September 14, 2025
Sermon Notes: Tap Tap

1. Introduction
   1.1 Flannel weather opener and personal story
   1.2 Welcome first-time guests and online attendees

2. Leadership and Problem-Solving
   2.1 Leadership as influence and problem-solving
   2.2 Everyday examples of being "tapped" to solve problems
   2.3 God's design: leadership across all spheres, empowered by His Spirit

3. Discipleship as the Core Focus
   3.1 Leadership flows into discipleship
   3.2 Paul tapping Timothy to lead in Ephesus
   3.3 False teaching as the central problem Timothy faced

4. Paul's Example of God's Grace (1 Tim 1:12–15)
   4.1 Paul's past: blasphemer, persecutor, arrogant man
   4.2 God's mercy, grace, faith, and love poured out
   4.3 The simplicity of the gospel—Jesus saves sinners

5. Emotions and Conflict in Leadership
   5.1 False teachers stirring emotional conflict
   5.2 Paul's humility: identifying as "the worst of sinners"
   5.3 God's extravagant grace reorients our hearts

6. Jesus' Mission and God's Patience (1 Tim 1:15–16)
   6.1 Jesus' mission: came to save sinners
   6.2 Paul as the prime example of God's patience
   6.3 Praise as perspective in leadership challenges (1 Tim 1:17)

7. Paul's Charge to Timothy (1 Tim 1:18–20)
   7.1 Fight the good fight with faith and a good conscience
   7.2 Relationship between Paul and Timothy—leadership flows at the pace of love
   7.3 Leadership anchored in calling and commissioning
   7.4 The danger of rejecting faith and a good conscience—shipwrecked faith

7.5 Hymenaeus and Alexander: example of divine discipline

8. Application for Today's Leaders
   8.1 Leadership is hard but essential
   8.2 Leaders delegate, but don't abdicate
   8.3 Effective leadership is rooted in love, integrity, and discipleship
   8.4 Call to lean into God's Spirit and wisdom

9. Conclusion
   9.1 Leadership aimed at love of God and people
   9.2 Leadership centered on Jesus and discipling others
   9.3 Closing prayer