



Persevering  
in  
the **Wh**ole  
Counsel of God

*What's at Stake for the Next Generation*

**From Genesis to Revelation:  
Disability and His Sure  
Promises to Help**

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(Exodus 4:11 ESV)



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- Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.” (John 9:3 ESV)



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  - Sampson eyes – Judges 16:21
  - Zedekiah's eyes – Jeremiah 52:11



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- Ongoing medical conditions:
  - Woman with discharge of blood – Matthew 9:20
  - Boy with epilepsy – Matthew 17:15



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  - Paralysis: Mark 2:10



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“But that you may know that ***the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins***”—he said to the paralytic—“I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.”

(Mark 2:10-11 ESV)



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(Leviticus 19:14 ESV)



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On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable. . .

(1 Corinthians 12:22 ESV)



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- The Lord will supply: Philippians 4:19
- The Lord will provide wisdom: James 1:5
- Don't be anxious; the Lord is at hand; ask: Philippians 4:5-6



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Now the lords of the Philistines gathered to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god and to rejoice, and they said, **“Our god has given Samson our enemy into our hand.”** And when the people saw him, they praised their god. For they said, **“Our god has given our enemy into our hand,** the ravager of our country, who has killed many of us.”

Then Samson called to the LORD and said, “O Lord GOD, please remember me and please strengthen me only this once, O God, that I may be avenged on the Philistines for my two eyes.”

So the dead whom he killed at his death were more than those whom he had killed during his life.

(Judges 16:23-31 ESV)



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- *He Has Spoken By His Son* for Preschool
  - Lesson 76 on Mark 2:1-12
    - Primarily about Jesus
    - Secondarily about the paralytic
    - Man living in community
    - Community was creative and bold, acting in faith
  - Lesson 83 on John 9
    - Primarily about Jesus
    - Man was insightful and bold
    - Experienced increasing sight



# God's Generations Prepared

- *Teach Me Your Way* for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - Lesson 16 including Matthew 5:8
  - Lesson 7 including Isaiah 40



# Questions?

