THAT'S IT, I QUIT!

A small monument made from a few stones marks the spot on Mount Washington where a young girl died on a bitterly cold night. Yet, her death was something that did not have to occur. It seems that she and her father had decided to climb that great mountain without hiring a guide. As darkness fell and the biting cold sapped the last of their strength, they became discouraged and sat down on the trail. During the night the girl died from exposure and heart failure due to the cold. When the morning light dawned on that wind ravaged mountainside, her distraught father soon discovered that if they had walked just a few more feet they would have seen the lights of a place called "Tiptop Cabin." A place where a crackling fire would have warmed their bodies, somewhere they would have been safe and protected from the cold and from the icy fingers of death. What prevented them from reaching that place of safety? In a word: discouragement!

I remember as a child playing sports a phrase my parents would share with me. "I'll not make you play but you will finish what you started." As those long summer practices began there was many times I wanted to call it quits! But to look at my father I knew that was not an option.

So it is in our lives. When we stand looking at the challenges of life and they are as high as the mountains, our father in heaven looks at us to say "Quitting is not an option!" May I encourage you to press on? Rest, safety, and shelter are just ahead. In those famous words of Bear Bryant: "Never quit, it is the easiest cop-out in the world. Set a goal and don't quit until you attain it. When you do attain it, set another goal, and don't quit until you reach it. NEVER QUIT!"

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