



# I AM THE ADOPTED SON/ DAUGHTER OF MY DADDY!

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You get in life what you *focus* on. We can all too easily focus on our faults, our imperfections and our shortcomings. As a result, many of us quietly hold ourselves in deeper judgment than we'd ever admit or that we'd ever place upon someone else. We desperately need to agree with what **God** says! Here's the truth: You are his dearly loved child! He "wanted" you so profoundly, he went all the way through turmoil, pain, rejection and even death just to sign the adoption papers to bring *you* home to him! You were the "joy set before him" that made him able to endure the cross (see Hebrews 12:2). You may not always feel wanted here, but you are more profoundly desired by the King of Kings than you've ever dared to dream. He lavishes his love upon you and wants so deeply for you to call him, "Daddy!" Receive it!

"See what great love the Father lavished upon us, that we should be called *children* of God! And that is what we are!" 1 John 3:1 – Emphasis added.

"For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the *children* of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your *adoption* to sonship. And by Him we cry, '*Abba, Father.*' The Spirit Himself testifies with our Spirit that we are God's children." Romans 8:14-16 – Emphasis added.

"In *love*, He predestined us to *adoption* to *sonship* through Jesus Christ, in accordance with His pleasure and will." Ephesians 1:4b-5 – Emphasis added.

## QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION:

1. *Have you asked God to truly come and **be** your Father — to pay for your sins and to adopt you so that you can know him? If not, do that now. If you need direction, ask a trusted friend who is a Christian or use the prayer at the very end of this devotional.*

2. *Be vulnerable: Do you feel any of the words below describe you? Why?*

*Rejected*

*Unwanted*

*Invisible*

*Unloved*

*Unworthy*

*Insignificant*

*Helpless*

*Unimportant*

*Dirty*

*Other words* \_\_\_\_\_

3. *What words come to mind when you think about God saying he **delights** in adopting you?*

*Loved*

*Unworthy to receive his love*

*Valued*

*Special*

*Doubt that he really loves me*

*Other words* \_\_\_\_\_

**WORSHIP RESOURCE:**

*“Abba Father, You are the Potter. We are the clay!”*

Listen to “Abba, Father” by Ruth Spiegel. Find more info about Ruth’s album at the back of the devotional.

**PRAYER:**

*Abba, I am amazed that I can call you my Daddy. I accept your love for me: that you know me and choose to call me by my name. Help me to see and to trust your love so that I can rest in your presence and joyfully receive all that you have for me today. Wash my mind and heart clean of the places I’ve felt \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in any words from #2 above). I open my heart to experience your unconditional love! What do you want to say to me today?*

**LISTENING TIME:**

*Stop for a few minutes and ask the Lord what he wants to say to you. He might bring to mind a picture, a word, a song, an encouragement, a Scripture or an answer to a burden in your heart. Don’t rush or feel pressure to figure out the meaning of your impressions. Just invite him to speak and draw or write down what you sense. Afterward, ask God to help you discern and understand what he is saying to you. You might want to ask other trusted friends in the Kingdom for their input as well.*

*USE THE FOLLOWING SPACE TO RECORD WHAT GOD IS SAYING*

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**TOOLS FOR FAMILY DEVOTIONS:**

Talk about what adoption is. Ask your kids, “How would it feel to not know your mom and dad or to grow up in a home where you just feel like one of a crowd?” Share the verses above about how God adopted us so that we can know him as our Daddy. Pray for the over 132 million orphans in the world that they would find forever homes and know the love of their Daddy. Thank God for adopting you!

**TOOLS FOR PRAYING FOR OTHERS:**

Ask the Holy Spirit to bring to your mind someone who needs to hear this truth. Ask God what he wants to say about them and listen. Declare what you hear over their life, that they would receive it. As a family, ask God to bring people into your paths today who need to encounter the Father’s love, and to show you each how to manifest him to them.