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2. As you listen to this passage, what gives you the sense that God considers you as something very precious? How do you get adopted by God?

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Teacher Notes

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Ask the student: what does adoption mean?

When someone comes to faith in Jesus Christ, the new Believer has the right to be a child of God.

This is more than simply a relationship with God!

Adoption is establishing your relationship with God in a way that is legal and binding like adoptions today!

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Ask the student: how do you know God considers you as something precious? Name all the evidence you can!

"For he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world"

God knew and loved us before we were born!

"He predestined us to be adopted as sons through Jesus Christ for himself"

God wanted us to be adopted before we were born!

"according to the good pleasure of his will"

This brought pleasure to God!