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compared to the cost of an abiding faith in Christ. But their mother still believed, still said her prayers at night just as she had when she was a little girl. And she liked to think that her children were believers, and therefore protected for all eternity. She had already seen a lot of death, her parents, first husband, her older brother when she was eight and he was ten, her younger sister just two years ago. She'd been living with death since birth. Still, it's not something you get used to, having to face it, the feelings of helplessness as it sits in ambush or stalks the lives of loved ones. If not for Christ, it would have been impossible for her to have survived it all. Just knowing that His grace lit up the universe beyond brought her great comfort. She wanted to be whole in body, mind, and spirit when she passed over to that world promised to the faithful. In a way, she was impatient to get there to see her brothers and sisters and mother and everyone else she had ever loved who was taken from her. She loved her own children, naturally, more than she could say, too much perhaps, and she'd even feel guilty whenever she missed her siblings, as if her children weren't enough, as if she should be more grateful for the blessings the Lord had given her.

Sheila delivered a bowl of pasta, sauceless, with olive oil and sliced tomatoes, salt and pepper to her mother. It was too big, so she forked half into Pete's dish. Dave came out of the bathroom and pulled his chair out to sit down, but then got his own plate, which Sheila topped off while he stood between the stove and the table. She fixed a bowl for herself, and they all sat down to eat, the minimum of chitchat between them. The brothers went for seconds, while their mother hardly touched hers, and not because Sheila was a bad cook, as she had often



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