

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE REALLY SAY ABOUT DISABILITY?

DISABILITY IS NOT A MISTAKE: WE WERE ALL CREATED WONDERFULLY, ON PURPOSE FOR A PURPOSE.

“Then God said, “Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us.”
Genesis 1:26 NLT

*“You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother’s womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex!
Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born.*

Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.”
Psalm 139:13-16 NLT

“But Moses pleaded with the Lord, “O Lord, I’m not very good with words. I never have been, and I’m not now, even though you have spoken to me. I get tongue-tied, and my words get tangled.”

Then the Lord asked Moses, “Who makes a person’s mouth? Who decides whether people speak or do not speak, hear or do not hear, see or do not see? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go! I will be with you as you speak, and I will instruct you in what to say.”
Exodus 4:10-12 NLT

“As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. “Rabbi,” his disciples asked him, “why was this man born blind? Was it because of his own sins or his parents’ sins?” “It was not because of his sins or his parents’ sins,” Jesus answered. “This happened so the power of God could be seen in him.”
John 9:1-3 NLT

DISABILITY IS NOT ALWAYS EASY: GOD EMPATHIZES WITH US, HELPS US, AND PROMISES TO BE WITH US.

“Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later.”
Romans 8:18 NLT

“Each time he said, “My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.” So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.”
2 Corinthians 12:9 NLT

“We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.”
Romans 5:3-5 NLT

“This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin.”
Hebrews 4:15 NLT

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ALL MEANS ALL: THERE ARE NO ASTERISKS IN THE BIBLE FOR PEOPLE WITH IQ SCORES BELOW 70.

"For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard."
Romans 3:23 NLT

"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."
John 3:16 NLT

DISABILITY & THE CHURCH: GOD IS NOT SILENT ON THE TOPIC OF WHO BELONGS IN THE CHURCH AND THE CHURCH'S RESPONSIBILITY TO REACH THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY.

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

"Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other."
Romans 12:4-5 NLT

"Jesus returned to the Sea of Galilee and climbed a hill and sat down. A vast crowd brought to him people who were lame, blind, crippled, those who couldn't speak, and many others. They laid them before Jesus, and he healed them all. The crowd was amazed! Those who hadn't been able to speak were talking, the crippled were made well, the lame were walking, and the blind could see again! And they praised the God of Israel."
Matthew 15:29-31 NLT

"Then he turned to his host. "When you put on a luncheon or a banquet," he said, "don't invite your friends, brothers, relatives, and rich neighbors. For they will invite you back, and that will be your only reward. Instead, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. Then at the resurrection of the righteous, God will reward you for inviting those who could not repay you."
Luke 14:12-14 NLT

"And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone."
Mark 16:15 NLT

"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed."
Proverbs 31:8 NLT

"Mark out a straight path for your feet so that those who are weak and lame will not fall but become strong."
Hebrews 12:13 NLT