



Intentional Parenting & Peopling: *Infinite Game*

Background: *Life is full of opportunities to win and lose. We play sports or cheer for our team and feel the joy of victory or the painful defeat of being a Bears fan. We might feel that our jobs have a feeling of winning or losing, depending on what you do. It might be that you sold the most cars for the month or completed a project for your boss. Winning and losing is part of life. Parenting and peopling is different. We cannot have the goal to make parenting and peopling a game that ends with a win or loss. We are called to play the infinite game.*

- 1) Review - We've talked about WORDS, KNOWING OUR AUDIENCE, and PRIVILEGE AND RESPONSIBILITY.. How have those talks gone in your home? Do you see people putting action to those words? Were you able to talk about the privileges that you have as a family and how you can be responsible for those? What did those talks look like?
- 2) Anticipatory Set: What is your favorite sport? What do you love about it? Who is your biggest rival?
- 3) The Infinite Game of Parenting: DISCUSS...HOMEWORK
 - a) **Vision:** What do you want for your family, future, timeless, generational?
 - b) **Trustworthy Team:** Humble, Hungry, Smart. What do you expect? What are you giving?
 - i) **Ethical Decline:** What boundaries do you have to check if you are keeping up with the vision you have and the team expectations going?
 - c) **Existential Flexibility:** Are you doing what you need to do to reach your vision? Are there things you do because you have always done them that way, that need to be changed? How do you change them?
 - d) **Worthy Rival:** Who does it better? Why? Have you asked them?

Action Steps:

- Keep talking about, modeling, and noticing your family word(s).
- Keep observing this week - what does each kid really respond well to? Direct face-to-face talk? Side-by-side talk? Learning through problem solving?
- Do something small for each family member this week - something that would mean a lot to him/her.
- Talk to your kids about this idea of privilege and responsibility. With little ones, what does this look like?
- Homework: Spend time 30 minutes on your own thinking about your Infinite Game Plan. What is your vision / plans for your family. How can you be a better teammate? What do you need from your team? Where are you making mistakes, can you reroute? Who is a worthy rival? Can you spend time with that person and pick their brain?



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Vision: What is the long term game plan	
Trustworthy Team: Me: What do I expect of myself	
Trustworth Team: Others: What do I expect of others	
Ethical Decline: What happens when the team gets out of order	
Existential Flexibility: Where am I getting in the way of the vision. What needs to change	
Worthy Rival: Who is your rival? Have you talked to them yet? Do it!	