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“When God calls you to step into the lives of children, he’ll also prepare you. This practical, informative guide helps do just that. The short stories, questions, and prayers at the end of each chapter will lead you to a deeper dialogue with God—then watch where God takes you!”

—Dr. Sharen E. Ford, director, Foster Care and Adoption, Focus on the Family

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Opening Your Heart to Vulnerable Children—through Foster Care, Adoption, and Other Life-Giving Ways

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More and more individuals, families, and churches are seeking ways they can respond to the biblical mandate to care for “the least of these.” The desire to help children coming from difficult situations is a necessary starting point, but what comes next? You need to know the steps for getting involved and what can truly help.

Filled with real-life stories and practical advice, *Called to Care* starts by helping you honestly assess your motivations. The wrong motivations can set the stage for an unsuccessful experience. From there, the book shows what adoption and foster care really look like in a variety of situations, from domestic and international adoptions to short-term foster care and foster-to-adopt arrangements. Also included is how churches and individuals can minister to refugees. Rounding out this comprehensive yet concise book are tips for assessing your preparedness, how to meet common emotional and physical challenges, and the most effective ways to help families stay together and thrive.

“Every book on adoption or foster care that I’ve ever encountered was a theological treatise or a personal memoir or a how-to manual. *Called to Care* is the first book on this topic that has it all—heartfelt stories, spiritual reflection, a range of perspectives, and heaps of practical advice. . . . If you take seriously the Bible’s commands to care for orphans, read this book immediately.”

—Jonathan Merritt, contributing writer, *The Atlantic*, and author, *Learning to Speak God from Scratch: Why Sacred Words Are Vanishing—and How We Can Revive Them*



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