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Ready Or Not: 30-Day Discovery For Families Growing Through Foster Care And Adoption



Synopsis

Entering the journey of foster care and adoption can be one of the most daunting decisions that you make as a parent. Parenting a child who has experienced trauma and loss is a rewarding experience, but it's not easy. In this biblically-centered and straight-forward book, Pam Parish helps parents to:

- ~ Consider the impact of foster care and adoption on their lives and families.
- ~ Evaluate their motives and expectations for the foster care and adoption experience.
- ~ Explore foster care and adoption through the lens of scripture.

Ready or Not, 30-day Discovery is sure to challenge, inspire and encourage you in your foster care and adoption journey. Praise for **Ready or Not**: Anyone considering foster care or adoption should first spend 30 days with this book. As foster parents ourselves, we've found **Ready or Not** to be a valuable tool on our journey. So much so, that it's now a part of the core curriculum for families desiring to foster or adopt in our churches. Pam's transparency throughout the book gives a realistic picture of what to expect. Her Biblical insights powerfully draw us to the heart of God and His love for orphaned and at-risk children.

Andy and Sandra Stanley, North Point Community Church

In this thought provoking biblical study, Pam Parish clearly captures the journey of adoption and foster care. The experience brings parental transformation. Of critical importance for every perspective adoptive parent is to count the cost. **Ready or Not** does just that. This is an excellent resource for faith-based adoption and foster care agencies to use as well as adoption ministries within the local church. I highly recommend it!

Jayne Schooler, Co-author of *Wounded Children*, *Healing Homes* and *The Whole Life Adoption Book*

Foster care and adoption are beautiful. They are also full of brokenness. Potential parents need to be equipped and aware of the realities of adopting children that come from hard places. Pam Parish shares stories of her own personal journey as well as keen wisdom and biblical insight in **Ready or Not**. I will be recommending this book to every person that is considering foster care and adoption. **Ready or Not** will be an invaluable tool to help them determine if God is calling them to this journey.

Johnny Carr, Author of *Orphan Justice*

This is one of the best resources I've found to count the costs of adopting and fostering, while at the same time creating a supportive team to hold each other up throughout their journeys. Each week, the probing questions lead to deep discussions and honest reflection, calling each of us to consider what unconditional love truly looks like in action. Thank you so much for providing this valuable resource to families considering fostering and adoption!

David Hennessey, Director for Global Movements Christian Alliance for Orphans (CAFO)

Every prospective foster and adoptive parent should be given this book in advance of receiving a child into their home. Pam speaks with such truth, passion and understanding of the journey with a child who comes from a hard place. As a foster and adoptive parent, how I wish we

could have had such a resource in the beginning of our journey. This is a MUST read for those considering the decision to foster or adopt. Ruby Johnston, Co-Founder, LAMB International
In Ready or Not, Pam challenges us to consider God's heart for orphans and our specific role in aligning our heart with His. This 30-day journey will inspire you through Pam's honest and heartfelt words and through Scriptures that confirmed her calling. It will recalibrate your expectations and motivation as you enter into your own calling. Mary Frances Bowley
Founder, Wellspring Living
Author of A League of Dangerous Women and The White Umbrella

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Customer Reviews

If you are considering adding a child to your family through the beautiful gift of adoption, spend the 30 days and read this book!! I found the wisdom to be very thoughtful and the Bible verses to be perfect selections. Although beautiful, adoption is not an easy road. Being prepared for what to expect is invaluable and this study is an awesome way to pray over your family's next steps.

A touching combination of truth and grace. Parish tells it like it is, but approaches the emotional journey of fostering and adopting from a very gentle place. I thought I would read the whole thing in

one sitting, but taking it a day at a time has been a blessing. Each day was very impactful for me. It took 24 hours to digest most days! Parish brings insight to the table from many years of experience from her own fostering and adopting journey. The meditation and scripture at the end of each day was the highlight for me. This journey can feel hopeless, draining and lonely at times, but the reminder that we are not alone, that God is in control, offers hope. Having the scripture and reminders that we, as humans, cannot save a child, no matter how hard we try, and that God has chosen us to take this journey along side the children, is humbling and encouraging.

Pam Parish captures the biblical principles of foster care in such a concise, matter-of-fact way. This is a must read for those interested in fostering or supporting those who do foster. I have bought several to give to those in our support network, so they can further understand what we are going through.

I've worked with and for orphan care organizations for years, and have seen a glut of incorrect or incomplete information provided to prospective adoptive and foster parents. It's refreshing to find *Ready or Not* - a truly inspired and well-designed devotional that is chock-full of insight and holistic wisdom. This should be required reading for anyone considering adoption or foster care. Thank you to Pam Parish for being unafraid to ask hard questions and offer powerful truth.

Ready or Not is an essential read for all prospective and current foster and adoptive parents. Pam Parish gives insight into the issues every foster and adoptive parent deals with through her 30 day discovery. Each days devotion is perfect in length, giving helpful insight throughout the book. Her words are a refreshing reminder that we CAN do this, and that we aren't alone.

Pam's journey is an amazing one. I am proud to have been part of the journey with her from the beginning. As a therapist and an adopted person, I believe Pam has given an irreplaceable gift to the adoption community. For anyone considering adoption or foster care, or anyone working with adoptive or foster children in any capacity this book will provide honest insight into the journey of working with adoptive and foster children and families.

I initially ran a test run of the early version of this book through our first foster families and as a couple with my husband when we were new foster parents. Pam guides you through the decision-making process about fostering and adoption with wisdom and sensitivity. She leads you

into sensitive areas that may have crossed your mind, but you've never put concrete thought to or articulated into words. For example, what will you do if your child presents with poor hygiene, how will you love this child unconditionally, what about your own biological children and meeting their needs? My husband and I read this book a second time once it was published and even though we were already fostering, we'd wished both times that we'd read it before we'd started. However, it still felt very applicable and helped us hone in on areas we needed to improve in our foster parenting. This book helps you count the cost of fostering and adoption. If I could, I would make it mandatory reading for all who are entering the world of foster care and adoption.

I love this book! It is exactly what I needed during a difficult stage of adopting. I love how Pam always points you back to God and following His plan for your life. This book is very inspiring. It was definitely the pick me up I needed!

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