Quotes

"Throughout the Bible, God has used handicapped people, disadvantaged people, and underdogs to accomplish his work. Moses, who was slow of speech, was chosen to lead God's people out of Egypt" (Ex. 4:10-12).

"Ehud, a left-handed man, delivered Israel from its oppressors" (Judges 3:15-26).
(Because it was not the norm, many people considered left-handedness as a defect or shortcoming.)

"It was while Samson was blind that he accomplished God's desired work. While chained to the pillars of the Philistine temple of Dagon, he destroyed the temple and many of it followers" (Judges 16:21-30).

"The apostle Paul admitted to having a thorn in his flesh. Many have tried to guess what it was, but Scripture doesn't tell us. We do know that it was obvious and placed certain limitations on Paul's abilities (2 Cor. 12:7). *(Even with this affliction, Paul accomplished great things by God's power. He knew that God was the one doing the work and that the weakness made him lean on God more. Paul is considered by many to be the greatest missionary to ever have lived.)*

"Jesus Himself did not rid Himself of the physical marks brought about by His crucifixion and death. Instead, He kept the nail marks and spear cut to demonstrate that He had died and was now alive. His broken body brings us spiritual wholeness." Dave Andrus, executive director of Lutheran Blind Mission

"Science may have found a cure for most evils, but it has found no remedy for the worst of them all — the apathy of human beings." Helen Keller 1880-1968

"The mystery of language was revealed to me. I knew then that 'w-a-t-e-r' meant the wonderful cool something that was flowing over my hand. That living word awakened my soul, gave it light, joy, set it free!" Helen Keller 1880-1968

"A ramp is not enough." Rev. Harold Wilke, *That All May Worship*, National Organization on Disability.

"It's ten times easier for me to buy a pizza or beer than to get into my synagogue." *That All May Worship*, National Organization on Disability

"Perfect love casts out all fear. But, perfect fear casts out all love." Author Unknown, *That All May Worship*, National Organization on Disability

"Get involved in the lives of other believers, and let them get involved in yours." Joni Eareckson Tada, *That All May Worship*, National Organization on Disability

"A Mother's Prayer"
"O God, help me now. My soul is weighed down with this burden. My heart aches for my child. Sometimes I wish I could wrap him in my arms and flee away from the taunts and accusing jeers of thoughtless classmates, away from the pressures of evaluations and examinations. Envelop us both in your healing arms, dear God, and bind our wounds. Carry us by faith beyond the pain of these days. Be our refuge. Amen."
Anne Sheppard, *That All May Worship*, National Organization on Disability

"Many have learned that . . .
A person who hears less may see more.
One who sees less may perceive more.
One who speaks slowly may have more to say.
A person who moves with difficulty may have a clearer sense of direction."
That All May Worship, National Organization on Disability

"ALL may praise God,
ALL may grow,
ALL may serve,
ALL may be served, and
ALL may worship."
That All May Worship, National Organization on Disability

"Beatitudes for Friends and Family"
"Blessed are you who take time to listen to difficult speech, for you help us persevere until we are understood."
"Blessed are you who walk with us in public places and ignore the stares of strangers, for we find havens of relaxation in your companionship."
"Blessed are you who never bid us to 'hurry up,' and more blessed are you who do not snatch our tasks from our hands to do them for us, for often we need time — rather than help."
"Blessed are you who stand beside us as we enter new and untried ventures, for the delight we feel when we surprise you outweighs all the frustrating failures."
"Blessed are you who ask for our help, for our greatest need is to be needed."
Author Unknown, *That All May Worship*, National Organization on Disability

"The question is not how can we help people with disabilities, but a more important question is, how can people with disabilities give their spiritual gifts to us and call us to love?" Father Henri Nouwen

"The church's relationship with disabled people is not meant to be a one-way street." *Hearts in Motion*, published by Joni and Friends, The Disability Outreach of Joni Eareckson Tada

"Most churches have difficulty in ministering to the handicapped simply because of some basic fears and lack of awareness. As we move past these attitudinal barriers and misunderstanding, we'll discover the joy of caring for someone simply based on the preciousness of their souls, not on their physical attractiveness and intellectual capabilities or social position." Joni Eareckson Tada, *Hearts in Motion*, published by Joni and Friends, The Disability Outreach of Joni Eareckson Tada

"The only permanent 'disability' is that of not knowing Jesus as Savior. All other disabilities are temporary compared to an eternity in heaven." *Hearts in Motion*, published by Joni and Friends, The Disability Outreach of Joni Eareckson Tada