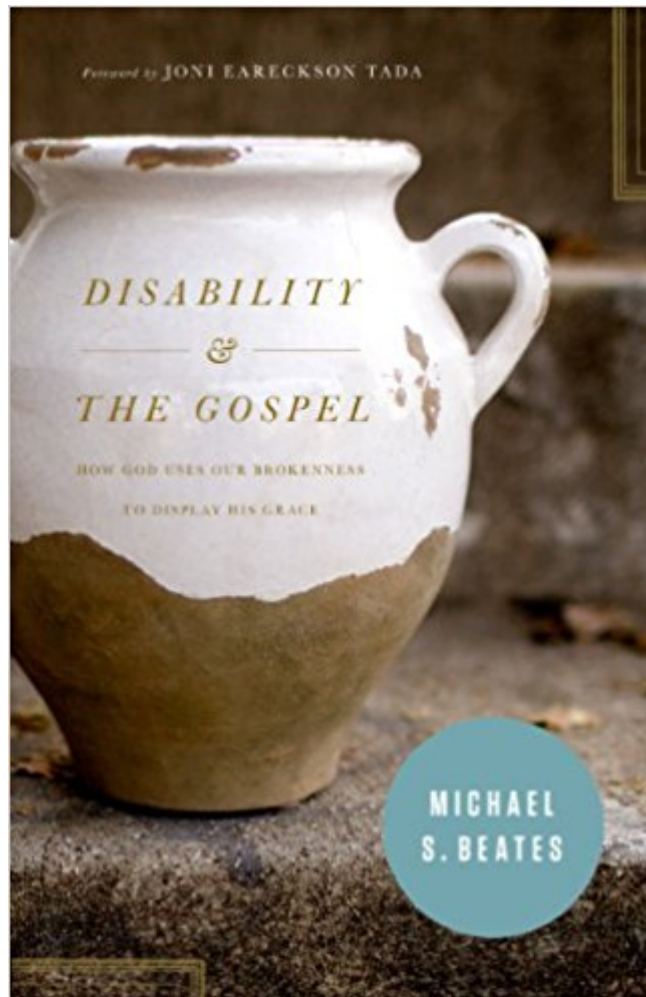


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# Disability And The Gospel: How God Uses Our Brokenness To Display His Grace



## Synopsis

Michael Beates's concern with disability issues began nearly 30 years ago when his eldest child was born with multiple profound disabilities. Now, as more families like his are affected by a growing number of difficulties ranging from down syndrome to autism to food allergies, the need for church programs and personal paradigm shifts is greater than ever. Working through key Bible passages on brokenness and disability while answering hard questions, Michael offers helpful principles for believers and their churches. He shows us how to embrace our own brokenness and then to embrace those who are more physically and visibly broken, bringing hope and vision to those of us who need it most.

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Being a Christ-follower who lives with a long term injury/ illness I would like to loudly proclaim to the four walled congregants and their leaders: THERE IS A MESSAGE HERE THAT NEEDS TO BE HEARD! For those who read and are long term suffers I don't know that you'll gain any new revelations or insight. But perhaps so. Although those who are perhaps new to the world of disability or an inability of some kind through the loss of your health (and in some cases body parts) you will be blessed by it's message. While you may be sick you are not unable in light of what the Lord still desires to do through you. I'm convinced that if us house-ridden sick peeps took on the great priviledge of praying for world missions and it's missionaries there would be incredible waves of the gospel message heard and made way for! Disability &/or sickness gives us a great ability to

empathize with those suffering and from firsthand experience it transformed my feelings on the value & importance of time. There are no exclusion in God's promises that single out those who are disabled! The Lord values us still and desires to work in and then through us for His glory. In the midst of my own struggle (which I am one of the only know survivors of a devastating liver injury where I lost 85% of my liver, have undergone an incredible amount of surgery, and my body continually defies medical odds & knowledge with it's ability to keep me alive for the past 13 years) the Lord had used the seemingly tragic that happened just after my high school graduation to turn hearts to him... beginning with my own. He has opened doors & opportunity for me that He might be glorified. He's dumbfounded many wise men with HIS handiwork with healing and sustaining. He's even made me a mother against the odds through adoption.

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