



## A Special Part of the Body of Christ

Text 55444, type "Faith and Family" when prompted, enter email address for the Family Newsletter.

### 1 Three significant events

#### 2 Cycles of Grief

Stages that we go through multiple times. When we are becoming acclimated to the new normal and unexpected occasions arise throughout their life: riding a bike, drivers license, marriage. Survival Mode, trying to not fall apart, Humpty Dumpty. Psalm 55:22

### 3 Jesus Wept

4. Seasons of JOY far outnumber the grief, God is our Redeemer  
Love that mirrors the Father's love care and affection, Mathusee

#### 5 Seeing Life from John's Perspective, who is "Affected by a Disability"

He did not ask for an extra chromosome, nor does it define him. John is a young man created in the image and likeness of God with a unique place in the body of Christ and the plan of God.

### 6 Family Inclusion

John desires to be an equal member of our family and included in events.

### 7 Valued at Work

Encouraging Lori as John's work assistant  
Mike and Jeff, EARS and Lighthouse  
Banking, buying his own meals, Hand Up instead of Hand Out

### 8 Finding His Niche and employing his gifts at Church

Usher, Communion, Small Group. Not patronizing nor treating him like a mascot  
Jeff and John

9 To be a Faithful Father, I need temple maintenance, body, soul, and spirit. I need a strong identity in Christ alone. I am not the father of a special needs child, but an adopted child of God.

10 PDA and a strong marriage. Times of Respite for Reconnection,

### 11 Finding Support to Bear One Another's Burdens, Jethro

Family Retreats,  
Long Term Care  
Carefully assemble your team. Beware of Predators.

### 12 Siblings and John's care in the future

13 Education and Advocacy [spedhomeschool.com](http://spedhomeschool.com) <http://www.nacd.org>

Podcasts 201-203, Developing a Team for Long Term Care

Podcasts 38-44, Raising a Special Needs Child

