



Pastor's Comments

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Sacrifice His Son?

A pastor introduced a guest minister as one of his dearest childhood friends. The elderly man stepped up to the pulpit and began to speak. "A father, his son, and a friend of his son were sailing off the Pacific coast when a fast approaching storm overwhelmed them. The waves were so high, that even though the father was an experienced sailor, he could not keep the boat upright and the three were swept into the ocean as the boat capsized. Grabbing a rescue line, the father had to make **the most excruciating decision of his life:** To which boy he would throw the other end of the life line. He only had seconds to make the agonizing decision. The father knew that his son was a Christian and that his son's friend was not. As the father yelled out, 'I love you, son!' he threw out the lifeline to **his son's friend.** By the time the father had pulled the friend back to the capsized boat, his son had disappeared beneath the raging swells. His body was never recovered."

The aged minister continued, "The father knew his son would step into eternity with Jesus and he could not bear the thought of his son's friend stepping into an eternity without Jesus. Therefore, **he sacrificed his son to save the son's friend.** How great is the love of God that He should do the same for us. Our heavenly Father **sacrificed His only begotten Son that we could be saved.** I urge you to **accept His offer** to rescue you and **take hold of the life line** He is throwing out to you."

After the service, two teenagers were at the old man's side. "That was a nice story," politely stated one of the boys, "but I don't think it was very realistic **for a father to give up his only son's life** in hopes that the other boy would become a Christian." "Well, you've got a point there," the old man replied, "it sure isn't very realistic, is it? But I'm standing here today to tell you that story gives me a **glimpse of what it must have been like for God to give up his son for me.** You see – I was that father and your pastor is my son's friend."

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