

What if I do not get a bid from the fraternity or sorority I wanted?

First of all, let's talk about what you want versus what you *really* want. If you are a true follower of Christ, I hope that what you *really* want is to live a life of significance. I'm not talking about getting elected to positions or having a good resume, I'm talking about leaving a legacy in your fraternity or sorority by investing in younger men and women by sharing the Gospel with them. If that's what you *really* want then God sometimes may not give you the things you think you want because he wants to give you what you *really* want. I am talking desire vs. eternal desire. In other words, God may not give you what you desire because he wants to give you what your eternally desire and that is to leave a spiritual legacy in your chapter -to do things of eternal significance.

What if you can't see the big picture and God has a bigger plan for you? Maybe He has a particular chapter and a particular mission for you. It's easy to get caught up in why you didn't get a bid from the house you wanted, but maybe you need to take a step back and think about God's bigger plan. God is the one who places you where He places you so that you can be a part of His bigger plan to impact a Greek chapter for the Gospel.

The book of Esther describes a scene that is very close to this idea. Queen Esther was in a tough situation on whether or not she would speak to the king and save her people. When her uncle Mordicai realized she was wavering on saying anything to the king he responded by saying, "Do you think to yourself that in the King's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise fro the Jews from another place, but you and your fathers house will perish. **And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"** Esther 4:13-14.

Queen Ester eventually realized and owned the idea that God had placed her in a leadership position for a reason. She was right where God wanted her to be and if she did not speak up then God would have had to use someone else. Maybe God has some work He wants to do in the lives of people around you and He wants **you** to play a part in changing their lives. When I pledged my freshman year, I had no idea how much of an impact I could have on those 200 young men. Those were some of the most fun and fulfilling times of my life. I am so glad he placed me in that house for such a time as that!

Four years ago, a student named Abby went through rush at Ole Miss and was faced with a very hard choice. Her situation was different in that she was being rushed by two top sororities and really struggled because both sororities were respected on campus. She recently told me,

"Sorority recruitment turned out to be one of the first times in my life that I had to completely trust God and actually cling to His promise that His plan was greater than mine, and boy did He prove just that. I spent the whole week confused and frustrated trying to confirm and justify my adoration for two different houses, both of which are incredible in their own ways. After a sleepless night, I opened my bid card that Sunday and saw I would be running to the lawn I hadn't necessarily expected to be

running to, but I had never been so excited and confident about a journey that lay ahead of me. I'm sure my time at the other house would have been great too, but not a day has gone by that God has not continued to prove Himself faithful in His perfect plan created for me, His child. I've never been so sure that my God is not only a loving God who wants the best for me, but that He truly knows the desires of my heart even better than I know them myself. When I decided to let go of the control I thought I wanted and needed to live the perfect college sorority girl life, He proved His perfect will is truly to do immeasurably more than anything I could have imagined on my own."

Abby could not have imagined how much God would use her. Three years into being involved with her sorority, she was elected president influenced 400+ women in her chapter. I was invited to speak on what it looks like to be a Godly woman at her chapter one night, and I was so impressed with how she wrapped up my talk and challenged the girls who were sitting in that chapter room.

When you rush, don't worry about getting the bid from that house you think you want, instead trust God to place you in the chapter where you can have the most influence for His kingdom.

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11