

Reselling the Lamb

The awesome power of love is demonstrated in many ways. Rita Price, writing in the *Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch*, tells of an amazing outpouring of it.

Katie Fisher, 17, pulled her unruly lamb into the arena of the Madison County Junior Livestock Sale. With luck, the lamb would fetch some spending money – and she wouldn't collapse as she had during another livestock show the day before.

Fisher had been battling Burkitt's lymphoma, a fast-growing malignancy, for about six months. She had endured many hospitalizations and months of chemotherapy. "Sometimes, in the beginning, it hurt so bad all she could do was pace," said her 12-year-old sister, Jessica.

Selling the lamb would raise pin money for Fisher.



"We sort of let folks know that Katie had a situation that wasn't too pleasant," said auctioneer Roger Wilson, who hoped his introduction would push the price-per-pound above the average of \$2. It did – and then some.

The lamb sold for \$11.50 per pound. Then the buyer gave it back. That started a chain reaction. Families bought it and gave it back; businesses bought it and gave it back.

"The first sale is the only one I remember. After that, I was crying too hard," said Katie's mother, Jayne Fisher. "Everybody kept saying, 'Re-sell! Re-sell!'"

"We sold that lamb 36 times," said Wilson. And the last buyer gave back the lamb for good. The effort raised more than \$16,000, which went into a fund to help pay Katie's medical expenses."

It is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35).

And in this instance, Katie Fisher and her family received an immeasurable blessing as well.

– Beecher Hunter