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Tale of Two Lives

In the fall of 2005, a horrendous story unfolded in PA. **David Ludwig** was "in love" with 14-year-old Kara. Both were from Christian families. In a confrontation with Kara's parents after an all-night stint with her, David shot and killed Kara's parents and fled with her.

Also that fall, another story was unfolding. **Isaac Waller** was experiencing the fulfillment of his parents' vision for their family to serve the Lord together overseas. His life demonstrated commitment to Christ with diligence in prayer and Bible reading. His family arrived in Mongolia in June, 2005. In November, after being treated for what appeared to be a leg infection, 25-year-old Isaac and his parents flew to Korea for more advanced medical treatment. On that flight, Isaac slipped into unconsciousness and into the presence of the Lord. He had a rare form of aggressive leukemia.

As I pondered these two situations, a Scripture came to mind that put it all into perspective: "**For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it**" (Matthew 16:25). David decided to **have what he wanted** no matter what he had to do to get it and **lost any "life" he had**. His freedom as he knew it is gone. Isaac invested his life (**gave up the desires, plans, wishes he had**) to take the Gospel to Mongolia and **has entered into eternal life**. Both of these young men were raised in Christian families. **The choices they made determined the outcome of their lives.**

The question for each of us is: "Am I one who '**saves my life**' by fulfilling my desires with no thought of God, or am I one who '**loses my life**' by surrendering my desires and fulfilling God's will in my life?" **What will the tale of your life be?**

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