

Sacrifice For Love

Elijah and Katrina have been friends since childhood. They attended the same schools from the first grade through high school. Both were very active and involved in sports and community services. The two worked diligently caring for the elderly after school. They both loved to read and sing to encourage the senior citizens in the nursing homes.

Sudden Sickness

One day Katrina was not feeling well and she collapsed at work. Elijah dialed 911 and she was rushed to the hospital. After a complete examination it was revealed that one of Katrina's kidney's was failing and she would need an immediate emergency transplant. A variety of tests were done and there were no donors that matched her blood type. The doctors were very concerned because time was running out.

Elijah said to the doctors "Can I be tested please?" Katrina could not speak as tears rolled down from her face. By this time, her parents had arrived and Katrina had become very weak. The doctors informed them that it would take time to complete all of the tests but if Elijah was a donor match then she had an excellent chance of surviving.

A Perfect Match

Elijah prayed and asked God to please let him be a match to help save Katrina's life. The testing process began and soon Elijah learned he was a perfect match. His decision was an act of faith and a sign of love and genuine friendship for Katrina. The surgery took place the next day and the procedure went well.

A few hours later Elijah and Katrina were taken to the recovery room. Soon afterwards, they were awoken by the nurse. Their vitals signs were steady and strong. All Katrina could say is "Thank you my dear friend. What a sacrifice of love you have made for me." Elijah smiled and replied "You would have done the same thing for me." During the next few weeks and months Katrina was coming along just fine and Elijah was doing well also.

As the years passed, Katrina never forgot Elijah's tremendous sacrifice to save her life. They both went on to college, graduated and became physicians with a desire and commitment to serve and bring healing to others.

Recently, Katrina and Elijah contacted my office for counseling because they decided to get married. Katrina said that ever since they were children, she knew that Elijah was so special to her. Elijah felt the same way about Katrina. Truly, God used Katrina's situation as a test for Elijah, not realizing that God was saving her life just for him.

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

John 15:13 (KJV)