



"I love you. I started watching you when you first began. What a joy and uplifting to my spirit you have always been."
— Everett WA

"Just wanted to thank you for your dedication in putting out such wonderful inspirational programs. I can't tell you how much they help me daily!"
— Vancouver WA

"The Bible says to give honor to whom honor is due. I have been a viewer of TBN since an early age. I don't know where I would be now had it not been for the inspiring programs and the friend on the other line to pray with me. It is my honor to write this letter to you."
— Federal Way WA

The Joy We Have in Jesus Is the *Joy in Our Town!*

When you discover you are pregnant, and it's not a planned pregnancy, there is a moment of shock, of uncertainty. Then reality sets in and you wonder, "Now what? What will my parents think? What will my church think?"

On KTBW-TV's "*Joy in Our Town*," Paulette Caswell, Director of Bethany Christian Services, told host Tanny Jackson that we need to walk alongside these women without judging them. We need to let them know that there are alternatives to abortion. Parenting is one option, of course, but adoption



is an important option as well. There is a growing movement in adoption circles to let birth moms and dads choose the adoptive parents.

Paulette suggested a radical idea that would help birth moms, adopt-

ive parents, and the church at the same time. "What if 'just one family in every church were to commit to adopting one child,' she said. "The church would surround the adoptive family with love and support in the form of prayer, babysitting, providing clothing, shoes, school supplies, and perhaps even a home-cooked meal or two along the way.

"One of the greatest gifts a person, family, or church can give is love — loving a child so they know they aren't rejected, loving a birth mom through her grief and loss, and loving the adoptive parents."

Another "*Joy in Our Town*" guest was Paul "Big Red" Wilson. He spent a number of years in prison because he got in with the wrong crowd and did things he



wouldn't talk about on the air. But then God got hold of him and he now is a chaplain to guys behind bars.

He told host Tanny Jackson that "young people in prison face their last chance in life. Either they get it straight or the next time they'll be in prison for life."

He puts the blame on both parents and the church. "Parents are not involved in their kid's life. There's no more sitting down to dinner at a table discussing problems and solutions. Kids no longer trust dad or mom. They walk out on their parents and their parents walk out on them. At the same time, the church, which should have a passion for people, no longer looks at families as the harvest field. And because of this, we're losing a generation of young people.

"We've got to share the joy of Christ with them, give them Someone they can count on, who won't walk out on them."