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Note in a Washerwoman's Diary

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illness, he first prayed and sought God's will. Then, together, David and Sarah accepted that God's way is sometimes mysterious and often all that is left is believing, even when it hurts."

Dr. Thomas snorted in disgust. Beth looked even more confused. Reverend Jones continued. "There is a time to die. David accepted that it was his time and in accepting that, he chose to die without fear. In David's eyes, Sarah's also, this was his final witness. To face his death with that same belief that enabled him to face life was his last desire." With these final words, Reverend Jones walked toward the door.

Dr. Thomas looked after him before turning to Beth. "I'm still looking for that miracle." Sadly, he turned and also left.

Wearily, Beth picked up the phone and placed that call that alerted the appropriate people. Then she began preparing the body for its last trip.

Shaking her head, Beth pondered all that had happened this night. She was sure there was an answer if she could only find it. Finished with her work, she glanced toward the table. Lying open was that same Bible Reverend Jones had been reading. Drawn like a magnet, she walked over to it. Bending, she read one verse that had been marked and underlined heavily, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."