

Dear brothers and sisters in ACF,

Thank you for considering me for the position of VP Women's Devotionals. It has been a blessing getting to know you all and grow with you this past year. We have gone through many changes and challenges, and it has been exciting to see how God is working through this fellowship and each of our lives. When Paul wrote to Timothy he told him "Do not let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity" (1 Tim 4:12). I believe this to be true for ACF as well; we are young, yet God has and will use us each to build His Kingdom, as was our theme this year. I am passionate about continuing to do this both personally and into the next year of this fellowship!

It is important to me that together as ACF, our identity remains in Christ. Ultimately we are to represent Jesus and His Love to the world, and it is my hope to serve alongside my sisters in Christ as we seek truth, guidance, and wisdom from God, so that we may be fruitful according to his Word. The power of prayer is also important to me (Matt. 18:19-20), and I envision the women in ACF growing close to God and supporting each other (and the rest of the fellowship) through prayer. It is my heart to grow alongside the women of this fellowship and be attentive to and support their needs as best I can, both spiritually and personally.

Moreover, I believe the position as an ACF executive and as VP Women's comes with an integral responsibility of integrity, to not only represent the fellowship but the Body of Christ and Christ Himself. In 1 Timothy 3:1-2,11 Paul outlines important qualifications for Christian leaders: "Here is a trustworthy saying: Whoever aspires to be an overseer desires a noble task. Now the overseer is to be above reproach...In the same way, the women are to be worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything." I do not take this lightly, and recognize being elected means to live above reproach publicly. Though I am not perfect, it is my ultimate goal to be recognized as a follower of Christ and I would be honoured to continue being the salt and light (Matt 5:13-16) with the women of this fellowship.

My grandmother has always insisted on the importance of diligence, and she first taught me Colossians 3:23-24 when I was young, which says: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." This has been a constant and important reminder to me that whatever we do, first and foremost we are serving the Lord. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve as part of the Body of Christ wherever He places me, including as VP Women's, Lord willing. Should the responsibilities of this role land on me, I will do my best to bring glory to God first in everything, through my life and the fellowship.

Sincerely, your sister in Christ,  
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