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The first sermon Chantal Williams heard after arriving on campus was one by Dwight Nelson in Pioneer Memorial Church. It wasn't the warm fuzzy "welcome students" sermon she had expected. She remembers Nelson saying, "You're here because our motto says to change the world — and that's what you're going to do. We'll give you a foundation and show you how to have an even better relationship with God and how to experience him in different forms of spiritual expression. Then you'll take your unique abilities and go change the world."



Chantal Williams

The sermon stuck in her mind for one particular reason. When Chantal was 10 years old, she wanted to be a medical missionary. So, as a college student, studying physical therapy, she knew she wanted to be a student missionary. "I told God of my desire and admitted to him that I didn't know when or where, but that I expected him to show me."

One day, as she was sitting in her dorm room having her morning worship, she said to God, "Okay, Holy Spirit, I want to be a student missionary. Where should I go?" The response she heard was, "Go to Turkey." "I frowned and said, 'Holy Spirit, do you realize that's a really random place?' And the Holy Spirit replied, 'Maybe to you. But that's where I want you to go.'" Chantal went on the Internet to research what kinds of volunteers were needed in Turkey and discovered they needed a Spanish/English teacher. "In shock, I said, 'Lord! I speak English and I speak Spanish. I can go to Turkey!'"

In the culture class she takes as part of the preparation for serving as a student missionary, an emphasis is placed on embracing culture. "It wasn't anything about stomping over and showing how superior our approach to life is. We were taught to go with an open mind and see what they can teach us. God has already been there, and they're ready. He just needs people to go and work. We need to be the seed-planters and start something for him because we all want to go home."

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