

Nolan Family Devotion

Amazing Involvement ©

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Do you believe that God has a child already chosen for your family or that it is a random match that takes place within a particular system? Your answer to this one question can determine your perspective on the entire journey of adoption. Let me explain.

If you believe that the child you will adopt comes as a result of an organization or a random selection, then you will tend to spend much of your journey frustrated, discouraged, and even angry. On the other hand, if you believe that God has divinely chosen a child for your family, then you will find yourself experiencing peace, rest, and joy along your journey. There will be times for all of us where we are frustrated and discouraged, but for those that passionately believe that God is “guiding their steps” to a child that He has already chosen for them, they will be predominately governed by His peace, joy, and strength.

I am under the personal conviction that God has in fact already chosen a child for our family. I believe that He has an intricate plan for her life and part of that plan is that she be part of our home. This belief changes the way I view every person involved in our adoption process, as well as, my outlook on the “waiting”.

As I read the Bible and ponder all the incredible truths like what we read in Psalm 147:4 where it says, “He counts the number of stars; He calls them all by name.” Matthew 10:29-31 says, “What’s the price of a pet canary? Some loose change, right? And God cares what happens to it even more than you do. He pays even greater attention to you, down to the last detail—even numbering the hairs on your head! ... You’re worth more than a million canaries.” There are countless verses that note His intricate involvement in our lives. From the verses that tell us we were “knit together in our mother’s womb” to the fact that our days on this earth are numbered, His word clearly tells us that He not only created each of us, but He has a specific purpose for each of our lives. I believe these verses were written to not only magnify His incredible sovereignty, but also to reveal His intimate involvement in our lives. If he knows the number of hairs on our heads, doesn’t it only make sense that He knows the family we will have? If we believe He knows the number of days we will live, it makes it easy to believe that He already knows how we will spend each one of them.

The fact that He already knows the exact moment my daughter will enter the world, the day we will be united with her, every struggle and joy she will face throughout her life, and even the day she will stand before Him in eternity, brings me great peace and joy. It strengthens my faith in His perfect plan and even His perfect timing when I come to realize His deep love for us and the personal and delicate way He guides our lives. So, while I may not like the idea of waiting so long to go and get my daughter, I can rest in the fact that He is working intricately in her life, as well as mine, to bring about His perfect and sovereign plan for each of us. It is amazing to know that the same God who created this Universe and sustains it by the word of His power, is working in every detail of our adoption process? That’s what I call amazing involvement!