



Pardon the Interruption 2 – *Lifesaver 101* {Joel Thomas}

INTRODUCTION

When we see a friend in danger of making a bad decision, we have two choices: we can either throw them a lifesaver or a rock. Unfortunately we often choose the rock because we are afraid of how the lifesaver will be received. As a result we stand by and watch them drown. So how do you find the courage to say something, and what do you say? We'll investigate these questions as we look at the example of Nathan in 2 Samuel 12.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is at stake when you decide to throw a lifesaver and confront a friend headed toward danger?
2. Read 2 Samuel 12:1-14. What was at stake when Nathan chose to confront King David?
3. Has anyone ever confronted you about something? How did you receive their lifesaver?
4. How do you receive a poorly thrown lifesaver?
5. Have you ever confronted someone headed toward danger? What were the results?

Lifesaver 101: Practical Tips on Throwing a Lifesaver

- a. Believe the Best
- b. Seek to Understand
- c. Value the Truth
- d. Embrace Your Role



6. Why is it important to believe the best about a person when you confront them? How do you do this?

7. Why is it important to seek to understand the person and their situation before you confront them? How do you do this?

8. Do you tend to embellish and exaggerate or do you tend to leave out and omit when it comes to speaking the truth? How do you speak the whole truth and nothing but the truth?

9. When we throw out a lifesaver what is under our control and what is under God's control? How can you remember this?

THINK ABOUT IT

Work through the Lifesaver 101 tips as you think about someone you need to confront.

- a. What do you believe about this person?
- b. What is the situation they find themselves in?
- c. What do they need to hear?
- d. What is your role?

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

When, where and how will you throw them a lifesaver?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

“Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.” Ephesians 4:15