



A Gift That Blesses Generations by Gene McCoy

After recounting her many blessings in life, Barbara Peglar wishes she had the opportunity to let her biological mother know how grateful she is to have been granted the opportunity to live. "If I had only five minutes to talk to my biological mother," Barbara says, "I would relieve her of any guilt or regret and thank her for my life."

Barbara was five days old when the attending nurse at her birth adopted her. She grew up to be a nurse who, in turn, took care of her adoptive mother. "My life began in her arms and her life ended in mine. It came full circle."

Her compelling desire to meet her biological mother is to let her know that she did the best thing she could have done — that she can't imagine having a better life or a stronger bond than she enjoyed with her adoptive parents. "I would tell her how much I have appreciated life and that I hope her life was as happy as mine," said Mrs. Peglar.

With her son and daughter-in-law sitting beside her, themselves adoptive parents, Barbara wondered out loud what would not have been had her mother chosen not to give birth to her. She pays tribute to her biological mother for providing her the opportunity to be a mother with a loving husband and a family of her own, and to know the joy of contributing to the lives of others.

Barbara recounts her happy childhood and rejoices in the blessings of her family, which now includes grandchildren. She is very grateful for her adoptive parents and the love displayed by her biological mother in giving birth to her.

The overriding sentiment

expressed by both the older and the younger Peglars is loving concern for the biological parents. Barbara's happiness stems not only from how she benefited by her mother's decision leading to her adoption, but also by the fact that her biological mother did not have to deal with post-abortion psychological and emotional pain.

The biological mother of the younger Peglars' child lived in a metropolitan area where abortion services were readily available. They conclude that love for her baby outweighed any selfish concerns that could have resulted in an abortion.

Joey and Vanessa Peglar have two other children besides their adopted child. Vanessa had a yearning early in life to adopt a child. Joey allows that his mother's positive experience as an adopted child contributed to his consideration of becoming an adoptive parent.

"One person starts a generation," said Joey. It is exciting and fulfilling to him knowing that he has given this child the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of generations to follow. "It's not just one life, but all who stem from it," he said. The blessing of adoption extends to succeeding generations.

Because Barbara's birth mother chose adoption, there has come to be a home for Joey and Vanessa's baby. Barbara wishes her birth mother could see how adoption truly is a gift that blesses for generations. 

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