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## His Will, Not Mine

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*Sarah, a sophomore pre-law student studying communication, feels God sent her to Andrews for a specific purpose.*

## By his will, not mine

“I was born in Toronto, Canada, to two feisty Seventh-day Adventist Caribbean parents. I had to wake up at 8:30 every Sabbath morning to get ready for Sabbath school at 9:30. My hair was tied in two high buns and secured by gumball clips so I resembled Mickey Mouse. I had to wear colorful poufy dresses that would itch the living daylight out of me, the look complete with knee socks. In my eyes, I looked like a piñata more than anything else but, of course, my parents said, ‘You look so cute!’”

Although Sarah Brockett was brought up in a Christian household, as she faced high school graduation, her relationship with God was neither sincere nor strong.

“I just prayed in order to get what I wanted,” she admits. “I had not created my own personal relationship with God.”

Sarah’s household split in two. With regular heated arguments between her parents, she felt like she was caught in the middle of their dysfunction.

“I felt like the more I made an effort to pray, the more things were getting out of hand,” she recalls. “My faith in God was weakening and I wanted to leave the church more than anything else. Since I was the only one in my family to pursue post-secondary education, there was a lot of added pressure and stress on me; [failing] was not an option.”

Through it all, Sarah’s mother kept praying even though Sarah had stopped. When it came time for Sarah to visit Andrews, she could truly imagine herself attending there.

“Andrews offered a variety of program choices, and the environment was peaceful and positive,” she says. “I truly felt at home.”

As Sarah adjusted to life on campus, she began to feel more passionately

about worship and attended church regularly, paying attention to the Word being preached. She felt as if every sermon was designed for her. Sarah was baptized on Nov. 22, 2015.

“I never would have imagined that I would finally take the necessary steps to rebuild my faith and my relationship with God,” she says. “Being baptized was the first time in my life where I felt like whatever barrier I approached in my path, it was never too high for me to get over because I had God on my side.”

Sarah is now a sophomore pre-law student studying communication, and feels God sent her to Andrews for a specific purpose.

“He detoured my path and guided me down a route that would work out for my good,” she says with a smile. “For as long as I live, I will continue to be patient, steadfast and abide by whatever he has in store for me. I may not know the plan, but I trust him enough to let him guide my life.”

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Sarah and her mom

Sarah Brockett