

EXCERPTS & TESTIMONY



AN EXCERPT FROM *CALLED TO ADOPTION*

*"Commit to the Lord whatever you do,
and your plans will succeed." Proverbs 16:3*

As a young, faithful wife, I looked forward to the day I would become a mother. I believed that raising children in the Lord was one of God's plans for my life. It never occurred to me that adoption would be part of His plans. As I struggled with challenges to building my family, the Lord was always faithful, opening windows when doors would close, guiding my steps through the maze that was my journey to motherhood.

Is it time to answer the call?

Take time in God's presence to discern His will for you. If you are feeling God calling you to adopt, explore your options. Learn about the types of adoption and the choices you have. Your time spent may be to fulfill an adoption plan yourself, or it may simply be so that you are armed with accurate knowledge about Christian adoption so that you are equipped to help others.

As we go through each day, sharing His love with others, there are few ways to touch people for a lifetime. Adopting a child into our lives, our hearts, and His heavenly kingdom is actively changing a life for our lifetime and for eternity.



"This book is perfect for Christian families that experience that call from God to adopt. I'm thankful we listened to God and adopted our son! In this next adoption, everything is different. This journey has been and will be filled with lots of unknowns, but the title alone gave me encouragement that I needed and the reminder that God called me to adopt." —Brandi Pierce, adoptive parent

"Thank you for an inspiring and helpful book. I particularly appreciated the scripture references and spiritual insights, as they encourage me to look back and thank God for His leading in our adoption process. Called to Adoption will help anyone get started on the road to adoption." —Steve Oas, adoptive dad of two

"Called to Adoption, being strongly biblical, emphasizes how God's wisdom is wrapped around the heart and soul of the adoption process. I love the Adoption Wisdom sections and admonitions throughout the book; these verses capture the essence of God's love for the birth families and adoptive families. It's a wonderful book, full of biblical integrity, like a handbook and spiritual teaching guide for families hoping to adopt." —Judie Sobrero, M.F.T.

"What a refreshing title in today's world! This book hits on every aspect of adoption and addresses the heart issues parents face along the way. Mardie's faith and trust in God is very clear and evident in her life work in bringing children and families together. Called to Adoption is a blessing for families hoping to adopt and I pray it will bring more couples confidently to the decision to adopt." —Sarah Pulliam, adoptive mother of two



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CHAPTER NINE A SPECIAL NOTE ON RESOLVING INFERTILITY



Sometimes, in the midst of trying to conceive, taking pregnancy tests, and experiencing monthly failures, it can seem difficult to see past the unfulfilled dream of parenthood. Yet through it all, God sees you for the treasure you are.

He sees the value you offer to the world, when you may not feel you have much to offer. He sees your worth, when you may not feel worthy of Him.

Much like a diamond has no concept of the value it holds or the beauty it is, you, too, may not be able to see your own value and beauty.

*"God created man in His own image."
Genesis 1:27*

Did you know that right now, over 2 million married women are experiencing infertility? 11.8% of all American women are unable to conceive a child after trying for one year. Some will go on to have a biological child; others will not. And each year, over 60,000 couples from all walks of life will adopt because they share a belief that their lives will not be complete without a child.

Since fertility declines with age and so many women are pursuing careers, trouble conceiving is common among those who wait to start families. The most proven method is in vitro fertilization (IVF) where eggs are drawn from the ovaries and fertilized in a lab dish with concentrated sperm. Grown for three days into tiny embryos, several are placed in the uterus. If attempted for five cycles, this will make a baby in one out of three patients. The cost? About \$15,000 per cycle.

Driven by a seemingly desperate need, some couples have spent over \$150,000 on this procedure. Along with the financial toll, comes an emotional one, as well. Repeated failure is felt mostly by the woman, and many marriages cannot thrive during this time. Sadly, when families have invested so heavily