

2nd Annual One Body Conference
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Parent Seminar:
Not What I Signed Up For: Making Sense of Parenting and Disability
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Resources for further study and encouragement:

- *Wrestling with an Angel* by Greg Lucas
- *The Scars That Have Shaped Me: How God Meets Us in Suffering* by Vaneetha Risner (also available for free at desiringGod.org)
- *Holding on to Hope* by Nancy Guthrie
- *Just the Way I Am: God's Good Design in Disability* by Krista Horning
- *Disability and the Sovereign Goodness of God* - sermons from John 9 and John 5 on how Jesus dealt with disability; available for free at desiringGod.org
- Conference messages from *The Works of God: God's Good Design in Disability* available for free at desiringGod.org
- Children Desiring God seminars on disability available at <https://www.truth78.org/>
- Other disability related resources available at theworksofGod.com and vaneetha.com

Scriptures that have impacted me:

God is purposeful and intentional in creating all people, including those with disabilities.

- Psalm 139:13&16 For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. . . Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.
- Exodus 4:11 Then the Lord said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the Lord?"
- John 9:3 Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents (that he was born blind), but that the works of God might be displayed in him."
- Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

God intentionally chooses what the world looks down on to impact the world.

- 1 Corinthians 1:27–29 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.

- 1 Corinthians 12:22 On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable . . .

Our creator and savior knows what it is to suffer and to be abandoned. He understands our pain.

- Luke 22:44 And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.
- Hebrews 2:10 For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering.

God is good, he is over all things, and everything is for his glory.

- Genesis 50:20 As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. (ESV)
- John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made.
- Romans 11:36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

God will effectively provide the means to gather all his people, no matter their circumstances.

Jeremiah 31:8 Behold, I will bring them from the north country and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, the pregnant woman and she who is in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.

God warns against abusing those with disabilities, with direct reference to his power.

Leviticus 19:14 You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

God will sustain us and all things work for our ultimate joy.

- 1 Corinthians 1:7-8so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 2 Corinthians 4:17 For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison. . .
- Philippians 4:19 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.