

Autobiography of Sara Elizabeth Kirkland

The worst and best years of my life were the past two. A lot of people say that your junior year is the hardest year of school but I never expected it to be so stressful. It is also the year that has impacted my life the most. This autobiography will tell you some very personal but very real things that have happened to me over the past two years. Some of them were hard to handle but it all ended up helping me in the end.

Questions that I often asked myself I soon found the answers to. I use to wonder all the time what's going to happen next, but I've realized that it's all under control. I try every day to put things in God's hands. I used to wonder if it was all worth it. Then I realize that without depending on God I have to depend

on myself and that isn't always good. One example of this happened about a year ago on November 6. I had surgery and I was really scared about it at first. As time went on I realized that I had to turn it over to God and let him take it in his hands and everything would be O.K. On the morning of the surgery my family was in the room with me and I was still scared. As I went in to the preparation room my mom told me that she wished it was her that had to have surgery and not me because I was too young to worry about something so big. I looked her in the eyes and told her not to worry because everything was going to be allright. That was the moment when I

knew in my heart that whatever was going to happen was no longer in my control.

During the past two years I have wanted to learn more about the mind and soul. I began to see myself as a unique person. I began to see and think about things more clearly. I had something that no one else had. I found love for myself. This year I took English III. I owe a lot of thanks to my English teacher Mrs. Kennedy. She helped me express myself in ways I never thought possible. We wrote journals in her class that gave me a gateway to my inner thinking. I've become more determined, forceful and passionate. Now I truly believe that the beginning of wisdom is to desire it.

My whole life has changed. I now know what I want to do with my life. I plan on becoming very successful and hope to gain more and more wisdom and knowledge. That has been one of the many goals that I have set this year and I am achieving that goal more and more each day. I have a lot of people to thank, but the one person I owe it all to is God. These past two years I don't regret, and as I said earlier have been the best years of my life.

The titles of the books that I have read in the past year are as follows:

The Scarlet Letter

The Gatsby

The Red Badge of Courage

Huckleberry Finn

The Crucible

Their Eyes Were Watching God

Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul

The ten books that have meant the most to me are:

The Scarlet Letter

To Kill a Mockingbird

The Pearl

The Bible

The Gatsby

Their Eyes Were Watching God

Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul

Left Behind

Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul II

Sarah Plain and Tall

Out of these ten the Bible and The Scarlet Letter have impacted me the most. While reading the Bible I have gained wisdom and knowledge. It took me a long time to realize that these characteristics were a good thing. I feel that it is important to think things through. I hope that as time goes on I will gain more wisdom and knowledge. While reading the Scarlet Letter I was able to actually feel everything that the

characters were going through especially Hester Prynne. She was a very strong woman and I looked up to her for that. As time goes on I really expect to gain more and more through books.

Extra Curricular Activities:

I've had 4 jobs as a receptionist, cashier, maintaining a clean workplace and a hostess at a restaurant.

The names of the places were Simon Warner & Doby, TJ Maxx, Just For Feet, and currently I am working at Red Lobster as a Hostess.

I also played basketball, ran track and was an office assistance in Junior High.