

First Baptist Church of Hampton
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Sermon Outline Closed Notes:

Sermon Scripture: Zechariah 3:1 – 10 (Good News Translation)

Message Title: God is Still In Control!

Current/Scripture Context:

- The reality of our **circumstance** is that we live in a **fractured**, fragmented world.
 - A world where consciences are often **contaminated** by a rise in conditional **ethics** and **support**
 - Legislatures are trying to criminalize **empathy** and the systems that teach our children to be **kind**; thoughtful of others; and **compassionate** are under attack
- But even in a stony world, the fact is that God still **presides!**
 - There are questions you cannot **answer**; problems you may not **solve**; it looks like thieves are winning...but God is still in **control!**
- Zechariah is trying to **inspire** an uplift a people who had been isolated from their **kinfolks**; disconnected from their **homeland**; and displaced in Babylonian **captivity**.
- They had been so **disconnected** from who they are that they decided to be who they were **told** they were.
- So Zechariah, the prolific **priest** and **prophet** seeks God for how to help bring **healing** and restoration to the community...He's looking for a way to **remind** them that God is still in control!

Relevant Question(s):

- How do I know that God is in control?

Sermon Observations:

1. You realize that you've been **found** by the **Father!**
2. You've been **freed** while in the **fire!**
3. You have some new **fashion!**

Calvary Connection:

- On a **hill** far away stood an old **rugged** cross! On Friday **Jesus** died on that cross; On Saturday it looked like we'd never be **found**; but early on Sunday **morning** He got up with some new **clothes!**

- BONUS: How did the little boy know how to get back to his house (In the sermon's closing story)? **He had to find the cross!**