

Not My Daughter!

“Sarah, you got another letter from a college wanting you to send in an application,” Beth, Sarah’s mom, called from the front stoop.

“Oh, really? Which one?” asked Sarah, pushing through the screen door to join her mom.

“Montana State,” Beth said with a chuckle.

“Oh, boy, like I would ever go there!” Sarah said as she rolled her eyes.

“Have you given any more thought to McBride University?” Beth asked. “It’s a great school, it’s close, and it’s offering you a full-ride scholarship. What more could you want?”

“Yeah, Mom,” Sarah replied, “but I have been praying about going to a Bible college. Ever since that missionary visited our youth group last month, I have felt a burden for missions.”

“Oh, Sarah,” Beth said, “this is probably just a phase you are going through. You are too talented to go to Bible college, and they are all expensive. There is no way we could afford to pay your way. I don’t want to see you do something you will regret for the rest of your life.”

1. What values is Beth communicating to Sarah by downplaying Sarah’s burden for missions?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 5:20. How should Beth respond to Sarah in light of this verse?
3. What decisions have you made in the past without regard to your calling as an ambassador for Christ? Do you regret those decisions?
4. How will you let your ambassadorship for Christ affect your future decisions?