Susan Wells
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Susan survived radical surgery. But she lost a lot of blood.

She said that the third day in ICU she had a moment of "*clarity*." She was weak and thought she was going to die.

She heard a voice say "*it was your lucky day; you are getting a blood transfusion*."

The transfusion made all the difference.
"*It was an incredible feeling. When you are so in the darkness and get blood, it was the strength coming back. It gave me hope. Imagine the best feeling you ever had in your life. That's what it felt like when I got the blood. I felt like superwoman. At that point I thought I could do anything.*"

She was then on the road to long difficult recovery.

Her message is simple but coming in the context of what she has survived it is even more powerful.

> *"It is not just about giving blood, it is about living our lives. It is about not taking anything for granted. It is about not putting stuff off until later. I often ask people to focus on one person in their life they love. When they think of that one person, I tell them to go out and do something special for that one person, something meaningful – like giving blood! Actually that is probably one of the greatest things you can do for someone you love. That's what life is about. Don't wait until it is a personal issue"*