OUTLINE FOR ROMANS 12:9-21 ...

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(2) Live **expectantly obedient** lives that allow God to open every avenue of godly involvement in the lives of the people around us, 12:14-17.

(3) Live **responsibly good** lives that overcome evil, 12:18-21.

# FRAMING ROMANS 12:9-21 (ESV) ... THE GREAT BATTLE: EVIL VERSUS GOOD!

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How Are You Doing in the Battle against Evil?

- Please  $\checkmark$  the appropriate box to signify your agreement with God's methods in dealing with evil.

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