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## **Meeting summary for Manohar Joshi's Personal Meeting Room (06/15/2025)**

### **Quick recap**

The meeting, led by Manohar (Muntu), focused on understanding sainthood and included introductions, discussions on ground rules, and reflections on personal experiences related to the topic. Participants shared their interpretations of saints and explored how everyday actions and qualities can embody saintly characteristics. The session concluded with a meditation and prayer, emphasizing the importance of spiritual connection and mutual support within the group.

### **Next steps**

- [Manohar to share the PowerPoint presentation with group members who want to use it for their own groups.](#)
- [Leslie to discuss with Manohar about potentially providing a music recording for a future session.](#)
- [Group members to continue reading a chapter a day and reflect on the provided questions.](#)
- [Group members to prepare for the next session by reading the assigned chapters.](#)

### **Summary**

#### **Understanding Sainthood Discussion**

Manohar introduced himself as Muntu, an ordained Methodist minister currently teaching at Western Michigan University, and explained the format and purpose of the meeting, which would focus on understanding sainthood. He encouraged participants to introduce themselves and mentioned that closed captioning was available for those who needed it. The group discussed technical issues and prepared to begin the session, with Manohar expressing excitement about the small group size, which he hoped would facilitate meaningful interaction.

### **Clergy Community Introductions and Self-Care**

The meeting began with Manohar introducing the format and welcoming participants, who shared their names, locations, and backgrounds. Several participants, including Loxy, Susan, Liz, John, June, Connie, and others, discussed their experiences with the group, their roles in their communities, and their interest in the Bible study. Manohar emphasized the importance of self-care for clergy and encouraged open discussion. The conversation ended with introductions continuing, including participants like Mary and others, and an acknowledgment of Father's Day.

### **Expanding Spiritual Growth Initiative**

Manohar discussed the expansion of the "Read a Chapter a Day" initiative, which has grown to over 3,000 participants, and emphasized its goal of fostering a heartwarming spiritual journey rather than just intellectual study. He shared a personal anecdote about visiting the Louvre and encountering the Mona Lisa unexpectedly, using it as a metaphor for unexpected spiritual experiences. Manohar encouraged participants to embrace grace and flexibility in their reading, noting that even missing a few chapters doesn't diminish the potential for spiritual connection.

## **Ground Rules for Fellowship Engagement**

Manohar led a discussion about ground rules and expectations for a small group fellowship, emphasizing confidentiality, respect, and active participation. He introduced the concept of "Hands off the Artwork" to remind members that this is not an opinion forum but a space for relationship and mutual accountability. The group discussed the importance of giving space to introverts, managing technology, and preparing for each session. Manohar also addressed the challenge of facilitating a large virtual group and suggested that smaller groups might be more effective in the future.

## **Letters and Radio: Connection Across Distance**

The group discussed personal experiences with letters and radio, sharing stories about how these forms of communication could create deep connections despite physical distance. Manohar led the discussion, drawing parallels to how early Christians might have experienced receiving letters from Paul, and reflected on how these written communications could lead to future in-person meetings. The conversation concluded with Manohar noting that while written communication provides a different kind of connection than face-to-face interactions, it can still lay the foundation for meaningful relationships.

## **Understanding the Concept of Saints**

Manohar led a discussion on the concept of saints, using Romans 1:7 as a reference point. He explained that the Greek word "hagios" means to be "pulled apart" from regular life, suggesting a transformative experience. Participants shared their interpretations of the word "saint," with some viewing it as a person who is super nice and holy, while others saw it as unattainable. Manohar encouraged the group to reflect on individuals they have

met with saint-like qualities and to describe those qualities.

### **Saints in Everyday Life**

The group discussed the concept of saints and how it relates to everyday life, using examples like a patient caregiver and a guide dog. Manohar asked if working and sacrificing for others aligns with the traditional definition of saints. Leslie shared her experience with her guide dog, who demonstrates loyalty and selflessness. The discussion moved towards considering how individuals can embody these qualities in their own lives.

### **Spiritual Reflection and Group Meditation**

The group discussed the concept of sainthood, with participants sharing personal definitions and reflections. Manohar led a meditation and prayer session, concluding with a group recitation of the Lord's Prayer. The conversation ended with expressions of gratitude and plans for future sessions, with Leslie offering to provide music for a future gathering.

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Manohar Joshi: Welcome! Welcome!

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Manohar Joshi: We'll start in just a few minutes. Here.

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Manohar Joshi: Glad to welcome you.

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Susan Johnson: Okay.

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Susan Johnson: Let's see.

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Manohar Joshi: Welcome. I know that everyone's kind of getting used to their computers being on and.

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Manohar Joshi: Figuring out their settings.

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Manohar Joshi: It's great to have you step in.

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Susan Johnson: Here we are!

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Manohar Joshi: We'll have more people kind of.

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Manohar Joshi: Probably stepping in in the next 5 or 6 min, and then.

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Manohar Joshi: And then we'll begin. I was going to keep it to about.

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Manohar Joshi: Your pictures if you'd like, if you haven't already.

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Manohar Joshi: Can you all hear me now?

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Susan: Yes.

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Manohar Joshi: Oh, good! I'm also going to while we're waiting here. Just a moment. Just I'm going to put up.

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Manohar Joshi: A little bit of a visual for us in a moment.

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Manohar Joshi: A Powerpoint, and so bear with me. I'm just gonna make sure that you all can see that as well before we start.

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Manohar Joshi: Let's see here.

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Susan: Oh, yeah.

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Manohar Joshi: Can you all see that? Okay.

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Susan: Mhm.

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Manohar Joshi: And you'll also notice that I have.

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Manohar Joshi: Closed captioning put on. That is because we might have some people who might. Have a little harder time hearing where they are. And so I've put that as an accommodation so hopefully, that doesn't distract you too much. But I think, for those, for those who might need it. We want to make sure that it's there.

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Manohar Joshi: So again. We'll start in a few minutes, and I'll introduce myself and.

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Manohar Joshi: Depending on how many people we have. If it's small enough. We can even introduce each person here. I I'm kind of excited by the fact that it's.

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Manohar Joshi: We'll adjust to whoever comes.

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Manohar Joshi: I'm gonna see if I can eliminate that background noise.

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Susan: Good.

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Manohar Joshi: Hopefully, that is better.

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Manohar Joshi: Great welcome. So glad that you all are here, and we're going to get started in just another minute or 2. Here. We'll let people kind of gather in.

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Manohar Joshi: And if we have a small enough group which I'm.

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Manohar Joshi: I'm actually hoping that we have a functional group.

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Manohar Joshi: It looks like we might even have a chance to really get to know each other, and and share a little bit about each each of us, and who we are.

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Manohar Joshi: So again welcome. I am so glad that you are here.

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Manohar Joshi: And I hope that you have been.

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Manohar Joshi: Enjoying, or will be enjoying. If you're just if you're kind of catching up.

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Manohar Joshi: This, read a chapter, a day, experience.

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Manohar Joshi: Well, I have that. It is 7 o'clock. We might still have some more people coming in.

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Manohar Joshi: We have another person who may be helping us to moderate.

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Manohar Joshi: As we go through, and so, if we need that, they will jump in and help.

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Manohar Joshi: Who are who might be struggling along the way.

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Manohar Joshi: So what I'm going to do is just introduce myself, and then we'll have a chance to introduce each other. Just talk, talk a little bit about how we can.

Create some safety within our group, and then also, we'll jump in into this 1st part of Romans.

We're really going to be focusing today. On this idea of what does it mean to be a saint?

And some of us might hear the word saint, and and feel like running away. But please don't.

Um Saint sainthood is actually

: Not just for all those people who have it all together, but those of us who live.

Messy lives and imperfect lives, and Keep messing up. It's it's different than what we think.

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Manohar Joshi: And so hopefully, today you'll have at least a. A moment to kind of chew on what sainthood means. We're going to go ahead and get started here.

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Manohar Joshi: It is time. So I'm going to just to take a moment to introduce myself.

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Manohar Joshi: And then I think we have enough time to have each person introduce each other. I'm going to stop sharing the.

The visual for a second. Just so. We might see each other a little bit better all at once. Here.

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Manohar Joshi: Oh, fantastic! This is just about the.

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Manohar Joshi: We're just about the perfect size.

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Manohar Joshi: For a group like this. I'm so excited.

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Manohar Joshi: Um if if you are able to, and if you know how, feel free to put your name.

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Manohar Joshi: As I've done. My, my! It has put my! I can see that I've put my.

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Manohar Joshi: Legal name, which is Manohar. Most of you will know me as Muntu, if you've seen me at all other places, but I'll introduce myself with my nickname.

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Manohar Joshi: Manohar. When I went to my 1st parishes, people got a little bit scared of saying my name, so they just didn't call me anything for a while, so I went ahead with my kid name, which is what my family calls me.

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Manohar Joshi: It's my kid name is Mantu.

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Manohar Joshi: And people said, You know that that works for me, and.

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Manohar Joshi: And actually it actually is close to my heart to to be called Mantu. So.

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Manohar Joshi: It just works. So if you would mind calling me Montu, that would be great.

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Manohar Joshi: And don't worry if you mispronounce I'm.

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Manohar Joshi: I will probably mispronounce lots of your names, and.

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Manohar Joshi: I listen to anything that sounds close.

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Manohar Joshi: So a little bit about who I am. I have been in parish ministry, especially for many years. I'm currently not in a parish setting. I'm teaching at Western Michigan University.

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Manohar Joshi: Which is in Kalamazoo, Michigan. But I am actually living in Ann Arbor, Michigan, because I have a spouse who's who's also.

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Manohar Joshi: A faculty person who is teaching at University of Michigan.

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Manohar Joshi: And she's just started there this past year. And so we find ourselves in transition.

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Manohar Joshi: And this was the perfect time for me to do an experience like this.

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Manohar Joshi: United Methodist Church, of which I'm a ordained Methodist minister, asked if I would jump in and do this, do this work, and so.

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Manohar Joshi: I'm just really excited to have a chance to do that. I've led many small groups, led many.

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Manohar Joshi: Different people of different backgrounds and many classes and courses. But I don't always get it right. So I'm going to ask for your forgiveness ahead of time. Let me know if there are things that we could do to make this better for you.

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Manohar Joshi: As we go along on our path together. Um! So before I jump in and kind of do my spiel and get us kind of laid out for where we're going over the next weeks I would love.

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Manohar Joshi: I would love for you to perhaps introduce yourselves.

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Manohar Joshi: Trying to think if there's anything else that might be helpful to know about me.

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Manohar Joshi: Oh, yes, I have 2 children.

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Manohar Joshi: 2 daughters, and one is actually in the next room over who is. And I have them watching a video. And they're.

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Manohar Joshi: A rising 7th grader.

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Manohar Joshi: And we actually were just.

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Manohar Joshi: Going to a tournament. So we're actually in Indiana.

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Manohar Joshi: For a tournament. This weekend soccer tournament, and the other one is at home with her mother today, and is.

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Manohar Joshi: In 10th grade, rising 11th grader.

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Manohar Joshi: So we're kind of going into that.

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Manohar Joshi: Season of life.

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Manohar Joshi: That gives you a sense of who we are. So father's day has been.

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Manohar Joshi: Full for me at least.

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Manohar Joshi: In terms of parenting duties.

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Manohar Joshi: This is a fun way to end it.

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Manohar Joshi: Is there? If you could.

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Manohar Joshi: What I'd like to do is I'd like to be able to call your name.

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Manohar Joshi: If you can go ahead and mute yourself, if it until it's your turn that will help us to keep things.

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Manohar Joshi: Nice and just easy for people to hear and understand what's going on.

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Manohar Joshi: Um. I'm gonna call on you uh, and if you'd like to share who you are, you don't have to. You can just maybe just say your name, but then, if you'd like, maybe share.

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Manohar Joshi: Where you are coming from, where you, where you are living now.

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Manohar Joshi: And if you'd like to share a bit of your context, you're more than welcome to.

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Manohar Joshi: But at least where your name and and where you are.

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Manohar Joshi: Coming from today is pretty much the the easiest part.

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Manohar Joshi: Of starting off. So on my screen. I have.

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Manohar Joshi: Loxy, then Susan.

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Manohar Joshi: And then it says, iphone 1, 86 Liz. That must be Liz. There it is. I got to your name on the end. There.

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Manohar Joshi: Welcome. So in that order, if you're okay with it, and you're always welcome to say, pass.

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Manohar Joshi: There might be something going on in your house, or.

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Manohar Joshi: Something else that you're attending to. You might have.

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Manohar Joshi: A cat that suddenly jumps in your lap. I don't know.

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Manohar Joshi: But if you need to pass, you just feel free to say pass. There's never any pressure to have to say anything.

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Manohar Joshi: But just to keep this moving nicely, I'm going to start, and so it'll be Loxy. And then, Susan, you'll be on deck.

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Manohar Joshi: As being the next person. So, Loxy, I'm sorry to put you on first.st

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Manohar Joshi: But would you just at least share your share your name, and maybe where you're.

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Manohar Joshi: Where you are joining us from.

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loxie: Well, I'm Loxy stock. I live in Kansas City, Missouri. But don't worry about putting me on first, st because.

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loxie: I belong to a Quilt Guild, where the leader is in Nigeria, and sometimes the class.

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loxie: Teacher is in Australia, and it's tomorrow when she's teaching us today. So I use my zoom a lot. In fact, the only reason.

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Manohar Joshi: What oh, wow!

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loxie: The main reason that I did this read a chapter was because you would have this Zoom Meeting.

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Manohar Joshi: Ah, love it so! You are well acquainted.

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Manohar Joshi: With communicating across the globe.

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loxie: Yes.

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Manohar Joshi: That's great. And and you're in Kansas City.

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loxie: Yes.

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Manohar Joshi: Welcome. It's great to have you here.

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Manohar Joshi: And and then, after Loxy on my screen at least, and this could shift, I'm sure. So forgive me if I accidentally skip you. But I have Susan.

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loxie: Thank you.

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Manohar Joshi: And then Liz, and then John.

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Susan Johnson: Okay.

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Manohar Joshi: John, is it Guerra? Or you can tell us when you get to it? But probably Hera or Gera.

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Manohar Joshi: So, Susan, you'll be next.

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Susan Johnson: Okay. I'm Susan Johnson. I'm from.

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Susan Johnson: Tampa, Florida, attend Temple Terrace, United Methodist Church.

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Manohar Joshi: Wonderful great to have you here.

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Manohar Joshi: And then we have Liz, and then John, and then June.

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Manohar Joshi: So Liz.

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iPhone (186)liz: Tanya. I am Liz Carter.

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iPhone (186)liz: I live now in Bastrop, Texas, which is in the Austin.

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iPhone (186)liz: Regional air area.

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iPhone (186)liz: And Lotzi. I'm also a quilter.

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iPhone (186)liz: I volunteer one day um a month at the Texas Quilt Museum.

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iPhone (186)liz: You can probably see a little bit behind me if you have.

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Manohar Joshi: Oh, yes, I can see that.

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Manohar Joshi: Can definitely see that all those look lovely.

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Manohar Joshi: Well, so quilter, welcome.

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Manohar Joshi: Welcome, Liz, and then we have John and June, and then Connie.

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iPhone (186)liz: Yes.

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John Gera: My name is John Gera. I am.

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John Gera: Pastor at currently serving at Torrington, United Methodist Church in Torrington, Wyoming.

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John Gera: I am a brand new pastor. I was disappointed last August.

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John Gera: And I was really looking forward to this opportunity because I normally make a.

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John Gera: Practice out of reading each chapter a day. But this way I can kind of do it with a group, and I love hearing other people's thoughts and.

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John Gera: Feedback and different ideas, and.

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John Gera: Kind of learning from each other. So I'm really looking forward to this. I also have a 15 year old son.

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John Gera: So father's day has been a bit busy for me as well.

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John Gera: Right after this I'm going to go grilling, which is why I've got my grilling shirt on.

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iPhone (186)liz: Oh, okay.

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Manohar Joshi: I love the grilling shirt.

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Manohar Joshi: Love it, welcome.

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Manohar Joshi: And so I have June, then, Connie. Then Carolyn.

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Manohar Joshi: Next on my screen. If so, June, would you like to introduce yourself.

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June Krbecek: I would. Hello! My name is June Krbecek, and I live in a tiny town in rural Wisconsin. Merrimack.

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June : Wisconsin United Methodist Church, and I'm leading a Bible study on Thursday morning. So.

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June Krbecek: Glad to be here, glad to meet all of you.

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Manohar Joshi: One.

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Manohar Joshi: Wonderful, wonderful! I love. I love just the the geography.

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Manohar Joshi: Of of this group. This is. This is so exciting to me.

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Manohar Joshi: Um. So we I have, Connie, and then I have Carolyn, and then Jill.

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Manohar Joshi: On my screen next.

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Manohar Joshi: And again. You could always pass if you're coming in here later.

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Manohar Joshi: You don't even have to tell us why you just.

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Manohar Joshi: Pass, and we'll we'll go right to the next person. But Connie Carolyn and then Jill.

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Manohar Joshi: Oh, and, Connie, I remind you to unmute yourself. I did tell you to mute yourself so.

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Manohar Joshi: That's partly on me, but a reminder to unmute. There you go.

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Connie: There we go. I'm Connie Wooldridge. I am clergy in.

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Connie: Chapman, Kansas, which is just east of Topeka, on 70.

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Connie: And this is my 27th appointed year.

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Connie: So been doing it for a day or 2. I'm sitting now.

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Connie: As I should on a Sunday evening in my rocking chair in my living room. So it's good to be.

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Connie: I'm really excited about this because my church members are excited, and they're starting all kinds of things to.

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Connie: To go along with this.

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Manohar Joshi: Oh, that's great! I'm so glad I'm so glad.

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Manohar Joshi: And then I welcome. Welcome, Connie.

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Manohar Joshi: And you know I'm glad that there are some pastors in the group.

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Manohar Joshi: Ministers, you know, depending on how you call yourself.

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Manohar Joshi: But I just I'm glad, because so often we don't take care of ourselves.

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Manohar Joshi: We're so busy teaching and.

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Manohar Joshi: Moving other people that we don't receive. And so I hope this is a little bit of receiving for you.

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Manohar Joshi: In a safe environment, a different environment than what you normally have.

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Connie: Okay.

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Manohar Joshi: Out of your normal circle. So welcome.

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Manohar Joshi: Connie. We have now, Carolyn.

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Manohar Joshi: On my screen and.

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Carolyn Williams: Hi, everyone! I'm Carolyn Williams and I live in a small town.

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Manohar Joshi: Yes.

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Carolyn Williams: In Central Missouri.

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Carolyn Williams: And I am laity in my church.

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Manohar Joshi: Oh!

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Manohar Joshi: Welcome, Carolyn great to have you here.

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Manohar Joshi: And then I have Jill, then Vicky, then Doug on my screen next. So, Jill, would you like to go next.

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Jill: Sure my name is Jill. I belong to the Ohio Methodist Church, which is actually in the State of New York.

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Jill: And we are in the Adirondacks above Utica.

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Manohar Joshi: Very nice. Wow!

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Manohar Joshi: And Vicky. Then Doug, then Russ is after that.

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Vicki Nicholson: My name is Vicki Nicholson, and I live near Sacramento, California.

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Vicki Nicholson: I noticed there was one other person that posted. He lived near here, but had to leave. So I'm curious about that.

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Vicki Nicholson: And then I was also curious about June, and in in rural Wisconsin, with your last name, by any chance is your family or married name.

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Vicki Nicholson: Check.

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Manohar Joshi: Bye.

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Vicki Nicholson: You're muted.

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Manohar Joshi: Oh, yeah, yeah, I think there's a nod there.

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June Krbecek: Oh, sorry! And yes, it is absolutely.

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Vicki Nicholson: Thought, so.

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June Krbecek: It is Czech.

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Manohar Joshi: Very nice nice connections, Vicki, then. So we have Doug, and then Russ, and then Leslie.

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Manohar Joshi: Leslie Hamrick after that. So.

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Doug Widdowson: Yep. Well, I'm Doug, and in the background is my wife. Deb. We are a clergy couple from the northwest um corner of the State of Ohio.

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Doug Widdowson: Um.

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Manohar Joshi: Oh, very nice.

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Manohar Joshi: Other midwesterners. Here.

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Manohar Joshi: Welcome welcome to you both.

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Manohar Joshi: And then Russ, and then I have Leslie, and then Sunita.

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Russ Madison: Right. Good evening, everybody. I'm Russ Madison from uh I live in Decatur, Georgia.

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Russ Madison: I go to church in East, the city of East Point, Georgia, at uh East Point, 1st Malilu, United Methodist Church.

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Russ Madison: Happy father's day. Montu.

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Russ Madison: And.

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Russ Madison: Who else? Um? The griller.

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Manohar Joshi: I think John was.

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Russ Madison: John, Pastor.

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Russ Madison: Gera, or Gera Gera.

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Russ Madison: Gera, happy father's day to you both, so I'm glad to be here. I'm the treasurer at my church.

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Russ Madison: And enjoying the Bible study thus far. Thanks Mantu for doing this.

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Manohar Joshi: Oh, it's my pleasure! Thank you.

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Manohar Joshi: And then, Leslie, I have you next, and then Sunita, and then Mary.

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Leslie Hamric: Hello, everyone! My name is Leslie Hamric, and.

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Leslie Hamric: I'm from Schaumburg, Illinois.

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Leslie Hamric: I currently teach.

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Leslie Hamric: Cello and braille music and play with the Elmhurst Symphony.

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Leslie Hamric: And I'm also totally blind.

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Leslie Hamric: And I know Mantu throughout.

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Leslie Hamric: Heidi. I've known Heidi since I was 13 years old.

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Leslie Hamric: And we took piano from the same teacher.

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Manohar Joshi: Oh, it's great to see you, Leslie. It's great to see you. Hi! Welcome! Welcome!

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Leslie Hamric: So.

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Leslie Hamric: Hi long time, no talk.

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Manohar Joshi: Yeah, yeah, I'm so it's it's it's fun to see someone I know who's jumped into the group. I love it.

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Leslie Hamric: Yeah.

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Manohar Joshi: Uh! So so those of you may not know. So my spouse, my spouse's name is Heidi.

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Manohar Joshi: And Heidi and Leslie know each other from way back, and Heisley is also a woman who's blind.

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Manohar Joshi: And also accomplished in other things, but they overlap in music with each other.

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Manohar Joshi: So that's that was kind of the connection. And Leslie is is an amazing musician.

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Leslie Hamric: Yes.

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Leslie Hamric: Oh, thanks!

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Manohar Joshi: So, but you know you might even be able to sneak in a little bit of music for us if you.

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Manohar Joshi: Ever feel inspired.

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Leslie Hamric: Sure. Yeah, absolutely.

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Manohar Joshi: Um, thank you. So, Leslie, welcome. And then we we have Sunita and Mary and Donna, and that's all that I have on my screen. I hope I'm not missing anybody.

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Manohar Joshi: But, Sunita, you're you're next, and then Mary, and then Donna.

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Manohar Joshi: And again you can always pass.

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Manohar Joshi: So, Sunitha, are you close to your close? I don't know if you you may have had to step away.

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Manohar Joshi: Going, once, going, twice.

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Manohar Joshi: Okay, we're gonna we can come back to you if we need to, Mary. And that that means you're up.

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Mary: My name is Mary Tremblay, and I'm from Hampton, New Hampshire.

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Mary: Which is on the 17 Mile coast of New Hampshire.

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Mary: Um.

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Mary: And I've done a lot of different groups with the.

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Manohar Joshi: Wow!

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Mary: Board of Discipleship. So I'm looking forward to this.

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Mary: Reading a chapter a day. It gives me.

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Mary: Um some impetus to read every day.

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Manohar Joshi: Yes, and we're so glad that that is the case, and and I don't know if you noticed. But this year I added a key verse.



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Manohar Joshi: And that. And that was really because I believe in grace.

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Manohar Joshi: And so as as you're going as you're going through this, you might get to the point where you're just like, Oh.

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Manohar Joshi: I missed 2 days, or I.

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Manohar Joshi: What happened here. I missed this.

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Manohar Joshi: You can always just catch up by at least reading that verse.

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Manohar Joshi: You know that one verse.

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Donna's Phone: Hmm.

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Manohar Joshi: And having a little bit. If if you're that kind of person.

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Manohar Joshi: I want to encourage you to not be perfectionists as you go through this, because.

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Manohar Joshi: I think that God can still speak to you, even if you miss a couple chapters.

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Manohar Joshi: That is, that's the beauty of this. So.

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Manohar Joshi: After Mary. I have the next donna.

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Manohar Joshi: And I think you're the last person, unless we double back to Sunita.

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Donna's Phone: That would be me. Um. I am in Hampton, New Hampshire, not far from Mary. She and I attend the same church.

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Manohar Joshi: What oh, wow!

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Manohar Joshi: Glad that you both.

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Manohar Joshi: Made a point of being there together. Did you know that you both were? Gonna be on.

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Donna's Phone: Yes, we did.

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Manohar Joshi: Oh, okay. Okay.

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Manohar Joshi: Very nice. So we've got. We've got quite the the spread here. We also just to give you a sense of the people who are on here. So.

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Manohar Joshi: The read a chapter a day really kind of expanded this year, and we have well over.

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Manohar Joshi: Well, over 3,000. I must be getting closer to 4,000 people who are doing this together.

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Manohar Joshi: Across, you know, across this country, but also with people around the world.

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Manohar Joshi: And so it is more than you know, is more than doubled.

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Manohar Joshi: From last year with people's interest. I think people like the structure.

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Manohar Joshi: And I hope that you know, I hope that it's something that brings people together.

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Manohar Joshi: Because there's so much that can bring us apart these days.

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Manohar Joshi: And by having this structure, at least, even if we don't agree exactly what the Scriptures say.

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Manohar Joshi: My hope is that we all agree that we're each reading a chapter a day, or trying to.

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Manohar Joshi: That we're doing that discipline that we're still showing up.

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Manohar Joshi: That we're still asking God, what are you? What would you have of me?

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Manohar Joshi: I will say that my main goal for this group.

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Manohar Joshi: And for all of these readings.

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Manohar Joshi: Was for this not to be just a journey of the head.

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Manohar Joshi: But a journey of the heart as well, and that's hard to do whenever we say study on the end of a word right? If we say this is a study.

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Manohar Joshi: But for those of you who are.

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Manohar Joshi: Methodist or United Methodist in background.

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Manohar Joshi: You will know of John Wesley, I'm sure, and his heartwarming experience.

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Manohar Joshi: And it was when he was reading.

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Manohar Joshi: An interpretation.

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Manohar Joshi: Of one of the chapters that you read, or will be reading.

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Manohar Joshi: Shortly, and that was what warmed his heart.

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Manohar Joshi: And he stopped being in his head and started to be in his heart as well.

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Manohar Joshi: And so my heart. My hope is that you would have a little bit of heartwarming in this.

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Manohar Joshi: That, you know, or a lot.

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Manohar Joshi: That somewhere along these lines that God would actually affect you so that you would feel.

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Manohar Joshi: Feel that. And I'm just going to point to the.

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Manohar Joshi: The picture in my background. Here I put a virtual background, on which, of course, if you are doing an online thing, is very easy to do.

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Manohar Joshi: Now they have AI will help you. And so AI helped me find something that may actually be or be like the Louvre.

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Manohar Joshi: And I'm going to just share a brief story with you as to kind of where some of the wording in this.

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Manohar Joshi: Study will come, has come from, or was inspired.

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Manohar Joshi: I I remember going to the Louvre as as a kid.

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Manohar Joshi: Was very fortunate to go to Paris, France, and actually walk into Louvre.

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Manohar Joshi: And it was so different than it is today. I hear now that people have to actually get.

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Manohar Joshi: I don't know some sort of timestamp on their phone or something along those lines, and they have to get a special ticket, and you know, to see the Mona Lisa.

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Manohar Joshi: That people will have to stand in a long line. I saw a picture of this line going all the way back.

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Manohar Joshi: And but back in the day.

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Manohar Joshi: Before. There was all these people who were interested in going to these little little set places.

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Manohar Joshi: There was. There was just the ability to walk in.

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Manohar Joshi: I just walk into the museum, and I remember just wandering around one room.

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Manohar Joshi: You know, interested, but not that interested.

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Manohar Joshi: For a moment, and suddenly turned around, and I was standing by myself.

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Manohar Joshi: And there was the Mona Lisa in front of me.

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Manohar Joshi: And so I'm what I'm looking at. The Mona Lisa.

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Manohar Joshi: And I had such a heartwarming experience.

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Manohar Joshi: In the museum something that was kind of old and stodgy, and didn't really have a lot of life for me as a kid.

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Manohar Joshi: Suddenly became vibrant.

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Manohar Joshi: And alive, and I imagined.

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Manohar Joshi: I imagine that painting.

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Manohar Joshi: Being. I could see the brush strokes. I could see all of the detail behind it, and I could see that smile, and it became more than just like a postage stamp experience. I actually saw why this was.

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Manohar Joshi: Why this was such a famous work of art. And so I have used art as a way to kind of frame this experience. Because not because we're talking about things that are old and stodgy.

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Manohar Joshi: But because I want you to kind of get into that heartwarming experience of being surprised.

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Manohar Joshi: By something that you thought was going to be boring or stayed, or what you always thought it was going to be. And suddenly it shocks you.

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Manohar Joshi: And suddenly you're standing alone in front of something incredibly valuable.

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Manohar Joshi: And also part of the reason that I wanted to use art within our context. Here.

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Manohar Joshi: Is, we'll be talking about the frame.

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Manohar Joshi: Of artwork a little bit, and why, that's important. So I'm going to go back and I'll present a little bit. I'll try to describe this as we have.

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Manohar Joshi: We have someone who will not be able to see the screen, and some of you might be stepping away a little bit.

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Leslie Hamric: So thank you.

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Leslie Hamric: I was just gonna give you a friendly reminder.

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Manohar Joshi: Yeah. And so so as we start off, I'm gonna go ahead and start sharing.

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Manohar Joshi: Back again.

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Manohar Joshi: And we're and I went through this.

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Manohar Joshi: Yes.

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J.B. Brayfindley: Arew Okay.

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Manohar Joshi: We? We are just just to make sure that you know this was before some of you got here. We we are recording, and that's because there's some people who might miss.

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Manohar Joshi: Miss the time, and want to go back again.

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Manohar Joshi: So please be mind, be mindful of that. That was something that wasn't my choice. But it was something that was asked, because, again, because some people are going to be missing it and want to join in.

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Manohar Joshi: A little bit later on. So.

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Manohar Joshi: Please be aware of that. Thank you for pointing that out.

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Manohar Joshi: Again.

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Manohar Joshi: And so I've kind of introduced this idea of the museum.

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Manohar Joshi: And each time, you know, when you enter into a museum there's a free museum here.

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Manohar Joshi: Like you imagine yourself going into a free museum like there's there's just a sense of awe and wonder, and there's always somebody there.

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Manohar Joshi: Who greets you and and gives you a sense of where you are. And so we've already done that with each other. Today we've we've greeted each other. We've.

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Manohar Joshi: We've entered the museum, so to speak. We're ready for the experience.

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Manohar Joshi: Not this, not the stayed experience, but this experience of being opened by what God might do.

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Manohar Joshi: And maybe what God might do with each other.

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Manohar Joshi: And so if you're leading a small group, this is, there's always there's always a time that.

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Manohar Joshi: People really want to receive your hospitality.

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Manohar Joshi: And I wish that we were in person a little bit, so that I could give each of you a cup of coffee.

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Manohar Joshi: Or you know, or some lemonade depending on where, where you are. You know what time of day.

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Manohar Joshi: And just something to to say. Welcome! I'm just so glad you're here.



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Manohar Joshi: To be able to look you in the eye, and so I've done the best I can virtually.

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Manohar Joshi: But know that that's that's the intention.

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Manohar Joshi: And then the next part of each of our small small group. Times will then go into.

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Manohar Joshi: Where we remind ourselves about.

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Manohar Joshi: Maybe some of the ground rules of keeping safety within the group. We won't always go them, and through them in detail.

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Manohar Joshi: But the 1st time that a group meets I always like to have a little bit more time to do that.

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Manohar Joshi: It's just a way for us to be reminded.

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Manohar Joshi: That this is not the same as an opinion forum.

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Manohar Joshi: This is this is about having relationship and.

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Manohar Joshi: Having some mutual accountability with each other in terms of.

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Manohar Joshi: Uh, you know.

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Manohar Joshi: Really being respectful to one another as we go through the journey.

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Manohar Joshi: And that helps each of us to really, then have heartwarming experiences. We're not going to be perfect. I'm going to say that right from the get. Go.

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Manohar Joshi: There's never a perfect time of connection. We are so different, I can tell.

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Manohar Joshi: Already we come from different places in the world and in the country, and just different life experiences.

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Manohar Joshi: And so what's on this screen is, there's a hand that's full of paint.

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Manohar Joshi: I like that because and it just says, Hands off the artwork ground rules.

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Manohar Joshi: And then this this, if you're on a smaller screen, you're not going to be able to see this. I'm going to read this out loud, anyway.

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Manohar Joshi: These are some ground rules that I've heard of, or might be there.

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Manohar Joshi: I'm I'm not going to go into great detail, because this is.

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Manohar Joshi: This is practically an essay.

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Manohar Joshi: But I want to ask if you can just.

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Manohar Joshi: Peruse these a little bit. I'm going to read through it really fast.

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Manohar Joshi: As well. But peruse these and see if there's something that's missing. That's important to you.

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Manohar Joshi: As we're going through here.

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Manohar Joshi: And the so the 1st part is confidentiality, respect, and openness. I know that's strange with us.

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Manohar Joshi: Having the recording. But I think that recording will be available to just people who are wanting to do this kind of process together.

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Manohar Joshi: And so just be aware of that. But.

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Manohar Joshi: Let's let's just kind of.

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Manohar Joshi: Have a sense of a sense of confidentiality, and also be open to people who have very different experiences than you do.

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Manohar Joshi: Than each of us do. I know that that you have things that I will not understand.

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Manohar Joshi: The other thing is just to encourage active participation. I like this 3 before me. Rule.

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Manohar Joshi: That if, before you speak, you try to make sure that at least 3 other people have a chance to speak.

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Manohar Joshi: And very often I will. I will enjoy silence.

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Manohar Joshi: Because there are people who just take a beat longer.

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Manohar Joshi: Or have. Some people are just have a different way of of processing.

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Manohar Joshi: Their thoughts.

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Manohar Joshi: Um. You know some people say respect for the Bible.

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Manohar Joshi: Um, that's another piece that you could. We could say that we want to make sure that people are respectful.

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Manohar Joshi: Even if people come from even a non-christian background, we were open to anyone coming here.

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Manohar Joshi: Um, just that we're that we're being.

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Manohar Joshi: Ah, we're being having a sense of a tone of respect as we're talking about the Scriptures, even if they drive us nuts at some different points, empathy and understanding.

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Manohar Joshi: Recognize that everyone is, is at a different point in their journey.

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Manohar Joshi: Um, be be mindful of advice. This is this is one, I think the 1st 10 years of my ministry, I would say.

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Manohar Joshi: I've been in ministry for almost 30 years now, and.

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Manohar Joshi: And I would say that.

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Manohar Joshi: I gave way too much advice in that 1st 10 years.

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Manohar Joshi: And I would just say with each of us, most of the time when people share.

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Manohar Joshi: They want somebody else to just hear them.

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Manohar Joshi: Um the quandary is there, the the issue is there, the puzzle is before you.

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Manohar Joshi: But they're not necessarily asking for people to solve it.

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Manohar Joshi: Because we're really wanting God to be the one to whisper those things to us. But if somebody asks for advice, then.

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Manohar Joshi: You know. Be mindful and and just keep it short and and kind.

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Manohar Joshi: We want to give introverts space here.

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Manohar Joshi: And so you'll see sometimes that I will allow.

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Manohar Joshi: A lot more silence than people are usually used to. I apologize. I'm also a chaplain.

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Manohar Joshi: And so I apologize ahead of time that I can wait a long time.

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Manohar Joshi: And that may make some people uncomfortable. So apologies ahead of time, timeliness, and preparation.

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Manohar Joshi: Sometimes people like to say, You know, please be prepared. I.

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Manohar Joshi: Because of the way that this is. I, said. I lean on Grace.

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Manohar Joshi: Are you guys? Are you all right with us, just asking people to at least read the one verse.

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Manohar Joshi: Is that doable for everybody to read the one verse a day. The the top verse.

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Manohar Joshi: We still want to do the chapter, but.

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Manohar Joshi: This is not about guilt. But are people okay with that? If everyone comes with one verse.

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Manohar Joshi: I see mostly head shaking, good.

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Manohar Joshi: Um managing technology if you can mute your microphones without speaking, that really helps us, especially for people who have animals or.

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Manohar Joshi: You know, lawn orders in the background things like that. And then finally, if you can stay focused, I know this is so hard.

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Manohar Joshi: But just kind of keep focused to what.

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Manohar Joshi: What we're about in in the.

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Manohar Joshi: Study itself, that that helps us to have a sense of focus as we go through.

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Manohar Joshi: And I think that I've hit most of the pieces here.

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Manohar Joshi: I know that that was a lot.

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Manohar Joshi: I'll be reviewing it slightly each time that we meet.

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Manohar Joshi: But is there anybody who has another thing that they want to add.

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Manohar Joshi: Where things should be added that we've missed.

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Manohar Joshi: Or maybe it's something you do in your other groups that you just enjoy having.

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Leslie Hamric: I have a question.

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Manohar Joshi: Sure is this is this, Leslie? I can't.

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Leslie Hamric: Yeah, it is, is my.

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Manohar Joshi: Oh, good! Yes.

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Leslie Hamric: Well, is my video.

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Leslie Hamric: Working or or not.

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Manohar Joshi: I believe so. My screen right now is not showing everybody.

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Leslie Hamric: Okay.

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Manohar Joshi: Just 6 people. But when I saw you before, your your video was looking great.

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Leslie Hamric: Okay, alright. So on to.

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Leslie Hamric: My question, and.

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Leslie Hamric: The one verse a day is that always pasted in the in the Facebook.

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Leslie Hamric: Chat.

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Manohar Joshi: It is so right at the right, at the top of it each time.

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Leslie Hamric: Okay.

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Leslie Hamric: Okay.

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Manohar Joshi: And then also, and also the other pieces. But again, you know, don't not come because you've gotten behind, or whatever I think.

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Manohar Joshi: That's in in my mind. This is really much more of a.

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Manohar Joshi: A grace filled kind of group.

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Manohar Joshi: And an open group for people to have a place to be.

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Manohar Joshi: Wherever they are. For some people this is the only the only option they have right now.

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Manohar Joshi: For whatever reason.

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Leslie Hamric: Hey? Thanks! I just didn't know if I had a hunt down.

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Leslie Hamric: Some accessible version of the Bible, but no.

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Manohar Joshi: No, no, no! And and you and and just let me know anytime anybody who who's here.

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Manohar Joshi: If you need anything that to be more accessible.

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Manohar Joshi: Do not hesitate.

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Manohar Joshi: Please, please, please. It's so important for us to have all our voices.

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Manohar Joshi: In front of us, with.

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Manohar Joshi: Everything accommodated.

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Manohar Joshi: So let's let's move on to the next one. Here.

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Manohar Joshi: So normally we would. If you were in a smaller group you'd be. We'd be going into little groups. We might eventually try that in this group, but I'm finding that it's very difficult.



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Manohar Joshi: To suddenly not have somebody kind of overseeing the group. So I would say that if you're doing this on your own you can do. You can do that within your group context.

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Manohar Joshi: But here, for the most part, will be.

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Manohar Joshi: Kind of sharing as 1 1 group together, and I apologize that sometimes that will.

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Manohar Joshi: Mean that not everybody gets to say something each time. I mean a lot little less.

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Manohar Joshi: Participation. I still put it in this Powerpoint, because I'm going to share this Powerpoint.

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Manohar Joshi: With those of, you know, if if anybody wants it for their own groups, I wanted to be able to do that.

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Manohar Joshi: Uh. So I'm just gonna ask you. So.

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Manohar Joshi: Context-wise. And we'll talk about this in a moment as we get into Romans.

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Manohar Joshi: Context-wise, Paul.

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Manohar Joshi: Is hoping someday.

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Manohar Joshi: To meet.

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Manohar Joshi: These Christians.

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Manohar Joshi: To to come before them in person, someday.

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Manohar Joshi: But in the meantime Christians have.

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Manohar Joshi: What I might call a zoom experience with each other.

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Manohar Joshi: And slow motion. There. Paul is writing these letters.

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Manohar Joshi: And they're, you know, maybe writing letters back and asking questions. We assume.

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Manohar Joshi: And there's this, but they but they haven't seen each other yet. So I just want to ask, you know.

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Manohar Joshi: If if we could get off each time, we'll start off with kind of one of these kind of generalized questions that just begins to help us to put a frame. There's a picture of a frame.

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Manohar Joshi: On your screen. And inside that there's kind of connection with other people.

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Manohar Joshi: As as we begin to kind of think through this.

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Manohar Joshi: Uh frame, wise.

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Manohar Joshi: We'll start off with just this generalized experience, and and then we'll jump into the Scripture piece of it. So is there anyone who could just share their experience. Maybe maybe 2 or 3 people.

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Manohar Joshi: And I'm going to go back to the larger group here.

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Manohar Joshi: Moment of a time that you suddenly met somebody that you hadn't.

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Manohar Joshi: Carolyn, I see your hand up.

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Manohar Joshi: It's fine to do a virtual hand, or I'm I'm kind of partial to real hands, too. But whatever works for you.

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Carolyn Williams: Mhm.

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Carolyn Williams: Okay.

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Carolyn Williams: Um. I do a lot of the be a disciple courses. If you're familiar with that.

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Carolyn Williams: Uh, and I was at the conference office in a.

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Carolyn Williams: Virtually in a live meeting.

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Carolyn Williams: In a class, and I heard a voice behind me, and I recognized it as.

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Carolyn Williams: An instructor I'd had 2 or 3 times, and I turned around and said, Hey.

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Carolyn Williams: And she was in Kentucky at the time.

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Carolyn Williams: Uh, still in seminary, and she finally has her own church in.

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Carolyn Williams: Saint Charles, Missouri, she had moved and transferred.

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Carolyn Williams: And it was so good to see her. And then I just ran into her again at our annual conference.

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Carolyn Williams: This last Sunday, and you know I just treasure the time I get to spend with her.

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Carolyn Williams: But it started on zoom.

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Carolyn Williams: Yeah.

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Manohar Joshi: Anybody else. And it doesn't have to necessarily be technology. It could be literally letters like what we're talking about here.

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Manohar Joshi: As we're thinking about this context.

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Jill: This is Jill. I have one from presume.

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Jill: When I was a teenager.

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Jill: Listening to the radio and the radio station was on. This was near Atlantic City, and the radio station was on Atlantic City boardwalk.

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Jill: So I've been listening to the radio station for.

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Jill: You know a number of years as a high schooler and and preteen.

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Jill: And then one day a group of us from high school went over to watch them do the show.

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Jill: From the through, the.

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Jill: Window that you could watch, and we carried signs because we had been calling in, and we carried signs. But.

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Jill: It was always when we well, we came back like I didn't think he looked like that. I didn't think he his voice didn't sound like that. So that was my experience.

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Manohar Joshi: Awesome. Thank you. And anybody else have have an experience like that. So we've heard a couple.

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Manohar Joshi: Uh Russ.

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Manohar Joshi: And thank you for continuing to say your name. Each time you speak I'll I'll if I don't say your name. Please feel free to say that just to make sure that Leslie knows who you are.

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Manohar Joshi: And it helps all of us, actually, because some of you step away from your computers at times.

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Russ Madison: Well, kind of like Jill. I you know I've heard radio described as the theater of the mind.

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Russ Madison: And I think that true, because.

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Manohar Joshi: Oh!

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Russ Madison: It, really, it can form.

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Russ Madison: Um, very personal relationships.

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Russ Madison: You're focused on the other person's voice and ideas.

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Russ Madison: And I did have a job once where I interacted with a team that was only by radio handset.

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Russ Madison: And earphones, and I I did meet some of them in person at uh.

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Russ Madison: Cafeteria routinely but.

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Russ Madison: It was always really weird. I didn't, really. We didn't really interact at the cafeteria.

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Russ Madison: Um, you know there was something disappointing about it, like we had our ideas.

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Russ Madison: About each other, based on.

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Russ Madison: The radio, and then we went back into that comfort zone.

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Russ Madison: Um. It was a night job, so every every night, but.

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Russ Madison: At breakfast the next morning we.

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Russ Madison: We didn't talk so um!

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Russ Madison: You know. Maybe it's like God he sees what's on the inside, not not what's on the outside.

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Manohar Joshi: Oh, fascinating!

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Manohar Joshi: Hmm, hmm.

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Manohar Joshi: So thank you. Thank you. We're gonna because of the amount of time we have. I will keep moving forward.

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Manohar Joshi: Those are. Those are just great examples, and.

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Manohar Joshi: I hope my hope is that this begins to again.

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Manohar Joshi: Open your heart to the.

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Manohar Joshi: To the experience.

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Manohar Joshi: Of what it might have been like for those Christians to open those letters, or to find them even.

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Manohar Joshi: A century later.

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Manohar Joshi: But this idea of of getting to meet.

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Manohar Joshi: You know, thinking that they might meet someday, and and what it might be like, and that hunger, or the desire to sometime.

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Manohar Joshi: Meet in person Paul.

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Manohar Joshi: Paul seemed to have that hunger as he's writing these letters, but they don't know each other in the same way.

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Manohar Joshi: Right. It's a different way of knowing each other.

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Manohar Joshi: I had a I had a friend who.

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Manohar Joshi: Wrote letters to someone right? And and then they ended up getting married.

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Manohar Joshi: But it was a different way of being with each other.

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Manohar Joshi: And then add the shift and adjust to actually being in person with each other.

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Manohar Joshi: At a certain time, so.

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Manohar Joshi: We will have that picture for you as we're jumping into this. Thank you for sharing.

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Manohar Joshi: I'm going to go ahead and and share back on the screen for a second.

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Manohar Joshi: Jump back in here.

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Manohar Joshi: I promise to get smoother with this as we go through.

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Manohar Joshi: And so we've we've had. We've kind of made a frame for ourselves.

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Manohar Joshi: We've talked about the picture frame.

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Manohar Joshi: And and now we go a little bit deeper. I call this the high def pick.

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Manohar Joshi: High def picture, and I've got some blurry pixels on the side.

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Manohar Joshi: What it would look like if you were to go to your.

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Manohar Joshi: You know, to your TV screen and go really close.

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Manohar Joshi: Or if you were looking at a piece of artwork.

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Manohar Joshi: It. It might be that suddenly.

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Manohar Joshi: You know. You see the the painter's intentions. I remember.

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Manohar Joshi: Going to Amsterdam and seeing.

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Manohar Joshi: Van Gogh paintings for the 1st time in person.

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Manohar Joshi: And what? Looking at Vincent Van Gogh's paintings, which, if you aren't as familiar with them.

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Manohar Joshi: They have huge shocks of color, and and it looks like someone took their fingers and just put them right on the on the canvas.

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Manohar Joshi: It's just this, this meaty stuff.

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Manohar Joshi: And it just moved me.

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Manohar Joshi: As I walked closer, and then, as I walked backward again, I suddenly had a different appreciation for what I was looking.

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Manohar Joshi: Looking at because it looks so lifelike, but then, close up, it looked different.

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Manohar Joshi: In the same way, I'm going to zoom in.

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Manohar Joshi: To just one section each time that we meet.

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Manohar Joshi: In these small groups, and this time I wanted to.

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Manohar Joshi: Look at Romans 1, 7.

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Manohar Joshi: And I don't know if anybody has that.

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Manohar Joshi: Close by, and would be really willing to just read.

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Manohar Joshi: Romans, chapter one, verse 7.

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Manohar Joshi: Sorry I didn't. I didn't warn you that I might ask you that.

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Manohar Joshi: John, I see you happen to be on the screen. So I'm I'm going to.

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Russ Madison: Money.

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Manohar Joshi: Call. Yeah, thank you. Please.

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Manohar Joshi: And and whatever version you have is fine.

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John Gera: Ah, so I have the new Revised Standard version pulled up, but to all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints.

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John Gera: Grace to you, and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Manohar Joshi: Thank you. And on the screen here it says, Um.

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Manohar Joshi: Called to be saints. This is like looking at a painting, paying attention to the patriot strokes, or a shock of color that moves you.

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Manohar Joshi: And then, if you look at the word saints.

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Manohar Joshi: It's actually I went ahead and put the Greek word on there not to.

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Manohar Joshi: Intimidate anybody, but just.

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Manohar Joshi: Just to kind of get a flavor for what was on that page.

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Manohar Joshi: That the word is.

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Manohar Joshi: Hagios.

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Manohar Joshi: Saint and sainthood.

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Manohar Joshi: The root of the word doesn't mean.

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Manohar Joshi: Just holy or sacred, although that's how we often interpret it.

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Manohar Joshi: But if you go kind of even deeper.

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Manohar Joshi: It really is this idea of of being, of being pulled apart.

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Manohar Joshi: Not like pulled apart into different pieces, but pulled apart from from your regular life.

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Manohar Joshi: Pulled apart, maybe from the expectations that were.

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Manohar Joshi: There for you before.

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Manohar Joshi: And so I'm going to ask what qualities or characteristics come to mind.

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Manohar Joshi: When you hear the word.

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Manohar Joshi: Saint, and.

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Manohar Joshi: Not just in the way that I've said it. But how are other ways that you've heard the word Saint.

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Manohar Joshi: What come to mind, for that is, anybody could just.

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Manohar Joshi: You could even say, football team. That's okay.

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loxie: I'm taking notes here. So that's why I look like I'm not focused. Sometimes I think when I hear the word saying, I think somebody who's really, really, really super nice, and never gets mad, and wouldn't.

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loxie: Ever be upset with you.

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Manohar Joshi: And and you can just say, Hi, this is Loxy again, or this is Loxy.

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loxie: This is Loxy.

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Manohar Joshi: Thank you. Just so, as you begin just each time to say your name. It's it's it's a.

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Manohar Joshi: Helpful thing. Thank you.

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loxie: Mhm.

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Manohar Joshi: Love it anyone else.

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Manohar Joshi: And just go ahead and jump in. I can't see all of you, so just say this is so and so, and then.

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Manohar Joshi: Jump in. What qualities or characteristics come to mind.

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Manohar Joshi: And just go ahead and jump in just because I can't see all of you. I.

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Manohar Joshi: I won't be able to call on you.

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Vicki Nicholson: This is Vicky. My translation uses the word holy.

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Vicki Nicholson: Which also means to set apart.

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Manohar Joshi: Ah!

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Vicki Nicholson: And so I, when I think of the word saved, I think of an individual.

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Vicki Nicholson: Who would be one that we would want to emulate.

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Manohar Joshi: Hmm.

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Manohar Joshi: Yeah.

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John Gera: And this is John again, I just wanted to to quick ask Vicky, because I do like the use of the word holy. What translation are you using just out of curiosity.

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Vicki Nicholson: I think this is the niv.

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Vicki Nicholson: Mhm.

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June Krbecek: This is June, and I think of unattainable.

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Manohar Joshi: Uh-huh.

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June Krbecek: You know that something is.

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June Krbecek: Something to strive for, but I think we sometimes get hung up on.

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June Krbecek: I'll never get there.

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June Krbecek: I shouldn't even try.

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Manohar Joshi: Yeah, yeah.

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Manohar Joshi: So I'm going to move on, then to.

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Manohar Joshi: This this kind of next set of questions. You can kind of put these together.

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Manohar Joshi: When have you met someone.

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Manohar Joshi: Assuming that you have, that had saint-like qualities.

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Manohar Joshi: You know what, what would, what would be maybe a word or 2.

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Manohar Joshi: To describe what that person was like.

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Manohar Joshi: And you can just jump right in like I said we could. We'll have 2 or 3 people answer.

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Manohar Joshi: But does anyone? Has anyone met somebody like that, or just.

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Manohar Joshi: Maybe it was someone on the bus.

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Manohar Joshi: Or on the you know, or or maybe it was somebody that you were.

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Carolyn Williams: Hi.

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Manohar Joshi: Ran into on the corner that just.

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Manohar Joshi: Wow!

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Manohar Joshi: What was it? What was it that.

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Carolyn Williams: I know someone like that.

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Carolyn Williams: She she's so patient.

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Manohar Joshi: Yeah, so just just go ahead and say your name. This is this is so and so, and then.

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Carolyn Williams: This is Carolyn Carolyn. She's so patient. Her husband has Ms.

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Manohar Joshi: Take them.

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Carolyn Williams: And the quality of care and.

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Carolyn Williams: And still, you know, so active in church and so patient in caring for all of us.

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Manohar Joshi: Hmm.

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Carolyn Williams: You know. I just feel like she's a saint. She she.

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Carolyn Williams: She really does a lot for everyone.

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Carolyn Williams: And does it with a joyful heart.

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Manohar Joshi: Thank you.

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Leslie Hamric: This is Leslie. I don't know if this applies or not, but I would have to say all of all 5 of my.

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Leslie Hamric: Guide dogs um! Especially my current one. She's.

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Leslie Hamric: Like literally her tail is wagging when she gets up in the morning, and when she goes to sleep at night.

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Leslie Hamric: And even when she's dreaming she's just so.

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Leslie Hamric: Happy, and so.

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Leslie Hamric: Like friendly and.

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Leslie Hamric: So friendly and lovable. But then, when you put her harness on, she's ready to work.

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Leslie Hamric: And then she gives so much.

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Leslie Hamric: In another way, because she watches out for me. She's.

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Manohar Joshi: Hmm.

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Leslie Hamric: She watches, she stops. If it's a curb or a step, or it's there's a car turning in front of us, or something like that. She.

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Leslie Hamric: She just puts herself out there.

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Leslie Hamric: To make sure that I'm safe.

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Manohar Joshi: So.

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Manohar Joshi: I love that phrase, putting yourself out there.

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Manohar Joshi: You know. So we've talked about the and and also a sense of caregiving like we just heard.

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Manohar Joshi: So these are kind of keywords that we're hearing.

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Manohar Joshi: And putting yourself out there.

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Manohar Joshi: Um. I love that I love that um.

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Manohar Joshi: The picture can be of a dog.

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Manohar Joshi: As a saint. I'm sure we've we've all known.

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Leslie Hamric: Yeah.

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Manohar Joshi: You know. And and a working relationship is.

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Manohar Joshi: Different. Many of the saints that we hear about.

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Manohar Joshi: You know traditionally, are people who did work.

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Manohar Joshi: Who worked for communities who sacrificed for communities often would go in and.

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Manohar Joshi: Serve, you know.

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Manohar Joshi: People who had a disease, or those kinds of things.

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Manohar Joshi: So would be more like that person. Work.

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Manohar Joshi: Or that dog. I couldn't even say.

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Manohar Joshi: Um being like what we've described without.

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Manohar Joshi: Work in your life, I mean is that.

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Manohar Joshi: Something that would work for really? Or is it.

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Manohar Joshi: You know. If you know, if not, then why not?

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Manohar Joshi: And and and how and why would it work for you.

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Manohar Joshi: So there's some piece of that that you could at least ascribe to.

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Leslie Hamric: I mean.

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Manohar Joshi: And so.

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Leslie Hamric: Like the guide dog Omega, putting herself out there.

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Leslie Hamric: Is that? Is that your question?

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Manohar Joshi: Yeah, like, what? What would be more like that person yourself.

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Manohar Joshi: Right. So we're moving toward. We're moving toward this. Now we're going from the high definition picture.

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Manohar Joshi: To really moving into what I would call the motion picture.

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Manohar Joshi: Like, we're putting these this Scripture, this thinking.

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Manohar Joshi: Into motion, and beginning to imagine what it might look like.

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Manohar Joshi: You know. Would would that work to be.

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Manohar Joshi: More like that caregiver in some way.

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Manohar Joshi: Or more like putting yourself out there in some way. If I can use the language that we've heard from this group.

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Leslie Hamric: I think so.

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Manohar Joshi: Let me let me put it to the group, too.

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Leslie Hamric: Sure.

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Manohar Joshi: So so is there anybody anybody else in the group that that has that.

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Manohar Joshi: That sense.

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Manohar Joshi: Based upon what has been shared.

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Manohar Joshi: And it's and I know that that's a little bit more of a convoluted question. So I apologize for that.

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Jill: Hi! This is Jill.

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Jill: I think.

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Jill: I apply, I'm applying it to my definition of scene.

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Manohar Joshi: Thank you. John.

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Jill: I think more of Saint as like.

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Jill: The people we think about on All Saints day.

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Jill: The people that were in your church, the people that guided you in your Christian life.

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Jill: Even if they weren't Saint Teresa and Saint Omega.

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Manohar Joshi: Yeah.

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Jill: Um. Maybe the definition isn't the high definition of Saint.

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Jill: But I think that in.

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Jill: I think it was Vicki that said, it's unattainable, the the image of the the high saint. So maybe I think more of the.

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Jill: Attainable image of somebody in a church that can guide somebody or somebody, a teacher that can guide somebody.

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Jill: And I think that I can sk um strive to be more like that person.

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Jill: Now in my life.

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Manohar Joshi: Thank you. Thank you for that insight.

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Connie: This is Connie. Sorry this is Connie in Kansas.

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Connie: And I can react to that a little bit. Um.

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Connie: Because I think my picture of a saint is.

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Connie: One who is.

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Connie: A follower, and in process, and connecting with.

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Connie: And the faithfulness issue. I think you made me think faithfulness.

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Manohar Joshi: Yes.

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Connie: The saints for me are the faithful, and I think we can be that.

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Manohar Joshi: Thank you.

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Manohar Joshi: I'm gonna move. I'm just gonna invite us. We've heard some.

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Manohar Joshi: What I hope is, I hope that you've had some heartwarming today, even.

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Manohar Joshi: That you have had moments where.

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Manohar Joshi: You might have, you might have felt the holy.

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Manohar Joshi: At some place, and so just on your screen, it just says, Take a few breaths together.

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Manohar Joshi: Um. It's even better if we're on mute together on this, as we do this.

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Manohar Joshi: And just take a breath in.

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Manohar Joshi: And take a breath out. My rhythm isn't good for you. It's okay. Do your own rhythm.

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Manohar Joshi: Take a breath in.

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Manohar Joshi: Take your breath out.

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Manohar Joshi: Allow yourself to imagine the presence of something holy.

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Manohar Joshi: With you.

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Manohar Joshi: And maybe with each other.

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Manohar Joshi: Right now I have an image of the whole country.

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Manohar Joshi: That we're holding each other.

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Manohar Joshi: All the way across this geography.

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Manohar Joshi: And it is blowing my mind.

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Manohar Joshi: Whatever it is, let that experience settle into you deeply.

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Manohar Joshi: Or if you're not there yet.

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Manohar Joshi: Or it's just not that kind of day for you. Just let it gently rest on your mind.

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Manohar Joshi: Like a snowflake or a feather that just kind of.

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Manohar Joshi: It's your sweater.

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Manohar Joshi: And I'm going to invite you when you're ready to bring your presence back to the group.

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Manohar Joshi: And.

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Manohar Joshi: Before we go into prayer. I'd like to ask if there's anyone who.

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Manohar Joshi: Um.

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Manohar Joshi: Who felt something that they do want to share.

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Manohar Joshi: And I'd ask if there's people who haven't shared yet to go first.st

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Manohar Joshi: Um? Is there something that.

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Manohar Joshi: You gathered today from.

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Manohar Joshi: Are wondering about sainthood.

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Manohar Joshi: And leaning into what is possible for each of us.

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Manohar Joshi: Is there something that you would like to share with the group.

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Manohar Joshi: Um a reflection that that mattered to you.

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Doug Widdowson: This is Doug, and and I would just say I found it interesting that the common English Bible.

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Doug Widdowson: Doesn't use the word saint. It just says that we are.

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Doug Widdowson: Um.

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Doug Widdowson: But dearly loved by God, and called to be God's people.

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Manohar Joshi: Hmm.

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Doug Widdowson: And I and I just have that now, as as part of that idea of sainthood, that we are.

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Doug Widdowson: God's saints.

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Doug Widdowson: And it is attainable, as opposed to that unattainable piece.

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Manohar Joshi: Thank you. Anybody else have a thought.

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Manohar Joshi: And it, and it can even be half a thought.

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Manohar Joshi: I like to say doesn't have to be a whole thought.

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Manohar Joshi: Don't worry. The rest of us can finish the thought sometimes in our own heads.

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Manohar Joshi: But do you have a thought or half a thought, that you'd like to share.

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Manohar Joshi: No pressure.

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Manohar Joshi: And again I'll ask for first, st for those who haven't spoken yet.

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Manohar Joshi: And, as I said before, I'm very comfortable. With silence.

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John Gera: I really liked the discussion about being called to be saints, because I think a lot of us.

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John Gera: We'll have a almost unobtainable idea of what it means to be a saint.

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Manohar Joshi: Mhm.

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John Gera: But we're all called.

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John Gera: To be saints.

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John Gera: And one of the.

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John Gera: One of the main pillars from the the church that I just came from before I was serving here.

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John Gera: Was that God loves us just as we are.

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John Gera: But it's always calling us to become more as well.

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John Gera: And so it kind of.

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John Gera: That resonated with me, with being called to be saints, as we're being called.

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John Gera: To become more.

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Manohar Joshi: Called to become more.

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Manohar Joshi: Thank you. Hmm.

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Manohar Joshi: That there's a sense of calling to it.

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Manohar Joshi: One of the things that came to my mind, and I'll share. This, too, is just.

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Manohar Joshi: There was for me.

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Manohar Joshi: The sense of.

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Manohar Joshi: Being set apart.

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Manohar Joshi: In order to bring together.

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Manohar Joshi: That that was just a.

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Manohar Joshi: A hiccup in my mind that happened as we were talking, and.

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Manohar Joshi: And as I was listening to what you all were saying, that there's something about Saint Sainthood, or this idea of.

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Manohar Joshi: Being a saint.

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Manohar Joshi: That calls us to be set apart. And yet that set apartness.

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Manohar Joshi: Calls us to bring people together.

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Manohar Joshi: And then I had this image of Holy Communion.

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Manohar Joshi: And the tearing apart of the bread.

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Manohar Joshi: That we are pulling this bread apart.

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Manohar Joshi: In Holy Communion in order to show that we're one.

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Manohar Joshi: And that we're coming forward in order to be set apart in order to be one. And it says.

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Manohar Joshi: It just became sort of this endless loop.

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Manohar Joshi: Maybe that's half a thought.

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Manohar Joshi: Um, but that's that was what came to me.

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Manohar Joshi: And so is there one, if if anybody has one more, I see from Loxy.

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Manohar Joshi: Um in the chat.

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Manohar Joshi: Had said something.

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Manohar Joshi: Ah! I was imagining us all holding hands from California.

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Manohar Joshi: To New Hampshire, Wisconsin, to Texas.

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Manohar Joshi: That was from earlier.

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Manohar Joshi: Thank you. Thank you. Loxy.

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Manohar Joshi: So at this point, what I'd like to do is just kind of say, thank you.

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Manohar Joshi: And I hope that you will join us again.

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Manohar Joshi: And we'll continue to to unpack this.

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Manohar Joshi: I hope that the questions that I have put forth for you.

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Manohar Joshi: Out of my own prayer. Time.

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Manohar Joshi: Um, you know, work for you as we're doing this chapter a day.

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Manohar Joshi: If they don't work for you, please ignore them.

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Manohar Joshi: And go to what God is telling you to do.

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Manohar Joshi: Because I don't always know what to ask.

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Manohar Joshi: And but God has.

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Manohar Joshi: God has things to say.

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Manohar Joshi: And I hope that your heart will be warmed.

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Manohar Joshi: And at the end of each of our times together.

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Manohar Joshi: We will have time for prayer.

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Manohar Joshi: In a very small group, you might be able to ask each other if you're leading some of these.

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Manohar Joshi: You might be able to to ask for prayer requests.

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Manohar Joshi: Because of the size of our group, and because of the amount of time we have, I apologize that we can't have each one have a prayer request.

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Manohar Joshi: But I think that we could, and.

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Manohar Joshi: With today, with the Lord's Prayer.

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Manohar Joshi: Does that? Does that work for everyone.

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Manohar Joshi: And then is there is there someone, perhaps one of our.

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Manohar Joshi: Pastors might be.

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Manohar Joshi: Willing to do this, but let's go. Go ahead and and have.

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Manohar Joshi: A a couple of people unmute and say it. Say it out loud, as the rest of us say it.

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Manohar Joshi: So if you're if you are inclined, go ahead and don't worry about which words you use.

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Manohar Joshi: We don't have to use all the same words.

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Manohar Joshi: Let's let's pray.

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Manohar Joshi: And pastors. If if any of you can unmute, that would be great.

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Manohar Joshi: And go ahead. Go ahead and lead us.

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Manohar Joshi: I want to give you the honor.

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Connie: Our Father who art in heaven.

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Manohar Joshi: Wouldn't we have a minute.

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John Gera: In heaven.

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loxie: Heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

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Connie: Allah would be thy.

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John Gera: Hallowed be Thy name.

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Connie: Thy Kingdom come.

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John Gera: Thy Kingdom come.

01:04:37.000 --> 01:04:39.000

loxie: Kingdom, come.

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Doug Widdowson: Um the room.

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Connie: I will be done.

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loxie: It'll be done.

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John Gera: I will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

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Connie: On earth is.

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loxie: On earth as it ends in heaven.

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Connie: Give us this day our daily bread.

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John Gera: Gives this day our daily bread.

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loxie: That daily bread.

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Connie: To give us a request back.

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loxie: And forgive trespasses.

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John Gera: And forgive us our trespasses.

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Connie: At least give the.

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loxie: And forgive those who trespass against us.

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John Gera: As we forgive those who trespass against us.

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Connie: And maybe it's not.

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John Gera: Lead us not into temptation.

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loxie: It doesn't undo temptation.

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Doug Widdowson: Hey!

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Connie: A deliberate for me.

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John Gera: But deliver us from evil.

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loxie: Us, from evil.

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Connie: Thine is the kingdom.

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John Gera: For thine is the kingdom and the power.

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loxie: The kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

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Connie: Our way.

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Doug Widdowson: 3 forever!

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John Gera: And the glory of forever endeavor.

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Doug Widdowson: Oh, man!

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loxie: Oh, man!

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Manohar Joshi: I like it even more. The fact that you felt like a chorus of echoes together.

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Manohar Joshi: He was beautiful.

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loxie: Mhm.

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Manohar Joshi: God's peace be with you!



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Leslie Hamric: That's.

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Manohar Joshi: Um. Please let me know as you're journeying through this. You know, if there are things that you do run into.

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Manohar Joshi: I'll do my best to to connect with as many as I can. We we do have, as I said, we're getting close to 4,000 people.

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Manohar Joshi: So there are many um.

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loxie: Hallelujah.

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Manohar Joshi: That's, you know. It's just an amazing thing to feel other people at your shoulders as you're going through this, so I hope you have that sense.

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Leslie Hamric: Agency.

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Connie: Thank you.

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Manohar Joshi: And, as I said before, my hope is that at least at some point.

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Manohar Joshi: You will have a warming of the heart.

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Manohar Joshi: One piece.

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Connie: Thank you.

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Manohar Joshi: Thank you for being here.

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John Gera: Thank you very much for having us all.

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Manohar Joshi: My pleasure.

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Connie: Thank you.

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Leslie Hamric: This was amazing. Mantu.

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Manohar Joshi: Oh, thank you, Leslie. Great to have you here.

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Manohar Joshi: Let me know if there's anything else.

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Manohar Joshi: That either music, wise, or any other way, that you would feel like.

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Manohar Joshi: Called to to bless us.

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Manohar Joshi: The music thing I have to admit would be something I would love to hear sometime.

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Leslie Hamric: Absolutely, absolutely.

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Leslie Hamric: The question is, do you want me to do it in in on the meeting, or as a.

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Leslie Hamric: As an audio or video cause the zoom doesn't always.

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Manohar Joshi: I know I know it's hard on zoom. It doesn't translate. Well.

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Leslie Hamric: My voiceovers.

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Manohar Joshi: We? We probably would do a recording that I could play. We'll talk later.

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Leslie Hamric: Talking at me.

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Leslie Hamric: Yeah, we could talk later. That's fine.

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Manohar Joshi: Or if you have a recording already, we could play it.

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Manohar Joshi: God bless you all that God bless you, all good to have you here.

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Leslie Hamric: I thank you.

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Manohar Joshi: I love those quilts. Oh, my gosh, Liz.

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Manohar Joshi: I love seeing all the material and the quilts behind you.

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Manohar Joshi: My my mother-in-law, and my.

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Manohar Joshi: Wife's sister, twin sister. Actually, they.

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Manohar Joshi: They started a quilt shop.

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Manohar Joshi: Called cardinal creations.

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Leslie Hamric: Oh!

01:07:10.000 --> 01:07:12.000

Leslie Hamric: I didn't know you had a twin.

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Manohar Joshi: Not me. I'm Heidi Heidi's Heidi's twin.

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Leslie Hamric: Oh, heather.

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Manohar Joshi: Heather. Yeah.

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Leslie Hamric: Yeah, some.

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Manohar Joshi: I'm copy with you all. I'll go ahead and sign off. Take care.

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Leslie Hamric: Take care!