

**First Baptist Church of Hampton**  
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**August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Sermon Outline Closed Notes:**

**Sermon Scripture:** Mark 3:10 (NKJV & GNT)

**Message Title:** I'm Pressing On!

**Current Context:**

- Johnathan Oatman, Jr., in 1898, wrote a hymn still popular today entitled, “**Higher** Ground!”
- There must be a unique **urgency** from the Christ-centered; progressive; **liberation-focused** church to help the world discover higher ground!
- **Spiritual** awakenings are not only felt in the heart, but **moral** revival removes barriers between people and releases the energy needed to bring about changes in the whole society!
- **Love** and **Compassion** do not change the system...**Love** and **Compassion** in your heart move YOU to tear down disgusting and divisive systems. They are the **tools** God uses to move YOU to do something...they move you to press on!
- This text in Mark says, Jesus **healed** many...namely those who defied the odds and adversity to get to Him!
  - The word heal in the text is the root word for our English word, **Therapy**.
  - The text could read that Dr. Jesus gave **therapy** to those who got to Him.
- If we want our condition changed; a seismic spiritual shift; to raise a new generation of citizens committed to the common good, then we must get back to **Jesus!**

**Relevant Question:**

- How do you press on with power?

**Sermon Observations:**

1. You need to be **fed** up with **devastating distractions!**
2. You'll be **fired** up to **participate** in your/our own **deliverance!**
3. If you and I are **freed** up, then we'll be **fixed** up and **freed** up by the **Deliverer!**

**Calvary Connection:**

- Just say Jesus!!
- Jesus was **fed** up with our direction; **fed** up with our deception; **fed** up with our disconnection...so He showed up to bring **deliverance!** He showed up so He could **fix** it up. He **fixed** it by going to Calvary! On Friday it looked like the project collapsed, but early on Sunday morning, He got up with all power and **fixed** it!