Sarah decided to put God first in her life. What can we learn from her story today that will help us put God first in our own lives?

When her husband left her, Sarah knew she had to find a way to support herself. Not knowing where to start, Sarah prayed asking for direction. God impressed her to share His word with people living around her, in India. As India is not a Christian country this was not an easy task.

First she visited her neighbors in their homes. “I prayed for the sick, and they got well”, she said. “I prayed for those who had evil spirits, and the spirits went away. I prayed for those who couldn’t have children, and they were able to start a family”.

In spite of her success in ministering to her community, Sarah still did not have a source of income. She did not know how she would meet this challenge, but she resolved to put God first, having faith that God would provide for all her needs.

One day, Sarah visited a family she knew. They were in the midst of worshiping their god, and they demanded that she join them. She firmly but politely refused. Very angry, the daughter of the house plunged Sarah’s hand into a pot of boiling oil. “I prayed,” said Sarah, “and when I removed my hand from the oil, it wasn’t burned at all.”

The next day, the young woman’s father called Sarah apologizing for his daughter’s behavior. He then asked if she could pray for them. Sarah was happy to receive the call and to have the opportunity to pray for that family.

“No, they have changed,” Sarah says. “They have accepted God, and they worship with us in our church.” Five families witnessed Sarah escape from serious injury that day. They were amazed, and they too requested her prayers.
Today Sarah works as a mission pioneer supported by the offerings of Seventh-day Adventists from all around the world. Her ministry is introducing many people to Jesus and His saving grace.

Sarah put God first in her most difficult moments. Her courage inspires us today. Jesus gave up everything to redeem us, and His love compels us to put His kingdom first in our own lives. As we return the tithe and our ‘Promise’ offering, we are challenged to put God first.