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Carl Racine: notice.

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Carl Racine: So that.

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Carl Racine: There are things that temple Israel would love for people from Bethel to be involved in one in particular that I think will be a really interesting.

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Carl Racine: thing for us to participate in both in conversation and relationship building.

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Carl Racine: The the first two of these are related to the growing issue of climate change.

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Carl Racine: One of them is a.

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Carl Racine: zoom I think it's on zoom this week Thursday evening from seven to 9pm Thursday the seventh called confronting the climate crisis and cultivating spiritual courage.

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Carl Racine: And it's led by a rabbi Laura bellows I don't know that if she's a temple is a rabbi or one and, but the Co leader is our own Carol target who i'm sorry she doesn't seem to be here this week I didn't hear from her, but our own class Member.

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Carl Racine: about how sort of Jewish spirituality can help.

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Carl Racine: Give us the courage to sort of confront the climate

change crisis and the second.

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Carl Racine: event that will be on Thursday April 21 after Easter.

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Carl Racine: After Passover as well, is the protest is a downtown protests in the prudential Center at the chase bank.

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Carl Racine: asking them to divest of their massive investment in fossil fuels chase bank I guess is particularly heavily involved in the fossil fuel industry so at noon on a Thursday, if anyone wants to go down to the prudential Center there's a group from temple Israel that will be there to.

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Carl Racine: To do that, so that's, the first thing the second thing has to do with voting rights that we had this.

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Carl Racine: Meeting, a few weeks ago with Reverend Monica Spencer, who is an am a pastor in Georgia, and it was formed a group called the vote.

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Carl Racine: writers and.

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Carl Racine: they're trying to help people get registered to vote and people for whom that's a difficult thing people rural people, people who may not have access to a birth certificate or other documentation, they need.

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Carl Racine: And so there's going to be a specific orientation on how to do this long distance and there was you don't have to go to Georgia to do it.

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Carl Racine: Led by two of the temple Israel Members who are already

who have been doing this we've been working with people in Georgia and helping them go through all the red tape.

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Carl Racine: To get registered to vote, and they hope Reverend Spencer will be involved in this as well, but that's on Monday April 11 so week from tomorrow.

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Carl Racine: And that's a zoom orientation in the evening and have it written down the time but i'll send out the information on that So if you want to get involved in climate change or you want to get involved in voting rights there's a couple of opportunities through temple Israel.

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Carl Racine: The last thing, and the one that's the most really fascinating to me, is something that tally kind of growing out of our conversations this past summer.

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Carl Racine: wants to continue the relationship with with Bethel and temple Israel and continue building our understanding of one another and are addressing issues of racism.

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Carl Racine: In particular, in America, and there is a series of things, called the radio plays.

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Carl Racine: And there's evidently more than one episode of this, but the second episode is evidently currently being broadcast and it's called rail to road.

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Carl Racine: And let me just read you briefly what it says their website says about these radio plays, they say, is like a performed podcast.

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Carl Racine: Co hosted by literary performer reggie gibson and composer guy mendillo each episode unpacked a timely theme through a

collection of stories whether told through spoken word musical segments or theatrically projected sand animation.

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Carl Racine: A continuous score unites each episode, drawing on classical contemporary and Ottoman Jewish influences and performed by world class multi ethnic sextet so it's basically.

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Carl Racine: A musical group that's doing spoken word musical stuff and the second episode of the one called railroad it says, an Ottoman Jewish couples us immigration hinges on legal definitions of the race and on court documents their race shifts from Turk to Mexican Hebrew and finally white.

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Carl Racine: He a young black man wrestles with assumptions about a Chinese American woman whose ancestor help build the American railroad alongside his own.

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Carl Racine: audiences learn of an SMS and enslave new englander written out of historical records, despite saving countless bostonians by introducing smallpox inoculation.

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Carl Racine: And I feel like we just talked about that fairly recently.

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Carl Racine: Together, these stories ask what is the human cost of immigrating natural naturalising being born into a legal system premised on the power story of race.

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Carl Racine: In what ways does the ideological cultural, political, legal concept of race distort the tone of the stories we tell about one another and what might it take to railroad such distortions.

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Carl Racine: So this sounds like a fascinating and challenging performance, the the the people who put on these radio plays actually

provide actually hope that groups will get together.

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Carl Racine: watch this thing and then discuss it and they actually provide a kind of conversation guide for after watching it.

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Carl Racine: What we're trying to do now is simple, and that is have a meeting on Wednesday April 20 on zoom just with a small group of people.

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Carl Racine: From baffle and temple Israel to plan the event, in other words we're not going to actually do the thing on the 20th, but we want to plan when the best time would be, and whether we do it live in person at temple Israel, for instance.

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Carl Racine: So, to discuss some of the ways that we can just the logistics of bringing this together so i'm going to be involved if there's anyone that is interested in helping out.

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Carl Racine: You can let me know and i'll sign you up for the 20th of April, which again is after the week the Wednesday after he Easter so i'm gonna send all this information out.

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Carl Racine: But this literally is all been in my inbox in the last week and I thought I would at least announce it here because it's very pertinent to what our classes doing.

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Carl Racine: Any questions on that before we get to.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: The The only thing is, I know.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I have a book, the last announcement that you made about the podcast I bought a book as a result of my work i'm

doing with critical race theory called white.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: by law, the legal construction of race, and apparently it talks about how people enter the United States from other countries, and how they're classified.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Interesting raise I just thought about that this book as you were talking about that podcast.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And how people are defined racially.

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Carl Racine: Go to the radio plays website and see more about them, it looks like a fascinating thing to.

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Carl Racine: to interact with.

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Carl Racine: Alright, so i'll send all that stuff out to people, so you can look at it more.

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Carl Racine: more closely and see what things you would like to participate right.

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Carl Racine: Excuse me.

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Carl Racine: Okay.

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Carl Racine: let's open in prayer Lord God we bless you for this day we bless you that we're able to meet together once again.

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Carl Racine: To continue thinking about your word in our on our calling in this world of what you have the work that you've given us to do, and we ask that you would bless our conversation in christ's name amen.

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Carl Racine: All right, I.

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Carl Racine: i've been discussing and trying to sell the idea to people.

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Carl Racine: That Christianity spent too much of its time and energy, focusing on life after death thinking that that's the sort of heart of what religion is all about.

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Carl Racine: And that Christianity is has kind of gone in that direction, because of its lack of proper grounding in.

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Carl Racine: The Old Testament in the scriptures of Israel and I quoted rabbi hassles response to a question about this about why he'd never wrote about.

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Carl Racine: The afterlife and he says, well, we believe in an afterlife, but we have no information about it.

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Carl Racine: I think that's god's business what to do with me after life here it's my business what to do with my life, so I leave it they after life to God.

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Carl Racine: And i'm arguing this I in my my mind, is a very sane perspective on things that there's a lot of useless Christian speculation and arguing about the afterlife but very little real information.

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Carl Racine: sister Maria this morning was having a brief.

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Carl Racine: conversation with pastor about whether there will be pets in the afterlife and.

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Carl Racine: it's obviously something that matters to her a lot.

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Carl Racine: But pastor said well i'm agnostic on that, and the reason we're agnostic about such things is rabbi says we really don't have that kind of information.

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Carl Racine: And we need to just trust the afterlife to God so.

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Carl Racine: Jesus discursive disciples from set speculation about the future and said that no one, not even himself knows the details and it's not for you to know or worry about as heschel said that's god's business.

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Carl Racine: And since the death of my sister, this is increasingly become my perspective on things.

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Carl Racine: As rabbi sacks and many others make clear that i've read over the years, Judaism, is a celebration of this life, with all its problems and difficulties, and if we could see that last slide number 17 please.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I love this slide.

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Carl Racine: yeah.

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Carl Racine: So.

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Carl Racine: My sex is.

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Carl Racine: god's blessings our material, as well as spiritual good crops fine harvests a land of plenty and the politics of peace to be a Jews, to celebrate life to see God in life and to make a blessing over life.

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Carl Racine: God has to be found in the midst of our lives here in this world, not in escaping from it, but embracing the responsibilities God has given us for this world and enjoying the blessings God has provided for us here and now.

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Carl Racine: So, even in the Bible salvation isn't so much a spiritual religious word in in the Hebrew scriptures it means deliverance from crisis.

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Carl Racine: healing deliverance from illness from poverty from oppression from perils from enemies, etc, and that the prosperity Gospel people kind of grabbed onto a bit of this, but then they've taken it in very unbiblical ways.

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Carl Racine: But most Christians have tend to spiritual eyes that kind of language in the Old Testament and they've lost the focus on this life and the realities of the world that we live in now.

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Carl Racine: As people used to say there so heavenly minded, there are no earthly good so, for example, the example you see on your screen here the promise of showers of blessing from the Book of ezekiel we

used to sing a hymn about there so be showers of blessing, and some of you may know that song.

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Carl Racine: This is from the Book of ezekiel where it's very clear from the original context that God is promising Israel that they will have the necessary.

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Carl Racine: Rainfall for their crops to flourish, they will have literal showers of blessing, not some sort of vague abstract spiritual realities.

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Carl Racine: and Christian spiritual lies that kind of language in the Bible and drain it have much of its meaning.

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Carl Racine: And then, a world where drought is increasingly a problem due to global warming, we really need to recover and wrestle with the earthy creation focused message of the scriptures, and here I found this wonderful picture.

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Carl Racine: of something that I think is a much more biblical understanding of the phrase showers of blessing it's a mobile shower for the homeless.

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Carl Racine: Those are the kinds of showers of blessings that we need to start within the scriptures and understand that they vary the god very much is concerned about the blessings that we experience in this world.

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Carl Racine: cornell once cornel West once said, and I, I remember this distinctly I could not for the life of me find the video on YouTube, but it was a talk he gave at UCLA about rabbi heschel but, in the middle of it, he.

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Carl Racine: He made the comment that stuck with me that too often in

church, people are praying for god's showers of blessings on them.

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Carl Racine: And he says, instead of that we should be praying to be a blessing to someone else that after all was the foundational calling and mission given to Abraham and his descendants in genesis 12 123.

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Carl Racine: Now this kind of over spiritual ization of the Bible and of the stuff that's in the Bible.

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Carl Racine: As affected all sorts of things and another example, I wanted to bring up is the way we read the story of Adam and Eve eating the forbidden fruit.

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Carl Racine: In Christian teaching that became this grand theological drama of spiritual rebellion and original sin that doom the human race.

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Carl Racine: But because we spiritual eyes that story we completely missed the point that, first and foremost, this is indeed a story about food.

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Carl Racine: that this was the first kosher law that this is a story about the disastrous consequences of taking for yourself.

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Carl Racine: Everything you see and desire in the world, a story about limiting human consumption of the earth's resources.

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Carl Racine: A story we desperately need right now, a story about how humans are not the only thing that matters in god's creation and don't have a right to just take everything that's there for themselves.

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Carl Racine: And, despite the fact that many people in the church

pride themselves on reading the Bible literally I have never seen a literal reading of this story that says it's actually about what you eat.

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Carl Racine: But in the context of the rest of tourists teachings, it is very much about what you eat whatever other implications it may have it's very much about consumerism.

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Carl Racine: And, as I argued when we talked about the kosher laws, because Christians came to look down on the law of Moses, they didn't appreciate the value of laws restricting what you could eat.

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Carl Racine: And we're therefore blind to a central teaching and the story of Adam and Eve, which is not just a story about Israel but about all humanity.

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Carl Racine: Torah demonstrates that the spiritual is to be found in everyday activities.

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Carl Racine: Such as eating and drinking growing crops and building things, how you handle your money, how you handle your time how you work and how you rest from work.

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Carl Racine: As rabbi heschel said worship and living are part of the same reality or as Jesus said, giving a cup of cold water to a thirsty person is a spiritual act with eternal consequences.

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Carl Racine: Comments questions.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I get your point and.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Again I well I think about.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Some political groups, some groups that politicize their positions.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: To an extreme.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Yet do nothing for people in need in their particular neighborhoods communities or whatever, because they're too busy doing the work, whatever the work happens to be or whatever their political movement happens to be, and yet there's work around them that they could get involved in.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: That this is such a pragmatic picture of just doing a simple gesture of humanity.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Helping someone who is homeless, I mean we see it now going on in different parts of Ukraine and the neighboring countries where they're just trying to give people a place to sleep in a bed to us because that's their immediate need.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: So that I understand.

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James Williams: This so it's always interesting to me how you can take some scripture and how you can pull these meetings, out of it, you know you spoke about the guide to be and.

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James Williams: How, all that is not for our consumption, and now this should be some things that have set aside and and how we've always taken that that.

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James Williams: narrative about the guide the visa means so many other things we want to criticize women for that.

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James Williams: We want to go vegetarian with that there's always these other directions that we want to go with that that that narrative or they're in.

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James Williams: And that's one that I i've never really considered about how all this stuff is not for us just to consume consume consume like we've been doing and something should be set aside that whole concept is like this goes right on by.

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Carl Racine: yeah there are limits and, and I mean we talked about this and we talked about the.

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Carl Racine: The kosher laws that even if Christians don't feel bound by all those kosher laws they have something to teach us about how we're supposed to live in this world, then we need to take that teaching seriously.

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Carl Racine: And you know, and I could go on and on about the kind of.

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Carl Racine: spiritual realization of the Bible.

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Carl Racine: and ignoring the literal this world meaning of.

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Carl Racine: The Hebrew scriptures especially but the other example I just want to bring up that is connected to all this is the story, the central story in Torah, which is the exodus.

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Carl Racine: And we've seen that that story is about politics and people it's about the misuse of power and economic slavery it's about human rights and minority rights it's about civil disobedience and what freedom really means.

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Carl Racine: it's as much a political and social story, as it is a theological story and the word redemption that first comes when we talk about that story is not about being saved from my sins.

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Carl Racine: but about being saved from the sins of others saved from an oppressive government and from the idolatry of the State saved from what Paul calls the principalities and powers that rule this world.

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Carl Racine: And salvation is not a future heavenly hope but but a present day earthly reality is something that we should be praying for, and working for in our world.

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Carl Racine: rabbi sex says the story of exodus is about the construction of a society and alternative society that is radically different from the pig and empires of the world, be they Egypt Babylon Rome or America.

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Carl Racine: And yet the church embraced empire, as soon as it got any kind of power in this world and has embraced empire, ever since.

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Carl Racine: Now Jesus called that alternative society, the Kingdom of God.

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Carl Racine: And that's another biblical idea that's been spiritual eyes almost out of existence into some future heavenly world that has little to do with our daily life.

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Carl Racine: And what i've been arguing in this class is that, in order to understand what Jesus means by that central concept in his teaching, we need to go back to the Torah and to the exodus.

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Carl Racine: So the Church in rejecting this connection to Israel in rejecting it's it's understanding of Torah.

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Carl Racine: That damaged Christianity i'm arguing in no small measure the narrowing of the Gospel message that grew out of the anti Judaism of our tradition.

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Carl Racine: Both its spiritual ization and the focus on life after death has less left us with a disembodied escapist theology.

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Carl Racine: Last was the Old Testament focus on this world and the goodness of creation and its pleasures on the communal nature of salvation and justice, here and now, for the poor and marginalized.

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Carl Racine: On our responsibility for what Judaism calls tikkun olam repairing the world.

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Carl Racine: Judaism could have been god's balancing voice to the individualistic intellectualized spiritualist otherworldly message of Christianity and instead we cut ourselves off from our Jewish roots.

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Carl Racine: And when the church cuts itself off from this route from that life blood we become spiritually anemic and our faith and practice become stunted and distorted and we misread our own scriptures.

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Carl Racine: And you end up with millions of American Christians, believing that the phrase social justice has nothing to do with the gospel.

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Carl Racine: comments.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: well.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I mean i'm sort of affirming what you're saying the amy church, who was.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Based on social justice, an active.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: act of leaving one church because of their practice of discriminating and starting your own church where you are looking much broadly at.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Members of a particular group of people, and then other people who then became part of the Church, but always doing things from the act of social justice and being good to people on earth, as you want to be treated accordingly, because you know the alternative.

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Peter Barrant: I wanted to ECHO something bill said a while ago about the whole idea of social justice, and I think in.

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Peter Barrant: In a lot of evangelical circles this social.

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Peter Barrant: Justice and and activism of churches is counter to the spiritual.

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Peter Barrant: world that they should be looking at, and I think what Carla is arguing here, it should be the central Center of what churches are doing, but if you look at.

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Peter Barrant: Not all but probably most evangelical churches there's very little.

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Peter Barrant: Social justice work.

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Carl Racine: Well it's actually worse than that.

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Carl Racine: it's not simply a matter of neglect, but the way the Church has become polarized in America.

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Carl Racine: And we live in a little sister Carol point we live in a little bit of a bubble in the Church in regards to this but.

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Carl Racine: The the white evangelical church has been wrestling this for a while and there's certain as certain parts of the white evangelical church.

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Carl Racine: That are embracing the call the social justice in the Bible.

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Carl Racine: But there are large parts of it that are actively opposing it and and saying this is contrary to the Gospel, this is not the Gospel message the Gospel is about being saved from my sins and going to heaven when I die.

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Carl Racine: And these so so they are actively opposing anything like the black lives matter movement or or climate change or any of the rest of that sort of stuff.

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Carl Racine: And you can, if you go if you start googling this you go on YouTube or you go on Amazon COM.

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Carl Racine: You will find lots of books but written by so called

evangelical leaders arguing against social justice is having anything to do with the Gospel they are explicitly denying this it's not simply that they're ignoring it or not paying attention to it, they are denying it.

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Carl Racine: This is what this is what the Church has come to in the 21st century in America, and this is why i'm doing this class.

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Susan Racine: Hannah had some.

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comments in the chat.

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Peter Barrant: One of the one of the things I was looking at her comments and it's it struck me that the.

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Peter Barrant: The Republican Party has moved far to the right but propelled by a lot of quote Christian organizations and it would seem to me, one of the one of the things about the parties it shouldn't be that anyone party.

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Peter Barrant: centers around the theology of any particular group but it's up to an individual to choose a party because they see the virtue of the various ideas and it seems I don't know that that politics is has moved in a really I don't know almost feels like almost dangerous.

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Peter Barrant: place because the parties are so far apart right now in the United States and it's it's it's unfortunate.

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Carl Racine: I mean.

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Carl Racine: My reaction to what sister Hannah says is that is that she is is probably seeing reality correctly her attitude comes from

the fact that she is you know, seeing more clearly than people in either political party, personally I am registered independent.

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Carl Racine: I am not, I mean I think it's our responsibility to get our political leaders to move in directions that we think are important for society, but ultimately, this is our responsibility.

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Carl Racine: Whether or not our political parties or political leaders are doing it it's our responsibility as Christians and as Jews.

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Carl Racine: To be involved in this sort of work in whatever way, we can, and if we can't get it done through the politicians, we still have a lot of power to do it on our own, especially if we were united as a Community.

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Carl Racine: So this is not an argument for political Pope for a particular political party, this is an argument for what the church and what the synagogue should be like.

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Carl Racine: Sir.

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Marie Doubleday: I find it difficult to read.

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Marie Doubleday: The the the glass full or even.

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Marie Doubleday: i'm just thinking of parts of the Old Testament where it's not I mean it's about um.

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Marie Doubleday: Political justice at the time of Jesus life, the Romans had occupied Israel and and and that's pretty clear in there.

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00:29:36.090 --> 00:29:37.410
Marie Doubleday: You know, even from its.

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Marie Doubleday: Birth his mom had to travel.

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00:29:43.080 --> 00:30:07.140
Marie Doubleday: um you know right about when she was given birth, because of what a senses of something that yeah so I find it difficult, I mean i'm not i'm not i'm not disputing you but i'm just saying my own personal experience and reading it all, when you talk about um Moses, leaving Egypt.

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00:30:12.810 --> 00:30:13.350
Carl Racine: Okay.

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Marie Doubleday: I mean it's kind of hard not to.

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00:30:18.600 --> 00:30:21.180
Marie Doubleday: go there, I mean that's just my opinion.

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Marie Doubleday: yeah i'm not taking what you're away from what you're saying, as far as evangelicals because um yeah.

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00:30:36.630 --> 00:30:37.830
Carl Racine: Other comments.

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Susan Racine: I.

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Susan Racine: wanted to comment on the Adam and Eve story about.

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Susan Racine: The general theme of.

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Susan Racine: Not everything in the Earth is ours to consume and I think.

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Susan Racine: that's certainly true, and I think it's certainly so clear now, when we see what we've done to the to the earth's climate and to ecosystems and to.

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Susan Racine: All kinds of ecosystems that are collapsing, because of climate change.

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Susan Racine: I don't think that was it's and and and certainly overconsumption is is always been.

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Susan Racine: I feel like traditionally Christians have.

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Susan Racine: not been in favor I certainly like the puritans we're not in favor of overconsumption, but I feel like now, we just have much more.

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Susan Racine: Scientific evidence that our consumer choices have made us have ruined this planet and been hard on ourselves in our Community, so I wonder the through the thousands of years before this, I wonder what you might draw as a.

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Susan Racine: As a guiding principle what other historical.

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Susan Racine: illustrations there might be from.

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Susan Racine: Over consumption.

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Susan Racine: As a theme from Adam me.

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Carl Racine: I mean I don't know historically.

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Carl Racine: We you know.

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Carl Racine: The kind of consumerism of our society in some way seems to be a recent relatively recent thing in the history of humanity, you know, a couple hundred years, maybe, or maybe not even that.

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Carl Racine: All i'm saying is that to me that's one of the major implications of that story that's particularly relevant for us but.

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Carl Racine: Christians have been taught to spiritual eyes what they read in the Bible, so they don't think about stories like that, as having to actually do with anything like that right.

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Carl Racine: And i'm not saying that's, the only thing that story is about but that's, the first thing it's about and especially given the fact that God goes on to give israel's specific limits to what it can consume and.

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Carl Racine: And, and not just to the kind of consumer thing but limits to how much they work, how much you know how much time you spend earning money.

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Carl Racine: There there's a sense through out there, that there are healthy limits that we need to observe, both in our in the physical creation in the economic world in our personal relationships with one another in our sexual relationships with one another.

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00:33:54.420 --> 00:34:03.420

Carl Racine: There are limits that our society increasingly doesn't

want anyone to say.

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Carl Racine: exist or should exist don't tell me, I have to wear a mask.

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Carl Racine: i'm it's a free society, I can do, what I want.

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Carl Racine: that's the mantra that we've come to and that's the Bible.

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Carl Racine: says that's a deadly attitude, and we know even people who are not believers in the Bible even people who don't even believe in God are telling us that's a deadly attitude.

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Carl Racine: And yet all sorts of churches are celebrating the fact that they have that freedom.

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Carl Racine: So there's something wrong with the church i'm not pointing fingers at our society so much is that the church right this this course is primarily about what's wrong with the Church.

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Carl Racine: And the Church is theology.

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Peter Barrant: it's it seems to me.

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Peter Barrant: It seems to me that you know the the lessons that are there.

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Peter Barrant: Get adopted.

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Peter Barrant: Based on our knowledge and other things, so I think.

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Peter Barrant: Some of the.

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Peter Barrant: You know when when we were live when human beings were in an agricultural society.

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Peter Barrant: The the restrictions to to not you know not eating everything may have had an implication to them, but it may have a different application now because now we see what.

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Peter Barrant: Some of the the overconsumption that we've had, and I think as society changes we adapt to.

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Peter Barrant: The lessons that are there to the situation that we are in, I think there was a point in time when human beings thought it was so great.

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Peter Barrant: You know, we can produce all this food by adding this and that and the other to the soil or spraying the plants and that sort of thing and then you realize Oh, there is a there is something wrong and so.

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Peter Barrant: The lesson that I guess is back to what is the best thing to do to manage the earth and that, like, I said that may change from generation to generation, but the over arching theme is what is the best for managing the earth and managing how we relate to each other.

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Carl Racine: yeah.

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Carl Racine: Alright well anyway i'm gonna bring this particular segment to a close we've we've been looking throughout this course at.

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Carl Racine: great length and quite deeply at times at the very practical down to earth teaching, both in Torah and the prophets and we've seen that holiness doesn't mean being super spiritual or spending all your time in church related activities.

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Carl Racine: It means caring for god's creation, it means building Community it means generosity to the poor, it means loving care for immigrants, it means honesty in business dealings, it means putting limits on the pursuit of corporate profits.

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Carl Racine: It means humane treatment of animals, it means limiting your consumption of the earth's resources, it means regularly stopping from work to rest and be refreshed by God.

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Carl Racine: These are not optional add ons to one's religious life but they're the very essence of what it means to be a person of faith.

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Carl Racine: So i'm arguing that we need to stop worrying so much about life after death and return to the bible's primary focus its emphasis on life before death.

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Carl Racine: We don't need to ask people what kind of life, they anticipate after they die, we need to ask them the question Jesus asked what kind of life, do you want to have right now.

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Carl Racine: alright.

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Carl Racine: So, in relation to that kind of.

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Carl Racine: theme of the over spiritual realization of biblical truths, I want to take a slight detour here and we'll we'll.

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Carl Racine: start this briefly i'll introduce it here and next and then next week we'll continue, I want to look at the topic that actually came up a couple weeks ago in class.

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Carl Racine: That speaks directly to this, the misreading of the New Testament because of a disregard for the old and the over spiritual ization of biblical truth.

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Carl Racine: Is we're talking a couple of weeks ago about the idea of the promises of God in second Corinthians 120 and sister care if we can see the first slide of that new deck the Jerusalem collection.

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Carl Racine: This is a slide you've seen before.

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sure.

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Carl Racine: That it says the promises of God, are yes in Christ something like that and.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: You see it on your screen.

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Carl Racine: And I was arguing that this verse is a good example of how because Christians have omitted the story of Israel from their understanding of the New Testament they've missed the point.

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Carl Racine: All the promises of God find their yes in him okay.

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Carl Racine: And you've heard this quoted i'm sure before and I argued that for Paul they're not just some.

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Carl Racine: Private little promise you think God has made you that something in your individual life.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: brother Carl you can continue just give me a minute I need to send something to lily cousin who's part of our virtual ministry team so i'm going to stop the widespread peace.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: i'll go back to the slides and just one minute Thank you so much for your indulgence she just emailed me and she needs it for coffee hours.

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Carl Racine: Oh alright.

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Carl Racine: I apologize um so I argued, you know, a couple weeks ago that that god's promises are first and foremost the ones God made to the Patriarchs and matriarchs to Abraham and Sarah to Isaac and Rebecca and Jacob and Rachel the Isaac and Rachel Jacob Rebecca and Leah.

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yeah.

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Carl Racine: And and and I quoted a number of different passages in paul's letters, where he makes it clear that the promise of God is the promise in in genesis 12 one verses 123 to Abraham in particular.

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Carl Racine: And two more two more generally to Israel as a whole that through them God would bless Abraham and his descendants, so that, through them, the whole world would find blessing.

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Carl Racine: And I would argue that biblically this is god's mission statement, this is the fundamental declaration of god's purpose in the world to bless through Abraham and his descendants, the whole world, and so, for Paul.

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Carl Racine: A first century, do the fulfillment of those promises is now beginning as gentiles come to worship the God of Israel in part through paul's own Ministry.

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Carl Racine: So I was sort of arguing that a couple of weeks ago in class and after class Susan pointed out to me that that verse in second Corinthians one comes in the middle of it's sort of confusing discussion of paul's travel plans.

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Carl Racine: And he talks about Macedonia and acadia and susan's is wondering how how he why he says that, in the middle of the travel plans there's the beginning of second Corinthians.

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Carl Racine: And it It made me realize that there's a whole interesting story here in a connection that's not really clear from that passage, it will become clear later on in second Corinthians.

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Carl Racine: that connects paul's travel plans to the idea of fulfilling god's promises to Israel and blessing, the whole world, especially the gentiles that he's ministering to, and so I want to look more closely at paul's travel plan.

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Carl Racine: and talk about how they're part of fulfilling god's promises to Abraham and here you can see again on your screen just what I was saying a few weeks ago that the promise.

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Carl Racine: That Paul is talking about is the promise to Abraham and and Paul makes it abundantly clear, but because we've left that story out of our thinking about the New Testament.

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Carl Racine: And about what the New Testament says we missed the point that that's what Paul is saying here and then so we missed some other very important stuff that we're going to see as we go through this thing about the Jerusalem offering.

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Carl Racine: Because all through paul's letters from time to time he mentions his proposed future itinerary he says, I want to do this, and this, and this, I want to go here and there.

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Carl Racine: But we usually pass over that fairly quickly because we read the Bible searching for things that are relevant to me and my personal situation right here and now.

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Carl Racine: And so paul's travel travel plans don't seem to have much to do with that, but if you piece together some of those passages and i'm going to do that for you in the next week or two.

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Carl Racine: Use find a fascinating and very important story that helps us understand paul's ministry and calling and should help us rethink what we know about Paul and how we view Paul.

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Carl Racine: And it's a kind of last story because Luke doesn't highlight it in his account of paul's travels he only mentioned it briefly one time in the book of acts, so you have to kind of do some cut and paste with various parts of paul's letters.

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Carl Racine: To find the story of the Apostle Paul risking personal danger in his attempt to bring together, Jews and gentiles in one loving community and that's why I decided i'm going to go talk about this more at length here now remember who Paul is if we could go to the slide number two please.

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Carl Racine: Paul is a do Saul of tarsus Paul is his Roman name it's not he didn't change his name after he was had his encounter with

Jesus, he was always Saul of tarsus but he also had a Roman named Paul because people have more than one name.

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Carl Racine: And at some point Luke switches to talking about him as Paul Paul always refers to himself as Paul but anyway.

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Carl Racine: He tells the Philippines, he was circumcised on the eighth day in accordance with the law he's of the nation or the people of Israel he's of the tribe of Benjamin he is a Hebrew of Hebrews and according to the law of pharisees.

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Carl Racine: And he says in that same passage as to righteousness in the law being found blameless so Paul was a faithful Jew, and continues to assert that this is who he is.

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Carl Racine: He studied with were told in the book of acts that he studied under gemalto or sometimes you see it as GM Leo because he was not written with vowels and it's not entirely clear which way that word is supposed to be.

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Carl Racine: What sort of vowels are supposed to be, but Galileo appears a couple of times in the book of acts, he was a grandson of the great first century teacher hillel that we talked about earlier in this course.

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Carl Racine: And the Talmud says of Galileo when RON gemalto died reverence for Torah ceased and purity and piety died now that's literally true but it's a way of kind of in a hyperbolic exaggerated way.

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Carl Racine: Making indicating the kind of respect that the later rabbinic tradition had for gemalto, and this was paul's teacher and rabanne is a one of the honorific titles, that is.

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Carl Racine: given to the earlier they don't call people in Jesus day rabbi technically that becomes a kind of technical term but robot, which is what the Hebrew letters here ribbon Galileo in the in the little hinton drawing of him that, you see, on your screen.

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Carl Racine: That is a title given to to early Jewish teachers like Galileo, who were leaders in the San hedren.

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Carl Racine: And we know from the Book of acts, apart from other places that he was involved in the in the true some sent hedren so that's what that title means.

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Carl Racine: But he was afforded respect and Paul studied under him, and so, although Paul spins many years reaching out to gentiles and traveling around throughout Asia Minor and Greece.

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Carl Racine: Setting up churches and largely amongst gentiles Paul never forgets his own people, he never forgets his Jewish roots.

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Carl Racine: And when Christians read paul's writing we tend to hear the voice of a 16th century German monk, rather than a first century Ferris see, and this has created a serious misunderstanding of the central figure in early Christianity.

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Carl Racine: So let me just introduce what this story is about and then we'll come back to it and talk about the details next week so i'll leave you kind of hanging with this and i'll send you some references to look up.

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Carl Racine: The before we come back together X 2417 that we see the next slide please.

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Carl Racine: Call says, after an absence of several years, I came to Jerusalem to bring my people gifts for the poor and to present

offerings.

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Carl Racine: This is the only mention of this offering in acts and it comes much later in the story when Paul is under arrest and he's appearing before the Roman Governor of Judea and he's explaining what he's up to.

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Carl Racine: And and justifying what he's been doing up until this point Luke has been emphasizing paul's eagerness to get to Jerusalem for shabu up for Pentecost.

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Carl Racine: After having spent Passover in Philip is either X 20 Paul decided to sell SF side emphasis he was hurting to be in Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost.

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Carl Racine: And Paul says.

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Carl Racine: In that same passage in acts that he is bound by the spirit to go to Jerusalem, he he feels it's really necessary for him to go even though he's been warned.

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Carl Racine: That danger awaits him there, and he has a sense that things may not go the way he wants it to an end that's what happens when he gets there he ends up getting arrested by the Romans.

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Carl Racine: So, in all of this, and in the account that of Luke story and X Luke wants to show that Paul continues to be a faithful Jew.

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Carl Racine: And for the rest of the book of acts Paul will be arguing before various audiences that he is indeed a loyal Jew, and his mission to the gentiles is not an anti Jewish one.

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Carl Racine: And as we will see taking up this offering which Luke does not emphasize, but was paul's letters do taking up this offering is one way that Paul is trying to make the same point that his mission is not anti Jewish that he is still acting as a faithful Jew.

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Carl Racine: He talks about the offering repeatedly in the letters from this time period they explain his purpose in some detail and we'll look at those next week, they stress its importance to him.

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Carl Racine: But basically, this is what paul's doing he's gathering up a financial offering from a number of different Gentile churches throughout the Roman Empire.

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Carl Racine: To take back to the economically struggling Jerusalem church the Jewish largely Jewish church that's in Jerusalem, the mother church, if you will, and in doing so, Paul hopes to unite the Jewish and Gentile factions in the church and demonstrate their fundamental unity.

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Carl Racine: And next week, we will look at a number of passages in paul's letter to flesh out this story and get a more complete picture of what Paul is doing, but the.

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Carl Racine: overall picture is he's taking an offering to bring to the poor church the economically struggling church in Jerusalem from churches in the rest of the Roman Empire that have some extra cash okay any questions about that.

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Carl Racine: Alright, so i'll leave you hanging with that for for this week and then we'll come back and look at various passages in paul's letter.

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Carl Racine: where he talks about not only taking up this offering but why he's doing it.

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Carl Racine: Right and someone closes out in prayer please.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Can I just ask a quick question with this phase, and these slides maybe I missed it.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: What will be the emphasis will this be a continuation of.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: The afterlife commentary or will this shift to another.

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Carl Racine: No, this is this is this is we're done with the afterlife commentary, other than.

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Carl Racine: It will emphasize the fact that we have over spiritual eyes the Bible, and then in fact some of the most important theological words in Paul words like ministry or service fellowship or communion and grace all are talking about money.

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Carl Racine: Hard cold cash, in other words all those words for them to be real cannot remain as spiritual abstractions, they must be become incarnate they must take flesh and.

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Carl Racine: It drives translators NUTS when they're translating the passages we're going to look at because Paul is using words that we tend to use and very spiritual abstract ways.

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Carl Racine: To talk about the cash that he's collecting to take to Jerusalem Okay, and he uses all three of those words.

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Carl Racine: And sometimes they simply get translated as the offering

or something like that, even though that's not how we normally translate those words so we're we're going to look at how.

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Carl Racine: That over spiritual ization in the Church has has kind of taken us away from the focus of things on this earth and we're also going to look at paul's paul's deep and abiding concern for unity between Jews and gentiles in the Christian community that never in fact.

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Carl Racine: Was was to come about this, the split would begin and widen widen until we're, to the point today where Those are two contradictory.

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Carl Racine: Ideas do is not a Jew intelligent to do and never the two shall minutes we're trying to mix them in this class and we're trying to understand how for the Apostle Paul he didn't want that to happen in the church and it happened anyways.

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Carl Racine: So it's it's relevant to the themes of our course.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you i'm glad I asked the question so i'm clear now on the direction.

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Carl Racine: But it really came from susan's question why is Paul talking about the promises of God in in a passage where he's talking about his travel plans and when when we when we see.

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Carl Racine: In other places where he talks about his travel plans about this offering in particular you'll see how, in fact, it's very relevant to that and Paul just didn't make it real clear in that first chapter of second Corinthians.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Well, this also relate to you, we think about the disciples and those who evangelize and how travel is built in with

that any church social justice travel was also built into the way churches were planted first in the north and then after the civil war in the south, so but it takes money.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: to travel by horseback.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: or or to stay in lodging or so yeah we we don't talk about that at all.

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Carl Racine: And and.

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Carl Racine: Paul's not raising funds for himself at this point, there are other passages, where he talks about that in that passage we looked at about not Muslim the ox and all of that.

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Carl Racine: Paul does have to raise money and does have to depend on support, but the larger theme of this offering is that the Church.

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Carl Racine: The Christian community should be a community of goods, a community of sharing ones possessions, so that everybody has enough for their needs and those needs are very practical needs like.

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Carl Racine: A place to live and and and food to eat and clothing and then there the larger practical needs of somebody like Paul or the rest of them.

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Carl Racine: To to be able to travel to have hospitality in in.

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Carl Racine: Whatever cities they're in and all of that kind of thing So yes, it does address that larger question of.

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Carl Racine: That the Church, not as simply a bunch of individuals who are saved and going to heaven when they die, but the Church is a Community where its financial resources and personal resources are shared with one another, so that everybody has what they need.

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Carl Racine: it's still a hopeful vision.

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Carl Racine: But, but one, we need to return to.

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Carl Racine: All right, and someone like to close us in prayer please.

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Carl Racine: Anybody.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: How about sister how about brother jack will have a Honduran Gloucester.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: prayer in fact brother jack i'm sure you probably will, besides the slap which i'm glad we didn't talk about here in this class.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Will Smith, the best picture for the year for the Oscars was kota and I had a chance to see it, this weekend it's a wonderful wonderful come to age movie and it is, it was filmed three years ago in Gloucester So yes, that's that's a trivial fact for you brother jack.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: jack is from Gloucester.

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Marie Doubleday: Oh.

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Jack Melvin: that's right.

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Jack Melvin: Okay um during prayer well let's, let us pray.

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Jack Melvin: For pray for the world world which we live in the trade for.

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Jack Melvin: All the troubles that that confront us with the continued San we pray, especially for the efforts of Russia to take over Ukraine may they repent of this action and they you.

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Jack Melvin: comfort the Ukrainians and be with them and then any needs and we pray also for the world for.

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Jack Melvin: The way we are treating the environment.

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Jack Melvin: That we might realize that we don't need as many resources as we think we do we don't need to fill our garages with junk that we really don't need, and then we can live a lot more simple life and take more and appreciate this world which you have given us.

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Jack Melvin: Lord We thank you for carl's preaching on the importance of focusing on the here and now, and the fact that in the beginning, you said this world is good and you blessed it and we pray now.

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Jack Melvin: For your your continued blessings and then they you redeem us and we pray for your coming again soon amen.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: amen all right, thank you, thank you so much, everybody God bless we'll see you next Sunday amen.

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Marie Doubleday: yeah.

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bye bye.