

OUR ALL IN ALL FOR GOD

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Each of us was born with a specific role to play in this life. Our purpose has been set long before we were woven in our mother's womb. I am a full-time mother, daughter, sister, wife, and a ministry worker. These roles I play simultaneously because none of these qualify for part-time. Each demands all of me and these days I find myself lacking in more than two areas.

As I seek to fulfill my higher calling, I often get wrapped up with the busyness of life, leaving me empty physically, emotionally, and spiritually. The demand to give all of me just never stops. There are also many times when I feel I have given my everything, exhausted effort that is beyond me, yet I am still not able to give enough that satisfies.

A few days ago, I was reminded of this important principle by our senior pastor: *"I've done nothing yet"* principle will keep our feet on the ground. No matter how much you have done in the ministry, for your spouse,

for your children, for your parents, for others, these are nothing compared to what Jesus Christ did on the Cross. Jesus Christ gave His all and He deserves our all!

Come to think of it, it is during those times when I would recount what I have done -when I would retrace my steps in hope of finding a solution for my predicaments - that I would find myself the emptiest. Thinking of the things I have done drains me, robs me of the joy and fulfillment it should be giving. On the other hand, to think that I haven't done anything yet, fills me with excitement, a promise of something new to look forward to, a reminder that every day is a new day in the Lord, a fresh start.

Most importantly, it is humbling. I was reminded that I need God every moment of my life. No matter how busy life is, I have learned to make my time with the Lord a priority, praying not only for pressing issues but fighting to have a daily intimate time with God where I can pour out my heart to Him.

Yes, I am a full-time mother, daughter, sister, wife, and a ministry worker - but these roles I fulfill to honor and praise God in my life (1 Cor 10:31; 2 Cor 5; 9-10). It is not about me; nothing is about me. I am not perfectly able to be all these, but I am encouraged by God's assurance that He is not yet finished with me. What He began in me, He will eventually bring to completion (Phil 1:6).

Nothing that we can ever do will surpass what Jesus Christ has done for you and me on the cross. At the end of the day, we are only as significant as we choose to be, as we identify ourselves with Christ Jesus.

Sending love to all the mothers who tirelessly devote their all in all to their family. A blessed day to all of you from your GCFSM Family. ✱