

Milo Story

By Lisa and Dorea Bradley

Three years ago, Dorea and I were discussing our options regarding where she could go to school for her sophomore year of high school. Though we prayed for guidance, we did not feel that God was directly leading in any particular direction at the time, and as a single mom, I was feeling quite the burden in making a decision.



We both desired for her to go to Milo Academy, but we were very much aware of the cost involved and it was just not realistic in our situation. However, one morning God spoke in an amazing way.

I used to read two devotionals in the morning. The two were very different, and my favorite was one called "Make God First" by Eric B. Hare. It is actually a kids' devotional and has amazing stories in it – stories that usually had a special message. On July 19th, the Scripture for the day was "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard for me?" Jeremiah 32:27. This was followed by a story about Ellen Harmon (before she married James White).

One night she had a vision in which God showed her that she needed to travel to another town to speak, and though she and her sister had no money for train tickets, she knew that since God had impressed her to go that He would provide for the trip.

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They got ready to go. Since they lived near the train station, they heard the bell ring fifteen minutes before the train was to depart. Ellen put on her hat and went to the window.

As she stood at the window, a man came driving up "in a great hurry" in his horse drawn wagon. He came running to the door waving money and saying, "Is there anyone here who needs money? I was impressed that someone here needed money." After the ladies explained their situation, the man said, "I have come twelve miles to bring you this money. I could not hold my horse back; he seemed driven to go faster and faster." He handed them the money and asked that they get into his wagon so he could take them to the train station, where they arrived and found their seats just in time for the train to leave. "Impossible? No! Not for God."

This story brought me peace and the assurance that God would answer our prayers, but then the author continued with the following paragraph: "Someday God will impress you to go to an academy and perhaps later to college. You may have no money, but don't sit down and say it can't be done. Get your hat on and go to the window, for God opens the windows of heaven for those who make Him first in their life. Nothing is ever too hard for Him."

Through tears, I shared the story with Dorea, and though it's a bit of a blur, after we finished talking (and I'm sure praying), she went into her room and began packing for Milo.

As I shared this experience with wise friends, Dorea and I were encouraged to send letters to family and friends, which we did, and we were amazed at the outpouring of love and financial support.

God truly did provide in amazing ways throughout the last three years. Each year, Dorea's tuition was paid in full through His blessings over her work on campus, scholarships, the generous donations of others and the portion I could pay. We are beyond grateful to those who so generously contributed. And we thank God, who so faithfully answered and provided the means through others for this life changing experience for Dorea at Milo.

If you find yourself trying to make a similar decision, pray for God to make His will abundantly clear to you. He will answer your prayer. And as you step out in faith, He will supply the means for the answer He has given you.