

News Story Summary

In January, Marek Bush was wrestling Logan Patterson in a high school tournament in New York. Patterson was leading the match with about 30 seconds to go when he suffered a dislocated elbow. After an injury time-out, both wrestlers returned to the mat. Bush did not try to pin Patterson, which would have given Bush the match and the tournament. Bush simply did nothing, telling his hurt opponent that he was sorry about the injury and then surrendered. Patterson won the match and the tournament. Bush, who had been undefeated this season until that match, received a standing ovation for his sportsmanship.

(For more on this story, search the Internet using the term “high school wrestler allows hurt opponent to win.”)

Focus Attention

To replace the Play-Doh® story under the Focus Attention idea, share the story about the two high school wrestlers. Then guide the group to discuss the question: *When have you seen something good come out of a bad situation?* Complete the step as written.

Challenge

To supplement the Challenge idea, begin by reminding the group of the news story. Characterize the story as a win for both wrestlers. Allow class members to share how good came out of a bad situation in their lives. Say: *Patterson’s sure defeat turned into triumph in just a few moments. But in many difficult experiences, believers may not see the good immediately.* Complete the step as written.