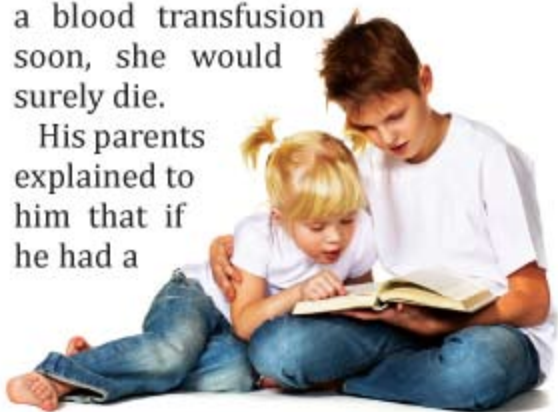


THE Ultimate Sacrifice

In her book *Bird by Bird*, author Annie Lamott tells a story about an eight-year-old boy whose little sister was undergoing treatment for leukemia. If she did not have a blood transfusion soon, she would surely die.

His parents explained to him that if he had a



compatible blood type, he could possibly be the blood donor. The little boy agreed to be tested, and his blood was found to be a good match. His parents asked him if he would be willing to give his sister a pint of blood, to offer her a chance to live. The boy said that he would have to think about it overnight.

The next day he told his parents that he was willing to donate the blood. They took him to the hospital, where he and his six-year-old sister were put on adjoining gurneys and hooked up to IVs. As a nurse started withdrawing the boy's blood, it began flowing into the girl's IV. The boy lay silently on the gurney while the life-saving blood dripped into his sister, until the doctor came over to see how he was doing. Then the little boy

opened his eyes and asked, "How soon until I start to die?"

This precious little boy loved his sister so much that he was willing to make what he thought would be the ultimate sacrifice for her—his own death.

Did you know that someone actually did make such a sacrifice for you? Jesus died on the cross to save you from your sins. John 3:16 says that, *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*

The Bible also says that Christ *"also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God"* (1 Peter 3:18). Jesus loves you so much that even if you were the only person on earth,

he would have died for you. He paid for your sins so that when you die, you can go to Heaven to be with Him forever.

All you need to do is admit you have sinned, believe that Jesus died for your sins, and invite Him into your life to be your personal Saviour. He made the **ULTIMATE SACRIFICE** for your eternal life.

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