

Processing Proceso: Lessons from an 80-year old

Kadalasan sa buhay at sa trabaho, mas interesado tayo sa resulta o produkto kaysa sa proseso. Gusto natin mataas kaagad ang sweldo. Gusto natin makilala kaagad tayo. Gusto natin, leader tayo ora mismo. But you see, a lot of what we dream of and desire have to go through a process which require time and hard work before they become a reality. Nakita ko ito sa buhay ni Pastor Proceso Marcelo o Ka Esong. Kilala siya bilang hardinero sa radio program na Hardin ng Panalangin, isa sa longest running programs sa Philippine broadcast. Ngayong 2008 ay ipinagdiwang ay 80th birthday ni Ka Esong at talaga namang napakaraming bagay na pwede nating i-celebrate sa buhay ng kamananggawang ito.

This is my tribute to Pastor Proceso Marcelo, a great man of faith, a mentor, a former colleague in the ministry, a ninong. What have I learned from processing Proceso? Allow me to share with you a couple of insights.

Pastor Marcelo is a man of action. He's produced and hosted "Hardin ng Panalangin" the longest running program on 702 DZAS; he's written nine bestselling books, produced a couple of audio CDs, has traveled extensively to several continents of the world and 50 States in America. He's been awarded honorary degrees by several academic institutions. Pero huwag nating kalilimutan na sa likod ng maraming tagumpay at accomplishment na ito, maraming proceso din ang kilailalang pagdaan an ni Pastor Proceso Marcelo. Processes which probably, you and I should also go through ourselves.

- 1) First is the process of equipping – nagsimula si Ka Esong bilang utility man sa Far East Broadcasting Company. Nagkarpintero, naging tagapagwalis, nasubukan ding maging security guard pero hindi siya nagreklamo. He used this season in his life to get equipped. Habang nagtatrabaho siya'y nag-aral din. He made use of his time wisely. There was no idle moment for him.
- 2) Second is the process of promotion – slowly but steadily, after being equipped in spirit, mind and body, promotions began to come Ka Esong's way. Mula sa pagiging utility man, naging security guard, pagkatapos ay naging clerk, napromote bilang broadcaster at naging division head. Hindi overnight ang pag-ahon na ito. Halos tatlumpung taon kung susumahin. But you see, Pastor Proceso Marcelo believed that promotions come from God. Kung saan tayo naroroon sa kasalukuyan ay may plano at dahilan ang Diyos. Kaya dapat ay maging tapat tayo. Bloom were you are planted before you move one.
- 3) Third is the process of trusting – "Ang Kristiyonang namumuhay ng tapat ay sapat sa lahat ng bagay. Magtiwala tayo sa Diyos at ang Diyos ay hindi magkukulang." Ito ang paalala ni Ka Esong sa mga listeners niya sa Hardin ng Panalangin. And I'm sure that he had to go through a long and difficult process in life and at work to learn this principle. Dalawang beses na nabiyo si Ka Esong, ilang beses din siyang sumailalim sa mga major operations. In these seasons of loss and shaking, Ka Esong lived by what he preached, "Magtiwala tayo sa Diyos at ang Diyos ay hindi magkukulang."
- 4) Last is the process of friendship – kapuna-puna sa buhay at ministry ni Ka Esong na marami siyang kaibigan at maraming nagmamahal sa kanya. He values relationships, he treasures his friends. He never forgets to acknowledge those who helped him even in the simplest and smallest of ways. Wherever he goes, there is a family or a home where he is always welcome because he took time to value and nurture friendships.

Are you going through difficult processes in your career or in your life right now? Remember, these processes are God-ordained. Make the most out of that season. I hope that you were inspired and encouraged by what you've heard about the Processing of Proceso.

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