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?

Security and comfort are the words that best describe the lifestyle that Ace and Roenna had as government employees in the Philippines, holding high positions for many years. That was until Roenna had serious issues in her pregnancy that forced Ace to resign his job to take care of her. There wasn't another option at the time.

As time passed and the couple recovered well enough to go back to work, Roenna decided to resume her career in the education field. Ace on the other hand, felt something different, a call by God, inviting him to dedicate his life to spread the gospel in the media ministry. The problem however, is that none of these new jobs would pay as well as their previous positions. Not even close.

Ace and Roenna studied all the possibilities and the math didn't seem to add up. If they decided to move on with the new work perspectives, they would have to sacrifice the quality of life they had and follow a path of uncertainty and many challenges; financially, emotionally, and spiritually. Would they have the courage to put God first?

Fortunately, they decided to follow God's will and take a step of faith. At the beginning, everything was difficult, as expected. To make things worse, Ace even had to invest in technology to better serve in the media ministry. The full assurance that they were at the centre of God's will, moved them to live a simple life and to dedicate their gifts to God.
Many Years passed by, and the transformation they went through is unbelievable. Ace and Roenna now serve full time as key leaders of the Digital Evangelism initiative, a global project of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Even though they are now in a much better financial situation than they were when working for the government, they still lead a simple life.

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 we return the tithe and our ‘Promise’ offering, we are challenged to put God first.