

Adopted for Life

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Lauren's Story



Lauren's Story



- Life Verse:

*"Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due,
When it is in your power to do it." – Proverbs 3:27*

- Missions Verse:

*"And if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy
the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness,
and your night will become like the noonday." – Isaiah 58:10*

- Adoption Verse:

*"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this:
to look after orphans and widows in their distress" – James 1:27*

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Common Misconceptions



- The “Honeymoon Period”
- Transition timelines vary greatly
- Attachment disorder doesn’t always look the same.

Foster/Adoptive Parent:

“Well, the Honeymoon Period’s over. My new child is starting to really act out. This is so hard.”

Foster/Adopted Child:

“Well, the Hell Period is over. I’m starting to feel a bit safer and trust these strangers who call themselves my “parents.” I think I can start letting them see how I really feel. This is so hard.”







Meggan's Story







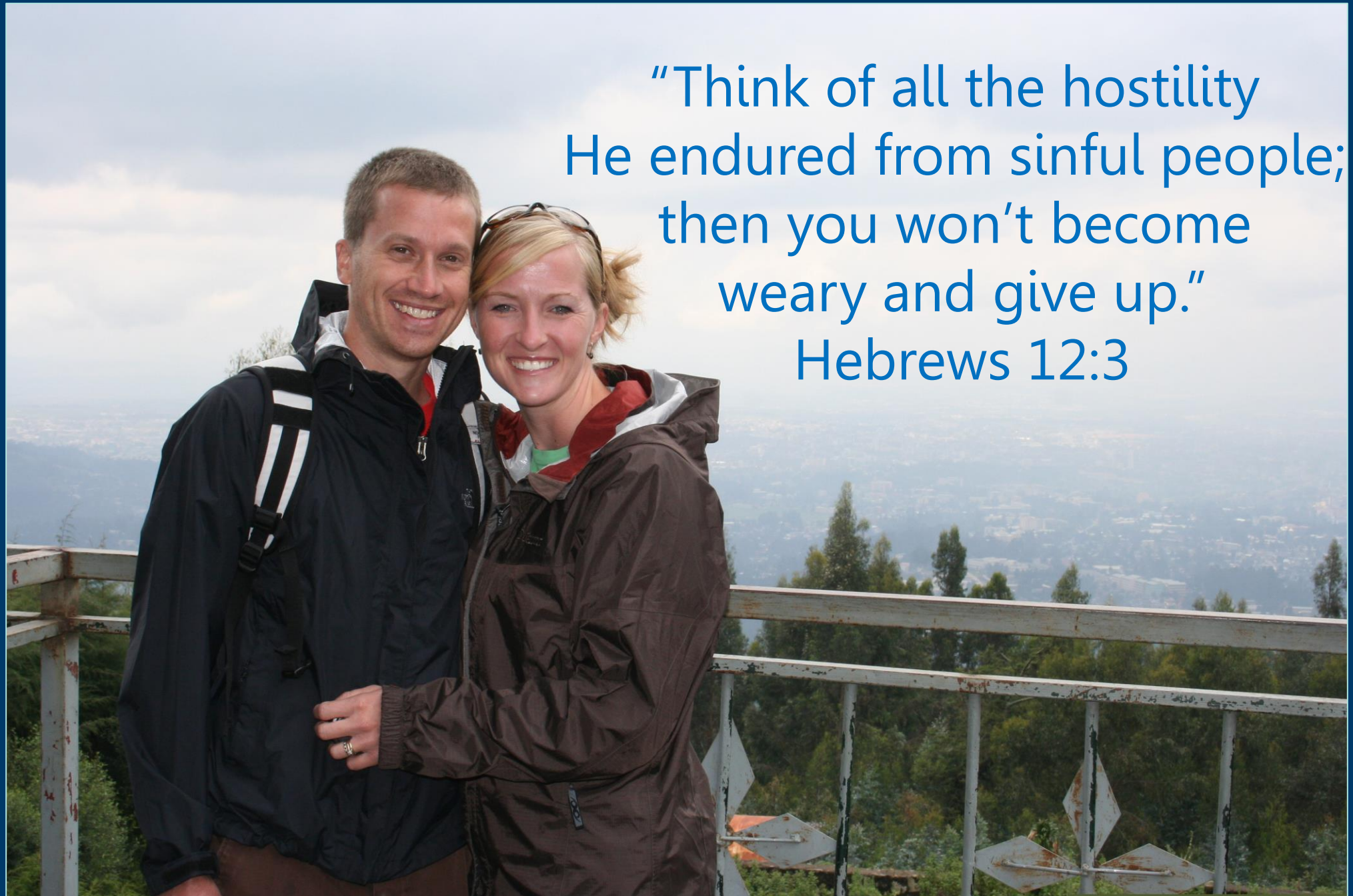
Minnie!



And a
Bonus -
CLAY



“Think of all the hostility
He endured from sinful people;
then you won't become
weary and give up.”
Hebrews 12:3



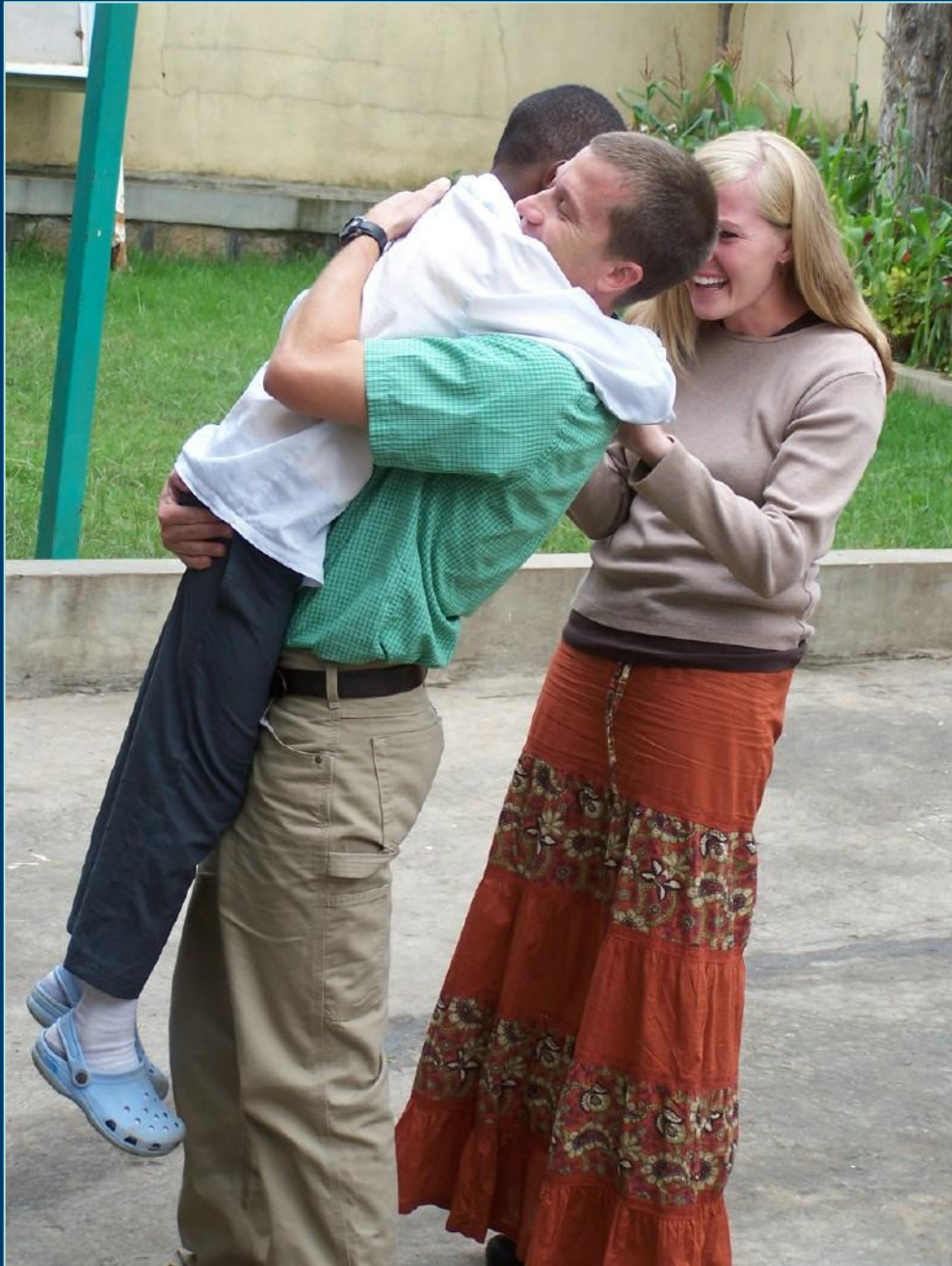


“For all the animals of the forest
are mine, and I own the cattle on
a thousand hills.”

Psalm 50:10 NLT









“Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ.”

Ephesians 1:4-5 NLT







Nancy's Story



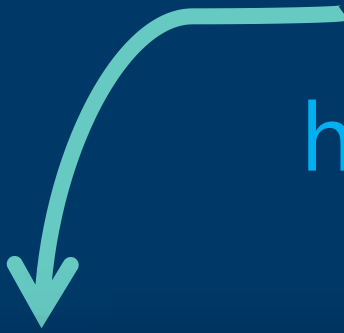


(Referring to me...)
My parents were
often asked when
we were all
standing
together...

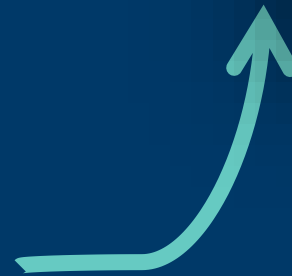
"...And who is this?
Are you
babysitting? Is this
your daughter's
friend?"



...Isn't my
hair straight?



No, it is...
naturally curly!





Nancy's Story



1. Deep roots: Loving first, unconditional, God always receives the love even if your adoptee seems not to.

2. Deep truths: Adoptees need to KNOW the spiritual truth to the attachment disorder of adoption (regardless of age... even newborns)... Truth to learn: God will never leave you nor forsake you.

3. Deep divide: Not all are called to adopt, but all believers are called to care. To care how God calls the Church to care means to value what God values not what the world values... What breaks God's heart should also break our heart.

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- *"No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; **I will never leave you nor forsake you.**"*
– Joshua 1:5
- *"**Love never fails;** but if there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away; if there are tongues, they will cease; if there is knowledge, it will be done away." – 1 Corinthians 13:8*
- *"**We love, because He first loved us.**" – 1 John 4:19*
- *"**But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.** Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him." – Romans 5:8-9*

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- *“When you reap your harvest in your field and have forgotten a sheaf in the field, **you shall not go back to get it; it shall be for the alien, for the orphan, and for the widow**, in order that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. When you beat your olive tree, **you shall not go over the boughs again; it shall be for the alien, for the orphan, and for the widow**. “When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, **you shall not go over it again; it shall be for the alien, for the orphan, and for the widow**. **You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I am commanding you to do this thing.***

– Deuteronomy 24:19-22

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Questions and Stories