



You Need an Editor

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2 Samuel 12:1-13

Connect:

- Some argue about which is more important – the destination or the journey. Which do you say and why?
- One of the main premises of this series is built on the idea that our relationships determine the quality and direction of our lives. Name some of the relationships that you think have shaped your life the most. Identify some characteristics of each that made their impact formative.

Engage

- Read *2 Samuel 12:1-13*. Why does Nathan get at the truth via story instead of directly confronting David from the onset? How do you feel about such an approach?
- The sermon names the difference between accountability (*trying to keep you from doing something bad*) and editability (*trying to help you do good*). Do you appreciate the difference? Is there room and good purpose for both?
- A t-shirt quote: “*To fall is human. To get up again is divine.*” Discuss.
- Many are convinced they don’t need an editor in their lives. In Mark 1:32, “*the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed.*” In verse 33 it says, “*The whole town gathered at the door.*” Who showed up needing healing from Jesus? *Everyone*. How do you convince someone that he or she needs to show up?
- What is your personal kryptonite?
- Can you identify the Nathan in your life? What makes that person the editor in/of your life?

Next Steps:

- If you know who your “Nathan” is, reach out to them this week with a word of gratitude. They have undoubtedly helped you become who you are today. If you don’t know who your Nathan is, listen more closely to those who share life’s journey with you. Who do you trust to get to the heart of things, tell you like it really is in love, and walk *with* you, not point or talk *at* you. They may be your Nathan.

Pray:

- “*Thank you, God, for the editors in our lives who keep us focused and on track to becoming the best versions of ourselves. Give us ears to hear and strength to adapt when we need to the most. Amen.*”