



From nothing to a purpose - driven life. Sharon's journey from Asia to the United States is a pilgrim's journey of courage and significance.

Sharon Jackson was born and raised in Antique, Philippines. She received her B.S.N degree from Silliman University, the Center of Excellence in Nursing Education, in Dumaguete City, Philippines in 1990. In 1997, she went to Singapore where she helped build a company from scratch. She created policies and procedures, developed quality improvement protocols and trained healthcare staff. She started from 10 residents in 1997 to 150 in 1999. The two-year stint tested her values, principles, and her resolve to stand for what is right. As Winston S. Churchill said, "In every age there comes a time when a leader must come forward to meet the needs of the hour. Therefore, there is no potential leader who does not have the opportunity to make a positive difference in society." She became a bulwark against discriminatory employment practices. She became the voice of her colleagues from Sri Lanka and Myanmar. She took the risk of a demotion in the name of fairness, justice, and equality. The circumstance became her defining moment.

In 2005, she was granted a scholarship to pursue her graduate studies in the United States and in 2007, she obtained her MSN from Xavier University in Cincinnati, OH. It was in Cincinnati where she had the painful unmediated confrontation with workplace discrimination. She fought it and she won. This prompted her to promote relational / authentic / transformational leadership concepts in her lectures / teachings as a Nurse Practice Educator at Genesis Healthcare and as a Clinical Instructor at Stratford University. She also fervently adapted and exemplified these concepts when she assumed the post as Assistant Director of Nursing and Director of Nursing, at Manor Care and Arleigh Burke Pavilion, respectively.

She led the team at Arleigh Burke to garner a five-star rating from CMS which led to its inclusion in the US News and World Report after barely two years of being Medicare certified. She is a big proponent of Transformational Leadership – this pursuit was manifested when she became a John Maxwell Certified speaker, coach, and trainer. She defies status quo. She defies convention. She wants her life to MATTER by standing for things that matter – in the name of transformation.