay aware of that story you recognize that others could be in that situation themselves, and then to, we have to expand our network, we have to be curious, we have to be.

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TANYA MILLER: willing to ask questions and to engage from a sense of transparency vulnerability humility, because that allows people to recognize that.

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TANYA MILLER: we're not trying to make them a case study we're not trying to simply just win them.

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TANYA MILLER: To heaven, so that we can get an extra star or gentlemen, our crown when we get to heaven sometimes that's how people perceive Christians right like our opportunity are.

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TANYA MILLER: reaching out is to get another gentleman our crown when we go to heaven and God will say you're such a fabulous state that's

not what we want, we want to inch engage with others from a sense of.

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TANYA MILLER: Openness of honesty of authenticity i'm sorry I was, I was asking you guys to talk, but then hi whether it's another thing to go right ahead.

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Angelene Thompson: You know tanya one of the things that I kept thinking about, as you are.

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Angelene Thompson: You access the question about that that journey from.

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Angelene Thompson: from foreign or to neighbor How do we make.

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Angelene Thompson: The foreigner become our neighbor and it's one up renee brown POPs in my head and it's it's one of empathy and I feel like that the roadmap that will allow for.

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Angelene Thompson: The removal and the chipping away of that barrier, where we see you know people as foreigners right when we begin to empathize and when we begin to the empathy allows for the human ization because without that we are perfectly comfortable.

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Angelene Thompson: In our space and our privilege watching.

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Angelene Thompson: Atrocities unfold, and they don't necessarily need to be blatant but because it's not happening to us we're okay with it right, and so I feel like.

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Angelene Thompson: When we're Okay, with it, then the foreigner will remain the foreigner, because it has nothing to do with us and renee Brown and.

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Angelene Thompson: To Toronto Burke, some of you may know her she's like the inventor of the me to movement, they have this.

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Angelene Thompson: That this collaboration, where they have this book I call your your best thing.

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Angelene Thompson: And one of the things that she says like this question, we need to constantly ask ourselves, like when you see like blatant dehumanization what story, do you, we have to tell ourselves to be okay with that.

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Angelene Thompson: Right, and so you know there's so many things that happen to foreigners and we feel like well that's them that's not us and.

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TANYA MILLER: Thank Thank you Angelina Thank you, thank you.

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TANYA MILLER: For yes for sharing that we have to get to a space of empathy, we have to stay.

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TANYA MILLER: Conscious of our origin story and how we at Thomas felt like we were not allowed to be human that gives us a space to to reach out to others and to make sure that they're not feeling the same.

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Gloria White-Hammond: token I neighbor.

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Gloria White-Hammond: it's almost like the elephant in the zone.

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Gloria White-Hammond: In our group we actually identified with the

corner as black people in America.

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Gloria White-Hammond: And so, though, so when you think through the origin story if it's 400 years.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Of what we know right and and feeling others in the only place you really know is home.

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Gloria White-Hammond: So how so so that that's a whole other regal in terms of understanding.

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Gloria White-Hammond: This account and then Let me name this and and we're not going to be able to deal with this tonight, but we put but just naming.

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Gloria White-Hammond: What is it me when this is so, this is part of our conversation with pro group that read past that I hope people read past, I hope you get a chance to read path is one of the things that visible wilkerson names is the tensions between people of color from around the world.

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Gloria White-Hammond: So naming the tensions for African Americans.

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Gloria White-Hammond: And the tensions between immigrants of African descent, who come from.

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Gloria White-Hammond: We are, I suspect that we're all aware of that complexity.

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Gloria White-Hammond: So it's interesting and like I said the three of us, I mean we knew about immigrants, but we, but much of our our sense of understanding the heart of the immigrants is being African American

in a country that doesn't.

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Gloria White-Hammond: And so, how does what happens when the immigrant immigrant others.

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Gloria White-Hammond: That the foreigner who's who felt like you know for so long, all of us, bringing our trauma right, so how.

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Gloria White-Hammond: I don't even know how to speak about that, but that's worth it, at some point unpacking that because that really informs a lot of.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Challenges among people of African descent in this country.

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TANYA MILLER: Thank you for that pastor glory for naming that you know that's that's so important to this discussion, how do we who have had feelings of being an immigrant make others feel.

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TANYA MILLER: I.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I mean about within the black Community because you have so many layers within.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: You have those of us who are African Americans all my roots go back to America and Africa.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Then you have the Caribbean Americans that you have the Africans who come here to this country so you've got those three different groups, but within those groups, then you got social casts within our groups.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And i've been in audiences and even, I have to admit, even in some of my family dynamics, I have to adjust to being in the presence.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: of some people in social gatherings because it's not comfortable, for me, because of the social groups that I find myself in within my family structure so even within that it can be uncomfortable and then you retreat i'm going to your House and sort of reclaim your essence again.

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Gloria White-Hammond: amanda domination right.

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Gloria White-Hammond: The the high rolling Christians and we think about the Holy rolling pentecostals right within the pentecostals the whole ranking thing that goes on, so there we there's a lot of.

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Gloria White-Hammond: spaces to like a foreigner and there's a lot of other things that goes on by the others right so that's a very rich, but complex conversation to have we are all know, we are all capable of other in other room with people who look like us right right.

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TANYA MILLER: Right yeah, and that is where we have to lean into being critical about how we show up and offer.

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TANYA MILLER: acceptance and offer space to each other, because there is so much space to be other and to other, and I believe.

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TANYA MILLER: That as Christians, we have to own that this isn't a comfortable space that God does not want us to reside in.

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TANYA MILLER: Because we should be those with open arms, welcoming and understanding that experience, and I think that that is the the

essence of that scripture.

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TANYA MILLER: That says, you know, do not oppress for you yourselves know the heart of a Florida, we have to recognize that and and all that all that we we have been other and that we don't want to other other people.

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Rosemary Miller: amen i'm ideas daughter I.

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Rosemary Miller: I just wanted to make a quick comment and one of the thoughts that come to mind is the fact that we have to in order for us to be accepting of others, we have to realize that we were.

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Rosemary Miller: We became accepted into the Kingdom of God, because Jesus took the time to come into our lives and as Christians, one of the problems that we have is that we.

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Rosemary Miller: tend to be judgmental of others before we accept them into company, and it should not be that way, as the Bible tells us Jesus did not come into the world to judge the world and we have got to be willing.

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Rosemary Miller: to welcome others and as was made mentioned by pastor Gloria is the fact that I have found that even in those foreigners that come from Africa, or maybe come from the West Indies, they tend to.

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Rosemary Miller: want to judge each other and think that because of where they come from, make them different and above others and that creates a problem because.

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Rosemary Miller: We fail to realize that when others see us they don't ask us what our credentials are they don't ask us what our background are is but they looked at us and they judge us based upon our

complexity and then they react to us accordingly and.

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Rosemary Miller: We cannot do that in reverse the Bible said that we are called to be light.

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Rosemary Miller: And we have got to be able to shine in the midst of darkness that doesn't mean we just accept and say, yes, you know that we want to be martyrs, or to be sacrificial know we stand.

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Rosemary Miller: On the word of God and the word of God tells us that when we accept Jesus as our savior that then we will have the ability to stand strong, even though we may go through those valleys that may seem to be the valley of the shadow of death.

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Rosemary Miller: And we can thank God amen.

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Ray Hammond: I want to.

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Ray Hammond: agree with, I think much almost everything that i've heard tonight, because I think it it speaks to.

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Ray Hammond: The call that God has placed on our life.

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Ray Hammond: I don't know if I throw this out just for consideration I don't know we take seriously enough how much we are asking ourselves and others to go, contrary to what is natural for us.

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Ray Hammond: I want to argue the other ring is natural.

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Ray Hammond: I want to argue that the fear of difference is on some

levels natural, not unlike our fear of heights or our fear of great heat or fire or our fear of loud noises.

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Ray Hammond: Things that are strange.

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Ray Hammond: seem dangerous and then as a culture we kind of reinforce that we talked about this last week stranger danger right that, because of the whole concern about abuse and abduction and, of course, what we also know, is the person you're most likely at danger from when it comes to abuse is.

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Ray Hammond: If the people around you right okay.

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Ray Hammond: But we're not quite sure what to do with them so so let's at least talk about that stranger with it right.

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Ray Hammond: So some of this is really the process of overcoming something that's not totally bad.

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Ray Hammond: Because you should have some discernment and judgment and something that's very natural and that the culture actually reinforces.

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Ray Hammond: And yes, sometimes it's around race and sometimes it's around gender.

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Ray Hammond: You know I I don't tend to have a fear or a nap entering it.

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Ray Hammond: For women, but I can well imagine why women might carry that for men in our society in our context and.

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Ray Hammond: And strange men, and I can imagine that that's reinforced, so a piece of this is figuring out.

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Ray Hammond: How do we overcome something that we've been raised with in some cases pathological to buy our family, probably by even some innate.

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Ray Hammond: I mean there's one theory, the people who weren't afraid of heights sell died and never reproduce so the whole evil well as the folks who know you've got to be very cautious around high heights right so So how do we overcome this very natural thing.

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Ray Hammond: All of which is not bad.

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Ray Hammond: But now in a real sense guys asking us to do something that breaks out of that mold it doesn't see difference as a as a moment for fear, but a moment for opportunity and, as you say you absolutely right, not just to use the foreigner for my own.

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Ray Hammond: But to see and to learn some things and to be to be open to possibilities and opportunities that otherwise would not have.

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Ray Hammond: to throw that out there, because I don't I wonder, sometimes I know this is true, I think, sometimes in the church when we say to people you just go up and tell people about the love of Jesus well that's not natural really for most people what what's it going to take to break through.

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Ray Hammond: That kind of Barry what does it take in prayer what is it taken.

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Ray Hammond: Thinking about my own experiences, what is it going to

take I don't know what is it going to take to kind of break through that barrier that wall.

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Felicia Wiltz: I don't know I don't know that this is the answer pastor I think that's a really big question.

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Felicia Wiltz: But I I I do feel that starting to have these conversations is is at least the start like I think tanya was saying is getting to know them and talking to them and having conversations.

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Felicia Wiltz: At the university we've started having really good conversations about privilege about white fragility about anti racism, I mean and and the that conversations have been very rich and you can see.

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Felicia Wiltz: People learning and and changing and and it's it's we've all said this work is a lifelong journey that will be working for the rest of our lives to overcome all of what you what you mentioned, but I do think starting to have those brave conversations.

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Felicia Wiltz: Is is a start.

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wyatt jackson: mm hmm mm hmm.

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00:51:50.520 --> 00:51:53.490

wyatt jackson: And I would add i'll take a leap of faith there.

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wyatt jackson: and talk about sesame street the blessing of sesame street.

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00:51:59.910 --> 00:52:00.480

wyatt jackson: How.

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00:52:02.490 --> 00:52:03.540
wyatt jackson: They brilliantly.

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00:52:04.800 --> 00:52:10.770
wyatt jackson: Show who puppets and through people working together how to build community and celebrate.

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00:52:12.120 --> 00:52:12.780
wyatt jackson: The other.

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00:52:14.130 --> 00:52:21.690
wyatt jackson: celebrate difference, and it is about conversation and it's about asking questions, one of the things that.

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00:52:22.830 --> 00:52:27.540
wyatt jackson: We were doing at PBS kids for a while, was observing.

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00:52:28.950 --> 00:52:43.590
wyatt jackson: Young people watch the programming, so they can learn whether the eyeballs ago, while programming is happening and what we found with the shows that I was doing was that the children gravitated towards.

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00:52:44.790 --> 00:52:47.700
wyatt jackson: Either puppets or people who were getting along.

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00:52:49.530 --> 00:52:51.240
wyatt jackson: Who are getting along with each other.

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00:52:52.980 --> 00:53:03.960
wyatt jackson: Having conversation having fun, so I think there's something in there that needs to be looked at, I think sesame street has figured out some of that and the other piece that I.

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00:53:05.190 --> 00:53:19.440
wyatt jackson: had been really just thinking about with this Mars stuff that's going on this Rover that's on Mars now and how people are really caught up in looking at this little helicopter go six feet off the ground and then land and they're going crazy over it.

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00:53:21.600 --> 00:53:28.560

wyatt jackson: I had a professor, who told me science professor, who said we're not our our planet is not the big deal here.

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00:53:30.090 --> 00:53:37.290

wyatt jackson: we're just one planet right and we're not even at the Center of this solar system, then he said.

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wyatt jackson: let's just take the cluster of solar systems we're not even at the Center of the cluster of solar systems that were a part of.

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00:53:49.410 --> 00:54:00.180

wyatt jackson: And then, when I look further you said, this is universe, if you look at where we are in the universe we're, not even in the Center of our universe.

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wyatt jackson: And then, lastly, he said.

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wyatt jackson: we're not even with respect to this cluster of universes that were part of we're not even at the Center of that cluster we're like in the suburbs.

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00:54:20.340 --> 00:54:32.130

wyatt jackson: And so, he was trying to say that we're a part of a huge system that we're, not even the Center of so we have to learn how to exist.

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00:54:33.600 --> 00:54:54.570

wyatt jackson: As going coming back to people, we have to learn to exist as when not the big thing here we meaning the individual were part of a much bigger ecosystem and it is about conversation, it is about outreach, it is about getting to know others because we're really not the Center of it all.

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00:54:57.570 --> 00:55:10.560

TANYA MILLER: That is a great I know i'm noticing the time that is a great place to land on for tonight is that we were not the Center you know and a part of welcome me.

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00:55:11.610 --> 00:55:15.210

TANYA MILLER: Others in is is is recognizing that right.

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00:55:16.440 --> 00:55:28.650

TANYA MILLER: These were all great questions and all great thoughts that we have all added to the discussion, I think that this is probably the fodder for.

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TANYA MILLER: continued discussion, and I hope that someone will take up the mantle because I think that this is a conversation that we need to hold.

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TANYA MILLER: To our hearts and we need to ask questions, especially in the space and time that we are in, and as we see our children grow and develop.

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TANYA MILLER: We want to make sure that they are equipped to to welcome others and that begins by the demonstration that we we leave with our lives we live with our lives, forgive me um Let us come to a close, if there are any prayer requests, you can drop it in the chat.

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00:56:12.810 --> 00:56:26.730

TANYA MILLER: I would like to ask you all to lift up my cousin he is, I have a cousin who's in the nick you here at Boston children's hospital his name is kingston Jamaat I will put that in the.

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TANYA MILLER: In the chat he was born as a premium has not been out of the hospital, he is now eight months old he had underdeveloped lungs so he's still in the hospital.

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TANYA MILLER: his family, his parents live in Albany New York, so they have to travel down to see him here at Boston children's hospital on the weekend, so if you can pray a lift them up, I would greatly appreciate that.

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JONELL JOHNSON: I have one prayer request to tanya.

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JONELL JOHNSON: morning prayer 6am warning for with first fiscal district there's a baby her name is baby roles and she's from Albany New York or just outside Albany.

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JONELL JOHNSON: And she's being transported to Boston children's hospital today as we speak i'm the vessel that goes from her heart to her lungs is small it's very small.

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JONELL JOHNSON: And it's going to have to be replaced and she's about six months so and they let her come home from the hospital for a short time before she made this transfer.

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JONELL JOHNSON: And they've already had to resuscitate her several times and so she's in route now to Boston children's hospital and I don't know what the visitation is like over there, but.

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JONELL JOHNSON: let's pray for baby rose I don't have her last name handy in front of me but her mother's 25 years old and her art is a member of Israel amy church in Albany New York.

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00:58:05.790 --> 00:58:06.870

JONELL JOHNSON: Baby wolves.

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JONELL JOHNSON: And maybe we can get some visitation to the family and see how that see how those families need to be supported over children's.

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00:58:19.980 --> 00:58:20.310

yeah.

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00:58:21.990 --> 00:58:23.430

TANYA MILLER: Any other prayer requests.

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TANYA MILLER: You can feel free to drop it, I know that the dinis in and the situation in India.

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TANYA MILLER: will continue to pray for sister lily her family.

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TANYA MILLER: For.

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00:58:38.400 --> 00:58:41.760

TANYA MILLER: sister darlene and her family at the.

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Loss of their.

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TANYA MILLER: family member so we'll lift all those things up.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And sister pet owner might put that in there also, as she recovers from her second part of her mastectomy procedure sister paddle.

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TANYA MILLER: let's let's pray let's bow our heads and pray.

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00:59:05.340 --> 00:59:30.600

TANYA MILLER: God, we thank you for an opportunity to engage one with another to make meaning of your word Lord God we ask for courage to be obedient and to live out your instruction to love our neighbors to not oppress foreigners in our midst, but understand.

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00:59:31.680 --> 00:59:41.730

TANYA MILLER: That we know what it's like look and sister Angelica raise we that begins with being empathetic.

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TANYA MILLER: As passive Gloria race that begins with acknowledging that we've been other than and making sure we don't other others.

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TANYA MILLER: That we know that means that we have to be courageous and recognize that as why it says that we are not the Center of our universe.

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TANYA MILLER: This as pastor Helen said is unusual because it it's very normal to to see differences and to be wary and to have some anxiety.

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TANYA MILLER: Around creating Community or meeting with others or learning of something different, but guy, we know that you are causing calling us to go against the grain.

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TANYA MILLER: And so we ask that you would help us to remember that you love us so much that you take the time to get to know us that you accepted us, just as we are, and so God, we want to live out that love help us Lord, as it is a challenging thing to do.

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TANYA MILLER: Evil when we have knowledge of what we should do differently.

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01:00:58.740 --> 01:01:14.130

TANYA MILLER: We want to raise all of these prayer concerns to you for for baby roles and for kingston Jamaat God, we want to raise the pettiness before you look at the situation in India sister pat Lord God.

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01:01:15.870 --> 01:01:24.300

TANYA MILLER: sister Lillian her family and the end of the those that they have lost in these last five months were God.

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01:01:27.150 --> 01:01:39.930

TANYA MILLER: sister darlene Lord God there's so many needs there's so many concerns and God, you know each and every one, so we ask that you would send your spirit to comfort, the people of God.

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01:01:41.430 --> 01:01:50.250

TANYA MILLER: Those who are filled with cyrus or night you're near to their tents and let them know that they are not alone.

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TANYA MILLER: We give you praise and we thank you for the breath in our lungs and the ability to move and to live and to change from day to day, help us to change to become the people you've called us to be in your name, we pray.

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01:02:08.700 --> 01:02:10.140

TANYA MILLER: amen amen.

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01:02:11.070 --> 01:02:14.670

Carole Copeland Thomas: amen amen amen service, thank you.

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01:02:15.450 --> 01:02:20.010

Felicia Wiltz: Great grand wonderful wonderful study good night everybody.

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01:02:20.490 --> 01:02:22.230

Carole Copeland Thomas: good night Thank you so much.

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01:02:22.380 --> 01:02:23.490

Carole Copeland Thomas: Let us tanya.

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01:02:24.090 --> 01:02:26.070

JONELL JOHNSON: Yes, next week.

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01:02:26.790 --> 01:02:30.090

TANYA MILLER: i'm not coming back next week, I believe that someone else but um.

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01:02:31.770 --> 01:02:34.170

TANYA MILLER: well knows, maybe i'll be back again another time.

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01:02:34.530 --> 01:02:36.330

Ray Hammond: yeah great job.

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01:02:36.390 --> 01:02:47.760

Carole Copeland Thomas: excellent answer hammond any update about next week, and obviously we are so thrilled for Reverend more and sister chanel who are now husband and wife and honeymooning so that's a blessing.

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Ray Hammond: No, I don't know but i'll find out.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Okay.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: we'll let you know.

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JONELL JOHNSON: can handle it.

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01:02:58.590 --> 01:03:00.720

Carole Copeland Thomas: God bless everybody good night.