

First Baptist Church of Hampton
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Sermon Outline Closed Notes:

Sermon Scripture: John 13:21 – 32 (GNT)

Message Title: Perpetrating a Fraud!

Current Context:

- One of the reasons that our children, millennials, and Generation Z-ers are detaching from church and organized religion is because we have lived a **fraudulent** faith in their faces every day.
- They have watched us claim to **love** each other but hear us talking about our fellow church members, our brothers and sisters with regularity.
- The truth is that we must be willing to face the pain of life because with no pain there's no **power**!
- Your pain is where you get your **power** from.
- The church is not a for-profit business prioritizing the **bottom line**, but we must be about God's business that convicts us to be **broad lights**!
- Jesus, in the text, is visibly emotional, as He must confront the is-ness of His present **reality**.
- The text says He is **troubled** in His Spirit; meaning the writer saw something in Jesus that caused Him to record His emotional condition...the pain of being Himself!
- Jesus refused to perpetrate a **fraud**.
- And when you are willing to be the you God made you, you can **stand** with strength and you can face whatever you have to face with dignity and with your **head** lifted up!

Relevant Question:

- How do I avoid fraudulent faith?

Sermon Observations:

1. You must be willing to face **inconvenient truths**!
2. If you face **inconvenient truths**, then you'll be able to overcome **impending trouble**!
3. As a result (Of observations 1 and 2), you'll develop an **inspiring testimony**!

Calvary Connection:

- What's your testimony?
- Jesus faced His **truth** in the Garden of Gethsemane; He faced **trouble** at His trial; **trouble** in His conviction; **trouble** on that Friday; **trouble** when they nailed Him to a tree! He faced **trouble** and died on Friday! But early on Sunday morning, He got up with an **inspiring testimony**... "I have all power!"