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"Everywhere a greater joy is preceded by a greater suffering." St. Augustine

Lent is a season of joy found through emulating Christ's own and precious sacrifice.

"There is a story told of a young boy whose older brother was horribly injured in a car wreck. The father approached the younger son shortly after the crash and said, "Son, your older brother needs a blood transfusion in order to live. The doctors have determined that only you can provide this blood. Will you give blood to your brother so that he may live?" The younger son did not hesitate in answering; he would indeed help his older brother. Unknown to the little boy was the relative simplicity and safety of the procedure.

The car ride to the hospital was unusually quiet for this normally talkative little boy. The father, at the same time in the most awkward and difficult position of his entire life, thought best to leave his son to his own thoughts. The father and young boy entered the now familiar doors of the town hospital. The father and son sat quietly in the hospital room until the nurse entered with the needle in hand. As she prepared the boy's right arm, she commented on his courage. The boy watched as she slowly inserted the needle into his arm; the bag quickly began to fill with his own blood. After the bag filled, the young boy, with tears in his eyes, turned to his father and asked, "Daddy, how long do I have before I die?" Tim Doyle www.suffering.net

"Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13

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