

“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, Abba Father. The Spirit Himself bears witness that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs— heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.”

Romans 8:14-17

In January of this year, my daughter, Jennifer Erickson, posted the following on Facebook:

“So, yes, it’s my birthday. On this day, many years ago, I was born and for that I am grateful... which may sound trite unless you realize I was adopted, and so I could have very easily been aborted. The next time you hear someone say it’s a ‘choice’ or a solution to a problem, consider the good that comes from having the courage to give someone life.”

Jennifer came to live with us when she was two days shy of 3 weeks old. We knew very little about her except her natural mother was 19 and played 4 musical instruments. That was enough information for me to encourage her natural abilities. She has taught band, chorus, and orchestra in Florida public schools for 18 years. She is active in her church, playing the viola/cello in the orchestra and singing on the praise team. I am very grateful for her birth mother who chose to give her life.

Abba, Father, I thank You for “adopting” me, as a believer in Jesus Christ, into Your Kingdom. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

Grace Robertson

