25 January 2015 - LIFE APPLICATION - LESSONS IN LEADERSHIP PART 1
2 Corinthians chapter 11: verses 16 – 21
Matthew chapter 4: verses 1 – 11
2 Timothy chapter 1: verses 6 – 14

LAUNCH
When was the last time you felt you were too tough and mean in a situation and when was the last time that you felt you were too soft? Explain.

Think of a character from TV or cinema that is either too hard or too soft. What attracts you to them and what repels you?

DISCOVERY
2 Corinthians 11: 16 – 21

What was it about the Super Apostles in this passage that was so repellent to Paul?

Why is Paul so hung up about foolishness and boasting in this passage? Can you think of any other writings by Paul that might help explain this?

Someone once described sarcasm as the lowest form of wit. Is Paul justified in using sarcasm in this situation? If so why?

Looking at the temptation of Jesus passage (Matthew 4: 1-11) how does the nature of Satan's tempting point to the misuse of power. What is revealed about Jesus in the responses that he makes?

Looking at Paul's last words to Timothy how is Timothy encouraged to 'man up' whilst retaining the characteristics of Christ?

UNDERSTANDING
Are you more of a general Patton or a Peter Pan? Explain the reason for your answer

Do you agree the modern generation is becoming increasingly Peter Pan like?
Explain why or why not.

What is revealed in all of these passages that shows both the toughness of Jesus & his disciple Paul as well as their softness?

In what areas do you think you need to become tougher?

In what areas do you need to become softer?

APPLICATION
Spend time praying for our youth & young adults by name. That they will emerge as Godly men and women who have a strong sense of their gender identity in Christ.

Pray for one another that you will mirror Christ in being both tough and resolved but also loving and compassionate.

Pray that our witness to the outside world will display strong but grace filled personalities that are appealing to those who do not yet know Christ.