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HE DID IT FOR YOU!

Dear Chosen One: There was once a man who had only one son. He had already known the pain of loss—his wife had passed away in his old age—so now his whole world revolved around this boy. They lived a simple life, but it was filled with love. The father cherished his son more than anything else in the world.

The man worked for the railroad. His job was not glamorous—he was the one who manually pulled the lever to switch the tracks. Night after night, he did his duty faithfully. One evening, however, he received word that a special train would be passing by. Onboard were many influential people—leaders, dignitaries, people the world would call “important.”

The father felt a surge of pride. His small, unnoticed job would play a role in carrying these people safely to their destination. So, as he heard the distant rumble of the train approaching, he stood ready, waiting with excitement.

But in the next instant, his heart stopped. He saw his son down by the tracks. Somehow, the boy’s foot had slipped into a wedge, and he was trapped. The child pulled and struggled, crying out desperately for his father to help.

The father froze in agony. The train was barreling toward them, faster and faster. In that split second, he realized the terrible choice before him:

Should he save his son—the one he loved with all his heart—and let the train crash, killing hundreds of people? Or should he sacrifice his only son, allowing the train to pass safely and sparing the lives of strangers?

With tears streaming down his face, the father made the most painful decision of his life. He pulled the lever. The tracks shifted. The train thundered ahead. And in a moment, his beloved son was gone.

The passengers never knew. They laughed, they drank, they enjoyed themselves—all the while unaware that their safety had been purchased by the death of a father’s only son.

My friend, what a heartbreaking, unselfish act that father made for people he didn’t even know.

But today, I want you to hear of an even greater story. There is another Father—God Himself—who gave His only Son, Jesus Christ. Unlike the man on the railroad, God made this choice deliberately, out of love. Jesus was sacrificed so that you and I might live—not just for a moment, not just for a train ride, but for eternity.

The Bible says in John 3:16: *“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”*

□ **Romans 8:32** – “He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?”

□ **Isaiah 53:5** – “But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed.”

□ **John 15:13** – “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.”

THE NAME THAT IS ABOVE ALL NAMES-JESUS

□ **Romans 5:8 – But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”**

Friend, this is the price that was paid for you. Jesus died so you could live. And today, if you have never accepted Him as your Savior, this is your opportunity. Don't wait until it is too late.

I want to remind you that names have great significant meanings. Jesus used different names to reveal who He is, and His disciples also used various names to describe His character. For example,

- Isaiah foretold about the coming Messiah Jesus-Immanuel (God with us). **“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.”** (*Isaiah 7:14*)
- Jesus referred to as, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. **“For to us a child is born, to us a child is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”** (*Isaiah 9:6*)
- Jesus is the ‘Word’. **“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God.”** (*John 1:1*)
- Jesus declared that He is the Bread of Life. **“I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry...”** (*John 6:35*)
- Jesus is the Light. He said, **“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”** (*John 8:12.*)
- Jesus is the Good Shepherd. **“I am the good Shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”** (*John 10:11*)
- Jesus said I am the Resurrection. **“I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.”** (*John 11:25*)
- Jesus is the Way, Truth, and Life. Jesus answered, **“I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”** (*John 14:6*)
- Thomas refers to Jesus as Lord and God. **“My Lord and my God.”** (*John 20:28*)
- Angles announced Jesus is the Savior. **“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord.”** (*Luke 2:11.*)
- Jesus is known as the Son of Man. **“So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”** (*Mark 2:28.*)
- **“If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God.”** (*1 John 4:15.*)