



# Irresistible Church Training

For Disability Ministry

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## Selected Resources for Doing Life Together

The following resources are a limited sampling of the many wonderful books and Bible studies written to encourage families affected by disability in their faith.

### Support Group Material:

- ***A Different Dream for My Child: Meditations for Parents of Critically or Chronically Ill Children*** by Jolene Philo
- ***Another Kind of Courage: God's Design for Fathers of Families Affected by Disability*** by Doug Mazza and Steve Bundy
- ***Creating the Moms Group You've Been Looking For: Your How-To Manual for Connecting with Other Moms*** by Jill Savage
- ***Held: Learning to Live in God's Grip*** by Sandra Peoples and Lee Peoples
- ***Special Needs Parenting: From Coping to Thriving*** by Lorna Bradley
- ***Special Strength for Special Parents: 31 Days of Spiritual Therapy for Parents of Children with Special Needs*** by Nina Fuller
- ***Unlocking the Treasure: A Bible Study for Moms Entrusted with Special-Needs Children*** by Bev Roozeboom

### Friendships:

- ***Growing Friendships: Connecting More Deeply With Those Who Matter Most*** by Tracy Klehn

### Caregiving:

- ***A Caregiver's Survival Guide: How to Stay Healthy When Your Loved One is Sick*** by Kay M. Strom
- ***Because You Care: Spiritual Encouragement for Caregivers*** by Cecil Murphey and Twila Belk
- ***Compassionate Caregiving: Practical Help and Spiritual Encouragement*** by Lois D. Knutson
- ***God's Encouragement for Caregivers (DVD and guide)*** by John Ankerberg, Joni Eareckson Tada, and Dr. Michael Easley
- ***Hope for the Caregiver: Encouraging Words to Strengthen Your Spirit*** by Peter Rosenberger
- ***The Caregivers Notebook: An Organizational Tool and Support to Help You Care for Others*** by Jolene Philo
- ***We Are: A Caregiving Manifesto*** by Dana Brown Ritter

## Tools for General Family Support:

- ***After We're Gone: A Christian perspective on estate and life planning for families that include a dependent member with disability*** by Dr. Duane Ruth-Heffelbower
- ***The Art of Helping: What to Say and Do When Someone is Hurting*** by Lauran Littauer Briggs
- ***Just Show Up: The Dance of Walking through Suffering Together*** by Kara Tippets and Jill Lynn Buteyn

## Marriage:

- ***Joni and Ken: An Untold Love Story*** by Ken Tada and Joni Eareckson Tada with Larry Libby
- ***Married with Special-Needs Children: A Couples' Guide to Keeping Connected*** by Laura E. Marshak and Fran P. Prezant
- ***When God Doesn't Fix It: Lessons You Never Want to Learn, Truths You Can't Live Without*** by Laura Story and Jennifer Schuchmann

## Written by and About Families Affected by Disability:

- ***Real Families, Real Needs: A Compassionate Guide for Families Living with Disability*** by Joni and Friends
- ***Breakthrough Parenting for Children with Special Needs: Raising the Bar of Expectations*** by Judy Winter
- ***Dancing with Max: A Mother and Son Who Broke Free*** by Emily Colson
- ***Different Dream Parenting: A Practical Guide to Raising a Child with Special Needs*** by Jolene Philo
- ***Empowering Your Child Who Has Special Needs*** by Debbie Salter Goodwin
- ***His Majesty in Brokenness*** by Judy Squier
- ***Light from Lucas: Lessons in Faith From a Fragile Life*** by Bob Vander Plaats
- ***No More Peanut Butter Sandwiches*** by Jeff Davidson
- ***Too Wise to be Mistaken, Too Good to be Unkind: Christian Parents Contend with Autism*** by Cathy Steere
- ***Unexpected Journey: When Special Needs Change Our Course*** by Joe Ferrini and Cindi Ferrini
- ***Wrestling with an Angel: A Story of Love, Disability and the Lessons of Grace*** by Greg Lucas

## Sibling Support:

- ***Fasten your Seatbelt: A Crash Course on Down Syndrome for Brothers and Sisters*** by Brian G. Skotko and Susan P. Levine
- ***Living with a Brother or Sister with Special Needs: A Book for Sibs*** by Donald J. Meyer and Patricia F. Vadasy
- ***Sibshops: Workshops for Siblings of Children with Special Needs*** by Donald J. Meyer and Patricia F. Vadasy

- ***Special Brothers and Sisters: Stories and Tips for Siblings of Children with Special Needs, Disability or Serious Illness*** by Monica McCaffrey and Annette Hames
- ***The Sibling Slam Book: What It's Really Like To Have A Brother Or Sister With Special Needs*** by Don Meyer and David Gallagher
- ***Thicker than Water: Essays by Adult Siblings of People with Disabilities*** edited by Don Meyer
- ***Views from our Shoes: Growing Up with a Brother or Sister with Special Needs*** by Donald Meyer

### Picture Books:

- ***All Cats Have Asperger Syndrome*** by Kathy Hoopmann
- ***All Kinds of Friends, Even Green!*** by Ellen B. Senisi (spina bifida)
- ***Inside Asperger's Looking Out*** by Kathy Hoopmann
- ***Don't Call Me Special: A First Look at Disability*** by Pat Thomas (physical disabilities)
- ***Enrique Speaks with His Hands*** by Benjamin Fudge (hearing impairment)
- ***God Gave Us You*** by Lisa Tawn Bergren
- ***If Only I Had a Green Nose*** by Max Lucado
- ***In Jesse's Shoes*** by Beverly Lewis
- ***Just the Way I Am: God's Good Design in Disability*** by Krista Horning
- ***Let's Talk about It Series*** by Jennifer Moore-Mallinos
- ***Live and Learn Series*** by Barron's Educational Books
- ***My Brother Charlie*** by Holly Robinson Peete (autism)
- ***My Brother, Matthew*** by Mary Thompson
- ***My Friend Has Autism (Friends with Disabilities)*** by Amanda Doering Tourville
- ***My Friend Isabelle*** by Eliza Woloson (Down syndrome)
- ***Shelley, the Hyperactive Turtle*** by Deborah M. Moss (ADHD)
- ***Since We're Friends: An Autism Picture Book*** by Celeste Shally and David Harrington
- ***Special People, Special Ways*** by Arlene Maguire (physical limitation)
- ***The Prince Who Was Just Himself*** by Silke Schnee (Down syndrome)
- ***You Are Special*** by Max Lucado
- ***You Are Mine*** by Max Lucado
- ***You've Got a Friend*** by Joni Eareckson Tada (accident-induced paralysis)
- ***We'll Paint the Octopus Red*** by Stephanie Stuve-Bodeen (Down syndrome)