



FCA Wrestling – Team Huddle

Week 5: “Infractions”

In wrestling, there are several types of infractions included in the Rules Book. On the mild side, there are infractions for "False Starts", "Stalling" and "Technical Violations" such as locking hands, not reporting to the scorers table properly equipped and leaving the wrestling area without referee's permission. Somewhere in the middle are "Illegal Holds and Maneuvers". And on the severe side, there are infractions for "Unnecessary Roughness", "Unsportsmanlike Conduct" and "Flagrant Misconduct". In some cases, you get a warning. But most of the time there is a penalty. The penalties for infractions can be one point, two points, or disqualification.

In life, there are many different types of infractions included in the Bible. On the mild side, there are infractions like "little white lies", "cheating on a test" and "driving over the speed limit", Somewhere in the middle are "stealing" and "sex outside of marriage". And on the severe side, there are infractions like "rape" and "murder". The Bible calls every type of infraction as "sin", which means "missing God's standard". Unlike in wrestling, there are no cases where you get a warning. For ANY sin, there is a penalty. The penalty is NOT having to do good deeds. The penalty is NOT reading the Bible and going to church. The Bible says that the penalty for sin is DEATH - eternal separation from God. You can pay the penalty for your sin by your own death. Or, you can pay the penalty for YOUR sin by Jesus' death. Jesus died for my sin and yours. He gave His life, so we could live. Jesus died on the cross so that we could not only spend eternity in heaven, but also have life abundantly on Earth.

Romans 3:23 “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

Romans 6:23 “for the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

John 10:9-10 “...I (Jesus) am the door: if anyone enters through Me, they shall be saved... I came that (you) may have life, and have it abundantly”

Discussion Questions:

1. What does God say is the payment for a HUGE sin (like murder)?
2. What does God say is the payment for a tiny sin (like telling a "white lie")?
3. Can someone else pay for your fines (for example: a speeding ticket)?
4. Why would God choose to pay for your sins?
5. If you were sentenced to life in prison, and someone else took your place, so you could be free, How would you feel? What would you do?

CONCLUDE WITH A SHORT PRAYER