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Gloria White-Hammond: Here tonight, and I believe by faith that for each individual who's here that when we get inspired and we then we're like, we're like seeds and we

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Gloria White-Hammond: plant those seeds in our own lives and it varies

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Gloria White-Hammond: Which route so that, with that in mind, let's just go before the Lord in prayer. God, we thank you for this opportunity to gather as as

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Gloria White-Hammond: As your people got

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Gloria White-Hammond: To engage in this study of of your word and we thank you God that your word is not just simply words on the page.

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Gloria White-Hammond: But they that it is a living document and it is in fact designed to live within us and be made manifest in us. And so God it is with us sense of understanding that your word is a calling.

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Gloria White-Hammond: To do something, not just to to be inspired by the words, but to be inspired to do and that has never been more true as we listened to Cal talk about her experience we know

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Gloria White-Hammond: all over this country there are others who are going to be feeling the effects of this latest in justice and God is

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Gloria White-Hammond: As Arthur, one of the sons of this ministry steps up to take this role of the NAACP and now God we our desire is to honor and in this night.

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Gloria White-Hammond: To say the name of Brianna Taylor and in so doing, to honor her memory and to determine that that justice her living was by no means in vain her dying will not be in vain. And we thank you God for your inspiration in Jesus name Amen

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Gloria White-Hammond: Amen. Thank you again for being here tonight. Don't do want to encourage you to use the chat pastor Carrington, has a speaking engagements. So he's going to be joining us late

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Gloria White-Hammond: But even in his absence. I'm very grateful for the work that he has done over these last several months to to inspire and encourage each of us in this Bible study.

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Gloria White-Hammond: I

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Gloria White-Hammond: Want to remind us about texts that is often one that I recite especially when I think of women and women who are she rose and it's one from the

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Gloria White-Hammond: That you've heard me talk share before from the Gospel according to Luke when Elizabeth, the senior says to marry the younger bless it is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her, will be

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Gloria White-Hammond: And I can't think of any. There are two women that I want to lift up with regard to that tonight. Kelly, you can go ahead and start that PowerPoint.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Okay. Give me a second. It

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Closed on me and now I'm opening it back up.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Okay and I'm going to

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Gloria White-Hammond: Give us just open us with a little bit of introduction, and then introduce our guests for tonight.

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Gloria White-Hammond: As I suggested we want to honor to women tonight.

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Gloria White-Hammond: And the first one is, is a woman. I'll just go ahead on Carol, and when you're when you bring it up. We'll see what you have to bring the first one that I want to honor is Kimberly Crenshaw who is the

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Gloria White-Hammond: Who we best know for her work as a as the, the person who introduced us to the concept of intersection ality Kimberly Williams Crenshaw is a lawyer.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Civil rights advocate a philosopher, the leading scholar a critical race theory, who developed the theory of intersection ality and her name is again. Kimberly Williams Crenshaw. She's the co founder and executive director of the African American Policy Forum. How are we doing, Carol.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: We're doing fine. I'm gonna have to make just you have just four slides.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Do. Okay.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Should I

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Oh, wait a minute.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I'm going to share my screen and then we'll begin

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Gloria White-Hammond: And so when the, when the screen is shared. You will see that the definition. Thanks so much, Karen.

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Gloria White-Hammond: If you go to the next slide, this will probably heard this term intersection ality and this is one that you've if you've heard it printed a lot and

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Gloria White-Hammond: And oftentimes these terms are we just hear these terms and you hear people all over using them. But this is a term that came from an African American woman.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Intersection ality as a theoretical framework for understanding how aspects of a person's social and political identities, how they're going to use. You see various gender, sex, race, class, sexuality religion ability disability physical appearance height, etc. How they come together.

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Gloria White-Hammond: To create unique modes of discrimination.

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Gloria White-Hammond: And also privilege, just a little bit of chatter about what you know about intersection ality so so there what we

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Gloria White-Hammond: If, if, in the case of Brianna, if you're if you're a woman. You're a black woman, you're, you're a woman who black woman who comes from what people might think of as being more of a

working class.

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Gloria White-Hammond: All of those things come to you. And then based on her associations. She was targeted. So all of those things come together to to

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Gloria White-Hammond: To compound the discrimination that she felt so that's that concept of intersection ality that so often people refer to the next slide, Carol.

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Gloria White-Hammond: And the other thing that that Kimberly Crenshaw is known for is the hashtag say her name campaign and it just like we remember with Toronto Burke and people were using the hashtag need to. And we didn't know where that came from. What hashtag say her name was

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Gloria White-Hammond: An effort on the part of Kimberly Crenshaw in her role is a co founder of the African American

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Gloria White-Hammond: Policy Forum and So tonight we we want to identify Brianna Taylor. This was a campaign that was started in 214

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Gloria White-Hammond: And who knows, perhaps, Brianna was one of the people who champion did, and who would have known that her name would be included on that.

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Gloria White-Hammond: That next slide, Carol. I just want to give us a little bit of background about Brianna.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Taylor. She was born in Grand Rapids Grand Rapids, Michigan to a 16 year old single mother, her father Everett Taylor had been in prison since she was a child.

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Gloria White-Hammond: He was convicted of murder when she was six, after shooting a man who failed to pay for a rock of crack cocaine, the fear of family and friends describe her as being

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Gloria White-Hammond: A bright gifted young child, my mother says that she was a better version of her

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Gloria White-Hammond: She was full of life and easy to love as a young girl, she was considered to be the most responsible among her daughter's friends and often woke up in the morning.

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Gloria White-Hammond: She practiced mock mock interviews for an after school job in the ninth grade and Louisville were a family had moved and tried to dream big.

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Gloria White-Hammond: When she became a high school senior. She said, graduating this year on time is so important to me because I will be the first in my family to accomplish this.

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Gloria White-Hammond: I want to be the one who finally breaks the cycle of my family's educational history. I want to be the one to finally make a difference.

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Gloria White-Hammond: She long been interested in medicine, as you know, she was an EMT as a child. She even asked for permission to pick her grandmother's finger to test her insulin

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Gloria White-Hammond: And then at 23 she became a patient care system that Frazier Rehabilitation Institute.

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Gloria White-Hammond: At tending to people who are recovering from traumatic injuries her co worker said that from the first day in nearly every day. Afterwards, Miss Davis showed up 20 minutes early.

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Gloria White-Hammond: And was described by her supervisor as a real go getter at home, she was, she began writing goals and every scrap of paper junk mail napkins.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Envelopes her mother said she would make these bullet points and say that these are the things that she wanted to get done by a certain time.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Her friends and family members said that she became a motivator for them. She told her family that she wanted to get her nursing degree and

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Gloria White-Hammond: And then finishing her coursework. She was ready to study for her boards.

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Gloria White-Hammond: One day she sent a screenshot of a savings system that she'd seen on Facebook, explaining that that's what she wanted to do.

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Gloria White-Hammond: To be able to set aside money every year. She did set aside money every year. And she finally was able to pay make a down payment on a car in January of 2020 she drove the car home and she tweeted 2020 def gonna be my year you just watch

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Gloria White-Hammond: Well 2020 wasn't factor year but it was not in the way that she wanted it to be. And it's not in the way that it should have been. And so tonight we come to honor Brianna Taylor.

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Gloria White-Hammond: For who she was for her vision that was stymied absolutely too early and it's our work is to ensure that her vision gets accomplished.

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Gloria White-Hammond: In terms of the justice that we ensure happens and my work. And I'd say, for all of us is to ensure that for every individual just like

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Gloria White-Hammond: Elizabeth said to marry bless it is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her, will be accomplished.

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Gloria White-Hammond: And it's a it's my determination. I hope is our determination to ensure that every individual

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Gloria White-Hammond: Who has a sense of what God has called them to be that they're able to live their lives and accomplish that which the Lord has called them to be. And so, thank you. Sheriff cara, cara, you can stop sharing that

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Gloria White-Hammond: And I thank the Lord for those of you who who are share that vision.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Tonight we're going to hear from three powerhouse women who have powerful visions and who we can be a witness are claiming are accomplishing those

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Gloria White-Hammond: Those visions, I first want to introduce someone who many of us don't know but some of you do know, and if you do know mirror, please be sure to give her a shout out.

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Gloria White-Hammond: In the box Mira Donaldson is a social go ahead and raise your hand mirror so we'll, we'll be able to see you.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Mira Donaldson is a social justice activist and the first year scholar, not a freshman. She's a first year scholar at Spelman College in Atlanta. She's the founder of the Framingham high school Black Student Union.



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Gloria White-Hammond: And which which she founded when she wanted to address challenges that she saw that kids of color and in her school were experiencing.

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Gloria White-Hammond: During the school year she met with the mayor invited the mayor to come to to her school and will speak to the BS you and she began a dialogue and read the racial climate.

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Gloria White-Hammond: At the school with her teachers and to address the question of why students of color were not recommended for AP classes.

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Gloria White-Hammond: She was honored by the Speaker of the House, Robert de Leo stay sanitary Karen spilker and by the Massachusetts black and Latino legislative caucus and 2019 as one of its black excellence on the Hill honorees

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Gloria White-Hammond: Thank you so much. Can you just give a shout out for for Mira we're looking forward to hearing from her tonight.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Crystal cop Kalia is in fact no stranger to us crystal is an educator. She's the Creator. She's a change agent. She is an amazing designer her floral designs are off the chart.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin raised in Atlanta, Georgia. She's a graduate of Hampton University HBC us in the house.

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Gloria White-Hammond: She has a BA in business and universe from the University of West Georgia. She has a master's in education.

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Gloria White-Hammond: She is currently Boston public school resource teacher and reading specialist. Again, I know we have a bunch of

teachers in the house, the founder of clarity florals and design. She

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Gloria White-Hammond: Is a significant woman group facilitator and her major claim to fame is that she's the mother of Langston

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Gloria White-Hammond: And life partner of Reverend Jamison, thank you so much. Crystal. We appreciate having you here and looking forward to hearing from you and then Kiana Saxon

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Gloria White-Hammond: Known to all of us as the mother of a Mara, and the end, the wife of

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Gloria White-Hammond: Mark her deep love and passion for youth shines as she volunteers that nonprofit boards of the Boston Renaissance foundation and origination Cultural Arts Center incorporated. She helps lead our battle kids though, which is our Sunday worship service. She teaches each of her

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Gloria White-Hammond: Piano students and

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Gloria White-Hammond: She kept cut the entrepreneurial bug with the kiddos productions and again. She's the mother of a four year old tomorrow, who loves to read and whenever

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Gloria White-Hammond: After surface. What I love to have a Mara do is that she usually makes a track right in the sanctuary, so she can run

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Gloria White-Hammond: Around the sanctuary, as long as we spotter and that is

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Gloria White-Hammond: A Mara and Kiana is also concerned about equity and advocacy. She was appointed the Commissioner of the bust and

liquor licensing board. After practicing law for more than 10 years

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Gloria White-Hammond: Alright, so again if you can just give a special shout out to all of our, our, of our presenters and look forward to hearing from them.

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Gloria White-Hammond: And like to start with you. Mira, but this is certainly such an upsetting experience. And I wonder if you could lead us off by just describing your. How are you feeling

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Mira Donaldson: Um, yeah. So first of all, thank you all for having me here is wonderful to see you all. And I guess.

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Mira Donaldson: I it's I think it's a feeling of

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Mira Donaldson: Over overwhelmed. I feel like the day that the verdict came out and we heard how that her murders were not being charged. It was just very frustrating. And to be honest, it was like I was surprised but not surprised if that makes sense. And it's just been a constant.

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Mira Donaldson: Week of processing these emotions and how I feel as a black woman seeing this happen in society.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Yeah, surprised but not some surprise right we've seen this over and over and over again. How about you. How are you feeling crystal.

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Crystal Collier: I would say when I first found out I really same reaction is not surprised.

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Crystal Collier: And then I think I took the next day and I had to

kind of run to process things that I had to run and I, I found myself weeping.

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Crystal Collier: Um, it's funny when you were reading her story. I've never actually heard that before. Pastor glory.

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Crystal Collier: And my heart just hurts. It's full of her family. Um, no amount of money could bring back that life. And I think the biggest piece of it is, I think we sometimes

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Crystal Collier: As black people do a thing where that couldn't have been me because I have reached a social economic status.

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Crystal Collier: That I wouldn't have lived in that neighborhood that couldn't have been me. But the reality is, it could have been any of us. And I think that's the part that is the haunting part

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Crystal Collier: But then also to to think about her life, just to be tossed aside and not given the proper justice hurt and then to know that her white

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Crystal Collier: Neighbor did get justice her white neighbor did get charges filed against one police officer. I think that car actually hurt me even more to see that black bodies and black women really don't matter at all. So it's a constant assessing I would think I'm going to as well. This week,

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Gloria White-Hammond: Yeah, yeah. And that's one of the reasons why I wanted to tell her story that she is. She's us

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Gloria White-Hammond: And

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Gloria White-Hammond: And

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Gloria White-Hammond: She's us her life matters. Her life mattered in her life matters.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Kiana I be, why don't you tell us how you're feeling and then I'd be interested in hearing we and we introduced this concept of intersection ality how how do we describe or talk about this.

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Gloria White-Hammond: This event this murder this and justice through the kind of through a liberation lens and coupled with intersection ality. First of all, how are you feeling

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Keeana Saxon: Thank you guys for having me. I um, I think I went through a range of emotions. I think I went through.

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Keeana Saxon: I think it's probably a grieving process. So I first I wanted to not look at the details. I wanted to kind of suppress it and I wanted to

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Keeana Saxon: Market as a moment, and then try to get on with the rest of my life.

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Keeana Saxon: But Briana Taylor's name just kept on keeps on popping up. It keeps on rotating in my mind.

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Keeana Saxon: And so then it actually pulls you in and you have to look at the details. I am a detail person everything about me is about the details and I wanted to delve into the case, I wanted to find out what happens

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Keeana Saxon: And of course you have to look at your sources, very, very carefully. What are you reading. What are you listening to in order to find out these facts.

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Keeana Saxon: And so

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Keeana Saxon: As a also as a highly sensitive person. I'm looking at these details and I'm putting myself in them.

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Keeana Saxon: So I'm actually imagining myself in that

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Keeana Saxon: I imagine myself hearing these pounding noises at my door.

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Keeana Saxon: I imagined myself jumping out of bed disoriented and not knowing what time was, who was at my door shaking Keith Walker racing what's happening.

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Keeana Saxon: I'm imagining myself standing in the doorway in the hallway as the door gets busted wide open and men are standing there with guns drawn with the, the battle RAM in your hand, not knowing who they were, because I didn't hear or they didn't say who they were.

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Keeana Saxon: I see my boyfriend trying to defend me and trying to defend my home.

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Keeana Saxon: I see him pulling out the gun saying

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Keeana Saxon: Pointing

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Keeana Saxon: in self defense and I hear one shot go off.

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Keeana Saxon: And then I feel a barrage of bullets hitting me

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Keeana Saxon: And I feel myself slamming to the floor, and I feel myself the life dreaming out of my body.

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Keeana Saxon: I feel all of that.

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Keeana Saxon: And so

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Keeana Saxon: When

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Keeana Saxon: I tried to process that information when I try to process those details.

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Keeana Saxon: The list goes in and it goes out. I feel the pain and then I'm like,

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Keeana Saxon: Who are these prosecutors who is an attorney general.

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Keeana Saxon: Who was who would what is where the laws and in the state of Kentucky Kentucky. That's what my brain begins to process, trying to get this wide lens of what can possibly happen what Justice can be possibly have the, the lawyer brain goes kicks in.

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Keeana Saxon: And then I realized

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Keeana Saxon: She's not going to get justice.

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Keeana Saxon: The system is not designed for for freedom or for justice.

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Keeana Saxon: The system is not designed for her liberation.

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Keeana Saxon: Here she is, as you said,

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Keeana Saxon: The intersection of being black female and working class.

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Keeana Saxon: There is no system in this nation that designs that kind of intersection, that kind of profile for success.

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Keeana Saxon: So I saw a lot of the lawyer brain processes all of the legal details and I knew the end before it came

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Keeana Saxon: I knew that there wasn't going to be an invite.

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Keeana Saxon: Those officers.

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Keeana Saxon: Heyman

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Keeana Saxon: And they knew what ruckus and confusion, they would cause that was their entire eight that's their game.

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Keeana Saxon: The game of searching for drugs.



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Keeana Saxon: The game of no Knock Warrants

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Keeana Saxon: That is to instill fear.

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Keeana Saxon: In people like reality.

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Keeana Saxon: It is. It works perfectly.

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Keeana Saxon: Their system works perfectly.

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Keeana Saxon: They went in there caused chaos caused fear they respond in defense and that gave them perfect permission to do exactly what they did.

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Keeana Saxon: That scenario has worked out timing and in

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Keeana Saxon: It has worked

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Keeana Saxon: Countless times

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Keeana Saxon: And so anyone

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Keeana Saxon: Who was sits in her position.

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Keeana Saxon: Anyone who also kids, any of those other intersections

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Keeana Saxon: They are not white. They are not male, they are not Christian so called Christian

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Keeana Saxon: They are not heterosexual

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Keeana Saxon: They're not able bodied

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Keeana Saxon: They're not home grown American

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Keeana Saxon: Perhaps they are undocumented

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Keeana Saxon: If you don't have that profile.

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Keeana Saxon: If you hit any one of those points.

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Keeana Saxon: Of intersection

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Keeana Saxon: Your success is not designed

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Keeana Saxon: It is only by God's grace that we lose that we survived and that we fought throughout

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Keeana Saxon: All I've done the same not just black lives matter.

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Keeana Saxon: I began to say all black lives matter.

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Gloria White-Hammond: And that was a was one of the the reasons that

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Gloria White-Hammond: That Kimberly Crenshaw started this hashtag say your name because they are to make it clear that this is this is a story for men. And it's also a story for women. Thank you for so poignantly

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Gloria White-Hammond: Taking us to that moment I I asked I've, I've had the same experience. Last night was a hard night to get to sleep and I

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Gloria White-Hammond: And I just imagine being in my bed and hearing the same thing and someone's asked was, did she was, she ever away guy.

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Gloria White-Hammond: It sounds like she was awake at the time that this had so she was aware

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Gloria White-Hammond: And just the sense of terror that she must have felt in that moment, it's, it's hard to wrap our minds around that. Absolutely.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Mira I, you know, one of the things that has been so

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Gloria White-Hammond: Inspiring in the midst of this has been though the role of young people. And I wonder if you could could take us to a couple places we are, for the most part, which church people here.

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Gloria White-Hammond: And so what what is the role of the church. What is the role of young people and what could be the role of young people

involved in church in terms of addressing this

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Mira Donaldson: Um, so I feel like the role of the church in the midst of all this chaos is just being a safe space for people to come and be

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Mira Donaldson: feel loved and feel feel safe in because as Kiana was mentioning, as Chris was mentioning, there are all these outside forces and such.

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Mira Donaldson: societal barriers that we encounter every day at just waking up as black woman and walking down the street going to work.

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Mira Donaldson: And so I feel like going to church, often is a place where we can be ourselves or come to God and just take all of our burdens and them to him, so I feel like the church in that sense is is

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Mira Donaldson: That I feel like the church is very a good space for this and the movement for us, you just come in on wind because

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Mira Donaldson: In the midst of activism. You also have to make sure that you're taking time for yourself because social justice work is hard and taxing and emotionally

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Mira Donaldson: Tiring and I know as someone who planned multiple protests of summer that

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Mira Donaldson: There are times where I had to really like check in with myself and be like, how are you feeling you're like, are you okay girl and

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Mira Donaldson: One of my real good self care things that I would do is just log on to church virtually and be there so I feel like that's

really what the the church serves as right now as a safe haven, so to speak.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Well, I appreciate hearing that and appreciate knowing that the churches has been a place where you have felt like it's a, it's a, it's a wealth from which you can draw some strength. I wonder crystal, you're a teacher in Boston Public Schools and and you've

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Gloria White-Hammond: You in many ways you've seen some of the injustice there. And I know this has also been a bucket of work for you and

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Gloria White-Hammond: Jamison, as you look at this, what what what what do you suggest what, what have you done, how are you dealing with this injustice and what do you, what do you see yourself doing to to respond to this crisis.

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Crystal Collier: So after I cried, and wheat in land. I came home and I immediately called Deseret bond. She is a member of our church and she is currently at Blackstone

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Crystal Collier: Blackstone is a school that I work at in there now five Bethel members who actually work at the same church, so I know that's nothing but God

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Crystal Collier: And so I immediately called her and I said, I just have to vent acid and men Deseret have been tasked this past year to

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Crystal Collier: Do some social justice work and build curriculum with Deseret did a wonderful job and worked all summer together into the social justice Academy

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Crystal Collier: And in the midst of going through the painful summer

of George Boyd and Brianna Taylor and countless other nonsense nonsensical deaths by police officers, I

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Crystal Collier: I can get mad, I can get angry, but then I told myself, you have to move. And so the one thing we did is we did that program. And then after we did that program we are principal, who is a wonderful leader.

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Crystal Collier: Actually said to us, I want to take up this work, and she really put it in the forefront of when we came back to school that we're going to attack on social justice.

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Crystal Collier: And so me and does array have been doing some kind of

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Crystal Collier: Some work or PDF around social justice and and what it looks like in the classroom.

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Crystal Collier: And so I called her because we were just called a couple days earlier like I want you guys to do a PD. This is before the verdict came in.

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Crystal Collier: And I called her and I said, Okay, we're going to do this next PD and we're going to make it all Briana Taylor. We're going to put her on every single slide.

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Crystal Collier: And we're going to make her voice. No, I said, because that's the only thing I can do is when I'm angry and sad is I now have to move

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Crystal Collier: And so I think that it's I have a vehicle with education to move and I feel like I found my voice. I am unapologetically crystal and black in a black woman and will be strong and don't care about offending black white people and bps i think that that's happened a lot and I think

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Crystal Collier: We've been cautious and what we can say, and it's a very, you know, predominantly white environment when teachers, but I've just told them a PDF said

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Crystal Collier: I've been uncomfortable my entire time in Boston. And so, welcome, welcome to being uncomfortable and I don't care if you're uncomfortable because you will be uncomfortable because you're working with my children.

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Crystal Collier: And if you're working with my children, you need to have the skill set in the empathy that I know you need to have in order to actually teach them. So that's what we did. We

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Crystal Collier: Tag Team Deseret did a wonderful job.

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Crystal Collier: Of putting out there. What happened to Briana Taylor and the lack of justice to happiness to black people.

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Crystal Collier: Because I made it very clear to the white teachers. If you don't know why you teach black and Latino students, then you need to leave. You're not helping our community. And I've been saying is we don't need you to save us. We can do it all by ourselves. So

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Crystal Collier: I think that's what I've done is I've learned to not care about

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Crystal Collier: How I'm making them feel I've been very clear. I don't want to ally. I want a co conspirator. I need someone who's going to break down the subsystem systemic

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Crystal Collier: Racial things that are happening and bps that are

happening consistently. We need more black teachers I each year. My plan is to get another Beth remembered another Bethel member to another belt. Remember to we all have Bethel there.

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Crystal Collier: Because if we can take one school over and we can honestly not only just the Spirit of God, but also to have just

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Crystal Collier: I think that's the one thing I've learned is, we don't need white people to save us. We have a really good at saving ourselves. We've done it were excellent were wonderful. And I think that's the thing that I want our kids to see and so

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Crystal Collier: I don't, I'm not apologetic in it anymore. I used to be a little timid in it. And now I do not care. And if you don't like me, then you should get off this train and go to another school

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Gloria White-Hammond: Is there anybody who missed that.

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Gloria White-Hammond: And that comes with that, you know, okay, yeah. Thank you so much. Crystal because it's really that kind of

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Gloria White-Hammond: That kind of determination.

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Gloria White-Hammond: That that that kind of

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Gloria White-Hammond: That really will make the difference and the willingness to speak the truth to power. Which brings me to another interesting consideration Kiana and I wonder if you would respond to this, we as you, you know, we have the brother who was the, the Attorney General and

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Gloria White-Hammond: Who was the one who submitted the case to the



grand jury and

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Daniel count.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Cameron. Yep. Uh huh. And, and, as you know, the grand jury did not bring murder charges and now they're questions about that whole process. Can you explain to us a little more about that.

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Gloria White-Hammond: And and and and how are we to think about black people when they're in positions of leadership we we say that the that the system.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Is racist and that racism is baked into the system. And here we have someone who's in a position to to follow that, to ensure that we follow through the system and this is the outcome. How are we don't understand that Kiana

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Keeana Saxon: Um, hey, we don't have to understand it. This is, this is not anything that we when I when I use the word understand meaning except

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Keeana Saxon: We have to understand the processes and we need to understand, you know, the, the, the three branches of government mean understand how local government is so important.

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Keeana Saxon: But we don't need to accept it. And so the founders of this country. God bless them. They at least gave people the power to vote and they at least gave people the power to to have a First Amendment right to speak.

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Keeana Saxon: And so, though the founders did not include people of color in their current view of what

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Keeana Saxon: Humans can do in this nation. We have included ourselves and we can make ourselves just as vocal and as Crystal said to not

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Keeana Saxon: be concerned about people's feelings. So, speak up, speak out vote and be an activist and for the, for the people of color who are steeped in the system, who are in bed with the oppressors, who are cozying up to them to dictators and authoritarians, they don't have to have the power, either.

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Keeana Saxon: And so, those who have the the right brain and the wisdom in order to speak truth to power. They need to get into positions of power themselves. And so we have

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Keeana Saxon: People in history, who have tried to do that, we have Shirley Chisholm, we have those we have examples of black women and black men who have the right ideas.

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Keeana Saxon: Who are understand the system and who understand how to break it down from the inside out and we need to be able to follow in that kind of path, use your voice.

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Keeana Saxon: Make sure you exercise your power wherever you are.

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Keeana Saxon: And make sure that you speak to those who are already in power. There's activism that we can do. And one caveat to activism and this is we see that in in what happened. Unfortunately, in Minnesota. So we have George Boyd who

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Keeana Saxon: After eight minutes was so fixated was killed was murdered by an FBI an officer. We had activists who are on the ground in order to say defund the police.

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Keeana Saxon: That activism then prompted the city councilors to say okay fine will defend the police.

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Keeana Saxon: They didn't have a plan to replace it.

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Keeana Saxon: So here they have the the city councilors wanting to do the right thing.

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Keeana Saxon: But because they didn't have the actual plan a structure, a new vision.

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Keeana Saxon: We have another powerful group all white and I forget the name of the agency. They come, they, they looked at it and said, We'll table. Thanks. And so now there's no change in Minnesota.

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Keeana Saxon: Week. We have to couple our activism. We have to be able to couple our voice with those who have the power of the pen and the power of the mind to think a new vision.

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Keeana Saxon: And that's what it takes. We cannot just be out on the street. If we don't have those who are also in the house and in offices, creating a new swing.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Near I see you shaking your head is acknowledging that but what you got to say, girl.

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Mira Donaldson: Yeah, I just feel like right now. It's really important that we're all like

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Mira Donaldson: I feel we realize that this all really starts at a local level, your voice being heard, go to your city council meetings in look at the agenda, what are they speaking about tonight. What are

they going to talk about. Does it, does it affect your neighbors. Does it affect your house. I also

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Mira Donaldson: Lately via social media, there has been a lot of rhetoric around voting right yes voting is important, but I also feel like we need to address the fact that

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Mira Donaldson: Voting

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Mira Donaldson: Is hard it can be hard for a lot of people because of voter suppression, voter suppression. The ballads, and all these systems already placed against the people who do want to vote in minorities who do want to vote. So I feel like if we're going to ask people to vote, we do need to address.

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Mira Donaldson: What is stopping it. Right.

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Mira Donaldson: That would be, we can do this through filling up the other ways that we can be active through our government is through filling out the census, making sure that

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Mira Donaldson: We haven't have representatives to represent everybody that's in the state and in your district in the little things that they matter.

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Gloria White-Hammond: It mirror that let me keep going with you because I I have heard, I would say after the last election. I heard a number of young people say

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Gloria White-Hammond: Well, they just weren't going to bother to vote anymore because it you know they didn't we lost because Donald Trump came in with who we are. Four years later and and and the

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Gloria White-Hammond: cusp of the reduction what as you talk with young people, what are you hearing that same kind of Senator, and if so, how do you respond

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Mira Donaldson: Well,

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Mira Donaldson: I go to school with all black. A woman, and we are determined to make this election count. So no, but I do feel like there is a over all

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Mira Donaldson: consensus that this election is very frustrating to young people because

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Mira Donaldson: We don't like either the candidates and we, I feel like our generation is very focused on not settling. We are here and we want to make our mark count and we want what we want.

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Mira Donaldson: So the fact I think the, I think the thing that's not really setting settling with my generation is we have to settle, we have to we have to be okay with this decency.

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Mira Donaldson: But we want the we want the full amount

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Mira Donaldson: Thank you for saying, man. Yeah, okay.

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Gloria White-Hammond: All right, so, so you're gonna vote.

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Mira Donaldson: Yes.

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Gloria White-Hammond: All right.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Please say yes.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I will jump in the conversation.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Well, we're. This is an opportunity to open up the conversation to others may have some questions that you'd like to

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Gloria White-Hammond: Raise a

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Gloria White-Hammond: Piano. Did you want to say something while we're waiting to get an offer.

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Keeana Saxon: Yes, I completely agree with Mayra and as she was talking about her her sisters, I would be absolutely remiss if I did not mention that I graduated from Spelman College 90 class of 1999 I should be wearing my phone t shirt.

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Keeana Saxon: The discussion. I just had to acknowledge my own Spelman this and my own Spelman sister in this manner. But yes, yes, the voting and yes I am. I completely agree that the choices between two old

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Keeana Saxon: White men arguing last night. It was despicable. It was horrible. And, you know, so I understand that the choices are

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Keeana Saxon: Not ideal but need to push on

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Crystal Collier: I want to echo mirror. I actually struggled at the

very beginning, even having wrap my head around voting for vitamin as well. I agree with you. I'm tired or settling. I think I

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Crystal Collier: did that for a while, but then when I became a mom. I said, I can't settle anymore because I need this world of change for Langston, I need to know that he has a better world moving forward.

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Crystal Collier: And so one thing I want to echo what you said to is it's not just the voting. It's the census. It's the local elections. And I think that that's one thing as an educator that I have devout to make a huge part of my

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Crystal Collier: Work is I tell kids. We got to be a part of the democracy. I never forget. At the end of the year. Last year I made all my fifth graders for homework, do the census.

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Crystal Collier: And they had to find out their parents at the census that they didn't do the census. They had to do it on their own. And I remember white teacher saying, well, if you don't want to do it. I said, oh, I need to the backup and off this conversation.

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Crystal Collier: You don't live in my neighborhood. You don't look like me, actually, I'm telling you if you don't have this census done tomorrow we will have problems in my kids laughed, and I said to them, I said, I need you all to understand

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Crystal Collier: It. How can you have an argument what it's used to how dare you tell me are correct me about my kids doing the senses, which is going to affect my community natural words. I said, and so I think that's another thing too. We have to live.

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Crystal Collier: We have to say we want co-conspirators but no one to speak.

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Crystal Collier: We can do this work by ourselves, and I really appreciate you. I mean just watching you and see how strong you are. It just makes me. I'm so proud of black women.

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Crystal Collier: And I think that's another thing I think that we don't get enough credit for the work we've done in our communities. We have lifted up our black communities. We have held us on our backs. We do the work.

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Crystal Collier: All the time. And so I just want to thank you being so young, taking this work up right now because it really is inspiring to watch you do it.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Yeah, absolutely. Go ahead and mirror think

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Mira Donaldson: Thank you so much for that. That means really much

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Gloria White-Hammond: Yeah, yeah. I absolutely agree with you that wherever community is driving it is it is driving on the backs and the feet and the brains of of women and that's especially true in the

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Gloria White-Hammond: Black community, but it's really, it's true all over the world and I

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Gloria White-Hammond: I often think about Desmond Tutu says look our best hope is women and women's ways of working so and and we when we all work in women's ways

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Gloria White-Hammond: Men and women, all of us that it becomes a win for our entire community. Absolutely. Some other so what I'm seeing in the chat is again, there's some reminders about voting and the importance of voting and recognizing that

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Gloria White-Hammond: That

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Gloria White-Hammond: At this point, we can just get someone who's functional will that we will need someone who just you know who who

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Gloria White-Hammond: Can at least tell the truth. Most of the time, that will be aware, so we are absolutely settling. But we're not that. But what we understand is to ensure that

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Gloria White-Hammond: To, to, to ensure that thriving have a democracy, everybody has to play a role. So there's no

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Gloria White-Hammond: No slackers. We've all got to play a role with this and yeah for the media, someone who could actually be saying, and then Carol is reminding us about the federal judges and supreme court justices

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Gloria White-Hammond: That the next president will pick and so we need people in the pipeline to become judges and as even as we're fighting for.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Equity in the courts. We need people to be able to build those places. Absolutely. Yeah, reasonably saying just reasonably saying we'll take it absolutely some other questions as we open up

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Gloria White-Hammond: You can raise your hand if you

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Gloria White-Hammond: Would like that. Go ahead and ask your question.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I am I just want to give up an update. I'm

sure you all probably know, but there is a conversation about releasing the transcripts Kiana you can probably answer this

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Carole Copeland Thomas: IN LOUISVILLE that Daniel. Daniel Cameron, the Attorney General refused to release now Brianna's boyfriend's transcripts. He has no criminal record. He had a licensed firearm to use, but the

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Investigation that they have had with him that's been released that transcript has been released.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And so that set precedent and the political forces were trying to suppress the transcript for Brianna Taylor that apparently is now changing. I don't know, a piano. Do you have update on that one.

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Keeana Saxon: So, so the grand jury recording. That's what, that's what we're talking about.

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Keeana Saxon: That grand juries are not. They are not public, that they are actually designed to be secrets.

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Keeana Saxon: So we have things that are called church charges and indictments charges are made by a prosecutor and have indictments that are made by the grand jury, it's really the same thing that says that you just there's enough evidence in order to go to trial. So we had a grand jury.

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Keeana Saxon: And in that proceeding that recording 20 hours long. That is really done in secret, but because we had a member of that jerk who said, Wait a minute, I, I didn't understand all of

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Keeana Saxon: What I was asked to do. And I don't think that we were even asked to consider whether Briana Taylor's death was was actually

you know in waffle.

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Keeana Saxon: And so that grand jury proceeding, the judge and Bailey Smith, she said, and it can only be released through this court process. She said that it should be released to the public, public, which is rare.

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Keeana Saxon: And so what Daniel Cameron, did we know that he's an African American. We know that he's Republican. We know that he worked for Mitch McConnell McConnell

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Keeana Saxon: We know that that you know there is, there's nothing in his bio that would that would suggest or in his political leanings, I would suggest that you would actually want a grand jury proceedings to come out.

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Keeana Saxon: He asked for a delay recently. So he said that it was for for redaction so reduction just means you're going to take out all the personal names.

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Keeana Saxon: In that recording, so you need, you do need time to do it. The judge just an hour ago just over an hour ago said fine, you do have the opportunity or you don't have to release the recording by today. You have to do it by Friday at noon, and we'll see

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Gloria White-Hammond: And we'll see

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Gloria White-Hammond: We've heard we've

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Gloria White-Hammond: Nobody was shocked or amazed, or surprised with with that in that initial

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Gloria White-Hammond: exoneration of those officers. So as Tracy is reminding us, we can only pray, but, um, is that all we can do

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Gloria White-Hammond: What, what else can we do what, what else is what's, what else could we do mirror

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Mira Donaldson: I think as we all

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Mira Donaldson: Kind of mentioned before.

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Mira Donaldson: But just practicing your civic duty. It doesn't have to be a big thing. I feel like whenever we view protesting and activism, you create this image in your mind that is walking down the street with signs in your hands. The big crowd will know

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Mira Donaldson: You can provide us with just your existence and I feel like that is something that we need to learn as African Americans and people of color that

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Mira Donaldson: Sometimes our existence is resistance and I really like I've been clean to that phrasings as I have been starting my classes at Spelman and I've been overwhelmed with a lot of the online learning is that

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Mira Donaldson: And just hearing about the beyond Taylor case as it's come up again. It's just that sometimes you are enough to prove that you deserve to be in this world and I

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Mira Donaldson: And you don't have to be in the front lines to be an activist, it can be like, for example, take crystal. She is activist within her teachings and there are so many ways you could be like

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Mira Donaldson: For example, a doctor and you could be a black doctor they making sure that black patients are cared for. Well, so there are so many ways that activism can show up in your life. But right now I feel like the important thing to do.

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Mira Donaldson: Is just to make sure that you exercise your civic duties both clinical sciences and yeah

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Crystal Collier: I have a question for me or two I guess one thing that I believe in do my own personal protests where I don't buy or shop or spend my money and

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Crystal Collier: I guess I'm really waiting for. And I, this is, this is something I'm putting out to the entire body. And because I know we have a lot of civil rights activists in Bethel is how can we do a will. I mean, you know,

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Crystal Collier: With every bus boycott of today. Like, how can we move in that direction. We're boycotting something that our dollars are actually showing up. And I think that that is one thing I've been thinking about is, how can we

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Crystal Collier: Make that now because I think that one thing that white people white establishment government. See, I mean is the power of the black dollar. And I think that is one thing that I'm trying to figure out how we can move that I do by myself up time but I know we need a collective body.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Okay.

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Mira Donaldson: Um, I feel like I'm kind of stuck there along with you to be as I learned about this of rights era. I agree with you. Those big movements and like, like the monk army boycotts really made

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Mira Donaldson: Were a big thing. And we're just all over. I'm like you said the money talks so I feel like if we were to a be if we were able to establish one unified message that was very clear on what we should be doing.

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Mira Donaldson: Or this is happening. This day don't spend your money this day. I know there was a time to do it sometime this summer after everything, but I feel like right now.

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Mira Donaldson: There, I feel like there just needs to be one unified message that we can all come around and gather against because I feel like there's a lot of. There's a lot of different

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Mira Donaldson: Eric being put out about the Black Lives Matter movement at the same time. So,

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Mira Donaldson: In that causes different reactions or different

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Mira Donaldson: Different sort of activism in different areas. So once we have that one message that we can all come again in come together with, then I think something like that could happen.

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I think one of the love.

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Raynya Simmons: Going to

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Keeana Saxon: Oh hi, how are you

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Keeana Saxon: He said that I've been hearing, most, most often, which

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Keeana Saxon: In my mind,

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Keeana Saxon: Radical self care.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: About it's kind of hard to hear. So I'm not sure if that is the responder. If there's someone else.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Would you please just mute yourself. Thank you so much.

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Keeana Saxon: I was saying that they, the girl trek movement. They are many black women strong if they're they're trying to aim for a million people and so radical self care is something that we can start doing today can start doing right now. And that is a form of activism that

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Keeana Saxon: That we can take it upon ourselves and we can do it in our own way and we can also be in a band of support with other sisters and so they are walking 30 minutes a day just take 30 minutes a day to walk feel that freedom in 30 minutes a day.

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Keeana Saxon: When you're allowed to feel your own freedom for 30 minutes a day you, it opens up your mind in order to be able to do other things that will create your own sense of freedom.

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Keeana Saxon: It is the entire point the entire point of why we fight why we fight. What's the purpose of civil rights. What is the purpose of fighting for our, our freedom.

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Keeana Saxon: If it is not to be healthy, strong wise to do exactly what we want to do with our bodies when we want to do it.

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Keeana Saxon: We want to be able to walk down the street without fear.

We want to be able to go to sleep without fear. We want to be able to go to our doctor and not die.

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Keeana Saxon: And so one of the things that we need to be able to do is take our own health and our own sense of well being in our own hands.

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Keeana Saxon: What it was a crystal bridges said you know why people are not going to save us. They are not

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Keeana Saxon: We have died under the knife. We have died on on many doctors tables we have died trying to have birth to our own children we die, we die, we die.

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Keeana Saxon: And so one of the things that you can do walk 30 minutes a day. Listen to some black woman. Listen to some

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Keeana Saxon: Podcast listen to some music decompress take that stress out of your body, because that is the most radical stuff that we can do if we can walk, you can, we can die on our, on our own terms, if we can die with our freedom intact. Then we have one

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Gloria White-Hammond: Thing.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Ladies, thank you so much. It is someone speaking

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Raynya Simmons: Passive voice just rain. Yeah.

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Raynya Simmons: Hi, everyone. Thank you for doing this tonight and I just wanted to make a comment back with Krista with her spending power and hi mera



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Raynya Simmons: I know Mira seen a grown up. She's an amazing woman is just so great to see her on here tonight, doing amazing things. I'm not surprised, who she is, who she's become

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Raynya Simmons: But I'm a friend of mine, Maggie Anderson. When I left Chicago

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Raynya Simmons: People thought he was crazy. She had a tough time to Job good fight, and she just got angry. So, you know, I'm tired of this type of racism. I'm just going to reach out and just by black. So for an entire year.

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Raynya Simmons: You can look up her TED talk. I forget what I love Chicago 2008 she might have done it maybe 2013 and she has a whole national movement.

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Raynya Simmons: And people thought she was crazy. She literally only bought black and she said it was really, really hard to find a black own gas station a Black owned liquor store.

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Raynya Simmons: Like everything she did was black and she said it was just really, really tough, but she did it.

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Raynya Simmons: And so I'm everyone should look her up Maggie Anderson. She has a TED talk, and she's always looking for

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Raynya Simmons: People to join and her best friend is married to one of Martin Luther King sons, so she's really well connected and she would love to get people behind her and just grow this and we can actually do this together.

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Raynya Simmons: So it does exist.

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Gloria White-Hammond: So just seeing the chat. There are some responses here. Thank you so much rain. Yeah.

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Gloria White-Hammond: That that so and and someone has made that mentioned the fact that we do need to see what the resources are. And so it would be great if there were resource for example in this state of

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Gloria White-Hammond: Black owned businesses that we could access obviously a big thing is for them to be available online as well.

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Gloria White-Hammond: There's real resonance around this radical self care that you've mentioned Tiana and the reminder that that the that

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Gloria White-Hammond: That this begins at the personal level, and that we attend to our, our own sense of health and being as as much in as best as we can.

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Gloria White-Hammond: And and hold ourselves accountable to being our best persons in in light of what God has called us to do, getting a vision.

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Gloria White-Hammond: For who God has called us to be what God has called us to do accomplishing that vision, and that includes our health in its totality. Someone is referenced girl Trek. I love the idea of growth track.

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Gloria White-Hammond: This other book hashtag boycott of black lives is a great start.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Mission one. The mission is 1 million black women and girls. This girl track. I think it is 1 million black women and girls walking 30 minutes

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Gloria White-Hammond: Three times a week. By the end of 2020 okay let's see Ivana you're going to launch it. I'm gonna I'll definitely be a part of that and

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Gloria White-Hammond: Tons of black on this on Pinterest. That's great to know and absolutely hold our elected officials accountable, give them a call or writer tweeting the reminder that it's not just, it's not enough just to vote them.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Into office to be absolutely have to hold people accountable. Once they are voted in elected in those positions.

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Gloria White-Hammond: And so it is now eight or nine

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Gloria White-Hammond: Other thoughts or comments, questions.

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Gloria White-Hammond: And we get

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Carole Copeland Thomas: This is Carol. The key is sustainability. Now we're fortunate to be a part of Bethel because Bethel is is an activist church always has been.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And so it's easy to connect within our church because something somebody is always doing something proactive in terms of social justice.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Outside of Bethel is where I have concerned and that's where if we're not careful, and we're already doing it, we

begin to normalize the horrific we begin to say, Oh, that's so sad. I'm so, so, so sorry about that, and I'll mature in my thoughts and prayers

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And so the key for us, particularly at Bethel is to figure out how can we look at our best practices. Certainly, it starts with our pastors because of what they've done.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: How can we look at those best practices as we work and talk with other people so that they will be energized to not be complacent.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: With what's taking place and I'm, I'm very, very, very concerned about now between now and November 3 because of the person in the White House was closely aligned with the police unions around the country who are endorsing him.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And obviously the police union in Louisville is mixed up with the bianna Taylor case.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: So our level of sustainability, like it's sad that we at this point don't have a black directory. We've had them in the past, we had get connected we had the black pages.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: But those are historical documents. It's nothing really where you can put your finger on it now.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: To talk about what resources we have here in Massachusetts. So the sustainability is is the is the real key piece. It is difficult to stay in business.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: In Massachusetts, it is not easy. If you're a black person you need capitalization, you need customers, you need a lot

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I just shared with you earlier, my business is now under attack because of the diversity band that Donald Trump has on diversity programs that now has hit my business so

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Carole Copeland Thomas: It's a matter of awareness getting out of your comfort zone, working with people outside of Bethel, so that they can become a part

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Of the collective movement of moving forward. And that's going to take a lot of work and it make it may make you disruptive and uncomfortable as we progress. The question is, are you going to make yourself uncomfortable and maybe speak out in terms of good trouble.

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Gloria White-Hammond: The trouble like john

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Gloria White-Hammond: JOHN LEWIS. Absolutely. I see Naya has put in the chatter link to Boston magazines restaurants that are Black owned and some other references to Black owned businesses, Martha, reminding us to those is given, much is expected.

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Gloria White-Hammond: How do we stand as a family. And how do we organize that have just a couple of based on a couple of things that you reference Carol. I know Beverly Williams is on the

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Gloria White-Hammond: Line. And I wonder, Beverly if you can give us some updates with regard to GBI Olds work with police reform and that's been an effort that we've been engaged in

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Gloria White-Hammond: And obviously need to continue to be engaged in. And again, the reminder that much of this is Carol is you've suggested that

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Gloria White-Hammond: This is our congregation has really been engaged around social justice issues and but and our reminder is that it begins with me in terms of getting a vision for what God has called me to be

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Gloria White-Hammond: And and so for me to in terms of my own spiritual stewardship. How am I tending to

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Gloria White-Hammond: To to myself body, mind and spirit, what is what. How do I am I connected to God. So this equal. That's why you're on this Bible study tonight.

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Gloria White-Hammond: And where we hope that people are involved in prayer and that they're involved in their own efforts in terms of study. Because it, it begins with hearing from God.

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Gloria White-Hammond: And being what God has called me to be. And part of that is to be a social change agent Beverly. Are you available to give us some sense of what the GBI OH is doing with regard to police reform.

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Beverly Williams: Yeah. One thing that I do want somebody had said Can, how do we organize that. And really it's about staying in relationships with each other. One of the things about today. Oh, is that

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Beverly Williams: How do we organize people and we organize people based on their interests and what is important to them. And so as capital Copeland said we can't be all over the place. And so

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Beverly Williams: In talking with people and seeing what they're interested in. And then making sure that they're connected to the people that have the same

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Beverly Williams: Interest in the same amount of energy and either that you begin to develop leadership and you start to break down problems into smaller issues.

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Beverly Williams: That are more winnable, and then become sustainable, but to be all over the place. You found mine thing about, I would say that I like about GBI is that

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Beverly Williams: It's focus and it's it's focused on the interests of people. So if you have 100 people saying that they're interested in 100 different things, you know, you don't have enough energy to organize and

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Beverly Williams: Or would organize people equivalent to power and that that's where you get your power and that's an anything that you don't. I remember one year, we had a campaign, just to

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Beverly Williams: Build Bethel and build relationships around Bethel and it had nothing to do with politics but out of that.

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Beverly Williams: You found we have people were interested in you found the leaders on that later went on and did different things and I like what Maya said earlier, she says, no matter where you are, you can do something

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Beverly Williams: As Boston public school teachers I know many of us got involved in having our children join the Boston debate week

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Beverly Williams: And that was such a it's such a good program because it teaches students how to begin to look at different problems from different perspectives.

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Beverly Williams: And to learn how to debate back and to learn how to listen.

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Beverly Williams: And so, even within our public school system, the things that they have our students and not good enough and like crystal says we have to make sure that we expose them.

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Beverly Williams: To those things so that they can become critical thinkers and they can become part of solving the problem. So everyone can't reach out into the world and touch the whole world but you can touch.

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Beverly Williams: reach out and touch the world that you're in. And so if it's Boston Public Schools. That's the world that you can you can reach out and you can touch you make a difference.

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Beverly Williams: So bring it up to where you want it need to be. We are working on police the farm in might now the bill is in conference. So for some of you who don't, are not politically savvy.

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Beverly Williams: With lead with a lead with the bill amount police reform and they put out certain things that they want it that the black elected officials said that they learn it and then they added some more things to it, but basically it's a it's a noun police accountability.

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Beverly Williams: And building Commission's that was certified decertified believes it will be farm qualified immunity, which is a protection that using the police use some like in a case like like this what Brianna that they could not

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Beverly Williams: Be held sibling life of like the city will pick that up and pay for it. So you notice that Brianna's parents got a lot of money. So, you know, who paid for that. But that's not justice in and of itself.



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Beverly Williams: And so the house. They have a bill and it's being reconciled. So right now, we're asking people to really put pressure on the conference committee to come up with something

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Beverly Williams: They are is a viable policy that is really going to make a difference, something that has to teeth to it. We cannot have a Commission that is governed by the

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Beverly Williams: Police themselves, for instance, so they may go a step, but they will, but they may say the governor couples on the police commissioner complete cosine. So we want to make sure that we, I haven't these several committees that

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Beverly Williams: That give us to to do something as civilians. So right now it's in conference we were asking people to make calls over the next few days again.

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Beverly Williams: The police unions.

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Beverly Williams: Are strong because they organize and we need to we need to organize

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Beverly Williams: Around this but I just

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Beverly Williams: Sometimes I feel that what we do as a community is that we act to them.

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Beverly Williams: As opposed to being proactive and so when you talk about wholeness. When you talk about making sure that you are spiritually in the right place when we talk

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Beverly Williams: About our communities and having that economic stability. Those are the things that we need to be working on. So that when we come into moments like this.

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Beverly Williams: We're better equipped to to handle it. So I sent her we talk about intersection ality whatever we do it has to be a comprehensive approach, it cannot be just

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Beverly Williams: Black Lives Matter protest and it can't just be made to be to organize and it has to be comprehensive and we have to come from, from different areas to really get social justice for us. Yeah.

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Gloria White-Hammond: So just reminding us again that it's the importance of the connection with God, and the connection with one another and the work that we can do.

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Gloria White-Hammond: With one another mirror has suggested we don't so that we, as you've confirmed it with. We have a sense of

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Gloria White-Hammond: It so that we can be more proactive and therefore don't have to just settle for what's left over, and continue to be engaged Bevy is there somewhere that people can go to to get a sense of where who they need to call with regard to the the the the

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Beverly Williams: Yes, I'll put it out on the pencil. Mr.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Okay, that's better.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Yes, somebody has asked whether or not there's any discussion about police abolition and this is this is not about

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Gloria White-Hammond: The same position right

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Beverly Williams: Now,

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Beverly Williams: Out there. But now, but we do, we do have a goal. Some because we are members of TPI. I want everybody to realize and feel about the light. You are remember GBI but

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Beverly Williams: There's a group of people, small group of people that have come together to look out what safety and security really looks like. We cannot keep

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Beverly Williams: Fighting a system that is designed to when we have to really look and say, what does safety and security really work like

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Beverly Williams: And start moving towards that. And about being proactive. So just saying get rid of the police something else has to be in place and we need to be working on things like that now.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Well, you know, I want to thank our panelists.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Three of you just give us just a couple of sentences to close this out before we

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Gloria White-Hammond: Pray

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Gloria White-Hammond: Piano. Just a couple of sentences in summary us to a final thought

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Keeana Saxon: Um, my final thought right now is just to leave you guys with some of the reports that were done in Kentucky after Brianna Taylor.

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Keeana Saxon: Was killed so in Kentucky thing we're able to

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Keeana Saxon: Try to have offer credits for police to actually live in the neighborhood that they police

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Keeana Saxon: They are requiring

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Keeana Saxon: That higher ranking commanders actually approve of search forums. We have people who are have a retired.

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Keeana Saxon: Sergeant. They actually reduces the amount of search warrants and one source of their bread find 95% do you don't have these and of course no knock warrant so that has actually been eliminated. So activism works activism works and it's not just

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Keeana Saxon: It doesn't have to be piecemeal, I think that Massachusetts can has the chance to provide a comprehensive plan to replace our current system.

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Keeana Saxon: That is fair and that re envision safety and security and we we have a chance to be an example. So keep on pushing. Do not let the reforms that have been put forth in conference, don't let them die. Sometimes that's where, that's where it dies, we gotta keep pushing. Right. Thank you so much.

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Gloria White-Hammond: How about you, crystal.

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Crystal Collier: I'm going to say

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Crystal Collier: That we've been uncomfortable for a long time. So we need to

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Crystal Collier: Give the space for white people to be uncomfortable. We don't need to save them either. And I think that we have to be because I think we've been programmed to make them feel comfortable or to acquiesce to

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Crystal Collier: To kind of submit to the dominant culture. And I think this is this time that we need to see how powerful BLACK PEOPLE ARE WE COME FROM amazing people. We have been we've come so far. We come from good stock and I think

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Crystal Collier: When we're at our jobs put ourselves in position where we are able to have a voice so be on the board that hires.

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Crystal Collier: Be on the committee that brings in diversity. Don't be scared. I think I told myself that I'm not scared to lose my job, along with I lose it for the reason that God wants for me.

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Crystal Collier: And so I think want to just pray for you, Carrie Copeland, because I know that you're facing something but knowing that God has

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Crystal Collier: The enemy's going to come against you because this is God's work. So I think that we have to go into our jobs, knowing that God is with us and we have to go with the level of holy boldness.

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Crystal Collier: And not be scared because the power that we have behind this is God. And so that's what I want to say thank you so much

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Gloria White-Hammond: And mirror, you have your final word.

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Mira Donaldson: Yeah, yeah. Um, I just want to thank you guys for listening to us, listening to all the panelists and height hearing our perspective.

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Mira Donaldson: Because that is the most important part. When you are doing this work and I just want to remind everyone, especially black woman to take care of yourself during now it is

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Mira Donaldson: We are going through a lot and we might not know, but we are so just focus on yourself. Make sure that you're putting yourself first. And don't be afraid to show yourself love cuz it period. Okay.

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Gloria White-Hammond: And for

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Gloria White-Hammond: People who are not black women who love black women.

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Gloria White-Hammond: remind the black women in your lives to take care of ourselves and give us space to take care of ourselves. You'll be all right, you'll be even better if she takes care of herself.

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Gloria White-Hammond: And just going to close us in prayer. And again, thanks to each one of you for being here tonight.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Thank you for the for your work on behalf of

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Gloria White-Hammond: Black women everywhere. And I'm going to close with this scripture that is one that you've heard me recite before but continues to push me on. Remember those earlier days is from the

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Gloria White-Hammond: Book of Hebrews after you had received the light when you endured in a great conflict, full of suffering. Sometimes you were publicly exposed to insult.

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Gloria White-Hammond: And persecution and other times you stood side by side with those who were so treated you suffered along with those in prison.

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Gloria White-Hammond: And you joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property because you knew that you yourselves had much better and much longer lasting possessions. So do not throw away your confidence, it will be richly rewarded you need to persevere.

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Gloria White-Hammond: So that when you've done the will of God you receive what God has promised.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Because we don't come from people who shrink back and are destroyed, but we come from those who have faith and are saved. Oh god. May it be so in Jesus name Amen

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Gloria White-Hammond: God bless you all. Thank you so much for coming tonight look forward to seeing you next week. Thank you so much. Pastor Carrington for the privilege of

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Gloria White-Hammond: Hosting tonight. God bless you all take care of yourselves.

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Mira Donaldson: Thank you.

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Keeana Saxon: I love you. Love you so

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Raynya Simmons: Thank you guys. Good night.

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Gloria White-Hammond: Good night, everybody.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Good night. God bless.