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"He delights in mercy" (Micah 7:18)

Dying To Live

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Once while "channel surfing," a program caught my attention. A man and a woman were trapped underwater in a wrecked mini-submarine with an insufficient amount of air for both of them to safely swim back to the main submarine. However, they had a plan. The girl would allow herself to drown, and the man, who was the stronger and faster swimmer, would swim back to the submarine, dragging her along. When he reached the safety of the submarine, he would attempt to resuscitate her. Well, the plan worked. It was however, a rather macabre solution to their problem - she had to die in order to live.

I couldn't help but think that this same paradox exists in the life of every Christian. Every child of God has made a similar decision - a decision to die to self and sin so that we might live eternally with Christ. That's not an easy decision to make. Selflessness is a mature quality. Exchanging temporal pleasures that can be experienced now for eternal pleasures that may not be experienced for decades to come is also a mature decision. But they are right decisions that you will not eternally regret.

Friends, you too must make a choice. You too, must choose to die if you want to live.