

SPECIAL WORDS FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE: OFFERING GRACE TO THE WEARY

INTERVIEW WITH COLLEEN SWINDOLL, PART ONE



The Heart of the Matter

In the tapestry of God's creation, He has crafted each one of us as a unique individual, an absolute masterpiece from the hand of the Creator. Or as David put it, "I am fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14). Many in our "it's-all-about-me" society believe *they* are wonderfully put together, but they certainly don't think those with special needs are masterpieces from God's hand. In fact, many of the "wonderful" people secretly think that God made a mistake in creating boys and girls, men and women, with special needs. Colleen Swindoll rejects that idea. The special people who have special needs, like her son, Jonathan, *are* works of art from the Master Artist.



Discovering the Way

1. Autism, a Spectrum Disorder

Colleen explains that autism, one of Jonathan's disorders, is on a spectrum, but not one of "good" and "bad."

2. A Work of Art from God's Hand

Colleen and her father, Chuck Swindoll, affirm the value of children with special needs because these children are "fearfully and wonderfully made" by the hand of God.

3. Becoming a "Human Doing," Not a "Human Being"

Colleen shares some of her personal struggles as a mom of a child with special needs.

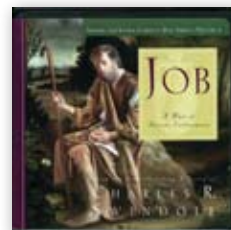


Starting Your Journey

"Weeping may last for the night, / But a shout of joy comes in the morning" (Psalm 30:5). The Lord sees your tears, but He will wipe them dry and give you joy with the rising of the sun.



Tools for Digging Deeper



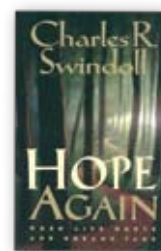
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