Quotes

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Foster Family quotes:

- *"Our Support Friends met us with encouragement and joy. Because of the ease in which they show up for us, they have given us the capacity to love and care for the little boy for however long he needs."* (IG quote)
- *"We thought we would ruin our kids by doing foster care, now I believe we would have ruined them if we hadn't done foster care!"* - Glen Ottinger, foster dad
- *"And James says, the best way to live out your faith in Jesus is to run towards them. The most vulnerable people in our society, that's our people, that's where we go. And when you do that, people will look at you strangely. They will wonder, 'Why would you ever do this? Why would you ever move into what's hard and uncomfortable?' It's because it puts the work of Jesus on display in pure and undefiled ways."* - Ryan Wong
- *"God has provided a light in the darkness in our Support Friends - they have been our flashlight as God guides our path."* (FTC Foster Parent)
- *"God doesn't always call us to things that make sense, but He meets us where He calls us."* -Foster Family
- *"Foster Care might not grow your forever family numerically, but it will grow your relationship with and dependence upon the Lord."* -Bethany Chang

Faith Leader quotes:

- *"Do all the Good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you can."* (John Wesley - IG post)
- *"We remember Jesus washing the feet of His disciples - a radical act of humility and service. He showed us that love means laying down our comforts for the sake of others. Who can you serve today, even if it's uncomfortable or inconvenient?"* (FTC IG quote)
- *"IF I am afraid so a child feels safe, IF I cry so a child learns to smile, IF I give myself so a child learns to receive, IF I die a little inside so a child comes to know the One who died...then it's all worth it"* (Jamie Finn)
- *"In the end, we may find that some of the most sacred spaces of worship are not the seats of the sanctuary, but the hard and broken places where vulnerability and oppression are met with a fullness and hope that only the Church can offer."* (Jason Johnson - IG)
- *"What would happen if the sleeping giant of the church could be awakened, if service and sacrifice became the calling of the many, rather than the few, and if ordinary Christians began to make small but significant changes in their efforts to live for the Kingdom?"* (Gerald L. Sittser - IG FTC)
- *"He didn't say, well said, good and faithful servants. He said, WELL DONE. Jesus teaches that the kingdom is for those who go."* Jon Tyson

Support Friend Quotes:

- *"Here I am, a man in his 70's showing up with what I CAN DO. Hikes, frozen yogurt, I just keep showing up and being consistent for the family and the 10 year old they are caring for."* (Tony's Quote)
- *"Supporting a foster family was a calling I heard loud and clear. When presented with the crisis from a vision cast at my church, I found myself nodding in agreement that The Church is the answer. The next convicting thought I had came in the form of a question - WHO is the Church? It's me, I am the church."*
- *"When we were a Foster Family, having Support Friends made all the difference. The relief of knowing a meal was coming and that we were being carried in prayer was truly life-changing for our foster care journey. So when the opportunity arose to become a Support Friend myself, it was an easy yes."*
- *"Being invited into our Foster Family's story has been a gift filled with both joy and gratitude. It's found in the simple moments, buying bulk oversized foil pans for meals and praying words of encouragement as I chop watermelon and boil water for pasta. But it's also found in the deeper, more heartbreaking moments—being on my knees in intercession for the family and their needs."*
- *"What I love about being part of a Support Friend Team is that I don't feel the pressure to do everything for the family. Instead, I have the privilege of supporting them alongside others. The FTC app brings it all together beautifully—we can see the family's needs, pray actively as a team, and celebrate when we witness those prayers being answered."*
- *"This role has also given me a wonderful opportunity to involve my son in serving others. He helps me shop for fun treats, joins me for deliveries, and participates in our prayers for the family. Watching him learn the joy of supporting others has been an unexpected blessing."*
- *"Being a Support Friend has shown me that sometimes the most meaningful ministry happens in the everyday moments—through shared meals, heartfelt prayers, and the simple act of showing up for families who need to know they're not alone."*

Former Foster Youth:

"They said, 'We can't wait until we get rid of you.' That was the second time I landed back in foster care. By that point, I wanted nothing to do with God. And then I moved in with a new family. They were Christians. I never truly understood what love was until I met God, and no matter what I did, no matter how cruel or distant I became, this family loved me. Over and over. No strings attached. And then one day, I just woke up and it hit me: I was loved. Not the kind of love I had grown used to - not the fake, conditional kind that disappears the second you mess up. But real love. The kind that stays. God hadn't abandoned me in my pain. He had walked with me through every second of it. And He had used every broken piece to shape me into someone new. I have people who love me. Not because they have to, but because they choose to. And I have a God who never stopped loving me, even when I convinced myself He had." (- Foster youth placed with a FTC family)

"My life entering foster care was more than just a mess or traumatic. It was brokenness that shaped every fiber of my being. My worldview had been formed as not being wanted, not being enough and not belonging. Entering foster care just added to this shadowy darkness over me until this devoted Christian family along with 'their people' came into my life. Their devotion to Jesus while caring and loving me transformed me. My now forever family has revealed something that I never thought I could ever have - a place to be me, to be known, to be seen, and to be loved, all because of their YES, and their love for Christ." (Former youth placed in foster care)