The Power of the Gospel to Change Lives
1 Timothy 1:12-17

Introduction
- What I was.
- What happened.
- What I have become.

1 Tim. 1:12-17
12 I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me faithful, appointing me to his service. 13 Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. 14 The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.
15 Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. 16 But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life.
17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

I. Spontaneous Praise
- A Life of Worship
  - Service
  - Holiness
  - Praise

Paul breaks out into spontaneous praise.

II. I Was Formerly...
- Blasphemer
- Persecutor
- Violent aggressor

Mercy
Super Abundant Grace!
Love
Faith

It’s never too late to be changed by the power of the gospel.

III. The Worst Sinner the Greatest Saint v.15
- Jesus came to rescue sinners and to change their lives!
- Doesn’t have much to offer the self righteous
- Not much for the Luke warm good person either
- It’s never too late to be changed by the power of the gospel
The Proper Response

- A Doxology of Praise v.17

- Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.