

Think of it This Way -- A Modern Day Parable +!!

Inspired by Matthew 16:21-27

Jessica began to show her sorority sisters the pink line on the pregnancy test. As they all began to cry, she paced the floor and began to lay out a plan that would include immense changes in her life. She would have to map out a lot of changes for herself and the sorority house. You see, f is their president, but she is so much more. She is their shining star, the one all the other girls look up to.

The new semester would begin in just three days, so there was much to do. This house is very busy and active. Jessica began to describe how she would suffer through this unexpected course for her life. She stood before this room filled with her closest friends and announced that she would withdraw from her leadership position and move out of the house. She would continue her studies and hopefully graduate on time. Life would be very different than she had planned. It would not be an easy course. Three weeks ago, her boyfriend of two years had abruptly broken up with her, withdrawn from university, moved to Florida, and was already in another relationship. Jessica had thought they would get married after graduation and live happily ever after, just like she had dreamed of since she was a young girl. She still wasn't sure what had happened. Life had been too busy to face the flurry of emotions that were dumped on her with this sequence of events. To top it off, her parents live in California, so she will have to go through this pregnancy on her own. But, she would follow through and be a devoted single mom.

The stark silence which followed the announcement was a first for this group. They were in utter shock at the news. They exchanged glances knowing each felt the same sense of loss and sadness. Some cried. Others just stared, jaws agape. They just couldn't find the right words. How would they make it through senior year without Jessica? She was their beloved leader and role model! Patricia took Jessica aside and began to rebuke her, "God forbid, Jessica! No such thing will ever happen to you. We can fix this. I will make an appointment for you at the Clinic. It will be super quick and easy. You'll be back on your feet and running the show again in less than a day!" Jessica turned and said to Patricia. "Get behind me or go away. I never thought you would be an obstacle to me. You are not thinking like a mother does."

Then Jessica said to all the other sisters, "Who would like to serve in my place? Whoever comes after me must make sacrifices. You can't put yourself first. You have to pick up the overstuffed planner, and follow me. I wish to save this baby's life, even though to some of you it may look like I'm losing mine. What kind of future will I have if I stay in my position of power this year and forfeit this baby's entire life? What could a mother possibly give in exchange for her child's life? To me, this son or daughter of mine is being held with angels. I feel like my sacrifices now will be repaid accordingly in love.