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### Recommended Resources on Disability, Suffering and God's Word

- [\*Broken Children. Sovereign God: Rejoicing in God's Goodness in the Midst of Childhood Mental Illness\*](#) by Leslie Schmucker
- [\*Desperate for Hope: Questions We Ask God in Suffering, Loss & Longing\*](#) by Vaneetha Risner
- [\*Disability and the Gospel: How God Uses Our Brokenness to Display His Grace\*](#) by Michael Beates
- [\*Holding on to Hope: A Pathway through Suffering to the Heart of God\*](#) by Nancy Guthrie
- [\*Walking Through Fire: A Memoir of Loss and Redemption\*](#) by Vaneetha Risner
- [\*When Disability Hits Home: How God Magnifies His Grace in Our Weakness and Suffering\*](#) by Paul Tautges
- [\*Wrestling With an Angel: A Story of Love, Disability & the Lessons of Grace\*](#) by Greg Lucas

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[\*Disability and the Sovereign Goodness of God: Does God have a good design in my disability?\*](#) To this hard question God is not silent. But if we're to hear his answer, we must submit our hearts to his word. Looking at what the Bible says is the aim of this collection of resources from Pastor John Piper. This book — including four sermons and an interview with a man of a disabled son — focuses on John 5:1–18 and John 9:1–38 and is designed to serve pastors who will be called on to minister God's Word to God's people at decisive points in their lives. The question is not if disabilities will surface in your church, the question is how you will respond when they do? At that decisive moment, what will you say? **Note: available only as an ebook.**

*Habits of Grace: Hear his voice:* *Have his ear. Belong to his body.* Three seemingly unremarkable principles shape and strengthen the Christian life: listening to God's voice, speaking to him in prayer, and joining together with his people as the church. Though seemingly normal and routine, the everyday "habits of grace" we cultivate give us access to these God-designed channels through which his love and power flow — including the greatest joy of all: knowing and enjoying Jesus.

*Not By Sight:* Trusting Jesus is hard. It requires following the unseen into an unknown, and believing Jesus's words over and against the threats we see or the fears we feel. Through the imaginative retelling of 35 Bible stories, *Not by Sight* gives us glimpses of what it means to walk by faith, counsel for how to trust God's promises more than our perceptions, and the way to find rest in the faithfulness of God.

*Rich Wounds:* These thirty short reflections from David Mathis will help you look deeper at Jesus's life, sacrificial death, and spectacular resurrection. Many of us are so familiar with the Easter story that it becomes easy to miss subtle details that help us understand its meaning. This book encourages you to pause and marvel at Jesus, whose now-glorified wounds are a sign of his unfailing love and the decisive victory that he has won.

*The Scars that have Shaped Me:* Twenty-one surgeries by age thirteen. Years in the hospital. Verbal and physical bullying from schoolmates. Multiple miscarriages as a young wife. The death of a child. A debilitating progressive disease. Riveting pain. Abandonment. Unwanted divorce. Vaneetha Rendall Risner begged God for grace that would deliver her. But God offered something better: his *sustaining* grace. In *The Scars That Have Shaped Me*, Vaneetha does more than share her stories of pain; she invites other sufferers to taste with her the goodness of a sovereign God who will carry us in our darkest of days.

*When the Darkness Will Not Lift:* Even the most faithful, focused Christians can encounter periods of depression and spiritual darkness when joy seems to stay just out of reach. It can happen because of sin, satanic assault, distressing circumstances, or hereditary and other physical causes. In *When the Darkness Will Not Lift*, John Piper aims to give some comfort and guidance to those experiencing spiritual darkness.

*When I Don't Desire God:* For decades, John Piper has trumpeted the truth that "God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in him." He calls it Christian Hedonism. The problem is that many people, after being persuaded, find that this truth is both liberating and devastating. It's liberating because it endorses our inborn desire for joy. And it's devastating because it reveals that we don't desire God the way we should. What do you do when you discover the good news that God wants you to be content in him, but then find that you aren't?