

After leaving corporate a few months ago, I've been in search for God's guidance in what He's asking from me.

It's hard to choose which talk was my favorite because they all served a special purpose that I often go back and review my takeaways to refresh my heart with all the loving wisdom.

Sr. Virginia Joy kicked off the weekend reminding me, God has chosen each and one of us. Two main things I took from her talk was the reminder she shared about God creating us uniquely, like our fingerprints. I had to sit still with this thought. I take that in and I'm in pure awe. Her whole talk summed into that one example. I am a gift. I have gifts, each and one of us are created uniquely.

Debbie Herbeck's shared the liberating idea God wants to redeem all the areas of my life that didn't get what they needed before. We are meant to be the first of our own unique selves vs. the 2nd aspiring women we are seeking to be. I've also adopted her suggested prayer, "Lord, show me Love in this person. Lord, show me what YOU see when you see me."

Mother Gloria Therese took me on a ride back to my childhood days to recall what gifts came natural to me and still active until today. These gifts are to be used within the mission God has entrusted Me, specifically, to carry out.

Dr. Myma Albayda so purely shared the beautiful synchrony of our mind, body and heart when saying YES to God's calling. Regardless of our vocation, realizing the Lord's plans are bigger than my own is always comforting to know.

Last but not least, Sonia, a dear sister of mine, I felt her talk was refreshing to my soul. From the struggle of playing "tug of war" with my will vs. God's will; I appreciated the passion she reminded me God is seeking for my actions in fulfilling my mission, all while, He's next to me helping me to heal and grow in his love.

I am grateful and feel blessed the GIVEN Institute worked around COVID complexities to broadcast "Discover The Gift" online. Each talk left me reflective and drew me closer to God's love. Every single talk was valuable and glad to see the diversity of women that shared their experiences. May God bless the foundation and GIVEN Institute team for all your efforts and love.

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