

Sunday Follow-Along Handout

Sermon Title: The Power of a Dangerous Testimony

Scripture: 1 Timothy 1:12–17

Series: Dangerous Church, Week 2

Big Idea

A dangerous testimony is not about us—it's about God's mercy transforming sinners into witnesses of His grace.

Sermon Notes + Reflection

1. Every Life Tells a Story

- We all curate narratives (social media, work, family).
- Paul's story is dangerous because it's unfiltered and points to God's mercy, not self-glory.

Reflection:

- Head: How is your story currently framed? Are you highlighting wins or God's mercy?
- Heart: Who in your life needs to hear a story of God's mercy through you?

2. God's Mercy Changes People (vv. 12–14)

- Paul, once a persecutor, was transformed for God's purposes.
- God entrusts responsibility to the least deserving.

Reflection:

- Head: How does Paul's transformation challenge your understanding of God's mercy?
- Heart: Where do you feel unworthy of God's calling, and how can His mercy empower you?

3. God's Mercy Confronts Sin (vv. 13–14)

- Mercy is given to those who recognise their sin—not cleaned-up versions of ourselves.
- Sin isn't only obvious actions; it's pride, control, idolatry, and hidden discontent.

Reflection:

- Head: What subtle sins might separate you from God without you realising?
- Heart: How can honesty about these areas lead to experiencing God's mercy?

4. God's Mercy Magnifies Grace & Creates a Testimony (vv. 15–16)

- Grace overflows from mercy into faith, love, obedience, and mission.
- Our transformed lives become living testimonies pointing others to Christ.

Reflection:

- Head: How does mercy turn into a testimony?
- Heart: In what ways is God calling you to let His grace overflow through your life?

5. God's Mercy Leads to Worship (v. 17)

- Worship flows naturally when we see God as eternal, immortal, invisible, and sovereign.
- Our failures do not define us; God's mercy does.

Reflection:

- Heart: How does knowing God's unending patience shape your daily worship and gratitude?