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1. **2 reasons why more Christian families don't adopt.**

*Fear of the unknown*

*Finances*

2. **How to care for the Orphan:**

*Listen without judgement*

*Pay for therapy*

*Bring meals*

*Babysit*

*Move toward them, not away*

3. **What is God calling you to do?**

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**JT OLSON BIOGRAPHY**

After being orphaned as a child alongside his four siblings, JT Olson went on to start a faith-based non-profit serving orphans and widows. Olson's personal tragedy gave him an overwhelming understanding of the need to find loving homes for the world's orphaned children and inspired his family's life-altering decision to adopt a little girl from China. After over 30 years in sales and recruiting, Olson chose to forego business success to pursue achievements he found to be more meaningful. His powerful story shows God's transformation of pain into passion, the joy found through adoption and the value of every life.

**Miss something?** Completed sermon notes are available online. Binders to organize your sermon notes are available at the upstairs Welcome Desk.

## NEXT STEPS

- Pray.
- Identify your role and write it down.
- Ask God to show how you can use your gifts to serve Mission Hope.
- Evaluate how you and your family can engage the "Least of These" (Matthew 25)

## NOTES FOR PERSONAL & SMALL GROUP STUDY

### KEEPING IT REAL

- 1 Describe a time when you felt fatherless. How did it make you feel? How did God meet you in this place and comfort you?

### LOOK AT THE BOOK

- 2 James 1:27, NIV: "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." What does James mean when he says "to keep oneself from being polluted by the world"? Why is that important to us in our daily lives?
- 3 Isaiah 1:17, NIV: "Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow. Who was Isiah talking to when he made these statements?"

### TAKING IT FURTHER

- 4 Are there any situations that the Lord wants you to respond to him in faith and prayer before you act? Do you think that this step will strengthen your actions? How are you going to respond to James 1:27 and Isaiah 1:17?

## WORSHIP LYRICS

If you'd like to spend more time with the lyrics from any of the songs this morning, please click on the song title below to continue worshipping.

[Holy Spirit](#)

[Your Great Name](#)

[Resurrecting](#)

[You Say](#)

[Who You Are](#)

[O Come to the Altar](#)