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## SERMON OUTLINE

## “AM I ENOUGH?”

EPHESIANS 1:3-14  
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“Am I enough?” Most, if not all of us, have asked that question about ourselves. In our varying seasons of life, one way or another, we may have felt unnoticed, unappreciated and unwanted. We long to be validated and to be seen as someone worthy of something. Many people deal with insecurity, self-doubt and unworthiness even if they have given their best. These feelings creep into one’s mind, hurt one’s heart and often lead to anxiety.

The feeling of not being enough reflects on how one sees his/her worth and value. It is an issue of identity, which is a lifelong quest for all of us. Our search for identity should lead us to the true meaning and purpose of life.

Our human tendency is to seek validation from the world regarding who we are and what we do. Sometimes, we allow our past experiences, positions, possessions and performances to define who we are. While nothing is inherently wrong with these things, we may be deceived when they become the defining factor of who we are. Thus, we end up comparing ourselves with others because we become discontent with how we see ourselves and how others see us.

This results in a distorted view of our identity in Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ is the only One who knows us inside and out. He sees our hearts and knows all our hard work. Embracing

our imperfections and how we see our life’s setbacks is vital to overcoming our feelings of insecurity, self-doubt and unworthiness. We need to accept that we are broken individuals who live in a broken world, surrounded by broken people. But the good news is we have a God who sees everything and loves us just the same!

In this sermon, we will learn the value of knowing Jesus. Our position in Christ should be the anchor of our identity. God’s unending promises in His Word should be more than enough for us, just as God sees all of us as being enough. ✨

## GOD’S LOVE IS ALSO SPELLED MOM

GCFSM MOMS

It’s Mother’s Day today, and to commemorate it, we asked some mothers to share their answers to this question: “What is the biggest realization God gave you about your role as a mother?” Here are some of the answers:

*“My role as a mom? Looking back, a mother’s love is the first love that my children knew. As I look back and reflect, He called me to be a mother with His abundant blessing of love, grace and mercy.” - Linda Villoria*

*“As a mother, I’ve come to cherish the profound blessing that motherhood bestows upon me each day. It’s a journey that fills my heart with immeasurable joy, yet it’s also a responsibility that humbles me before the grace of God. I’ve learned that in the gentle whispers of prayer and the embrace of faith, I discover the courage to face any obstacle. Through God’s unfailing love, I find solace in moments of doubt and guidance in moments of confusion. In the tender embrace of motherhood, I’m reminded daily of the boundless blessings that flow from God’s grace, shaping not only my children’s lives but mine, as well.” - Ge Nano*

*“The biggest realization I have as a mother is that I am not in control. No matter how I worry, fret, plan, or instruct, the outcome will always be*

*beyond my power. So in the end, surrendering my children to the Lord, laying their lives at His feet, is the best thing I can do for them and for my own sanity.” - Elvie Alicaway*

*“Motherhood is one of God’s amazing gifts that made me taste heaven in my home, gaze at angels in my children’s eyes, and walk along the green pasture with the Father from time to time. For after all, He is the author and perfecter of this Mom’s life.” - Monette Jarillas*

*“As a spiritual mother, I have two important realizations. First, our love for our children is boundless and infinite, a gift from God. Second, God is in charge of their lives. While I can offer love and guidance, ultimately, He is the one who secures and holds their future.” - Grace Garcia*

*“The biggest realization God gave me in my role as a mother is that I am not on my own anymore. I have a gift that is dependent on me. Myself does not come first anymore; it’s always after the precious life that God has given me. I understand clearly that being selfless is the only way to give more.” - Annacel Besana*

*“One of my biggest realization is that my son is ultimately God’s child and I have to trust Him to do what is best for him. God does not have any grandchildren, so my son’s faith journey is ultimately by*

*himself, with his heavenly Father. My role is to pray for my son and entrust him to God.” - Karen Borillo*

Being a mother is a God-given calling—to nurture children as they grow and give them the love, grace, and acceptance they need. It is both a privilege and a responsibility to be entrusted with the lives of the children God has gifted to all mothers. It has its own share of joys and challenges, but as we can see from our mothers’ hearts, a mother’s love knows no bounds. And while it is a difficult role, it is through God’s wisdom and strength that our mothers are able to fulfill it. The best thing is, just as a mother’s love knows no bounds, all the more, God’s love has no limits. Psalm 103:11 says, “For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.” We praise God for our mother’s love, and more than that, we praise God for His love!

God’s love is also spelled MOM, so make sure to show your appreciation and love to all the mothers you know and most importantly, to your own mother.

If you’re a mother, please take the time to share your realizations from God at our Mother’s Day booth. God bless you, Mom! ✨

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