

First Baptist Church of Hampton
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Sermon Outline Closed Notes:

Sermon Scripture: Romans 7:18 – 25 (Good News Translation)

Message Title: Ready for Action!

Scripture Context:

- Paul is writing to a **moved** and highly **motivated** people who were having trouble understanding how they could have such a love for God and still find themselves trapped in the bonds of sin. They were struggling with how you can **love** God, but still lose the war within your own life or feel like others are imposing their internal struggles into external **pain** and **problems** for you.
- Paul says there is a **war** going on in my members. It is a war between my “**want** to” and my “**will** do!”
- The answer to all of our internal and external **frustrations** has one answer...look to **Jesus!**
- Some people have lost hope that Jesus offers a way to deal with the crucial issues that make your days desperate and depressing, but Jesus started a movement that was a technique of **survival** for those who are **oppressed**. Wherever he shows up, you get new **courage**, because Hell, hypocrisy, and **hatred** have no **dominion** over you and don't dictate who you are.

Relevant Question:

- In looking to Jesus, how do we make sure that we are ready for this battle between our flesh and our spirit?

Sermon Observations:

1. If you're going to be ready for this battle, you must follow the **real, radical, redemptive** Christ!
2. If you're going to be ready for this battle, you must keep going **anyhow** and God will work out the **somehow**.
3. Lastly, if you're going to be ready for this battle, you must know that God can and will **bleed** up my **mess** up.

Calvary Connection:

- A long time ago, Jesus blessed up my mess ups. He blessed up our **struggles**; blessed up our **guilt**...He went up the Via Dolorosa (The Way of **Grief**); up to

Calvary's Hill; up on an old rugged **Cross**! And early on Sunday morning, He got up because the **outcome** was predetermined. (If you destroy my life, in **three** days in will be rebuilt).