LEAD THE FIELD

(1 Timothy 1:12-20)

Introduction

Testimony Time: From Loser to Leader!

I. (1:12-15) Paul's Miraculous Conversion

*"Appointed" for service Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others. (1 Pet. 4:10)

(v. 14) *A great Combo: Grace + Faith + Love! *His grace was not without effect...* (1 Cor. 15:9—10)

II. (1:16—17) Failure has a Future

*Finding meaning amidst failure, pain, and suffering In all things God works together for good. (Rom. 8:28) "My strength is made perfect in weakness." (2 Cor. 12:9) And God is able to make all grace abound to you. (2 Cor. 9:8)

III. (1:18—20) <u>Timothy, Fight the Good Fight</u> (1 Tim 6:12)

*Who are we battling and what is at stake? *Note: (Eph. 6:10—13)

Application

- 1. Has God appointed you to serve Him?
- 2. How might God use "your past" as an example to encourage others? Are you open to telling your story?
- 3. What are you willing to fight for?