



## FCA Wrestling – Team Huddle

### Week 8: “Getting a Forfeit”

In wrestling, no matter how good you are, you are never 100 percent sure that you are good enough to win - UNLESS you get a forfeit. When you learn that you will be receiving a forfeit, several emotions go through your mind. Part of you thinks: I practiced hard for this match, I exercised discipline to make weight for this match, I prepared mentally for this match - And now, I don't get to wrestle. But another part of you thinks: I will be able to save my energy, I don't need to risk getting injured, WOW! I get to advance without having to do anything. Well, that's not entirely correct. The Rule Book says "in order to RECEIVE a forfeit, the wrestler shall be dressed in a legal wrestling uniform and appear on the mat". If you don't ACCEPT the Forfeit, you don't advance!

In life, no matter how good you are, you are never 100 percent sure that you are "good enough" to get into heaven - UNLESS you get a forfeit. WHAT??? You can continually do good deeds, You can exercise discipline to avoid sinning, You can prepare spiritually by reading the Bible and going to church - But that won't do it! The Bible tells us that no one is good enough to get into heaven on their own. No ONE - not Billy Graham, not Mother Theresa, not Pope Francis, and not me or you. The only One who was ever good enough was Jesus. But God made a way for us to exchange our shortcomings for the perfection of Jesus. Jesus died on the cross for my sin, and for yours. He Forfeited His life, so we could live. Well, that's not entirely correct. The Bible says in order to become a "child of God" you must RECEIVE Jesus. If you don't ACCEPT the Forfeit, you don't advance!

**Romans 3:10** “There is none righteous, not even one”.

**John 3:16** “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.”

**John 1:12** “But as many as received Him (Jesus), to them He gave the right to become children of God...”

### Discussion Questions:

1. How righteous and holy is God?
2. Why can't anyone get to heaven on their own?
3. Why would God choose to sacrifice His own Son for you?
4. How do you RECEIVE Jesus and ACCEPT the Forfeit?

**CONCLUDE WITH A SHORT PRAYER**