



The Heart of the Matter

We are all disabled spiritually. Compared to God's perfection, every one of us is misshapen and in need of special attention. Coming to terms with this truth—really grasping it—will change your life forever. It will give you a spirit of brokenness and a deeper compassion for those who live with lifelong physical and mental disabilities. Chuck Swindoll's daughter Colleen deeply understands the struggles of special-needs families because she has one. Ministering to families with special needs takes more than compassion—though that is the place to start—it also takes information, information Colleen shares in this interview.



Discovering the Way

1. What Do Special-Needs Families Need?

It shouldn't come as a surprise, though it often does, that special-needs families have the same needs as any family.

2. How Should I Speak to Families and Individuals with Special Needs?

You don't have to pretend the obvious isn't obvious—that this individual or family has special needs—but sometimes it's best just to be present with them without saying anything specific.

3. What Can My Church Do to Minister to Families with Special Needs?

Chuck and his daughter Colleen share some practical and encouraging steps churches can take to develop a special-needs ministry.

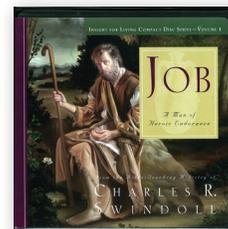


Starting Your Journey

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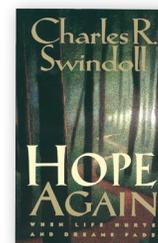
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