My Journey With Joshua Commentary – WVON1690AM

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Parenthood is a blessing, whether through natural birth or less traditional means. Yet, I’ve noticed a stigma, even a fear, attached to adoption. Without a doubt, adoption presents a unique set of challenges, but it can also be a saving grace all the same.

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My personal struggle with infertility led me to becoming a licensed foster parent. Now, I am the proud parent of a two-year old son named Joshua. My husband and I adopted Joshua within the first few days of his life, and it has been a wonderful experience. I recently wrote a piece entitled, ‘My Journey With Joshua’ to educate and inspire others to embrace less traditional methods of parenting as we have.

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My faith in God played a huge role in guiding and comforting me through the entire adoption process from switching agencies, to believing for a newborn, and even down to naming Joshua, which is translated as ‘gift from God.’ In my piece, I highlight some of the common concerns associated with foster parenting, while challenging readers to leverage their faith to move beyond them.

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To everyone that’s considering adoption - stop holding your breath, and just do it. Be unapologetic about your determination. Educate yourself on the process and educate others. And most of all, let God!

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If you’re interested in reading ‘My Journey With Joshua,’ you can visit [myjourneywithjoshua.com](http://www.myjourneywithjoshua.com) or pick up the January 2018 issue of The South Shore Current. I’m Deborah Olivia Farmer, and I’m pro adoption.