

Episode 17: Activist Lisa Sharon Harper, author of *Fortune*

A conversation with public theologian and author Lisa Sharon Harper about enslavement and indentured servants, race laws, ubuntu, and more

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Here in the 17th episode of Madang, I converse with public theologian and popular author Lisa Sharon Harper about her new book, *Fortune*. (You can [read Jessica Mesman's review of *Fortune* here.](#))

We discuss what led to her study her family history and how she came to write the book. She shares her family lineage, laws surrounding race and ethnicity, the difference between enslavement and indentured servants, white supremacy and the power of forgiveness. This is an important book for the church and for schools as it helps us understand our past so that we can move forward.