



Dear heavenly Father, we worship You this morning with our tithe and offerings. We pray for the courage to put You first in our lives. In the name of Jesus, amen.

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Ace and Roenna Sintos put God First

Ace and Roenna Sintos decided to put God first despite their fear and uncertainty about the future. That's when their transformation began. What can we learn from their story today that will help us put God first in our own lives?

Ace and Roenna are from the Philippines. They built careers as government employees, holding high positions for many years. When Roenna suffered an ectopic pregnancy, their world of security and comfort came crashing down. Ace had no other alternative but to resign and take care of her.

When Roenna was well enough to return to work, she resumed her career in education. But Ace had another plan. He felt called by God to dedicate himself full time to media ministries. Unfortunately, this new calling didn't pay as well as his previous position. Nowhere close.

Ace and Roenna studied the possibilities and the math didn't seem to add up. If Ace dedicated himself to media ministry, they would have to sacrifice their quality of life. Even then, nothing seemed certain. Would they have the courage to put God first?

At first everything was as difficult as they expected. To make matters worst, they had to invest in technology to be able to serve better. They were living a simple life in the full assurance that they were at the centre of God's will. This moved them to dedicate all their gifts to God.

Many years have now passed and the transformation is unbelievable. Both Ace and Roenna now serve full time as key leaders of the Digital Evangelism Initiative, a global project of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. They still lead a simple life and are now in a much better financial situation than they were when working for the government. They even have all the technology necessary to work for Jesus.

Ace and Roenna put God first despite their fear and uncertainty about the future. Their 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 the deacons collect the tithe and offerings, we are challenged to put God first.