

LIT FOR LIFE



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WHAT ABOUT HER?



How aware are we that her survival is at stake? And how conscious are we that it is all our mistake? Our body, is a matter of air, water and soil We are made out of it and then go right back into it Inside the grave, deep within; this grave is nothing but that Just soil, water and air; and do you understand when I say The grave is being buried? Oh yes, it's the Earth who is dying! It's so pathetic, so unfair! What did she ever do to us? We were made out of her, out of pure compassion and love The rigorous activity of the energy of what we call as atoms, It took her billions and billions of years of active work Oh we've only seen a 2000 years or so of that

And we just destroyed her, in a flip of a few decades We took her for granted and we still repeat But she's ever patient, the mighty Mother; Her tolerance is beyond our intellect's power But can you feel like she's reached her point of saturation? Do you hear her silent grieving groans and outrageous roars? Do you see her fury in the fire on Amazon fields? Or her uncontrollable tears flooding our lands? Or the ozone halo punctured to holes? When air, water & soil is really gone, we're all truly doomed. We pushed her too far over the edge, to a point of no return We did everything to make her consume herself to nothing

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THE WOMAN WHO BEAT USAIN BOLT



The 33-year old American athlete was just crowned the most decorated runner in the world after winning a gold at the mixed 4x400m relay at the IAAF World Athletics Championships, Doha. She now holds the record for the most gold medals in track and field world championships, beating Usain Bolt. Felix had already won many prestigious accolades, including nine medals spread across four Olympic games. Not even a year ago, Felix battled a difficult pregnancy to deliver a daughter via emergency C-section. Despite this, she is back on the Olympics team

and is preparing for the Tokyo Olympics, which will take place in the summer of 2020. In August this year, Felix fought for female athletes across the globe by battling Nike on its discriminatory policy regarding its sponsors. Nike's policy meant that pregnant athletes and new mothers were paid far less than their counterparts. Felix, who was a Nike sponsor, shared that Nike was to pay her 70% less due to the fact that she was a new mother. Along with a group of other female athletes, Felix successfully ensured that Nike amended this policy. The new policy states that Nike sponsors will not be financially impacted for at least 18 months after the start of pregnancy. Felix's win is significant in the larger political landscape, with women in various sports fighting for equal pay. One of the most prominent battles has been that of Megan Rapinoe and her team. They shed light on the unfair pay gap between the men and women's football team before and during the World Cup title in 2019.

The privilege of starting a family while maintaining a career has always belonged to men – not by accident, but because of policies like Nike's. It's time that this started changing, and Allyson Felix's talent and activism is a step in the right direction.

- Ila Deep

Tales of life

"There is not one big cosmic meaning for all; there is only the meaning we each give to our life, an individual meaning, an individual plot, like an individual novel, a book for each person." —Anais Nin

When I hear the word life, the only image that comes in front of my eyes is of a roller coaster ride.

Life is a complicated twist of suffering, laughing, and learning all merging to tell a great story - or great many stories.

The apt thoughts that many people share that, it is not the end goal or outcome of life that gives life meaning but rather the quality of the story, the quality with which one lives out and develops his or her role, should make all of us think, so that we could somehow better ourselves, because for now we are so busy comparing, feeling guilty and putting our lives so out there, that we all have somewhere lost the basic essence of this beautiful time we have got on this planet.

I have had many stories in my life, Each stage I went through had a experience unlike the other.

In my late 20's now, I still have been figuring out what my life is all about. So I guess, that is what life does to you, it makes you wonder about all throughout.

I had always heard that life is all about conventional way of living. You get a degree at 20, you are settled in your job by 25, you get married by 27. But living my life, I got to know that conventionality is just too boring. You could give your relatives the best topic of gossip by breaking all these norms of stereotypical living. Yes, I got out of PUC at 17 and since then to now I have been gathering my experiences, broadening my horizons by working, travelling and meeting people and setting up my business. It's recent that I just got enrolled to a degree college. And marriage is just not going to be in the cards. Because there is nothing like being settled, or settling down in life.

This is the journey that gets you twisted and untwisted in seconds and has a hurricane showering down in the next minute.

This is what life is to me. Going out there, and mapping your own course. Busy being unconventional. Only when you move off track is only when you understand that life is only about first, being happy and second, being at peace. Life does not seek for monetary satisfactions, because when you die, you would be taking the memories along and not the other materialistic junk.

Hence, I conclude in saying that life is not about pleasing anyone, but just loving oneself so hard that the rest of the world and their words don't matter at all.

This is what is life, for me!

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On the occasion of Teacher's day on September 5th 2019, the 1st MA English students presented a Shakespearean play at the St. Joseph's Boys high school auditorium. The play performed was "The Merchant of Venice" and it was an initiative by the Department of English SJEC. The play was witnessed by around 900 students in the auditorium and was graced by the presence of our Director Rev. Fr. Brian Pereira SJ, Principal Dr. Albert Smith and esteemed guest Lavakumar, Theater expert from SJCC Bangalore. The play had a modern take on the Shakespearean story of Antonio, Bassanio, Portia and Shylock. The dialogues which hit a chord with the current generation was highly appreciated by the audience.

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