



## Pardon the Interruption 1 – *Rocking the Boat* {Joel Thomas}

### INTRODUCTION

“It’s none of my business.” “I don’t want to ruin our relationship.” “After all, it’s not my place to say anything.” We can come up with a lot of reasons for standing by when we see people headed toward danger. However, when we choose harmony over being helpful, we miss out on the opportunity for God to use us in that person’s life. The results of this are illustrated by the story of Joab in 2 Samuel 11.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When someone is headed down the wrong road, why do we stand by and say nothing?
2. Read 2 Samuel 11. What was the choice Joab faced? What were the results?
3. When you see someone headed down the wrong road, there are only two responses: you either enable them to continue down that path or you interrupt them. There is no neutral response. Do you agree? Why or why not?
4. Should you interrupt in every situation? In what situations would you not interrupt?
5. Have you ever held your tongue while you watched someone head toward danger? What were the results?
6. Looking back, was there ever a time when you wished someone would have interrupted you and stopped you from making a decision?

### THINK ABOUT IT

Who do you know that is headed for danger?

### WHAT WILL YOU DO?

What will you do about it?

### CHANGING YOUR MIND

“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:11