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RE- FLECTING GOD

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1 Corinthians 15:12-28

My husband and I have spent several years as foster parents, hoping for an opportunity to adopt a baby as a permanent member of our family. We have had seven different babies in our home?none of which we have had the privilege of adopting. Each good-bye has been heartbreaking, and we have shed many tears over these children who we quickly fell in love with. Friends have repeatedly said to me, "God has a plan for your life." Although that is a powerful and accurate statement, it wasn't always at the front of my mind while grieving another child leaving our home. Why? Because I found it difficult to believe. Instead I wondered, "Where is God in all of this? How, in His goodness, could He allow such heartache?" It was difficult to understand His purpose in it all.

It wasn't until I let the truth of His Word penetrate my heart that freedom came. After really internalizing the fact that God is ONLY capable of good, I could rest knowing that every trial was part of a bigger picture to shape me more into His image. And being more Christlike is exactly what my heart desires.

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