

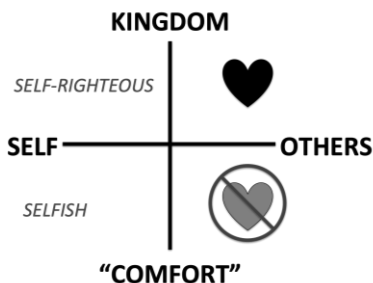


# FAMILY OCTAGON



## NEVER TAP OUT

[Week #4]



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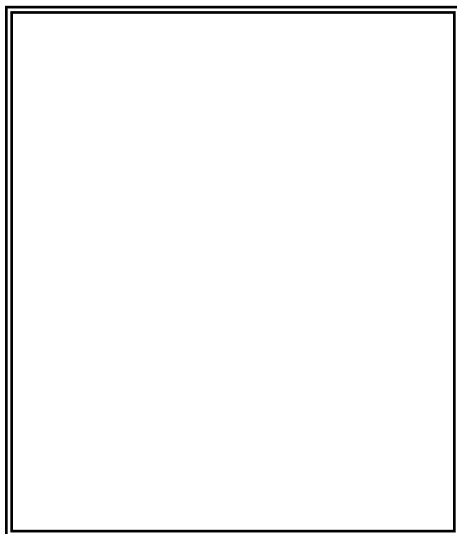
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**"TAP OUT":**

:: to surrender

:: to quit, give up

:: to accept defeat, "throw in the towel"



### Matthew 19:16-22

<sup>16</sup> Just then a man came up to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?"

<sup>17</sup> "Why do you ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, keep the commandments."

<sup>18</sup> "Which ones?" he inquired. Jesus replied, "'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, <sup>19</sup> honor your father and mother, and 'love your neighbor as yourself.'"

<sup>20</sup> "All these I have kept," the young man said. "What do I still lack?"

<sup>21</sup> Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

<sup>22</sup> When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth.

**Hebrews 12:11(ESV)**

*For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.*

:: **D** ESIRE.

:: **O** PPORTUNITY.

:: **T** IME.

God's understanding of our PAIN  
does not excuse our SIN.

**Psalms 15:1, 4**

*Who may worship in  
your sanctuary, Lord?  
...[Those who] keep  
their promises even  
when it hurts.*

**Matthew 19:26**

*Jesus looked at them  
and said, "With man  
this is impossible, but  
with God all things are  
possible."*



## TRAINING TIPS



:: REMAIN faithful.

**Hebrews 10:23**

*<sup>23</sup> Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess,  
for he who promised is faithful.*

:: KEEP the faith.

**2 Timothy 4:7 (NLV)**

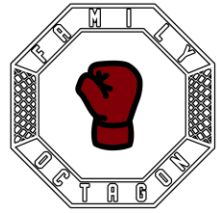
*<sup>7</sup> I have fought a good fight. I have finished the work I was to do.  
I have kept the faith.*

:: FINISH the work.

**John 17:4**

*<sup>4</sup> I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do.*

# NOTES:



***"The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man."***

*Ecclesiastes 12:13 [ESV]*



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## **Now What? [For Further Reflection]:**

- :: How has God used the Family Octagon series in your life?
  - :: Share a time you “tapped out” or were tempted to “tap out” in your journey?
  - :: Reread Matthew 19:16-22.
    - :: What are some personal observations from this passage?
    - :: What did the man do that was good/right? Why?
    - :: What did he do that was not good/right? Why?
    - :: Discuss why he, and others in this life, choose to “tap out.”
  - :: Pastor Shawn talked about the principle of “DOT” days.
    - :: Discuss some of the implications associated with this principle.
    - :: How have you seen it play out in your life or others?
    - :: Why is it helpful/important to understand this principle?
    - :: Where are you closest to experiencing a “DOT” day?
  - :: What part has pain played in times of struggle in your life?
  - :: Where are you most tempted to quit in life right now?
  - :: Review the 3 training tips from this week.
    - :: Which of them is easiest/hardest for you to live out? Why?
    - :: Identify at least one specific way to live out each one.
  - :: What’s one thing you need to do this week to avoid “tapping out” in an area of your life?
  - :: Identify someone you trust and ask them to pray for you and hold you accountable as you pursue it.
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## **How to start a relationship with God:**

- 1) Admitting that you, like everyone else, are in need of rescue.
- 2) Asking God to forgive your sins.
- 3) Saying YES to God by trusting Jesus as Savior & Lord.

You can do that right now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

***Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness.  
I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I recognize  
you as my Savior; and I offer all that I am to you as my LORD.  
Help me to faithfully follow you until the end of the fight.  
In Your name, Amen.***

Unless otherwise noted, today’s Scripture is from the New International Version [NIV].  
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