



**Tori Hope Petersen**  
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Mrs. Petersen lived in twelve different homes before aging out of foster care at 18 without being adopted. Despite the abuse, trauma, and adversity she endured in the foster care system, she went on to become an All-American in track and field and is among the 3 percent of foster youth to graduate from college. Today, she is a wife, mom, foster parent, foster care advocate, non-profit founder, and bestselling author of “Fostered: One Woman’s Powerful Story of Finding Faith and Family through Foster Care.” She is passionate about foster care reform, adoption advocacy, vulnerable populations, and seeing the love of God change people’s lives. Tori is also a sought-after national speaker and a Bible teacher. As a leading advocate for foster care, she has been featured on Good Morning America, Essence, and other prominent platforms. She has helped numerous organizations serving vulnerable people raise funds by sharing her powerful story from stages and has equipped and empowered churches, organizations, and individuals to serve kids and families in need. Tori and her husband are raising a four-year old boy, a two-year-old girl, a young adult adopted son, and her biological sister.