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God's Choice, My Story

What's the greatest gift you've ever received? For me, the answer is easy: adoption. At first, I was hesitant to share my story, but I feel God is calling me to do so.

In 2011, I was brought into this world as a baby girl in China. Before I could walk or talk, the Lord had plans for me. He carried me across oceans to a couple who dreamed of having a child. "For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition that I made to Him." 1 Samuel 1:27 (BibleGateway) The journey was long and difficult, but God's love carried me to my forever home.

By the time I was 10 or 11, I began to truly understand that my adoption was a part of who I am. It sets me apart, and St. John's, my school, has helped me see the truth: "God predestined us for adoption to Himself as sons through Jesus Christ." Ephesians 1:5 (BibleGateway) Adoption isn't just my story—it's part of my identity in Christ. I belong because God chose me. This truth has brought me peace, knowing that I'm exactly who God has called me to be.

Numbers alone don't capture the depth of God's love. "American parents adopted 78,257 children from China between 1999 and 2016. More than 60% of adoptees were girls." (Parsons-Thomason) God chose me, and in Christ, I belong. Even before I was born, God had the perfect plan for me. For "I am fearfully and wonderfully made: 'For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows

it very well.” Psalm 139:13-14 (BibleGateway) I am not just one storyline or statistic—I am God’s child, loved beyond all measure.

In conclusion, no gift has impacted my life more than adoption. It has shown me God’s faithfulness in ways I never expected. This isn’t just my story—it’s a testament to God’s amazing love. Sharing it has been my greatest honor and joy.

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