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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: We wanna welcome everyone to our program. Today I am Carol Copeland. Thomas. I'm going to just stop that for a minute and do a little something in the background before I start my screen again. But again, thank you all so much for being with us. I am super excited that we are going to do this program that you are here with us.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: and I know that it's going to be of great interest to you. And hopefully we'll provide an opportunity for you to share your new knowledge with so many who are going to be with us, who will be joining us throughout the the next 2 h

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: again. I am Carol Copeland Thomas. I'm 1 of the cofounders of the Us. Uk summit on race.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: and with that said, we are just welcoming each and every one of you, and let me go on and

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: make sure that this is on the right screen. Yes, it is. We've been doing the Us. UK. Summit events since 2,021. So this is our 11th event that we're having.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: clearly they get better. They get stronger, they get more engaging. We want you to use the chat. We want you to talk to each other. Put questions in the chat. You can just say question and then put your question there. But again, we want this to be an opportunity for us to learn and do more in terms of global issues surrounding race is our principal component with the Us Uk summit on race.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: And this again, with our 11th event, is going to be a continuation of what we talked about in February of this year from a black history perspective. Again, I'm here in the Boston area. I'm going to introduce my co-founder and co-

host of one of the 3 of us. He is currently in the Netherlands. He'll tell us more about that resides in Liverpool, England. Without further ado. Garth Dallas Garth, taken away.

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Garth Dallas: Thank you. Thank you very much, Carolyn. Welcome, welcome, everyone.

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Garth Dallas: I'm Garth Dallas.

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Garth Dallas: I'm an attorney based in

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Garth Dallas: Liverpool, but at the moment I am in the Netherlands as part of Bill the D day. 80 celebrations or commemorations

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Garth Dallas: events, and you know some of you will know that. The

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Garth Dallas: hmm.

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Garth Dallas: Military force that you know.

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Garth Dallas: Hell said to be

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Garth Dallas: the the the forefront of what led to liberation of France, and also the end of World war. 2. They came from Calais and right across Europe, and we are here in the Netherlands for a special ceremony, to also celebrate

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Garth Dallas: the black and brown soldiers who were involved in that historic event. But it's great to be here, and it's great to have you. We started this whole Us. UK. Summit and race in the wake of the

murder of George Harry Floyd.

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Garth Dallas: the black American who was murdered by a white police officer in 2020. It was May

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Garth Dallas: 25,

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Garth Dallas: 2020,

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Garth Dallas: simply because

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Garth Dallas: a store clerk suspected

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Garth Dallas: that Floyd may have used counterfeit

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Garth Dallas: \$20 Bill.

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Garth Dallas: Out of that we realize that race

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Garth Dallas: is the elephant in the room. We need

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Garth Dallas: to look at Ray. Never mind the other.

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Garth Dallas: This is

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Garth Dallas: that we also need to look at. We decided that we would

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Garth Dallas: at race and not only

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Garth Dallas: from a US. Perspective, but also from a UK perspective. And as we developed the program, we have realized that we need to look at it from a global perspective because it binds us all as humans wherever we are in the world, race is that issue that has caused so much

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Garth Dallas: dissatisfaction in the world. So we have, as Carol said, we're in our 11 program. We have looked at special programs around black instrument in the US. In February, black instrument in the UK. In October. We've also in June looked around the issue around Juneteenth.

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Garth Dallas: and how that affects the whole global discussions around race. As Carla also said in February we had a great discussion, and we thought that we would do a part 2

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Garth Dallas: based on popular demand from the individuals who attended. So thank you very much

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Garth Dallas: for being with us, and we have a great program that

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Garth Dallas: I'm sure you will enjoy, and also learn from

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Garth Dallas: rice is an issue that we all need

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Garth Dallas: confront and speak about openly. And this is a safe space for us to do that.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Thank you so much, Garth. Appreciate your support, continued support. The way we work together and have worked together with this wonderful initiative is just wonderful. And I I don't think that there are many collaborations like this from an international perspective. We again have registered in about 13 or 14 different countries, and again people will continue to come in between now and the next 2 h.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Garth said it. Our purpose is to celebrate the contributions of black people of the United States, the United Kingdom, and around the world.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: As we honor that 4th anniversary of George Floyd's death, we pay tribute to him and all the others who were wrongfully killed.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: particularly black and brown individuals in our different countries. Our motto today is, black. History belongs to the world. It definitely does. Black people are everywhere. They're in every country in the world as they have been for so many years. And so we want to celebrate that Garth had mentioned earlier that he is in the Netherlands as the result of the 80th anniversary of D-day.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: and all of the factors that came together that ultimately ended the war for the Allies, including the UK. And the Us. My dad was a Tuskegee airman. During that time he stayed in the United States during the war did his military service. But I pay tribute at this point to those who didn't make it

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: who were a part of either the Normandy invasion or the activities that came before or after it. And I wrote on my Facebook and LinkedIn walls about like Lang Langdon Johnson, who was another Tuskegee airman

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: who did not make it. His plane

was shot down over the coast of France, and he is buried in one of those American cemeteries in France. So black people have contributed in many, many ways. As we have seen, all the information from this event, and for our other events can be found@mssconnect.com. That's Mss. connect.com. So all of our biographies.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: the agenda today that we are using and all of the program components can be found@mssconnect.com.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: And again, please keep the chat going. I love to see the comments in the chat where people are located, either in the Us. The Uk other parts. We have someone who is registered from China Nigeria, etc. So we want to hear from you, and we want you actively talking to each other in the Qa. In the chat box and then asking questions there as well.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: I wanna welcome our 3rd wheel with the Us. UK. Organizing team

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: located in Eden Prairie, Minnesota, which is right outside of Minneapolis, a great guy who I've known not only through this outfit, but also the work that we've done together in the National Black Mba Association. He is the former national chair of the National Black Mba Association, a good friend, and Buddy Bills Bill, come on board! Welcome.

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Bill Wells: Well, good morning, and good morning to good morning, and good afternoon, and good evening, perhaps. Depending on your time zone.

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Bill Wells: thanks to be to be here again, Carol. As I was thinking 1st of all, ditto to the remarks by Garth, there's no need for me to

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Bill Wells: retrace that those steps. But

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Bill Wells: just just please to be a part of this ongoing conversation

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Bill Wells: worldwide conversation, I should add, it's not just. And, as you

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Bill Wells: aptly pointed out, Carol, black history is world history.

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Bill Wells: It is not just American history. As we oftentimes say it here. I'm just excited about

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Bill Wells: the Panelists that we have today, along with a dynamic keynote speaker. And just to advance the conversation. As as Garth said.

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Bill Wells: the February event was so powerful that we decided to extend the conversation into Part 2,

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Bill Wells: so there was no need to come up with another theme. And then take take another cut at what we were purpose with this platform. So I'm looking forward to continuing the conversation. I'm likely we have some return visitors with us today that we're probably with us back in February. So

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Bill Wells: if they didn't have a chance to get all their input in at that time. Maybe they'll find a way to move it in here. But again, thank you for being a part of this important conversation, worldwide conversation, and I continue to learn from from our engagement with all these different folks from all across the world. So

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Bill Wells: thank you, Carol, for being here for allowing me to be a part of of this creation, and, as I think about it, you and I now go back.

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Bill Wells: Over 25 years we've been doing different different engagements. And we finally found a common cause for us to really stick and stay. So so we're in it for the for the duration. So thank you so much.

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Bill Wells: Right.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Thank you very much. And, Bill, you want to keep going, and

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: talk about our agenda. And again, please keep letting us know where you're from us. Uk, Canada, or wherever you happen to be. We are

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: loving, having you here. So, Bill, you want to continue on. I'm just advancing in the slides. Yup!

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Bill Wells: Yeah. for today's topic. Basically, we've got 2 h

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Bill Wells: and we've broken it into 2 segments. Segment. One will be the initial introductory conversation with our keynote speaker.

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Bill Wells: And the keynote speaker will basically be establishing kind of the platform for engagement with our

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Bill Wells: our distinguished panelists who will be a part of this second segment. So in the 1st segment, we'll have. Obviously we're doing greetings right now. I will facilitate a conversation call it a fireside chat, if you will. That's maybe perhaps an American term. I don't know but Pastor and I will Pastor Mcdavon and I will have a brief time together

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Bill Wells: after I introduce him. Then we will have. We also have a video that will be shown, I believe, in part one, and it contains several things. Importantly, one of the things that it has as a proclamation

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Bill Wells: from the Governor here in the State of Minnesota regarding remembrance for George Floyd. So yeah. It has been 4 years since the murder of George Floyd, but it, it is still remembered, and there is a designated area here in the Twin Cities, not too far from the church that I attend

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Bill Wells: and just actually several blocks. And I believe I saw that someone is online with us today is also from the twin cities. So we're very familiar with what happened and how it happened. And I guess the world is familiar because it was video taped. And

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Bill Wells: so it's still shocking. And so we're not forgetting. So there is a proclamation. I believe that's in the video.

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Bill Wells: Then we will, after we

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Bill Wells: have the discussion the keynote address by the Pastor Mcdavid. We'll take a short break, just a real quick, short break, just a transition process. And then I believe we'll move into segment. 2. And Garth will.

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Bill Wells: Actually handle some introductions. And I believe there's another video that will be shown. We'll then have introduction

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Bill Wells: of the panelists and detailed introduction of the panelists, their backgrounds and such

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Bill Wells: and pastor Mcdavid will then moderate a discussion with the panelists. Excuse me.

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Bill Wells: and then we will open it up also for virtual questions coming in.

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Bill Wells: So those of you that are on on the platform. You will have a chance to submit your questions, either through the in the chat room. And Carol will be monitoring that, and I'll be looking at it as well. So

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Bill Wells: I and then we'll have some closing remarks and such. So hopefully, I've covered most everything, Carol

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Bill Wells: and we'll obviously very, very important thing. We will have recognition of our sponsors. I'm I can't forget that. So without the sponsors here, and they're here on the screen. You can see them they've been with us for years now. For the duration, I think, Carol, most most of these sponsors have been with us for the entire time.

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Bill Wells: You know. Boston medical meet. Many meet Boston, meet Boston, which is for those of you who don't know. That is a part of the Convention bureau there in in Boston, and we had the

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Bill Wells: honor and distinct play privilege of having a a senior executive from meet Boston with us back in February, and did a wonderful speech. So I believe she is

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Bill Wells: from Ethiopia. But I'm not. But.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: You're correct. Yes, yes.

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Bill Wells: Ethiopia so gave a really tremendous perspective on the worldwide concept. So what we found is things that she experienced in her life growing up in Ethiopia.

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Bill Wells: And then here, in the trans transition to the United States, along with her husband, I believe, who was Nigerian it. Just a fascinating, fascinating discussion. But anyway, these these sponsors help to make this happen, and we're just we're just grateful to them for their contribution.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: And now we have a video to share with you. Sit back and relax. It's a little bit about a minute or so, and it will sort of set the tone for our discussion today

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: to

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: blue!

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Back to you, Bill.

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Bill Wells: Okay, very good. Well, thank you much. As I was looking at the

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Bill Wells: the short video, it did remind me to that for the purposes of today and going forward, we are not attempting to solve world hunger, so to speak. We cannot eliminate nor eradicate racism. But we can continue the journey if you will. For educating ourselves and becoming much more aware of how it impacts our lives personally as well as our society. So with that, we're gonna get right into

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Bill Wells: the the key part of this today's discussion, I have the distinct privilege of

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Bill Wells: introducing to you someone who I've actually

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Bill Wells: had the privilege of watching watching him and listening to, but more importantly, listening to his message.

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Bill Wells: He is a pastor, Elijah McDavid, who is a patient disciple, a dynamic preacher, and what we call a cultural art architect.

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Bill Wells: Since September 2020. Shortly after, I believe George Floyd was murdered. Pastor McDavid became the senior pastor for fellowship missionary Baptist Church. Here in Minneapolis.

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Bill Wells: little bit of background about Pastor McDavid.

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Bill Wells: he received his master of divinity from Union Theological Seminary, which is Columbia at Columbia University, in New York City.

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Bill Wells: He also is a Magna cum Laude, graduate of Morehouse College, in Atlanta, Georgia.

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Bill Wells: pastor McDavid is a native of Arlington, Virginia.

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Bill Wells: and prior to coming to Fellowship Baptist Missionary Baptist Church. He served on the pastoral staff of the Alfred St. Baptist Church in Alexandria.

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Bill Wells: Virginia.

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Bill Wells: He is also, and I should mention this, and we don't have any chiding going on. I'm I'm a Kappa. But Pastor McDavid is a proud member of Alpha Phi

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Bill Wells: Alpha fraternity. So he's a brother in the bond in a big way. So

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Bill Wells: he's also a part of the Minneapolis Senior Interfaith Clergy Council, and he sits on the board of what's called the African American Leadership Forum. Here in the Twin Cities.

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Bill Wells: Beyond that, Pastor McDavid is an avid runner.

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Bill Wells: didn't realize he was a piano player, but it's on his bio.

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Bill Wells: and he's a part time restaurant critic. I I know he's a booty. I've heard about that. So even from the pulpit.

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Bill Wells: Above all, he is grateful for his amazing friends and family, and whose love and support play an undeniable role in his in his life. So Pastor McDavid, welcome to the Us. Uk summit on race so flat. Glad to have you here with us today. I'll give you just a quick, quick opening if you wish any

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Bill Wells: thoughts or comments. And then, we, you and I are gonna have just a brief conversation just to kind of get get our bearings on on who you are beyond your official duties, so welcome to the platform and to all of our participants worldwide. So thank you for being here.

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Elijah McDavid III: Well, thank you, Bill, and Carol and Garth, and to all of you greetings, beloved it brings you great joy that I can't say

Good morning, good afternoon, or good evening, because we're all coming from so many different spaces and locations.

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Elijah McDavid III: But I'm honored to be in this virtual space. Gather with you, all excited about the conversation we'll have today, as Brother Bill mentioned, I'm grateful to serve and to bring my perspective as a clergy person who Prov, who leads a congregation that provides what we call whole life, care from the womb to the tomb, caring for people's mental, psychological, and emotional wellbeing. As we recognize the ways in which

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Elijah McDavid III: white supremacy inflicts so much trauma on us, especially serving here in this neighborhood. In North Minneapolis. A large part of my work is making sure that people can be whole and well, and I'm excited today that our conversation will hopefully lead us in the direction of conversation as we explore where we are currently in our racial situation, but also how we can make sure that everybody is doing well and being okay, even in these turbulent times, so grateful to be here and excited for the dialogue.

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Bill Wells: Okay, thank you so much. Now, I should. I should say to everyone here. I had a distinct opportunity to be with pastor

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Bill Wells: during service back in February, which was our traditional black history month here in the the Twin Cities, and some of the comments that I heard

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Bill Wells: from him were rather inspirational, but jarring also at the time.

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Bill Wells: And so it just occurred to me that if there was someone who had a message that I believe that would be universally accepted and resonate. It was a pastor, David. So again, thank you for my my tweaking you back in February that I thought I had a future opportunity for you, and I know you've been traveling like crazy, and I believe you just got back from a large ministerial.

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Bill Wells: a pastoral conference somewhere in the South. I don't remember exactly where, and I believe you just got off of a plane not too long ago.

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Bill Wells: So no jet lag or anything. But thank you for being with us. So having said that.

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Bill Wells: we're just again, we're gonna just take a few minutes delve into a few things, and

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Bill Wells: beyond just your duties as a pastor. Just you as a black man. In a leadership role

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Bill Wells: one of the questions that that I think about oftentimes is you know, we're no longer in that so called classic civil rights era.

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Bill Wells: And I mean, we we had civil rights era here in the United States.

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Bill Wells: back in the sixties. Okay, so here we are, 50 plus years, 60 years almost. And I dare say that I find it difficult to

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Bill Wells: really be able to say that much as much concrete

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Bill Wells: progress has been made in terms of addressing racism as a sickness in our society. So I guess what I'm looking at is also, when I think about it. Pastor move, David. You know I've seen the images. You've seen the images, many of those marches that we saw were led by pastors. You know whether it was Dr. King Abernathy and a whole host of others.

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Bill Wells: I I guess I'm looking now is what do you see? Particularly

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Bill Wells: I. And I'm gonna say, the black church in particular. How do you see the black church engaging

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Bill Wells: in that? Continued

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Bill Wells: a crusade, if you will, advocating that race be addressed in a very, very meaningful way, so hopefully, you could sort through all what I've said. But I'm really looking forward. Who? Who's gonna be the champion?

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Bill Wells: Because it seems like we've lost that big voice knows no longer a Dr. King, a Dr. Jack, a Reverend Jackson. So where are we today with the black church and be playing a key part of that crusade.

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Elijah McDavid III: Appreciate the question, brother Bill, 1st thing I'll say is, well, there is a great deal of admiration. I think we should always hold and cherish about the classical era of the civil rights movement. Appreciate you. Recognizing that term and talking about particular forms of legislative progress that was made between, say, 1955 and 1965 in this country. But we know that prolong beyond that time range. Right? We have this

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Elijah McDavid III: prolonged civil rights struggle or push the desire for equality

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Elijah McDavid III: in between years of 55, and 65 it was the right capitalism of events that came together in order for certain progress to be made in particular regions of the country. But one of the things we noticed is that even in Dr. King's Light, in the years following the classical era those last 3, 4 years he shared with us one of the things that he lamented was thinking about the ways in which

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Elijah McDavid III: we brought people and integrated black folks into what you called a burning house.

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Elijah McDavid III: that by this desire for full integration, right? What did we bring black people into? And there was a lot of lament that Dr. King shared there in those final years of his thirties, where he talked about some of the tragedy and the questions that he had. Did we really end up getting the equality that he was fighting for and striving for

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Elijah McDavid III: and so now we are sitting. If we talk about where we are in the present moment, we have to look right. 60 years in review, mirror and question. Yes, we, of course we're grateful for the Voting Rights Act and grateful for the Civil Rights Act, and grateful for Brown versus board and for what that has been able to, how that's been able to change the trajectory of so many of our lives. But ultimately, when we listen to Dr. King's words about economic inequality in this country, we're seeing the exact same space.

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Elijah McDavid III: the exact same struggles that he talked about and mentioned. And so for not for us. Now, where we are as a black church. We begin to ask some really relevant questions about what does equality and wholeness look like?

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Elijah McDavid III: Right? What are the ways in which?

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Elijah McDavid III: Yes, we're grateful in some ways for integration, but one of the ways in which we need to still create our own spaces of healing our own environments where we uplift one another. And making sure that we're not full sailing, buying into the idea that integration is the solution to all of our pro, all of our problems. That's why we're grateful to. I'm grateful to lead a black church, because I know

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Elijah McDavid III: the people who come into our congregation on Sunday morning. They've experienced so many varieties of trauma in their workplace right Monday through Friday. They need Sunday in a space of refuge and healing and wholeness where they can be. Here. We

also need to think about what does it mean to have broader coalitions be built? The idea of one single black, heteronormative man, right? Leading a institution and a large group of people.

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Elijah McDavid III: That's not something that's going to happen this day day and timeframe right? And that's why we saw over these last decade. Right black lives matter trying to lead a broader coalition right that honors and celebrates the gift of diversity. And influences that we have. And so we are in the process, I would say, of actively reimagining what leadership looks like in our communities.

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Elijah McDavid III: of actively engaging in some broader conversations. As we look at this potential authoritarian, sly moving from what we know as democracy to probably authoritarianism in 2024, 2028 in America, what does it mean for us to be able to provide safe havens and harbors of refuge for our people.

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Elijah McDavid III: even as this country changes in a very dramatic way. In November.

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Bill Wells: Alright. Well, very good. And I'm I'm glad you mentioned that, because I'm I'm a product as as are any number of people that are plot, probably on the platform today. I'm a product of that era.

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Bill Wells: and I would have to say that

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Bill Wells: there are opportunities, I believe, that were extended to me

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Bill Wells: in terms of providing greater access, and I'm saying access not equal opportunity, because it never was equal.

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Bill Wells: But it provided access to me and a number of others through legislation.

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Bill Wells: However, the stick and stay component of that legislation now, as I see it, as being torn down at every every turn of the corner. You know we look at the dismantling night, and I don't know precisely, and that's why we have Garth with this representing the UK. And there are others on the platform today

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Bill Wells: that are from Africa and and all different countries. Policies and procedures are all different. All across the globe. However, we get back to this common thing about race, and particularly among black folks.

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Bill Wells: We're all the disparities continue.

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Bill Wells: So it just it just baffles me, maybe troubles me a bit.

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Bill Wells: That you know we don't seem to be able to get our handle on. How do we address? And I say address racism

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Bill Wells: because I don't. I don't. I don't believe actually in my heart I don't believe that it can be eradicated.

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Bill Wells: I think it's so ingrained in in our fabric as a human, as a human species pastor, that it's rather troubling. So I don't know if you have a world view on. You know

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Bill Wells: on how we go about addressing racism? to make progress, to make real progress. And hopefully, the folks that are on the question on the on the platform again today will offer some questions that will dig even deeper. We're gonna do that. And then I'm going to back away because I know you've got a keynote address all prepared, and you're gonna probably

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Bill Wells: catch all the things I've talked about. So I just that last question, how do we really go about addressing effectively addressing racism.

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Bill Wells: not just

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Bill Wells: through policies and procedures? How do we touch the hearts and minds of people.

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Bill Wells: the people that we run into every day in the streets.

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Elijah McDavid III: It's a great question, Bill, and I'll give a part of an answer, knowing that this is some deserves a much broader response.

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Elijah McDavid III: But for me. I agree with you right? I I don't necessarily see a path in my lifetime for how we eradicate right what we call racism or the impact of white supremacy right in any of our geographies.

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Elijah McDavid III: But what I do believe, and what is so important and critical to me as a leader of a black faith community is making sure that we can begin to unpack the ways in which we have internalized white supremacy, even as people of color.

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Elijah McDavid III: And so my hope. And when we work, whether with young people, or or seniors or elders in our community, what are the ways in which we've bought into these ideas of white supremacy. And how has that infected our spaces? Because we can begin to unpack and uproot some of those things? Then we can begin to at least create healthy environments for black folk to be able to flourish and thrive and live in healthy community.

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Elijah McDavid III: But as long as we continue to believe certain things about how we look and how we think and what we can attain right, and the ways which we don't support each other right? Because, unfortunately, the real cancer that bothers me is the way in which we've allowed white supremacist ideologies to divide our own community.

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Bill Wells: Hmm! So we.

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Elijah McDavid III: Now believe that certain of our people are expendable.

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Elijah McDavid III: or we have one generation talking about black crime and violence in a way right. That is just disparaging to the people that we should be caring for and looking after. How do we begin to at least uproot the white supremacy we've internalized.

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Elijah McDavid III: That's the goal that I have in my lifetime.

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Elijah McDavid III: Is that none of us as black folk? And we're seeing this issue definitely in our election cycle, right.

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Elijah McDavid III: We talk about the ways in which we've got certain black leaders pushing agendas that are ultimately deaf, dealing to right the people who share in our who've been kissed by nature, son. So that's for me the 1st problem that we need to tackle and handle and then we can begin to address, how we perhaps can change the hearts and the minds of our white brothers and sisters who are around us.

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Bill Wells: Well, you said it might not be a full answer, but I think that takes me a lot further along, and my thinking so I appreciate that. I just happened to notice to on the chat one of our colleagues from China

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Bill Wells: mentioned the horrific systemic racism

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Bill Wells: towards Africans from locals being inseparable and horrific. So it is a worldwide situation.

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Bill Wells: and so with that I'm going to

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Bill Wells: Shut down this conversation I could. I could keep going on with you for the rest rest of the session, but I dare not do that, because we've got a lot to cover. So I know you've got some prepared remarks.

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Bill Wells: I'm going to turn the platform over to you, Pastor Mcdavid. You have the floor, for I I don't. I don't know if you have them time sequence, but I think we talked about 20 min or so.

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Bill Wells: and then we will. We'll take a break after you finish and then we're gonna get get our panelists in because you've got some really upstanding individuals with tremendously different backgrounds, but common common connection type of things. So with that Pastor Mcdavid, it's all yours.

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Elijah McDavid III: Thank you again, and greetings again to each and every one of you. It is my hope today, in this 1st part of our conversation to come from the lens that I come from, and as a faith leader to offer hopefully what may be a word of encouragement and framing for all of us. There's so many people on this call from diverse backgrounds, and I honor the way each and every one of you is playing a part in some form of liberation or healing work in the communities of where you serve.

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Elijah McDavid III: My hope today is that this piece of sermonet, if you will, may help to ground all of us, and some encouragement. And then from there we can have our conversation about where black history is in this present moment, and how we handle it. But allow me to bring you a word that's grounded in the sacred text of my faith. Tradition!

There is a passage of Scripture in the 5th chapter of the Gospel of Mark, and I want to

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Elijah McDavid III: lift up a few verses from that chapter, and that'll frame the dialogue that I'll lead us in on today.

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Elijah McDavid III: March chapter 5, beginning at verse 15. There are words that are similar to these.

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Elijah McDavid III: It says, the people of the town came to Jesus, and they saw the man who had been possessed by demons sitting there, and the man was now clothed and in his right mind. This very man who had had the legion of demons, and the people became frightened.

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Elijah McDavid III: Those who seen that the man who had been possessed by demons who had been healed, began to report the story.

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Elijah McDavid III: and they began to beg Jesus to leave their neighborhood.

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Elijah McDavid III: As soon as Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed by demons begged Jesus that he might be with him.

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Elijah McDavid III: But Jesus refused.

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Elijah McDavid III: and said instead, Go home to your own people.

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Elijah McDavid III: and tell them how much the Lord has done for you.

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Elijah McDavid III: I'm going to use that Scripture to frame a conversation from this subject, simply saying, Stay right here.

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Elijah McDavid III: stay right here.

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Elijah McDavid III: It's interesting to read this gospel story, where the writer reports to us in Mark chapter 5, that Jesus had an encounter with a man who was labeled simply for the fact that he had an unclean spirit.

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Elijah McDavid III: or, to be more specific, Scripture tells us that this man wrestled with a legion of 6,000 demons.

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Elijah McDavid III: The Bible is intentional in using this word legion of demons, because this man lived under the oppression of the Roman Empire.

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Elijah McDavid III: and as cruel as the empires that we live under today are. We recognize the ways in which Rome was especially cruel, and they use this word legion, which refers to a troop of 2,000 Roman soldiers. And so this man is simply the victim of so much oppression, psychological, emotional, and mental, and that has driven him to a place of complete and utter despair.

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Elijah McDavid III: He is experiencing a mental health crisis, a socio-emotional crisis, and it's gotten so bad in his life that the people of the local town have driven him out of their neighborhood to live on the edge of town, in the cemetery, amongst the tombs.

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Elijah McDavid III: He had been rejected out of common society, and he was there

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Elijah McDavid III: and living in the cemetery. He was there because people had pushed him there. They were so determined to keep this

problem out of sight and out of mind that they would go out to the cemetery, and they would attempt to restrain this man with shackles and with chains.

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Elijah McDavid III: They thought that the solution to an individual in crisis was to lock the problem out of sight.

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Elijah McDavid III: that if we don't have to see it, and if we don't have to talk about it, then everything will be alright.

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Elijah McDavid III: They fail to realize that ignoring a situation will never improve the situation

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Elijah McDavid III: that the only way any of us can heal from hurt is when we pull it out of the shadows, stop hiding it, and take the time to have honest conversation with him.

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Elijah McDavid III: It points to a problem in our present culture, because the problem today is that too many of us

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Elijah McDavid III: either project our pain onto other people.

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Elijah McDavid III: or we push our pain into a corner thinking we can avoid the problem.

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Elijah McDavid III: But honesty is the birthplace of healing.

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Elijah McDavid III: and until we're willing to be like Jesus and learn how to confront the situation face to face. We'll never see a change in our situation.

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Elijah McDavid III: So Jesus approaches the man. He has a heartfelt conversation with him, and he sends the legion of demons out of the man, and into some pigs who are standing by the sea. The man is delivered from his mental health crisis. But now this has created a whole new problem, because when the demons entered the pigs, the pigs lost their minds, and they rushed into the sea and drowned themselves.

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Elijah McDavid III: And now the swine herds, the people who've been making their money profiting off of animal abuse. They are angry, they lose their mind. They start a whole campaign to run Jesus out of town because Jesus has cost them a whole lot of revenue.

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Elijah McDavid III: They don't have the capacity to celebrate the man's healing because their focus is purely financial.

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Elijah McDavid III: Beloved. One of the things that we have to be careful of

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Elijah McDavid III: is that we can make the mistake of prioritizing wealth and money over persons wellbeing.

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Elijah McDavid III: I want us to be especially cautious because we live in a world where people value money more than safety, where money means more than your character, where money is often making people lose their minds.

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Elijah McDavid III: I unfortunately am not as familiar with the Uk or China, but in the United States I know this to be true. When we look at the failures to pass commonsense gun legislation, the failures to protect our environment, the failure to decrease our prison population when we examine the roots of our moral failures, all we have to do is follow the money because it's the money that sits at the root of these problems. That's convincing people to do illogical things.

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Elijah McDavid III: We are wounding and hurting our own selves because

of our love for money.

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Elijah McDavid III: And that's what's happening in this text. And in this story the people are upset because Jesus's little healing charade has cost them money.

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Elijah McDavid III: and so now they gather a crowd. They come to Jesus, and verse 17 tells us that they began to beg Jesus to get out of their neighborhood. You have got to get out of here, Jesus.

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Elijah McDavid III: We will not tolerate you disrupting the dysfunctional nature of the status quo.

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Elijah McDavid III: It's so interesting for us to focus on this beloved. They are in the presence of a miracle worker.

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Elijah McDavid III: Jesus has presented the possibilities of healing, deliverance and transformation. They have encountered someone who has solutions to problems they have been struggling with for years.

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Elijah McDavid III: and yet, instead of inviting the solution to stay with them, they choose to run him out of town, so they can settle even deeper into their dysfunction.

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Elijah McDavid III: Solutions are just within reach, but they say, No, thank you, Jesus. We don't want to deal with that. Please get up out of here.

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Elijah McDavid III: and something fascinating happens right as they are beginning to beg Jesus to leave their neighborhood.

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Elijah McDavid III: Verse 18, says that as Jesus was getting into the

boat, the man who had been possessed by demons began to beg Jesus that I might go with him.

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Elijah McDavid III: But Jesus refused.

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Elijah McDavid III: and this is the tension that I want to sit in this morning

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Elijah McDavid III: Jesus performs a wonderful work of healing in the life of this brother. The sacred text says, they found him clothed and in his right mind we can assume his heart is filled with gratitude, because, after all those years of mental turmoil and emotional distress, somebody finally came to see about this man and offer him the transformation he needed. Jesus is the best thing to ever happen to this man, and now it only makes sense that as Jesus is getting ready to leave and get him to the boat, it only makes sense that the man will want to travel

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Elijah McDavid III: along with Jesus. Why would you want to stay in the community, in the environment where you experience so much trauma and neglect.

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Elijah McDavid III: This man makes a logical request. Jesus, let me go with you. But Jesus refused.

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Elijah McDavid III: Here's my question, family.

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Elijah McDavid III: what do you do when God has healed you and granted you peace. But God forces you to stay in the same environment that produced your pain.

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Elijah McDavid III: What do you do when God makes you better, but God won't open a door for you to leave.

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Elijah McDavid III: What do you do when a wonderful change has taken place within you? But there is no change in the environment around you. What do you do when you know everything about you is different. But Jesus says, Stay, put, I need you right here.

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Elijah McDavid III: Beloved, this is one of the great dilemmas of our life journey that we can achieve personal breakthrough and access, a comfortable lifestyle. But what do we do when God gives us peace, but does not grant us permission to leave.

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Elijah McDavid III: If I can just be honest for me and myself. Sometimes I want healing, and I want an exodus. I want to get out of the messy situation. I want to be able to to say goodbye to problematic things and wave it as and wave goodbye as I watch things go up in flames. I prefer to be delivered and done. I don't always like the idea of a guy who says, Stay.

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Elijah McDavid III: what do we do when we're begging for new environments? And Jesus says, Stay right here

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Elijah McDavid III: because it's a natural desire for us to want to get in the boat and go somewhere else. I just got a miracle. I just been blessed. So now I need a new location to match my new mindset. It took me forever to get to a season where I could experience a peace of mind, so I don't want to be around situations that are going to disturb my peace.

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Elijah McDavid III: But yet I want to go somewhere new, and all I'm hearing is, stay right here.

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Elijah McDavid III: beloved, in these moments we have to remember that God places us in particular locations with providential precision.

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Elijah McDavid III: In verse 19, Jesus refuses to let the man join

him, but he also gives him these instructions, go home

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Elijah McDavid III: and tell your people

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Elijah McDavid III: how much has happened in your life.

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Elijah McDavid III: beloved. Sometimes we have to remember

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Elijah McDavid III: that the God of Liberation won't always change our location. The God of liberation won't always change our location. Sometimes God needs wounded healers to stay in less than ideal environments because there is work to be done in places and spaces that everyone else is avoiding.

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Elijah McDavid III: Jesus tells him, I need you to stay right here because your story is worth sharing a big part of why God is keeping you in this place is because there's somebody else in this place who is waiting on your inspiration.

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Elijah McDavid III: I know your hometown has been dysfunctional, and I know you don't have the best reputation there. But go home and tell your people all the change that has taken place in your life. Running away might indeed be convenient. But please take a moment to consider the fact that part of what was crushing you might currently be crushing somebody else, which means you have neighbors who need to know that there is healing and restoration that is possible.

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Elijah McDavid III: There's somebody in your orbit in your circle. Who needs to know how you are now relieved from what you used to be suffering from. Somebody needs to know that the length of your pain does not limit the possibilities of your future. Please remember that the world needs to hear your healing story

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Elijah McDavid III: family. This is why we remain connected and

committed to sharing the profound brilliance of black history.

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Elijah McDavid III: Yes, it is true

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Elijah McDavid III: that so much of our story has been berthed out of trauma.

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Elijah McDavid III: but the story is much more expansive than the womb of pain that it emerged from.

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Elijah McDavid III: There is triumph and creativity and artistry and diversity in our story. Our history is not a monolith.

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Elijah McDavid III: but our history has served as the cultural bedrock from which the rest of the world has stolen their creative sound.

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Elijah McDavid III: And so my prayer for us today is that we would learn to stay connected to community, even when time and distance and economic attainment have opened doors for us to go elsewhere.

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Elijah McDavid III: for Jesus tells the man to stay because he's looking for somebody who can lift while they climb, not somebody who can run away and shut the door behind themselves.

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Elijah McDavid III: because the suffering and tragedy that you emerged out of is still consuming the hearts and the minds of so many.

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Elijah McDavid III: Their awareness of healing happens through your storytelling process, so don't run away from the herd. But stay right here and proclaim the power. Excuse me the power of your truth.

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Elijah McDavid III: I gotta pause and say that I'm so grateful for Deborah Watts, who's on this call, and the family of Emmett till, and all of those who've worked to lift up that particular story.

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Elijah McDavid III: They're working to lift up that story, because, even though it's painful and it's very traumatic.

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Elijah McDavid III: They know what I've told you earlier that ignoring a situation will never improve a situation.

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Elijah McDavid III: So we have to resist the urge to sanitize and turn our eyes away from the truth.

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Elijah McDavid III: White supremacy was, and still is, the poisonous gas that has corroded the atmosphere, making it impossible for all of us to breathe.

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Elijah McDavid III: I said white supremacy was, and still is the poisonous gas that corrodes the atmosphere. It makes it impossible for all of us to breathe

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Elijah McDavid III: the sad truth, and the reality is that the black teenagers in my church that I care for are no safer today than they were in 1955.

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Elijah McDavid III: And yet

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Elijah McDavid III: today's version of white supremacy doesn't just seek to destroy us.

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Elijah McDavid III: It also seeks to disconnect us from the truth and

the creativity and the culture that has fueled our resistance.

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Elijah McDavid III: White supremacy is no longer just satisfied with attempting to destroy our and and harm us and inflict pain on us. But now they are trying to disconnect us from every tool of resilience that we have built and developed over time.

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Elijah McDavid III: That's why they're editing our educational curriculums.

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Elijah McDavid III: That's why the music industry works to censor certain things that we might be hearing.

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Elijah McDavid III: and even in my own field, in my industry of church they are seeking to uproot liberationist theology

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Elijah McDavid III: that now, instead of having a variety of black churches that are speaking truth to power. We now really have a bunch of white evangelical churches that are in blackface.

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Elijah McDavid III: What I mean by. That is, we have black leaders who have internalized white theology that is now harming our community rather than helping to liberate our communities and set people free

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Elijah McDavid III: white supremacy wins by tearing us away.

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Elijah McDavid III: Jesus says, you cannot achieve liberation by running away from who you are

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Elijah McDavid III: that none of us can be healed until all of us are set free. So I need you to stay right here and tell your story.

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Elijah McDavid III: I need you to believe that an amazing breakthrough that a new reality can happen in the community that you've been told to run away from.

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Elijah McDavid III: You don't have to flee to the suburbs. You don't have to go and achieve something else you don't have to chase after whatever this world has told you looks like victory and looks like achievement. It looks like success. No, you can stay right here in the same community that you came from.

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Elijah McDavid III: You can tell your story of healing, and know that your telling your story of healing and narrative can inspire, encourage, and lift up the hearts of others.

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Elijah McDavid III: because

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Elijah McDavid III: the true demons

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Elijah McDavid III: are these white supremacist mindsets that have made us convince ourselves that we've got to run away from everything about our struggle and our resilience, and our creativity and our pride.

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Elijah McDavid III: when we can really learn to love and embrace

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Elijah McDavid III: the gift of our story.

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Elijah McDavid III: We recognize that it's a good thing to be black.

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Elijah McDavid III: but we're proud of who we are

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Elijah McDavid III: that we know we have been giving the life and the culture and the vibrancy that has made this world come alive.

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Elijah McDavid III: And as we continue to celebrate that passion as we continue to honor our resilience, we'll begin to realize, without a shadow of a doubt, that we were born and created for such a time as this.

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Elijah McDavid III: that there's beauty even in the pain of our history.

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Elijah McDavid III: that there's something remarkable that is being birthed out of the legacy of our triumph and our resilience.

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Elijah McDavid III: and that ultimately, at the end of the day, our children will be able to live into a world so much better than the one we can imagine right now.

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Elijah McDavid III: because we've stayed committed to the struggle

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Elijah McDavid III: we're enduring through the fight.

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Elijah McDavid III: and we know that if we can simply stay right here

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Elijah McDavid III: we will see the gift of God even in uncertain times.

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Elijah McDavid III: Thank you so much. I appreciate you for this opportunity to share.

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Bill Wells: Password data.

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Bill Wells: Yes, that's all I can say. Yes, thank you so much that

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Bill Wells: I listen pretty intently.

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Bill Wells: and as I'm sure others did you took me to a different place today.

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Bill Wells: I actually, I asked you a position to you about how to address racism.

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Bill Wells: and you introduced a different approach.

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Bill Wells: different approach, meaning that

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Bill Wells: an elaboration on white supremacy

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Bill Wells: as it's connected to Biblical Scripture

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Bill Wells: and the tearing, tearing us away. I mean, I hadn't really thought about it. I mean, we've talked in the black community. And I say, we collectively.

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Bill Wells: including those who are on on the platform. We talk about that. This functionality

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Bill Wells: in our communities where it seems like we're on a campaign of hate. Hate thyself, you know.

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Bill Wells: and I don't remember the exact words that you used, but

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Bill Wells: the ideology of white supremacy then being accepted and almost adopted by those of us who even look like us. You know it. Just it. Just it's a it's a disease or an illness. It just seeps into your core.

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Bill Wells: And you don't even realize it. And

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Bill Wells: and and and I was gonna ask you a question earlier, and maybe I'm getting to it kind of round about. But I mean some of what I see on TV

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Bill Wells: world. And I think, worldwide. The blank images just aren't that good?

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Bill Wells: I mean, we've gone from an era and decades of black images appearing baff.

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Bill Wells: and you know the step. And Fletcher, you know the slow

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Bill Wells: unintelligible to now where we got

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Bill Wells: young black folks that are presenting themselves in a way that

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Bill Wells: can't ultimately be positive. And so I I think what I was hearing you say this whole the the poisonous gas, if you will from white supremacy, seems to have

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Bill Wells: infected the minds and the thinking of minute. And the other piece to what I'm hearing you say is.

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Bill Wells: we can't really wait for

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Bill Wells: those who don't look like us

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Bill Wells: to be the solution to our issues.

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Bill Wells: Am I? Am I making sense, pastor?

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Bill Wells: Did I? Did I get your message properly?

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Elijah McDavid III: You. You are, Bill. Right? I I believe all of our work starts at home right? But there's internal hard work that we have to do as a people to unpack the ways in which all of us in some way have begun to internalize right? This part, the effects of this poisonous gas, how it is seeping into our hearts and our minds and our Psyches for us to truly love and affirm ourselves and the whole of the black community.

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Elijah McDavid III: right? We've got to see and start in the place of our beauty and our brilliance.

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Elijah McDavid III: And we have to realize that there is a concerted and intentional effort that is being well financed. Right? Talk about these negative images and stereotypes of black folks. Right? That's an

effort. That's intentionality. Behind that right? That's not accidental, right? They are white folks who are funding right the misrepresentation of who we are.

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Elijah McDavid III: And I. I won't speak for other industries. It's true in the entertainment industry, of course, and in music and things like that. But I know in our in church world that I can speak, for without a doubt, right? There are so many white evangelical organizations who are offering money and resources right to young black people right in order to change and shift their theology.

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Elijah McDavid III: And that's how you get a Mark Robinson, who's running for a black man running for Governor in the State of North Carolina right fully aligned with the ideology of Donald Trump. Right, who has said so many anti black statements?

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Elijah McDavid III: Right, who has no concern, right for the wellbeing of the individuals in that state, and yet he's a black man who very well might be the next Governor of North Carolina. Now nothing about his values is aligned with black hope and liberation. And thank you, sister Valerie, yeah, a downright fool. She said it so I didn't have to in the chat

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Elijah McDavid III: right

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Elijah McDavid III: harmful, devastating, and yet a perfect example of what has happened to so many in our community. Because we've bought into these lives and these narratives right? This spread of miss, and disinformation is something that we really need to be concerned about. So how do we make sure that we're not adopting even a piece of this white supremacist mindset.

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Elijah McDavid III: That's where we gotta start. And that's the work that I'm really trying to press on on our on our particular faith community. And I hope other folks on this chat today will help. We need that work as well.

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Bill Wells: Well, great, great this this has been! I mean, I could I could sit and

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Bill Wells: listen to this conversation, because the connectedness to Scripture also, and and the Self-help.

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Bill Wells: I mean. I think we all think about it, but it's frustrating.

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Bill Wells: you know, because at the end of the day I mean. I don't know about anybody else, but I oftentimes think, well, what can I do

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Bill Wells: other than

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Bill Wells: with my family?

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Bill Wells: Do what I can to

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Bill Wells: help educate, support, you know, and do that, but

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Bill Wells: I guess I think we sometimes default to

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Bill Wells: what is a greater collective effort that can be done that really has some power and strength behind it that could address like white supremacy. And

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Bill Wells: and I'm not. I'm just. I'm just not sure. I mean, it just seems so big and so

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Bill Wells: daunting that it's just

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Bill Wells: It's a big, big challenge, but I guess we'll have to continue.

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Elijah McDavid III: Yeah. And I agree with you, Bill, on the way, which is big and daunting. But I love what Deborah and Barbara have already offered in the chat right? Because I believe we do smart start with these simpler solutions right? And I don't even wanna call them small, right. But I want to say right that this work especially what what Deborah saying about how we create our own media right and how shape narrative. And and then what Barbara is offering right after school programs in churches.

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Elijah McDavid III: right? Are going to be pivotal right to how we begin to transform this narrative. Right. We have to accept the fact of certain things have been taken out of our curriculums and our public schools. And let's be honest. They weren't teaching black history that well in the public school, to begin with.

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Elijah McDavid III: right? And so, if we can be honest or saying, Hey, there are some curriculum and some life skills and some healthy theology that our young people need. What does it? How do we, as institutions, faith based institution, specifically use our resources, our spaces and develop curriculum that. And I've seen it already. Start with black churches in Florida. Right? They they know the reality. We gotta teach a lot of those books I see on your shelf by the bill. We've got to get those narratives into the lives of our young people.

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Elijah McDavid III: and if we can begin to do that work that can push back on some of the other things that we're seeing. And and how do we get ahead of the game and allow churches to use AI to better equip and teach our young people.

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Elijah McDavid III: because now we have the capacity to do

personalized curriculum plans, using AI that will allow our young people to not only learn their history, but to get caught up on some of the literary deficiencies and other issues. So we've got some great opportunities there, and I'm excited. We could talk more about the education piece, but I'm gonna let Carol jump back in here because I know we probably at our time to transition.

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Bill Wells: Well, I just wanna before we transition over there. Thank you again, Pastor, for being with us.

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Bill Wells: Those words are not just perfunctory. Those were pretty profound.

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Bill Wells: And I I can. I'm watching the chat as well, and

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Bill Wells: I think there's a lot of comments so

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Bill Wells: people will continue to roll. But I'm standing in the in between you and the panelists, and I know they're anxious to get started, and Carol wants to keep moving along. I'm I'm looking at the clock, Carol, and so our run of show

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Bill Wells: construct is still intact. I believe so.

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Bill Wells: Pastor, again. Just thank you so much for accepting.

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Bill Wells: The opportunity and the and the challenge.

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Bill Wells: I would just put it out to you hopefully that in the past you will consider

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Bill Wells: engaging with us for more dialogue at some point in time, either as a pass as a panelist or whatever. So we're building a network of of soldiers in an army, so to speak so thank you again. And, Carol, I'll turn it back to you.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Outstanding job. I'm not rushing anybody. I'm taking notes. I'm watching the chat. I want to know that we have some international questions in the QA. Box that we'll get to during our panel discussion. Just a fantastic job. And, Bill, you've done a great job facilitating revenue. And David, I have to ask you this before we do move on. We're also gonna take a group picture

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: of everyone. So get them lipstick on and get the camera on, because we're going to do that very shortly.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Christian nationalism is a growing concern in the United States. And I'm going to put this in the chat because I want everybody to go to this website.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: and I want you to check it out. It is called Project 2025.org

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Project 2025 org. I'll put that in the chat. That is the game plan.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: If Donald Trump Trump gets back in office.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: it it is a thousand pages long almost, and it is literally setting up the game plan for what will happen

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: if he gets reelected, and it is

extremely alarming in terms of authoritarianism, theocracies.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: fascism, etc. Now, obviously, we're we're looking at this holistically. This is not a political conversation, but it is a conversation that is impacting all of us. Tour on this call. Whether you're in China, Nigeria, the UK. Or in Boston, where I am quickly Reverend, can you address this Christian Nationalist movement

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: that is infiltrating our our country.

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Elijah McDavid III: Yes, thank you, Sister Carol. I think one of the things that the Conservative right noted is they saw an opportunity immediately after the classical era of the Civil Rights movement that Brother Bill mentioned. Early

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Elijah McDavid III: right. They saw the progress right. They saw this radical legislation in the way in which that was shifting the culture of our country. And what they said late sixties, early seventies is we're going to take advantage right of the white Christian community, right? Typically what was traditionally thought of in the in the Southern United States. Right? We're gonna use them right to get our agenda through.

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Elijah McDavid III: And Ronald Reagan was the master right. He was the 1st one to really make this appeal broadly to Evangelicals, to pair with Billy Graham and others right, and they began to develop. What was a political machine.

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Elijah McDavid III: right? More than a religious one? Right it was under the label of Christianity, but none of their thoughts and and theology, or thinking was anything a reflection of of of at least my Lord Jesus. Right? It was indeed a political move to be able to make sure that this country would begin to develop this kind of backlash against this push for diversity and equality

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Elijah McDavid III: right? And so over time, right? We saw these begin to be more and more avert appeals, threat to white Evangelicals and all ultimately

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Elijah McDavid III: their politics right wasn't completely submerged right within their faith practice, or really took over their faith practice.

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Elijah McDavid III: And so now they began, have this movement right? And Christian nationalism comes from this idea that God has somehow chosen and ordained America to be the greatest country and the winner right that God loves America, and God loves whiteness, and whatever right and we know these to be lies. But this is what they have internalized and what they have come to believe right, and they have actively and really engaged right. Their churches in this political

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Elijah McDavid III: local movements. And so we see them making huge push right? They kind of laid the groundwork for the tea party. They were the ones who during the Obama Presidency did a lot of the work to push back against him and to try to paint him as a non Christian leader. Right? They were effective in doing that. And now they have become fully intact, well, fully entwined with the leadership of their Saviour. Who is Donald trump?

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Elijah McDavid III: And so, yeah, they are the kind of primary ones who are pushing us towards this authoritarian slide, right? Which? Now, a lot of political scientists are saying will happen, regardless of whether or not Trump wins in November. Right? We are sliding towards authoritarianism. Now, I don't wanna over. We have people overreact to that, because the reality is, if you're black in America, we were living under authoritarian regimes right? For hundreds of years. Right? You know, we've only had this little

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Elijah McDavid III: window of democracy right? And those possibilities. But we're about to slide back into a more authoritarian space. And so we'll be really learning from? How do we resist and thrive and flourish even in right? Those early 19 hundreds, 8, late 18 hundreds, when black folks in this country were effectively living under an authoritarian regime. We're gonna have to look and revisit at

some of those strategies, so we can live and still thrive

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Elijah McDavid III: and flourish and protect ourselves under the white Christian Nationalist movement.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Thank you so much. Again the conversation is, gonna continue, Garth, do you have a quick question for Reverend Mcdavid before we move on.

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Garth Dallas: In the interest of time. Carol. I I suggest that we we we move forward.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: I'm not.

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Garth Dallas: And pick up some of those questions that, for example, one of my clients, Charles Bodie, has, as has has raised, because a very

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Garth Dallas: good question, brilliant question. And also there's an elephant in the room that we've experienced here in the UK.

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Garth Dallas: Pass to Eliza in terms of whether or not.

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Garth Dallas: Black churches themselves are

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Garth Dallas: part of the problem in depicting a white Jesus within their theology.

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Garth Dallas: Presentation? Well, we'll come back to that as we go forward, because at the very top of your

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Garth Dallas: talk! You had mentioned that the issue of white supremacy has been in some way infiltrated in the Psyche and I. We have had that in the Uk where someone said that we ourselves or the Black Church, and so haven't really been

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Garth Dallas: their best help because they depict a white Jesus. But can can I ask the audience.

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Garth Dallas: is it okay for us to go straight into Part 2 without a break, because this is so meaty, and I would love for us to go straight into Part 2. Now

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Garth Dallas: no one is saying, no taro run the visual we would bring. So those those issues back with Elijah.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: We'll do it. We're we're gonna.

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Garth Dallas: Son!

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: We're we're gonna take a picture. And then we're gonna move on straight to the video. Garth, can you set the video up right now. And also we'll have 2 announcements after the video, just about our upcoming programs. Garf, just set the video up. Now.

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Garth Dallas: Right, because we are

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Garth Dallas: in June, and what we do as part of a series of events is, we look at Juneteenth, but we all know that. The significance of Juneteenth

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Garth Dallas: is that whilst the Emancipation Proclamation was effective in 1863,

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Garth Dallas: there were certain parts, particularly in Texas where that news didn't get through, and there were individuals over 250,000 enslaved black people in that State weren't aware of the Emancipation Proclamation, so they themselves weren't free.

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Garth Dallas: Similarly, what we're bringing to you today

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Garth Dallas: is a story that hasn't really gained much worldwide

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Garth Dallas: notice.

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Garth Dallas: a story

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Garth Dallas: that between 1840 and 1874, an estimated 30,000 liberated Africans were released into a refuge camp in a place called St. Helena.

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Garth Dallas: Once slavery was abolished, the British army were

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Garth Dallas: in a good way in quotes

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Garth Dallas: getting those slave ships

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Garth Dallas: capturing them and bringing those slaves to a place called St. Helena. There were liberated slaves, but this story will

tell you the secret history that hasn't been told, because they themselves never mind. The fact that they were liberated were taken into a place where they didn't really have freedom, and their legacy has not been properly documented and respected.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Thank you so much. Thank you. We're going to move on, and just very quickly. Juneteenth, for our friends who are not in the United States is a a holiday. Now in the Us. That is slowly being recognized around the country. It was always

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01:07:19.160 --> 01:07:34.529

Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: focused on Texas and the slaves in Texas who were not freed when the Civil War ended in April of 1,865, they were finally freed in June of 1,865, because of general order number 3,

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: that General Granger came and posted on the walls of an Ame church. By the way, I'm a member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. So Riti Chapel, Ame

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: receive the posting of the notice that finally freed the Texas slaves in that area. Finally, all slaves were finally freed by the end of 1865. So it's a whole story. But again, in the United States we are now celebrating Juneteenth for that reason. Catch your cameras on. Let's go on and take a quick picture, and then we will continue on. I'm gonna just

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01:08:07.290 --> 01:08:11.100

Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Remove the spotlight from everyone, and

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01:08:11.400 --> 01:08:16.130

Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: we will go on and take this great picture and move on accordingly.

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01:08:16.330 --> 01:08:28.780

Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Really thoughtful. Conversations that we're having here, and ones that we, we need to continue to lift up because these discussions are so so very popular and so very important. Okay.

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01:08:28.930 --> 01:08:32.009

Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: here we go. Catch your cameras on. This is the 1st

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: picture. We'll take just a few shots here. This is number one.

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01:08:36.510 --> 01:08:46.399

Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: and here we go. Number one kept those cameras on. There we are. You don't have to. You don't have to. We're just asking you to do so. Excellent.

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01:08:46.520 --> 01:08:52.971

Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Alright, this is number one of 2 of of of this page. Here's number 1, 3, 2, one

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01:08:53.439 --> 01:08:56.539

Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: and another one for this page

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01:08:56.710 --> 01:09:02.839

Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: 3, 2, one. Thank you so much. And then the page 2. Here we go.

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01:09:03.680 --> 01:09:05.939

Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: 3, 2, one

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01:09:06.689 --> 01:09:10.510

Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: excellent and 3, 2, one.

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01:09:11.628 --> 01:09:17.569

Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: There we go. Thank you all so very much for that. I'm gonna go back and share my screen, we will move on

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01:09:17.590 --> 01:09:18.660

Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: and

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01:09:19.670 --> 01:09:35.169

Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: talk about this amazing video that we will play right now if you, for whatever reason, can't see the video, please just put a message for me in the chat hopefully, that's not going to be a problem for anyone.

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01:09:35.240 --> 01:09:45.689

Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: And again, the Q. And a box is available for those to add questions, we will get to all the questions during our second half. And here we go with this important video

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: after the abolition of slavery in 1807, the Royal Navy began into.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Sorry about that.

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01:09:58.630 --> 01:10:00.220

Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Let me go back.

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01:10:04.680 --> 01:10:06.209

Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: hang on one second.

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01:10:10.630 --> 01:10:12.659

Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: We'll pull this back up again.

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01:10:20.150 --> 01:10:21.490

Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: and here we go

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: after the abolition of slavery in 1807, the Royal Navy began intercepting illegal slave ships crossing the Atlantic, but that liberated Africans weren't taken back home.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Instead, they were dropped here on the shores of St. Helena.

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01:10:43.810 --> 01:10:57.420

Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Many were forced to live on this arid and hostile landscape called Rupert's Valley. Is there an estimate of how many of these liberated Africans, how many of their human remains lie beneath our feet at the moment?

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01:10:57.730 --> 01:11:03.110

Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Well, there's a guess of approximately 8 to 10,000 of them

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: lying

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01:11:04.500 --> 01:11:12.079

Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: here in this valley. We've got 2 burial grounds, and we're standing on the biggest of the 2. Why does this site matter.

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01:11:12.390 --> 01:11:16.760

Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: This site matters to me as an African. It matters to St. Helena.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: It matters to Britain.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: and it matters to the rest of the world, because it is the most significant physical trace of the transatlantic slave trade. Middle Passage.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: E.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: A.

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01:12:37.590 --> 01:12:53.609

Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: The human remains from Rupert's Valley are unique. They are quite simply the only assemblage in the world that purely points to the middle passage of first-generation slaves straight out of the slave ship, and only weeks out of Africa.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: This is to mark the temporary resting place of 325 liberated African slaves

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: brought some Lena against their will.

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01:13:07.870 --> 01:13:10.140

Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: They made it no further than Rupert's Valley.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: They're now waiting this room for their final resting place.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Though our experience in North America may be different from yours. We are tied through the transatlantic trade. You are the middle passage. You are that history for us. We are exactly as you are. You may have a different accent. You may have different customs that you engage in, but we are you, and we are connected.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: The history of Napoleon, when he was here, was happening at the same time when Africans were here.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: They are not separate histories.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Reclaim the neglected history because the history was neglected.

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01:14:12.560 --> 01:14:15.720

Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Unlike New York, you have burials

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01:14:15.880 --> 01:14:25.500

Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: in place. I'm jealous. I'm

jealous because we have a concrete jungle. Everything is underneath buildings and sidewalks and streets and subways

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: be a part of renewing

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: the awareness because it's in you doing that, and your children doing that, that the story will live

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: really. Ask yourself, why are we not taking care of the burial grounds in Rupert's Valley.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Why is it okay to take care of Napoleon's tomb, but completely and utterly ignore what's in Rupert's? And I'm not accusing anyone of anything. But just ask yourself that question, because it's not part of our tradition not to take care of our ancestors. We won't go disturb St. Paul Cemetery. But no, Rupert's is okay, because we need to develop there. So it's this hangover that will continue your future generations unless we confront it right now.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: doesn't need to carry on this way. It's not Ok to disturb a sacred ground, and that's what it is.

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Garth Dallas: I just wanted to bring this

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Garth Dallas: to our attention.

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Garth Dallas: This is Carolyn, put in the post.

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Garth Dallas: that not many British people are aware of. June teams.

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01:15:36.430 --> 01:15:38.240

Garth Dallas: Likewise not many

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01:15:39.060 --> 01:15:42.470

Garth Dallas: British people and African people and American people

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01:15:42.510 --> 01:15:45.790

Garth Dallas: are aware of the significance

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01:15:46.080 --> 01:15:52.390

Garth Dallas: of the middle passage. That is only a few 100 miles from Africa.

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Garth Dallas: 4 individuals who were said to be liberated

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Garth Dallas: but weren't liberated.

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Garth Dallas: So

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Garth Dallas: you can do your own research and look more into these things. But I just thought it would be appropriate to bring it up

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Garth Dallas: the European Union. Therefore, by no further ado, we shall now move

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Garth Dallas: into our panel

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01:16:15.920 --> 01:16:17.320

Garth Dallas: presentation.

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01:16:17.720 --> 01:16:20.739

Garth Dallas: Do you want to introduce this bit? Carol.

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01:16:23.266 --> 01:16:28.833

Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: I'm going to very quickly. I'm gonna direct everybody to the

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01:16:29.720 --> 01:16:43.049

Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: lengthy and wonderful agenda's biographical profiles that we featured daily with our newsletters. We'd love for you to go to the website. You can read them all. We'll bring back Reverend McDavid

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01:16:43.050 --> 01:17:03.510

Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: to serve as our moderator. Fabulous keynote speakers and extraordinary distinguished individuals who you will hear from now, Deborah Watts, who is the cousin of Emmett, till she'll give you more information about that, and also one of the co-founders of the Emmett till Legacy Foundation.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: David Hudayan.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: who has, I'm just so impressed because he has a million Twitter followers. Just incredible. He is a an award, winning investigative journalist, originally from Nigeria, currently lives in different parts of the world, including Nairobi, across Ghana and London. England to do his work with his Channel, that he will share with you Caroline Whitehead, who is in partnership with the zebra partnership in incredible, and again, award winning

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: publisher and event producer living in the Manchester area of England, and Amanni Simpson, who was a fabulous youth, coach speaker, film maker, also living in the United Kingdom again. They're extensive backgrounds you can read about. But without further ado I'm going to stop the sharing the screen

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: and bring on our wonderful panel and have them to continue on with Reverend McDavid.

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Elijah McDavid III: Oh, thank you, Carol, and grateful that we are bringing our panelists up, and I'm so excited to hear from them and

all that they will have to share. I will start by giving themselves just all for them a chance to introduce themselves. And as they give their background today also, would you just ask that you would give kind of one word to describe how you are feeling in this current present moment? We know that both in the UK and us and many other countries, we're gearing up for election cycles.

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Elijah McDavid III: But we're also feeling and carrying so much weight, so many emotions. In just the year 2024 in our current environment. And so I'll ask our panelists introduce themselves, and how they are feeling on this present day or in this present moment. Let's begin with us to Carol, and then we'll move to Amanni, David and Deborah.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: And if I could just add one quick thing, I just wanted to take a quick screenshot of everyone that you're seeing now. Just 3, 2, one. Here we go, and then I'm gonna step back. Here we go. 3, 2, one and one more for that. I thank you very much. 3, 2, one, thank you.

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UK - Carol Ann Whitehead: Did you say my name, Reverend Mcdavid?

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Elijah McDavid III: Yeah. I called you first.st Karen.

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UK - Carol Ann Whitehead: Yeah, we'll say Carol Ann, for differentiation between myself and the wonderful carol over there.

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UK - Carol Ann Whitehead: And so I'm based here in Manchester. We have something in common with somewhere in in Boston. Is it Massachusetts? Is it fleet to do with the textile heritage.

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Deborah Watts: Here it is on the map.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: You're probably talking about

Fall River.

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UK - Carol Ann Whitehead: Oh, really, yes, so yes. So we've got textile heritage here in Manchester, and so I sit around in the field to do with heritage and arts and culture, but also as well with politics. And because I'm a trustee of 50 Parliament

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UK - Carol Ann Whitehead: trying to get more women into Parliament, and I've just headed up a campaign that I started this year with the blessing of Westminster to empower women of colour, especially black African women. African Caribbean women of the North of England

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UK - Carol Ann Whitehead: to actually stand up and have a seat at the table for Council Chambers and for for being Mps in Westminster, and that's one of the key campaigns that I'm working for. So that's the space I'm entering in here is race and gender. That's what I'm looking at

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UK - Carol Ann Whitehead: and some of the stuff that you've been talking about has been us heavy.

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UK - Carol Ann Whitehead: But I wanted to take you back to actually thinking about

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UK - Carol Ann Whitehead: the the aspara, which the word goes back to Greek for scattering

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UK - Carol Ann Whitehead: and looking at the top. 10 areas in the globe in the world that have black people.

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UK - Carol Ann Whitehead: Okay, starting at number 10, which is Mexico, then Jamaica, then UK. Saudi, Yemen, Colombia, France, Haiti, number 2 is the Us. And number one is Brazil.

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UK - Carol Ann Whitehead: whatever we come up with, and whatever we're thinking about to do to move forward, we've got to think about it as enfranchising, because we have to look at each territory, have their problems, and they have to look at their problems as well. So yes, we might have an umbrella thing that we look at, to try and fix this.

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UK - Carol Ann Whitehead: or try and eradicate it. And yes, I know you said it won't happen in our lifetime, but I think also as well. We have to take into consideration that it has to be tailored for each territory because they each have their issues and problems like one of the one of the attendees he has mentioned China. And how am I feeling today? I'm feeling glass half full.

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UK - Carol Ann Whitehead: despite things that are irritating, despite the fact

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UK - Carol Ann Whitehead: that you're talking about white supremacy.

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UK - Carol Ann Whitehead: Certain certain things seem likely the same as 1919 54 to 9 to to 2024. You still have to look at where we are today, and it's still glass half full.

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UK - Carol Ann Whitehead: So that's where I'm coming from.

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Elijah McDavid III: Thank you, Caroline, appreciate that sentiment. Brother Amani.

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Amani Simpson: Good afternoon. Good morning. Good evening, everybody. My name is Amani Simpson. I am a youth coach. I'm a filmmaker, honored to be here. I always like to introduce myself as my ancestors. Wildest dreams, and I think that's quite fitting for the conversation today.

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Amani Simpson: You know I'm the descendant of Jamaican immigrants to the UK. I?

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Amani Simpson: Yeah, I'm very proud of my grandparents and my and my dad that came over here. My grandma was one of the 1st black

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Amani Simpson: senior leaders in the school. We call them deputy heads. I'm not sure if that's the same terminology, almost like a principal or vice principal

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Amani Simpson: in the States in the UK.

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Amani Simpson: And and my other kind of 4 fathers came over and started businesses. That yeah, I guess. Pave the way for the family to have an entrepreneurial spirit. I wanted to be continuing their journey. I wanted to be invited to share contributions today. Ia little bit of background. I grew up as a trouble team, even though I am from a loving family, I guess. I guess. Growing up in

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Amani Simpson: a society where black children saw that kind of the traits of being a gangster, and all of that was the way that we kind of identified as being cool and confident. I was quite quiet, and so I ended up kind of gravitating a little bit more to that way of living, and got into quite a lot of trouble in school. Underachieved was expelled from school

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Amani Simpson: and ultimately got stabbed 7 times when I was 21. Unfortunately.

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Amani Simpson: but by the grace of God, and being able to dedicate my life to Christ and decide. And I'll if I get another chance I'd miss to steer young people away from darkness. I've been able to. Yeah, kind of

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Amani Simpson: climb out of that that whole and and and through entrepreneurship through social enterprise running a nonprofit, and I work with young people up and down the country and working on really high profile projects. in 2,019, I released a film about my story. Which

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Amani Simpson: I went viral online. It stars a Hollywood actor, Coach Van Wade, who is in the New Belt Series. Make sure you guys watch that when it comes out, because he's a friend of mine. I'm always trying to support him.

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Amani Simpson: and I'm just proud. I'm proud of the journey. I'm I'm I'm glad that I get to spend the rest of my life

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Amani Simpson: with my family, getting to see

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Amani Simpson: the the things I can do rather than you know in memory of right? So yeah, looking forward to the conversation.

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Elijah McDavid III: Grateful to have you here.

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Elijah McDavid III: Let's go to our investigative journalist, brother David.

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David Hundeyin: Hi, everyone. So my name is David and Dane. I'm a journalist and documentary maker. I'm originally from Nigeria. Although I kind of live here and everywhere nowadays.

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David Hundeyin: I had to leave Nigeria in 2020 as a result of the work that I do, because

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David Hundeyin: after initially sort of having a laser focus on

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David Hundeyin: stories surrounding like government corruption. That sort of thing. My, my sort of focus started

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David Hundeyin: going higher up the food chain. If that makes sense. Because I got to the point where I wanted to know.

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David Hundeyin: why is it that

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David Hundeyin: there's a certain type of character

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David Hundeyin: who always seems to get into government in Nigeria and on the African government and on the African continent. And how is it that this particular

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David Hundeyin: political archetype always manages to entrench themselves in power, and the so called international community never does anything about it, never seems to have a problem with it.

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David Hundeyin: despite all the havoc

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David Hundeyin: that they cause. And with time my story sort of started becoming more dangerous, which is why I had to leave, because eventually it got to the point where

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David Hundeyin: the person who is now the sitting Adrian president, came to consider me, or considers me to be an enemy because

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David Hundeyin: I was a journalist who

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David Hundeyin: said the unseeable. Basically, I went to the extent of digging out his criminal record in Chicago, and I proved with documented evidence that the person who is now sitting on the highest or the most important seat in Africa, used to be heroin trafficker in Chicago.

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David Hundeyin: and is essentially, you know.

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David Hundeyin: for lack of a better term, a Us. Foreign intelligence asset, who is being controlled and who is essentially making local and foreign policy decisions on behalf of the world's largest black country.

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David Hundeyin: and those decisions are not of our own making. We're not the ones who who are making these decisions. He's not acting on our behalf. He's being controlled from somewhere else.

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David Hundeyin: So that's kind of like

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David Hundeyin: where.

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David Hundeyin: you know, I sort of come into this conversation because

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David Hundeyin: what? And it's also partly why I'm happy. I'm having this conversation today because

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David Hundeyin: what I have called them to understand

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David Hundeyin: is that everything is interlinked.

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David Hundeyin: Everything has dependencies. So the conversations that we have on a sort of granularly granular basis. Things happening to both people globally

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David Hundeyin: in specific parts of the world are also connected to the things happening to black people on the Black Continent, and they are all connected. It's part of this global system. Some call it white supremacy. Some call it. You know the variety of names. But the point is, there is a global system

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David Hundeyin: that keeps things a certain way. And with my work over the past few years I have sort of taken it as a mission to try and unravel

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David Hundeyin: why the world works, the way does, and why certain people have to be a certain way, because, you know, having grown up, I was born and raised in Nigeria, you know. So I I didn't. I think the 1st time I actually left Africa. I think I was already a teenager, so I spent all my formative years in Nigeria, and I never felt that there was anything wrong with me. I never felt that there was anything wrong

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David Hundeyin: with the people around me. It felt like it was, you know, we're just normal humans, like like everyone else. And then when i i i went to university in the UK. Went to University of Hull.

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David Hundeyin: and that was my 1st time sort of staying in an external environment for a long time. And

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David Hundeyin: then I realized that there's this thing called black man that exists, and it's apparently a negative

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David Hundeyin: identity, and whether I choose to belong to that identity or not, it shows me you're right. I didn't get to decide

whether I want to be a black man or not. I just am.

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David Hundeyin: And there's certain things that come with that characterization. So I've always wanted to know why we're setting things the way they are. And I guess.

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David Hundeyin: as I've been getting closer to the answer this past few years, life has become a bit more dangerous. But I'm I'm happy that we're having these conversations now. And the reason I'm happy we're having these conversations is that the

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David Hundeyin: the those who want things to be this way are also having conversations.

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David Hundeyin: and they're having conversations about maintaining the status quo.

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David Hundeyin: And those conversations are not centered around Donald Trump, or anything like that, because there's this misconception that

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David Hundeyin: Donald Trump and the the new sort of wave of that type of energy is something new, or it's something to be specifically afraid of

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David Hundeyin: actually the existing system

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David Hundeyin: is what one should be afraid of is what has always existed. And it's what has kept us where we are.

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David Hundeyin: So the people who think that black people deserve to be a global under class and should always be a global, economic and social under class. They are having these conversations. Right they

are. They have policy papers, they have think tanks, they have actual intellectual infrastructure to pursue that agenda

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David Hundeyin: in the in the Uk. In Europe, in North America, in Africa, everywhere.

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David Hundeyin: So I'm happy that even if it's just on a little.

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David Hundeyin: you know, a really small scale like this, there is some sort of intellectual push back, because I think our

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David Hundeyin: survival as a as a species might depend on it.

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Deborah Watts: Hmm.

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Elijah McDavid III: Appreciate those comments, brother David, just to Deborah.

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Deborah Watts: I think I have my can you hear me?

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Elijah McDavid III: Yes.

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Deborah Watts: Wonderful, wonderful! 1st of all. Good morning. Good afternoon. Good evening. We're on this global stage, and I'm just honored and privileged to be here with you.

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Deborah Watts: I wanna thank Pastor David the panelists, and also Carol.

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Deborah Watts: Thomas Copeland Copeland, Thomas Caroline. I I heard what you said earlier. And then also Bill Wells and our other person, that is, that is hosting this because this is a critical time, you know, for all of us. And when you ask how we're feeling, you know, after seeing

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Deborah Watts: the last video.

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Deborah Watts: I'm I'm not feeling so good. I'm just gonna be very honest with you.

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Deborah Watts: with my introduction that I'd like to do talk about

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Deborah Watts: the middle passage.

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Deborah Watts: And so in my introduction of myself right now, I just want you to know I'm kind of at a low, and I'm I'm gonna go high, right? I'm gonna try.

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Deborah Watts: But when we talk about our ancestors and what they endured.

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Deborah Watts: and we brought them in the room.

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Deborah Watts: and I always bring them in the room with me again. I'm Deborah Watts.

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Deborah Watts: I was born in the Us. In Omaha, Nebraska.

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Deborah Watts: the home of Malcolm X. If any of you know who that is I was raised

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Deborah Watts: and chosen by love by Doris.

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Deborah Watts: who is my mother?

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Deborah Watts: But I was born with the mother. Her name is Maddie, who is the daughter of

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Deborah Watts: Josephine, who's the daughter of Maddie.

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Deborah Watts: who is the daughter of Elizabeth, who was born in 1854, in Hazlehurst, Mississippi.

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Deborah Watts: and I bring those people in the room today, because the rituals of our ancestors in this space because they received the powerful blueprint for survival skills and strategies and tactics for healing

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Deborah Watts: that were carried across

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Deborah Watts: by other African and men African women who survived

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Deborah Watts: the middle passage. So we are the benefactors of those that did survive. But those rituals were passed down by generation to generation

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Deborah Watts: to other black women who use their skills to navig, navigate the institutions of slavery also state sponsored

discrimination in order that I might be here with you today.

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Deborah Watts: The theme question is this, you know black is back history in peril, or is it a promise?

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Deborah Watts: And I want to declare today that I am black history.

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Deborah Watts: and I am the promise. And I wanna invite us to say we are black history

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Deborah Watts: representing America's history, world history. And yes, we are the promise.

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Deborah Watts: We walk in the footprints of women who've gone before us like Satema Clark.

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Deborah Watts: Fannie Lou Hamer made me tole Mobile. Who's my personal? She wrote. Redta Scott, King, Alma Spearman, Harriet Tubman, Josie Johnson, along with the Baroness.

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Deborah Watts: There in in the UK.

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Deborah Watts: Bearing this Doreen Lawrence, who's 1 of my she roles as well. We walk in their footprints because they have set a tone for us in a blueprint for us. But as we sit here on this prestigious stage, we've learned from those women the power of organizing and sharing our stories, demonstrating our pain and our triumphs, and telling all of those who would listen

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Deborah Watts: as she said.

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Deborah Watts: I'm sick and tired of being sick and tired, and all those who would listen and bear witness, as Mimi Tom Mobile did, to show the body

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Deborah Watts: and to bear the kind of hate that this country bore upon her only son Emmett, till my cousin.

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Deborah Watts: all those women were able to marry their passion and their purpose with progress.

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Deborah Watts: although justice was deferred for all of them and most of us.

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Deborah Watts: they each did extraordinary things in their lives. They activated, they empowered, and they raised their voices as we should continue to do today

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Deborah Watts: as we step forward, and as they did, there should be a fire in each of our bellies, because we should attempt to try to live our life

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Deborah Watts: as the promise that they've given us.

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Deborah Watts: As I stand on the shoulders of these courageous women and the men in my family and the community, and our nation and the world that have gone before me. I'm reminded of a quote by Mimi Tom Mobley, who's the mother of him. It was till my cousin.

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Deborah Watts: It is not that I dwell on the past, but the past shapes the way we are in the present, and the way we will become when we are destined to become.

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Deborah Watts: it is only because I have finally understood the past, accepted it and embraced it, that I can fully live in the moment.

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Deborah Watts: and hardly a moment goes by that I don't think about in it.

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Deborah Watts: and the lessons that a son can teach a mother.

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Deborah Watts: She said that in the book, the death of Innocence, that she co-wrote, and the story of hate, of a hate crime that changed America.

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Deborah Watts: As mentioned earlier, I am the co-founder and executive director of the Emmett till Legacy Foundation and Etil, which is the Emmett till Institute for Leadership and learning.

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Deborah Watts: and we're committed. We're a 5 0. 1 c. 3. Organization nonprofit

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Deborah Watts: committed to preserving the memory and the legacy of Emmett till and his mother

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Deborah Watts: and their hope for justice, and that his death would not be in vain.

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Deborah Watts: and as a promise to his mother. We are trying to create this hope for this. Excuse me, legacy of hope and building this important bridge from the past to the present and the future. And it is a tough charge in today's world. But while we're preserving the past in the future, we are offering programs and opportunities and scholarships. And you know that help to educate and equip our young people and their families and others for a better future.

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Deborah Watts: I'm the cousin of Emmett, as I mentioned earlier, and I'll tell you how our great grandfathers were brothers, Joe and George Smith, that I bring into the room today as well.

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Deborah Watts: I think I'll have enough time, maybe a little bit later to tell you about Emmett till

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Deborah Watts: what? Why, this story is so relevant to the civil rights movement and how it's relevant today. But that ends my introduction. I'm just

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Deborah Watts: just have just honored and privileged to be here, and my spirit is finally coming up a little bit. But thank you.

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Elijah McDavid III: Thank you, thank you, Deborah, and thank you for bringing those ancestors with you into the room, and for honoring their names and their legacies. I want to for our 1st question today. I wanna go back to something that David lifted up. Those profound to me. I appreciate you mentioning the fact that there are other people having conversations right and planning deliberate ways of which to, you know, to not only move things forward, but to revert certain things from our perspective.

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Elijah McDavid III: I, I and you mentioned what do what it would look like for us to have our own policy papers? What do our agendas look like. And I wanna open with a question around there. What if we were to shape policy paper right now, based off you all as panelists? Your particular social, political locations. What would you prioritize the top of your policy paper right now? Given where you are in the work and the environment you're in. What does your policy paper look like? And anybody can go. We're not gonna go and order today.

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David Hundeyin: So from from my perspective, from the perspective of someone who has lived most of your life

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David Hundeyin: on the the mainland African continent.

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David Hundeyin: What I see as

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David Hundeyin: possibly the single most

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David Hundeyin: disruptive influence on the lives of black people globally is the fact that.

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David Hundeyin: to put it

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David Hundeyin: very bluntly, Africa is economically weak

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David Hundeyin: when you can, when there is no base

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David Hundeyin: with which one can make reference to one can easily be bullied wherever one is on earth.

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David Hundeyin: Right? So why, I'm why I'm certain about this is when when doing some reading over the years.

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David Hundeyin: you know, I read quite a bit about the the immigrant experience in the early 20th century. In in the Us. Specifically

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David Hundeyin: and apparently, there was a time when Chinese immigrants to the Us. And Irish immigrants to the Us.

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David Hundeyin: We're not treated in a way that was, you know, significantly better than black people at that time.

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David Hundeyin: and apparently the reason for that was that China and Ireland at the time were viewed pretty much the same way. Africa is viewed now.

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David Hundeyin: So they were basically powerless. So even even in the UK. There was a similar thing. There's a there's a there's a popular sign which I'm sure most most people on this call who who come from the UK. Will be familiar with that, I think. During the the fifties and the sixties, when there was there was an immigrant influx into the UK. You would see signs saying, no blacks, no dogs, no Irish

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David Hundeyin: like that was a thing.

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David Hundeyin: Votes as

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David Hundeyin: China industrialize itself in

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David Hundeyin: 2030 years and has basically become the world's biggest economy now by purchasing power, parity, and Ireland has also become a significantly

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David Hundeyin: much wealthier country than it used to be. These things sort of died

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David Hundeyin: almost

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David Hundeyin: automatically. So which is not to say that there's no racism against Chinese people now.

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David Hundeyin: but the casual disrespect

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David Hundeyin: with which they once treated no longer exists

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David Hundeyin: now. They're treated with with fear, with a lot of things, including fear. But they are not treated with levity

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David Hundeyin: the way we are. So from my perspective. The number one.

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David Hundeyin: solution of urgency that I would propose would be anything that would significantly accelerate

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David Hundeyin: the global African economy. And what I mean by the global African economy is in. In the Us. For example, the the black population of the Us, I think, is 14% of the population

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David Hundeyin: apparently has a a combined Gdp of roughly correct me, correct me if my figures are off here. But as I as I went last, I was up to the about 2 and a half trillion

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David Hundeyin: dollars. It should probably be more than that. Now.

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David Hundeyin: to put that in perspective. The entire continent of Africa has a Gdp of about 1.2

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David Hundeyin: trillion dollars.

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David Hundeyin: So basically

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David Hundeyin: about

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David Hundeyin: how many

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David Hundeyin: 14 to the Us. Population, about 30, 40 million black people in the Us have an economic output that is worth double

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David Hundeyin: 1 billion people in Africa.

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David Hundeyin: So what that tells me is that if there is a way to create significant economic interactions

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David Hundeyin: between diaspora and mainland and make it such that for for once the primary B business model of the African continent isn't basically just selling cheap, raw materials and selling labor, which is same business model, is had since the 15 hundreds. Literally, nothing has changed. There are more shiny buildings, and there's a lot. There's a lot of stuff on ground now, but the business model has not changed

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David Hundeyin: right? They're PwC consultants, and there's a lot of shiny stuff in the big cities of Africa. But the basic business model has not changed since the days of the transatlantic slave trade has not changed. It's the same thing selling minerals

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David Hundeyin: and exporting people. And that's pretty much it. Nothing has changed. There's very little beneficiation taking place on the Continent. There's very little production for a global market taking place on the continents and the energy that the continent, because Africa is basically the world's cheap energy reserve.

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David Hundeyin: that energy is not consumed on the Continent. It's taken elsewhere, and it's exported cheaply. Now, if there were a way to link that diaspora consumption worth

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David Hundeyin: 2, you know, possibly 3 trillion dollars at as I went last I was up to date

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David Hundeyin: with

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David Hundeyin: the African production

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David Hundeyin: that could for the 1st time create some sort of a secular economy.

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David Hundeyin: and could make the global

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David Hundeyin: black economy a much more significant player than it has been, because ultimately the truth is that we live in a world that is run by finance is run by money.

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David Hundeyin: Right? There's

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David Hundeyin: I'm

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David Hundeyin: it's it's it's not something that that that I feel particularly proud to say, because I mean.

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David Hundeyin: One almost feels dirty saying it, because the truth is.

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David Hundeyin: the

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David Hundeyin: the prioritization of money is a very

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David Hundeyin: at a point. It becomes a very sort of Getty very mucky business you don't really want to be associated with. But the truth is that money runs the world right, no matter how much marching you do, no matter how much poly political mobilization you do. If you don't have

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David Hundeyin: the economics to back it up. The people who have been beating you for the past 600 years will continue beating you

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David Hundeyin: because money always wins. Economics always wins. So I think my number one policy suggestion will be something that creates

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David Hundeyin: a solid economic pipeline between Africa and its diaspora.

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David Hundeyin: Because currently that doesn't exist, I think as far back as the early 20th century people like Marcus Garvey had similar ideas. I don't think they had the infrastructure

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David Hundeyin: or the political circumstances then, to actually actualize these grant designs, but I think the world is a bit different now. The technology exists. The information technology especially exists. 60 years ago we couldn't have conversations like this where

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David Hundeyin: you know, all people from all over the diaspora. There's people from. There's people in the UK. There's people in the

Us. People from mainland Africa having it, conversation, speaking the same language in real time. That is a fairly recent development.

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David Hundeyin: So maybe at the at that time that sort of

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David Hundeyin: project was was a pip dream. Maybe it wasn't possible at the time. But I think now

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David Hundeyin: we have the technology. We have the access to communication and information to make it possible. So that'll be my number one thing to create an economic link between Africa. And it's several diaspora populations, because the truth is.

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David Hundeyin: even though we've dedicated a lot. In my opinion. We spent a wasted a lot of our time trying to prove how different we are from each other. The global black experience is not different.

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David Hundeyin: Fundamentally, anyway.

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David Hundeyin: it's really not. If you're black in Brussels, it's not that different to being black in Washington, DC. Or being black in Cape Town.

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David Hundeyin: It's the. It's pretty much almost the uniform experience. So the solutions also have to be pretty similar to each other. So that would be my my number. One thing which obviously, then, links to, I guess the polit, the political implication of that which is that

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David Hundeyin: black people need to see themselves as

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David Hundeyin: almost like

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David Hundeyin: I don't. I don't want to use the term monolith, because black people are not in monolith. They are also very diverse, but they need to sort of see themselves, or we need to see ourselves in terms of the group

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David Hundeyin: interests

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David Hundeyin: that we share, and the fact that there is a shared common adversary which, whether we accept it or not sees us as one thing.

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David Hundeyin: So that's

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David Hundeyin: that's my contribution.

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UK - Carol Ann Whitehead: Sorry to jump in. I'm nodding to the point where I'm giving myself a migraine. I'm nodding so much

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UK - Carol Ann Whitehead: because I absolutely totally agree back in 2,008 I organised a conference with with a political arm called it was called Business Link, and the North West Development Agency. We used to. That's how Garth and I met. We were both on a board for the Connected to the North West Development Agency.

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UK - Carol Ann Whitehead: and I was tasked to create an ethnic minority business forum. And I said, no, not ethnic minority business Forum African, Caribbean. Let's narrow it down even more.

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UK - Carol Ann Whitehead: because what will happen is the Forum and the and the conferences will be flooded with South Asian participants. Nothing against South Asian participants, but they will pounce on on

the things that were going to be given out for free and the advice, and it needed to be targeted to African Caribbean.

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UK - Carol Ann Whitehead: and we brought over a Nigerian guy who was living in New York, but he was a Nigerian professor called Dr. Chika Aniani. Anyone heard of him.

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UK - Carol Ann Whitehead: and and he's very controversial, and his book had a controversial title capitalist with the N. Word. But the key thing is what you said, David, about

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UK - Carol Ann Whitehead: we having our own infrastructure making our own things. You know I'm wearing braids at the moment I bought that from an Asian supplier. I want to look for a black, supplier black haircare is a massive, massive multimillion pound dollar industry globally. Why are we not controlling that

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UK - Carol Ann Whitehead: Black Beauty care? Why are we not controlling that? And yes, you're right. Money and money and finance goes hand in hand with with political aspirations, not from just from sort of going through the journey and getting to where you need to be, and hence me pushing the campaign that I'm pushing here in the UK. In relation to women, because there's a gender side of things as well that I want to push forward. But yes, my, I mean

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UK - Carol Ann Whitehead: to answer your question, Reverend McDavid, is, my policy would be to do with gender and race 79% of Black and South Asian women have faced discrimination in the workplace, so it would be to do with gender and race and improving that, and also as well, addressing code switching will go into code switching another time. But that's when

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UK - Carol Ann Whitehead: people change what how they are and what they do and how they behave to fit in no more.

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UK - Carol Ann Whitehead: no more. So. So yes, so for me my policy

would be would be to do with with the politics, but also in the workplace as well.

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Elijah McDavid III: Thank you, Caroline Amani, Debora. Anything you want to add.

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Deborah Watts: Yeah, I I am.

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Deborah Watts: gosh, you know, this is a huge question, and it's 1 that

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Deborah Watts: I think a think tank, you know, is required actually, because we need young people sitting at the table. We need people. of all different. I think backgrounds and and career

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Deborah Watts: functions if you will, to bring this to bear, whether it's in the the financial industries to health industries cause i i i truly believe that even just to answer the question. Part of health equity is important, too, across the diaspora, because I believe if we don't have a healthy mental, the mental stability. And a healthy lifestyle.

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Deborah Watts: We won't be able to utilize any of the services that we're talking about. We won't be able to be economically stable, but along with health equity, I think it is economic.

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Deborah Watts: Our economy and economics has to be connected as well. I participated in a it was a full circle. Event at the end of the year was in Ghana with Boris Kujo and his wife and family, and it was about connecting our conversations around the economic development

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Deborah Watts: on both sides. And what we also found is that there are some cultural differences that we have to deal with, too. We need to just

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Deborah Watts: put that on the table. We don't have these conversations enough.

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Deborah Watts: And we have come from different narratives in different environments where.

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Deborah Watts: as African Americans, we understand that those that come over to this country in some instances have not

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Deborah Watts: had the ability or the need or felt the need to make the connection so that we could even start some of these critical conversations.

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Deborah Watts: Understanding history and understanding how to blend those things together. So I do think that with the Full Circle Conference that was held at the end of the year, it was the beginning of a wonderful conversation of those that were on the African continent. Those in America, Uk, those in in Europe as well. Those conversations are are starting. But I do think

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Deborah Watts: think tank of some sort is necessary with the policies. Practices that we think will be will hold true and move us forward I think are necessary as well. The

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Deborah Watts: also underlining issues around that we're here to talk about. Racism is something, too, that we have to know that it's a threat when the power when we connect, there's power in that.

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Deborah Watts: and there, that is a threat not only to the establishment, if you will that lack of using a a better word. But in each of our countries that is a threat. And so as some folks have used, you know a a business thread, if you will, to to try to come up with a business

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Deborah Watts: plan if you will, or business practices that would provide equity on both sides. That is not necessarily worked until we deal with the culture, I believe, too. So I think it's a tough

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Deborah Watts: task, but I think we should be ready to begin it, and I believe it. It begins with a think Tank, that maybe moves beyond this conversation today.

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Elijah McDavid III: Thank you, Deborah, appreciate that.

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Elijah McDavid III: And you know we're also thinking about this conversation in light of we're talking about black history, and the ways in which we can look back and see certain movements and moments and organizing tools as a great piece to highlight. What do you think of as you look at these energy and efforts of particular Mo movements across the diaspora over the last several years.

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Elijah McDavid III: what have you think? What do you think needs to be re-engage. What can we learn from? What can we take? What new things we need to do? What, how are we learning from previous movements, whether it be an economic liberation or empowerment, or other things to tackle racism.

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Elijah McDavid III: What examples do you see and highlight in your work that you think would be more effective on a broader scale.

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Deborah Watts: That question for all of us.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Maybe Giovanni can take that question. Amani.

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Deborah Watts: I haven't heard from him. I'd love to hear from him.

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Amani Simpson: I was actually gonna answer the previous question. I think that's a little bit more. That the second question was quite a big question, and I wouldn't wanna fall short of a really comprehensive answer the 1st question for me. And I really appreciate the contribution from the rest of the panelists. Because I feel like you came from a really global perspective which I think is really important when we're looking at the Us and Uk, kind of conversation and the relationships around the world.

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Amani Simpson: I currently have a have a have, a mindset about the the challenges of the young people that I have in my care up and down the Uk. And in London, etc. So I'll speak from that angle. But I I do appreciate the value of of the the global kind of conversation, the perspective that we need to have. I was recently on the

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Amani Simpson: expert panel for the the the former Children's Commissioner for England, in the Uk. And we. We had quite a lot of conversations with some experts and some young people, and we're asking them a lot about you know. Essentially, what is it like to grow up in the Uk. I think

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Amani Simpson: the reason I I bring that up is because we were making some policy recommendations for the an upcoming elections. And I think one of them was really really want us kind of stood out to me, and so I'll bring it into this space.

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Amani Simpson: The recommendation that we made was when it comes to this idea of having more role models, which I'm sure is an international conversation. And people that you know young people can look up to and see. That is possible for them to, you know, even when you look back at at history. But even in in kind of current present perspectives as well. It was about using the proceeds of crime that sit in the treasury

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Amani Simpson: in order to fund a army of youth practitioners.

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Amani Simpson: and I think, as a real, clear and direct call to action. That was a really strong policy. Kind of demand. Because I think you know ultimately, when you look at exploitation of young people. And I'm again. I'm sure that's an international challenge. This money that gets kind of

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Amani Simpson: I'm seized by government agencies, etc, goes and sits somewhere and is, is, is making interest, etc. And in the UK the the youth services have been decimated, and obviously we know that doesn't go to kind of the deeper route of systemic racism and white supremacy. But in terms of everything else that we need to work towards when it comes to trying to empower and uplift our young people.

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Amani Simpson: Especially our boys and girls. There's a real lack of what can I be outside of the kind of standard tropes of what I see in the entertainment and on TV, and what is pushed to me through a wider agenda. So I think there's a real need. To empower other constructive members of society to be able to be. Really you focused when it comes to volunteering, when it comes to giving back being part of.

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Amani Simpson: and that kind of village around the child. And I think in order to do that, we should be using the money that has been kind of yeah, illegitimately. And so that would be a real, clear kind of policy. Ask, I I must say, and I'm I'm I'm sorry to have to do this. I I know that we had till what our time is. 6 o'clock. So I had to 6. I'll stay a little bit, but I I will have to jump in a minute. I've got family commitments. But yeah, I'm I'm hoping that is added some value to? To the initial question.

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Elijah McDavid III: I appreciate that answer, Moni. And definitely, I think we all are getting close to our time. So Carol feel free to to jump in. But I love this idea of economic redistribution. In the way which right we have to think about. There are resources that are already there and already present. Right? They're just not being funneled in the right way. So that type of advocacy work also will help us as we move forward.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: As we close up. There are 2

questions in the QA. Box. If you would address those as we bring our program to a close, Reverend McDavid. That would be fabulous.

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Elijah McDavid III: Yes, and I'll try to do it an expressway as possible. But I appreciate our brother for mentioning kind of TA. And criminality of politicians in Africa as a problem. And it's mentioning how Africa needs to be liberated from the West China and from Russia before black people are respected. David may be the best one to have some insight here, but when we think about this idea

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Elijah McDavid III: of liberating right Motherland from these other influences right that are economically exploiting the continent. What are kind of 1st steps and proactive approaches? And how can those who are in partnership and solidarity? How can we help in that way.

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David Hundeyin: Probably the most important thing to remember is that, we ex. We should exist with our own agenda. Our agenda is not to oppose

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David Hundeyin: something, or somewhat.

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David Hundeyin: because I think this is where the

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David Hundeyin: post independence movements of the 60 s. To the 80 s. Kind of made

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David Hundeyin: a wrong turn in our, you know, recent history where it became about. Okay, we're not aligning with these people because these people sided with colonizers. So we're gonna align with the Soviet Union, and that I don't think that was that was productive. I think we're allowed to have our own

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David Hundeyin: agenda. I think we're allowed to form our own alliances as long as they are strictly and ruthlessly in our own. In

our own interests.

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David Hundeyin: I think we're allowed to do what everybody else does, which is to have

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David Hundeyin: no permanent friends, no permanent enemies, and only permanent interests. I think it's funny that it's for some reason it's only so many black countries that are somehow expected to permanently be appendages of other countries. Foreign policy.

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David Hundeyin: I don't see why that should be the case, so if

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David Hundeyin: there is some

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David Hundeyin: some advantage to be had from some temporary alliance or partnership with the Russians, or the Chinese, or the Americans, or whoever get that. But there should never be a point where we think of our existence in terms of

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David Hundeyin: either being in opposition to this one, or being aligned to this one where they are over a billion of us. We are the world's 3rd largest population ethnically.

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David Hundeyin: So I think we're allowed to have our own

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David Hundeyin: agenda. So

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David Hundeyin: coming onto to? To? To that question, I think a a very important way to steer the conversation that in that direction is

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David Hundeyin: so avoid. And I'm saying this with reference to to those of us who live in the West. So in in the Uk, the Us. In Europe.

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David Hundeyin: right where there's a left versus right political dichotomy. I think it's important that we avoid

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David Hundeyin: getting we have. We're falling, falling into the trap where we, where there is some political formation that feels like they have a god given right

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David Hundeyin: to capture our identity. So

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David Hundeyin: because, historically, maybe, the Civil rights movement is associated with a certain political formation. So that means that

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David Hundeyin: you know, black people and black issues have to be within

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David Hundeyin: this political formation, and then everything else that comes along with it so like in the Us. For example, where it's it's taken almost for granted that being black means being mean Democrats being left wing or so, or you know something of of that nature, and then you currently have a

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David Hundeyin: it left a Democrat President or the Obama Presidency, which was a which was also Democrat Presidency, which was one of the worst presidencies as far as African issues are concerned, because Obama.

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David Hundeyin: whose foreign policy decisions in Libya led to the total destabilization of the top half of Africa.

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David Hundeyin: Right? And we have all paid a SA serious price for that self included right? And you have those thousands of people terrorism which didn't exist

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David Hundeyin: prior to the military expedition into Libya. Right? That was a Democrat President. That was even a black

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David Hundeyin: Presidents, right? So I think it's important to to remember that again, we are allowed to be independent. We are allowed to have our own agenda. That doesn't necessarily align

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David Hundeyin: with whatever political dichotomy the system has presented to us as our available choices, because whether as there's a there's a brilliant quotes that I always keep in my head.

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David Hundeyin: I forget who made it, but the person said,

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David Hundeyin: whether it's left wing or its right wing, it's both the same bird.

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David Hundeyin: right? So I think we should be more concerned with sort of incubating our own bed

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David Hundeyin: as against settling on this wing or that wing.

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Elijah McDavid III: I appreciate that, and profound and great remarks for us to conclude on. What does it mean for us to create and incubate our own bird, and think broadly and beyond right, these limited choices that we've been given. Thank you, David. Thank you, Carol, and thank you, Deborah. Thank you. Amani. Carol, I carol. I wish we had more time for conversation, but I'm gonna turn it back over to you to close and thank again all of our participants. I think some people have been dropping social media

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Elijah McDavid III: bio information. I'm in the chat. So, folks, and continue to stay connected. But again, I'm grateful for all of you, and I look forward to this dialogue happening more soon in the future. God bless and thank you.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Oh, boy, this could have gone on for another 2 h. Oh, and I think from a Us Uk perspective, this is a conversation that we've yet to have. This is probably the 1st time that we've had this kind of serious conversation.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: particularly about economic wealth and power. We're going to talk about this offline going forward. I just thank each and every one of you for the significant contributions that you've made with today's session.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: I know that we have. we had a large registration process. We have probably half or so of those who registered. But the beauty of this is that this whole conversation has been recorded and will be available to the general public. I want this to be shared with a lot of people around the globe

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: simply because of what we've talked about, and I thank you so much, Reverend Elijah McDavid, for your thoughtful presentation and insight with your opening comments and the sermon that you delivered to us

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: to Caroline Whitehead, my dear friend, and just the fact that we hope that you are now at a place where you were a little down, as that was a Deborah. But these are, we're we're really wrestling with tough issues here. Very tough issues. But your insight was just phenomenal. Caroline. Thank you very, very much.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Deborah, someone. And putting the in the chat. Wow! She's the cousin of Emma till I said, yeah, it was

Bakari Copeland. Yes, she is, and my goodness! So much that you have shared with us as well. David, woo! What can I say?

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: You? You speak truth. You're you're a journalist, so you you speak

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: your truth, and we can certainly have that conversation about the pros and cons and the good things, and the the not so good things about the Obama administration. We can talk about that, even in terms of his immigration policy here, so fair comments, very fair comments. You keep speaking your truth, I'm gonna step back so that Bill can make his closing comments. And Garth, and then we're out of here.

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Bill Wells: Well, I'm I'm gonna be very, very, very

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Bill Wells: short, in my comments. All I can say is beyond expectation. And you're right, Carol. This.

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Bill Wells: This seemed to take a turn

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Bill Wells: for us in this level of conversation, and

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Bill Wells: David.

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Bill Wells: wow!

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Bill Wells: Love to hear even more, Caroline, we've been on this platform several times together.

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Bill Wells: I heard more from you today than I have in the past. So I know there's there's more. There's more there.

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Bill Wells: Deborah, you know you and I have known each other for many, many years. And I'm just watching

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Bill Wells: and listening and hearing more and more coming from you in terms of the depth of your your your response to a past incident that's still with us today. I mean, it's kinda like George Floyd. I mean it's it's we're still living. So

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Bill Wells: to to each of the end. And Amanni, I know he had to drop, but sharp, sharp, sharp, young brother, so all I can say is beyond expectations, however, and I heard Pastor say this, and I believe each one of you said, It's the tip of the iceberg.

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Bill Wells: We've just really, I mean, it's like, I don't know where to go from here, so I I believe it. It requires additional

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Bill Wells: conversation.

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Bill Wells: But then, converting conversation, moving from conversation to action.

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Bill Wells: And so that's what I would love to hear about passing, David. I'd hope that you will be

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Bill Wells: available to join us in future conversation. And so with that, I'm gonna just shut it down. Awesome, awesome event, I'm my heads kind of spinning. I'm like Deborah. I don't know where my spirit was to begin with. It's it's it's it's it's up here. It's down there, you know. It's kinda like, I'm so I'm all over the place. But, there's a lot more to be done. So thank you, Carol, for the opportunity to help pull this program together for this time, and

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Bill Wells: looking forward to the next one.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Thank you so much, my my buddy, Bill Wells. Thank you. Garf Dallas.

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Garth Dallas: All I can say, and that's that is.

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Garth Dallas: we're all one.

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Garth Dallas: Wherever we are.

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Garth Dallas: across the world as black people. We all

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Garth Dallas: have the same

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Garth Dallas: issues that we have to deal with.

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Garth Dallas: That is my purpose. That is our purpose. But my personal purpose

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Garth Dallas: is to always be prepared

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Garth Dallas: to step out of my comfort zone.

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Garth Dallas: and to see how

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Garth Dallas: I can add value.

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Garth Dallas: and bring people together to have honest conversation.
Deborah.

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Garth Dallas: a hoop!

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Garth Dallas: You're feeling better now, and what I saw from your own
presentation how much the middle passes

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Garth Dallas: meant to you.

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Garth Dallas: and this is

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Garth Dallas: a piece of the middle passage that has not been

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Garth Dallas: given

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Garth Dallas: the air that it needs

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Garth Dallas: our ancestors. Spirits are with us, and I felt that
today, and we continue to feel that we are one.

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Deborah Watts: Yes. Yeah.

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Garth Dallas: I can't add anything else to that. We are one.

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Garth Dallas: and we're here, and we're trying our best to see how

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Garth Dallas: we can be

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Garth Dallas: the Chinese

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Garth Dallas: that we want in this world. So thank you all very much. I'm humbled.

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Garth Dallas: Thank you.

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Deborah Watts: Could I offer one thing

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Deborah Watts: just for Pastor Mcdavid? Just

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Deborah Watts: a a a set of victories that we can talk about as well?

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Deborah Watts: Just from the

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Deborah Watts: the legacy of Emmett till

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Deborah Watts: that, I think, can be a blueprint across.

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Deborah Watts: Via diaspora.

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Deborah Watts: and that is, we were able to get a law passed in Minnesota

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Deborah Watts: that can be a blueprint across the country and other parts of the world called the Emmitt Louis Hill Victims recovery program.

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Deborah Watts: And I'll tell you. It is one of those items that we never deal with. You know we talk about reparations. We talk about the pain and the struggle, but we don't talk about the healing. And so this is the one opportunity that we're gonna talk about the generational, historical and community trauma

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Deborah Watts: that we're left with in America

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Deborah Watts: across the Diaspora. We're dealing with it in Minnesota, which is the epicenter of George Floyd.

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Deborah Watts: and that law was passed. A half 1 million dollars was granted by the State of Minnesota to deal with health, wellness to impacted families who are never thought of.

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02:10:33.550 --> 02:10:35.220

Deborah Watts: Pastor David's

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Deborah Watts: church

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Deborah Watts: was one of the churches that stepped out.

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Deborah Watts: I think of their comfort zone applied for that. Grant

and I just saw that they were announced

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Deborah Watts: as one of the recipients and the awardees. So let's continue to watch Pastor McDavid. And what he does with this blueprint

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Deborah Watts: that I believe, is going to be something that you may wanna talk about on one of your next sessions, because it is something from a health equity perspective that can be blended with the economic perspective and equity around that that all of us need. So thank you for giving me that opportunity and congratulations, Pastor McDavid and I would say to the world, Let's watch what happens, but I think we're on our way.

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Deborah Watts: Thank you.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Awesome. Thank you all so very much for your comments the chat can be saved. So, please, you can save the chat we plan on having this recording up and running in the next week

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: we will include the chat that will be accessible to you. And please ask people to come and review this because we've given some information that is rarely talked about in these kind of settings. People are afraid to talk about it, or they have constraints, and they can't do it. We don't have that in place

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: as members of the Us. Uk. Somewhat on race. Thank you all so much. Good afternoon. Good evening. Have a great weekend. Yes, we have much work to be done. Speakers. You were fabulous. Thank you so much. Thank you. Bye, everybody.

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Garth Dallas: I need a cup of bills tea now, with a little bit of something else in it.

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Deborah Watts: Me too.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Bill Bill and Gary.

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UK - Carol Ann Whitehead: Phil's not said what that T. Was still quite.

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Garth Dallas: He doesn't. He still doesn't care. What was that tea.

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Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Stay on.

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02:12:34.340 --> 02:12:34.900

Deborah Watts: Thank you.

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02:12:35.180 --> 02:12:37.446

Carole Copeland Thomas She/Her/Hers: Thank you. Everybody. Thank you.