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I am a mother, I have no children here on this earth as I would like, but I have a baby boy in heaven waiting for me. Benjamin was stillborn December 20, 2013; 5 weeks before he was due. I had a breeze of a pregnancy; no morning sickness, no stretch marks, no complications. My doctors searched for complications and did multiple ultrasounds and other tests but according to them all was on track and healthy. Only God knew that He had a better plan. I found out on a Wednesday by ultrasound that my baby had died in utero. We went to the hospital that Friday morning to be induced and deliver our child. Benjamin was lying sideways and after trying to turn him externally it was decided that I would have to have a c-section.

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The c-section was uneventful and not nearly as bad as I had thought it would be. We went to the recovery room where my nurse and I and my husband chit-chatted while the numbing medicine wore off. All was going well and as expected for the first 2 hours, but then I started bleeding more and more. At one point I felt very much like my life was draining out of me, I looked up at my blood pressure monitor and it said 50/38. As a cardiac nurse I knew I was about to code and I must say I prefer being on the other side of the Hospital bed much better. ☺ There were 4 nurses and 2 doctors around my bed trying to stop the bleeding and hang fluids as fast as they could. Our parents were texting everyone they knew to prayer for me. By the end of that day I had another procedure to stop the bleeding, 4 liters of fluid, 4 units of blood, 1 unit of platelets and 4 IV sites. By the next morning everyone was asking how I was and how I felt; I was just glad to be alive. God is good and I know He still has a good plan for my life, otherwise I wouldn't be here. I may have lost my precious first born child but I did not lose my life which tells me that God has a plan for Ben's death and a plan for my life.

Why am I telling you my story? Because I have hope and peace that many people do not understand. I pray that through writing this down some will learn to know my God and will be able to experience the "peace that passes all understanding". I know beyond a shadow of a doubt that my God who created the universe, and 2000 years ago sent His only Son to die on a cruel Roman cross for my sins, has a perfect plan for my life and my son's very short existence.

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Perhaps that plan is for my family to be a blessing to your family. If so, then it is all worthwhile. I must repeat the statement of Job in the Bible after losing 10 children very tragically he says “the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord” (Job 1:21). I want you to know the power of Jesus to save people.

Over 2000 years ago the God of the Universe sent His only Son to live as a man and die on the earth to pay the penalty for my sins and the sins of the whole world, including you. You must admit that you are bad and have done bad things. The Bible says in Romans 3:23 “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.” Because of your sin, you cannot go to Heaven. Heaven is a perfect place with a perfect God and He cannot allow sin to enter it.

You must believe that Jesus, God’s Son came to die for our sins so that we can stand before God forgiven. Rom 6:23 “For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Rom 5:8 “But God commendeth (shows) his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” God willingly gave his only Son to die so that you could come be in Heaven with Him.

To have eternal life you must accept God’s free gift and ask him to save you from your sin. Rom 10:13 “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

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God wants to hear from you. He wants to know that you are sorry for your sin and that you willingly accept His free gift of salvation. If you would like to make this step in your life pray something like this: Dear God in Heaven; I know I am a sinner. I want to go to Heaven when I die. - Please forgive me of my sins and take me to heaven when I die. Thank you for making me your eternal child through Jesus, Amen.

If you prayed to God or if you would like to know more about God, I believe I'm still on this earth to help someone like you. Please find me on facebook (Tiffany Wagner Nightengale) or email me at tiffwagbsn@hotmail.com, it would be an honor to know that my experience has been a help to you.