

# CALLED TO ADOPTION: ENCOURAGEMENT FOR YOUR ADOPTION



## On God's Promises...

*So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.*

*Hebrews 10:35-36*

I believe that God has a plan for you and your family, or He would not have led you to be called to adoption. The child He has waiting for you is also a part of His perfect plan. The difficulty can be in the waiting for the beautiful day when you become a family through adoption.

Whatever your adoption path, hold tight to your faith and the promises He gives us in His word. Pray for guidance, for strength, for wisdom, and for opportunities during this time of waiting to help others. When we wait in faith and the knowledge that God's plan is perfect, we are able to enjoy this time with peace, joy, and patience, using this time in ways that bring glory to God.

## On the Adoption Wait...

*Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.*

*Psalms 27:14*

We live in a fast-paced world that seems to only be getting faster. News from a faraway country used to take weeks or months to be delivered. Now it can arrive instantly via email. As we've grown faster, we've grown more impatient with waits, delays, or simply the time it takes to make something happen. If only adoption could be completed at lightning speed.

I challenge you to not view your adoption wait as a delay. Your mindset about this time will play a great role in how you walk through this journey and what you accomplish during these days. God has given you this time for a reason and your task is to use it for His purpose. Spend time in prayer discerning His plan for your days of waiting.

## On Feeling Alone...

*So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God.*

*I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*

*Isaiah 41:10*

You may have friends or family who do not understand adoption and the wait, but always remember that God is with you. He is in control of your adoption. He will give you the strength and courage to face every day of your journey, even the darkest, loneliest times.

Take the verse above and personalize it replacing "you" and "your" with your name. The God of the universe is with you! You are never alone.