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BY MEGAN REED

Adrienne Samos grew up the youngest of five. Her parents were divorced but they still lived in the same home and she was often home alone. At the young age of eight, feeling alone and neglected, she began to have suicidal thoughts and questioned the purpose of life. During this time, her older sister was attending a church, and told Adrienne she should come with her sometime.

Adrienne was reluctant to go, but soon attended church several times a week.

"I found a home and place to belong," she says. "It was so nice to be in an environment where people cared."



Adrienne Samos

Adrienne attended there several years, but then began to have questions concerning the state of the dead and the Sabbath that she felt the church's beliefs did not answer.

"I went to one of my older sisters who is Seventh-day Adventist, and talked to her about my questions," she says. "She answered them by looking in the Bible; she didn't make them up."

Soon enough, with more studying, the Adventist beliefs began to make sense, and the questions Adrienne had were answered.

"I went to both churches for almost a year, but I had to make a decision; I felt God calling me to follow him in the Adventist faith," says Adrienne. "Becoming an Adventist didn't make anything necessarily easier," she admits, "but, reflecting on my life, I saw how God had changed me to better reflect him. When I thought about that, I felt peace."

Soon after coming to the Adventist faith, Adrienne began applying to colleges. She never thought she would go to an Adventist university, but God had other plans.

"I had a dream that I received an acceptance letter from Andrews, saying I would receive a substantial scholarship and enter as a theology major," she recalls. "It seemed nearly impossible, but it came true."

Soon thereafter, Adrienne got a call from Andrews, informing her that she was accepted and had been awarded a scholarship. Adrienne enrolled as a theology major, and currently is finishing her senior year.

"Andrews helped prepare me for my mission of sharing God's love with others," Adrienne says. "I wake up each morning and choose God; my day always goes better when I choose him. In choosing him, I am following the mission he has for my life."

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