



FCA Wrestling – Team Huddle

Week 2: “Playing the Edge”

In wrestling, there is an out-of-bounds circle called "The Edge". In Freestyle and Greco-Roman, there is a penalty for stepping over the edge, so most of the action takes place in the middle of the mat. In Folkstyle, however, there is no such penalty. As a consequence, most of the action in Folkstyle takes place by the edge. Folkstyle wrestlers like the edge. When you are wrestling near the edge, you can take chances that you wouldn't risk taking in the center of the mat. There is a sense of freedom when you are "Playing the Edge", because if you get in trouble, you can get out of bounds and the referee will restart the match in the middle of the mat. In the Rule Book, "intentionally going out of the wrestling area" is a technical violation. Often times you can get away with it, but eventually you will be penalized.

In life, there are things that are out-of-bounds. In many cases, the Law says that certain things are out of bounds; underage drinking, illegal drugs, curfew, speeding, etc. In other cases, God's morality says that certain things are out of bounds; lying, cheating, pornography, bullying, pre-marital sex. We know where the out-of-bounds is, but we are continually tempted to Play the Edge. When you are living near the edge, you take chances that you wouldn't risk taking in front of your parents, a police officer, or God. There is a sense of freedom when you are "Playing the Edge", but it's false. Many times you can get away with it, but eventually you will be penalized.

Galatians 6:7 “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.”

I Corinthians 10:13 “The only temptations that you have are the same temptations that all people have. But you can trust God. He will not let you be tempted more than you can bear. But when you are tempted, God will also give you a way to escape that temptation. Then you will be able to endure it”. (ERV)

Matthew 6:13 "...and do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil". (The "Lord's Prayer is only 55 words. These are the last dozen!)

Discussion Questions:

1. Why are there laws?
2. What are the consequences of Playing the Edge?
3. Discuss "Forgiveness" and "Consequences"
4. How strong are you when...?
5. Why is "Advanced Decision Making" important?

CONCLUDE WITH A SHORT PRAYER