

[Handwritten signature]

needs to be in 12 pt Times new Roman

Golden Child

Nothing could bring [redacted] down. She was an honor roll student, captain of the [redacted] High School cheerleading squad, ^{and} very active and popular in School and Church; a natural born leader. She had everything she wanted, which was uncommon of those in her neighborhood. Many often referred to her as the golden child. When she received the unexpected news of the car accident that had taken the life of her friend, [redacted], she was in a state of disbelief. "I just spoke to him the night before? He was such a sweet person, and had a bright future. He was ranked number [redacted] in the nation among high school basketball players. How could this happen to someone like him?" Her seemingly perfect life, took a sudden turn shortly after this. She began to experience feelings of depression, and the smiling, upbeat young lady everyone grew to love began to drift away. Through her faith in God, and unfaltering support system in her mother, she pulled through adversity and is now unstoppable.?

[Circled "unstoppable.?" with a bracket pointing to the right]

vague?

good thesis - but what lesson to be learned here

It all started with a prayer

[redacted] was always taught that when faced with hardships, sometimes, the only thing you can do is pray. Proud of her religious philosophy, her faith in God ~~is what~~ has gotten her through every tough situation life has thrown at her, including the death of her dear friend, and has made her the person she is today. In fact, it was twenty years ago, while praying, that her mother and father met one another at a Church revival in [redacted], Florida. They were later

this is more about the parents than religious faith

married, and received what they refer to as their blessing, two years later. On February [redacted] in [redacted] was born. Although, [redacted] was a blessing, she did come with a few sacrifices. After her birth, her mother quickly withdrew from college to devote all of her time to [redacted] and her parents divorced shortly after. While [redacted]'s father became less involved in her life, her mother took on the duties of both parents. [redacted] often laments on how tirelessly and gracefully her mother faced adversity, saying simply, "I have to get this degree for my mother."

Prayer Works!

The failure of a child is often attributed to a lack of parental guidance, so with one parent, [redacted] faces more pressure to succeed than others. She worked hard in high school, and became very well rounded, which is why she is now a student at one of the best universities in the Southeast. Her family's only request was for her to continue her weekly attendance at [redacted] Church, where her family has been worshipping for years. She does not take this request lightly or reluctantly. When applying to colleges, [redacted] took a chance, as she often does, and applied to only one school; the University of Florida. While many would consider this a risk not worth taking, [redacted] was not worried, because she knew she had her faith and a strong support system by her side. When asked if she would take the risk again, if given the opportunity, she replied with a smile, "Prayer works!"

Living up to Expectations

Despite life's hardships, success is possible, with the support and guidance of those around you. Through [redacted]'s faith in God, she is able to wake up each day with a new purpose and meaning. With her unfaltering support system, she can face and overcome any

adversity without fear. Her life's goal is to make those who have invested so much time and effort into her, proud. Extremely important to her are the views of her mother, church community, friends, and even her father. She wants to be an example, just as her mother was for her. "People have done so much for me. The least I can do is stay focused, and get an education. I don't want anyone's time or money to be wasted." Words of wisdom, spoken from a true "Golden Child."

Ermat