

First Baptist Church of Hampton
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Sermon Outline Closed Notes:

Sermon Scripture: 2nd Chronicles 7:12 – 14 (NIV)

Message Title: Get Up!

Current Context:

- I'm tired of White Evangelicals, who started their movement in an attempt to stop school desegregation, distorting Christ as a marauder who hates all of the people they hate!
- With all of the issues hovering over us on this Mother's Day, it is not time for us to get down, but in the Spirit of our Ancestral Mothers; the Mothers who nursed our wounds; gave us discipline; taught us; loved us; lead us; and prayed for us before they knew us...it's time, in that Spirit, to get up!
- Jesus understood that people were often more receptive to receive Him in the midst of crisis conditions! That's why He declared, "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavily burdened, and I will give you rest!"
- No institution can help change the course of humanity like God's church!
- We are cast down, but not destroyed because down is not our promised position...but we must get up!
 - Put down our petty differences
 - Focus fiercely on a living faith
- The text follows a linear progression...it says, "If we do this, then God will do what God does!"

Relevant Question(s):

- Why does our effort affect the outcome and outlook?

Sermon Observations:

1. Your effort/Our effort gets God's attention!

Calvary Connection:

- A king in my corner
- From His seat in glory, Jesus said, "It's up to me!" Through forty-two generations, "It's up to me!" They hung Him high; they stretched Him wide; He hung His head, and for me He died...that's effort! But early on Sunday morning, He got up...so we can get up! He got up and gave you power! Power to affect the outcome; power with a King in your corner; power in adversity; power to dream big; power to love your neighbor...Get up!

Personal Reflection:

- Wickedness is about sowing misery and being unkind...Why do we have such difficulty really loving each other? Why do we make excuses for that lack of love?