

FRAMEWORK FOR THIS SERIES: WITNESS¹

- ❑ Jesus’ call for us to be His disciples is very similar to the call He gave the first apostles: **be with Him** and **be sent out** by/for Him.
- ❑ There are eleven specific relationships you need to fulfill Jesus’ mission and purpose for you.
 - One person cannot meet all the needs of the other person.
 - You serve in *witness* roles for others too.

¹ Series based upon Leonard Sweet’s book, [11 Indispensable Relationships](#)

2 Samuel 11:1-5(ESV)

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel. And they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

² It happened, late one afternoon, when David arose from his couch and was walking on the roof of the king’s house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful. ³ And David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, “Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?” ⁴ So David sent messengers and took her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she had been purifying herself from her uncleanness.) Then she returned to her house. ⁵ And the woman conceived, and she sent and told David, “I am pregnant.”

2 Samuel 12:1-15(ESV)

And the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, “There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. ² The rich man had very many flocks and herds, ³ but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with

his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and lie in his arms, and it was like a daughter to him. ⁴ Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him." ⁵ Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die, ⁶ and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

⁷ Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul. ⁸ And I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your arms and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if this were too little, I would add to you as much more. ⁹ Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. ¹⁰ Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.' ¹¹ Thus says the LORD, 'Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house. And I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. ¹² For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun.' "

¹³ David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the LORD, the child who is born to you shall die."

¹⁵ Then Nathan went to his house.

Psalm 51:1-6 (ESV)

- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!
- 3 For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
- 5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- 6 Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
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WHEN DO I NEED A “NATHAN”?

- When I am supposed to be _____ for God...
and you're _____ on the _____. (2 Sam
11:1-2)
- When I think I am _____ to no one.
- The only battle I am fighting is the one to cover my
_____. (2 Sam 11:1)

WHO IS A “NATHAN”?

- A “Nathan” is already in a valued _____
with me. (cf. 2 Sam 7; 1 Chron 3:5)

- A “Nathan” _____ in me, and wants the _____ for me.

“A Nathan is not a hooded, anonymous executioner who wields a sword, but a trusted surgeon who heals the heart with a scalpel.” (Leonard Sweet)

- A “Nathan” is one who speaks the truth in _____ (Eph 4:15) and restores in the spirit of _____ (Gal 6:1).

“A Nathan is less about pointing a finger than parting a curtain.” (Leonard Sweet)

WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF A “NATHAN” IN MY LIFE?

- Hate my _____... not hate _____.
(Ps 51:1-2; cf. Rom 2:4)

- _____ confess my sin... not _____.
(Ps 51:3-4; cf. 1 Jn 1:9)

- Core issue: not on what I had _____, but who I had _____.
(Ps 51:5-6)